HARTUNG SLEEPS IN CHATEAU WHERE NOBILITY WAS MURDERED

Eugene Boy, With 65th Artillery in France, Spends Two Nights in Building Where Catherine de Medici had Francis I and Duke of Guise Assassinated — American Boys Observe Mothers' Day.

Some idea of the historic places which the American soldiers are being given the opportunity of seeing and the novel experiences they are having along with the grim work they face in France, is indicated in the following letter from Arthur Harting by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harting. Arthur is enlisted in the 65th field artillery, formerly the second company, C. A. C., now undergoing its final period of training behind the firing line.

The letter reads, in part:

Dear Mother and Father—

Permission has been granted us to tell the names of the towns that we are in back of the zone of advance. For five weeks I was at Blois, which is about 50 miles southwest of Orleans and in the heart of the old chateau district. In fact that part between and around Tours and Blois is called the "Garden Spot of France," as all the chateaux around there are noted in history.

I slept two nights in the old Chateau de Blois, which is the place where Catherine de Medici had Francis I and the Duke of Guise murdered. I did not get a chance to go through any of the old chateux there, as I could not get off, but I am going through them before I leave this country, if I get half a chance. I was in Tours for about four days at one time and went through the old Cathedral there with Major Allen of the 24th Engineers. I have been in Tours three different times altogether, but only for a day. Gievres for over seven weeks, which is 5 miles east of Tours and about 25 miles southeast of Blois. It is a very small place. I have been in Brittany, as I went there on business while stationed at Blois, and I passed through Nantes and Angers.

Wooden Buildings Scarce.

I have yet to see a wooden building in France. Everything is of stone and tile and, of course, very old. There are very few new buildings except in the cities. In the country villages you see no new buildings and the houses and barns are all under one roof. Things are just the way their forefathers left them. Their roads over here are very good, of course. They really have to be, as they have so much rain.

Today Lieutenant Cronemiller, who knows Mary and Esther, as he went to Corvallis, Lieutenant Sherwood, who is a cousin of the Quackenbuschs' in Eugene, and myself took a long walk to one of the small villages near here.

Good Water Hard to Get.

We started out about 10 o'clock and didn't get back until 6 p. m. We had our dinner there and had a good one too, and all for five francs apiece and with wine. I don't like their blooming wine though and this is the first I have had for a long time. I prefer water, but it is so hard to get good water here. We did have good water at Vievres, but they have to purify it at this camp. The weather is still fine here and I am wearing my khaki uniform now instead of the wool. I am feeling all right, but have no appetite, as I don't do enough work to get one. I received your two letters the other day and also another one from Mary.

With love,

ARTHUR.

LANE BOYS IN ACTION.

Two Lane county boys, Alvin Crosby, of Eugene, and Ernest Paeschke, of Junction City, are in the thick of American operations on the battle front in France.

Crosby in a letter to his mother, Mrs. D. R. Crosby, who has two other sons in the service, states that the marines, of whom he is one, have been having great fun, but he reveals the sobering influence of the war upon the men at the front in another part of his letter when he states:

"Mother, you have a better boy. I am not like the boy that left your door a little over a year ago. Just wait and see when I come home; I am going to make something."

Telling of his part in what he refers to as "the big times at the front," he says: "This is a great front; we have many air battles and I have seen as high as eight or ten in one day. To see the front at night is a beautiful sight. All kinds of rockets flare and there are lights of many colors. To see the fire fly out of the big guns and to hear the big old G. I. cars going over or coming over — good night But it is great to be here and it makes me happy to know how you feel about it."

Paeschke in a letter to his sister, Miss Elsie Paechke, states: "We have spent another term in the trenches. We were in a place where Fritz stayed awake all night. It was a continual booming of cannons, shrapnel and high explosives. Once in a while we would be under a shower of shrapnel. We lived in dugouts in daylight so he couldn't see us, so his shrapnel seldom bothered. The air above us was full of airplanes and they looked like bees by the hundreds. We could see a Fritzie tumble once in a while."

OREGON SOUNDS GOOD.

Oregon is a welcome but far away sounding word to the sons of the statt who are serving with the colors in France, according to Corporal Will G. Haynes, of Battery C, Sixty-fifth Artillery.

"I arrived here safely and like it fine," Haynes writes to his sister, Mrs. J. Wesley Potter, of Elmira. "The weather is great—just like Oregon. It sounds good just to say that word, O-r-e-g-o-n."

In Panama Hospital.

While enroute to France from Fort Stevens, where he was stationed with the Second Company, C. A. C., Haynes had to leave the company at Panama on account of sickness and was in the hospital there for some time.

"Well, I am a corporal now and back with my company," he wrote. "I sure was glad to get back with the boys I knew. You know, they are all from Eugene. Tell everybody they are all feeling fine and don't forget to write. A letter from the old U. S. A. looks good anytime. We are only allowed to write four letters each month, but I suppose you are glad to get just those. We sure enjoy what few we get."

MOTHERS DAY OBSERVED.

Mothers Day means a lot to the honorable American man or boy, but that it must have been doubly significant to the American boys in France this year is touchingly demonstrated in a letter received by Mrs. C. D. Farmer, 131 Lawrence street, Eugene, from her son, Charles, a member of the Supply Company, of the Sixty-fifth Artillery, C. A. C., in France.

At the head of the letter was the caption, "Mothers Day, observed 'Somewhere in France.'" As were other letters sent to their mothers "back home" by the boys with General Pershing that day, the letter addressed to Mrs. Farmer was labeled as a "Mothers Letter" and came in the special fast mail arranged to carry those espistle of love. The letter follows:

Dear Mother:

Special Services.

I am a bum hand when it comes to expressing the feelings of myself, without thinking about the feelings of the rest of the boys. But they couldn't help feeling the same as I do after one of the most patriotic services on a boy's devotion to his mother that I ever heard. Chrplin Mathews delivered a sermon and talk about "What We Owe Our Mothers" that put the boys to thinking.

Let me tell you it was an eye opener and every bit the truth and I think that the fellows that have been slack on writing home will loosen up and come across with a long letter to mothers, if not anybody else, today.

Although we could not wear carnatines as symbols of devotion, I assure you that every boy who had a heart for a mother's love, sent it in thought, if not in prayer, far across the ocean to a mother who is bravely waiting his happy return.

Also were vivid memories recalled to him, some time during his life in which his mother was the chief actor. For myself, I recalled the time when we passed through Eugene on our way to the transport. How mother waited bravely and patiently for eighteen long hours including the sleep hours of the night. Like a sentinel walking his post, you waited and listened with a number of other mothers for the trains that were bearing the manhood of Oregon away. Much I thought, mother, that morning you bid me good-by without shedding a tear. I knew it was just a mothers love and you were bravely fighting back the tears that were causing you such pain to control. I knew what was bound to happen as soon as I was out of sight.

It was not an order but a request from General Pershing today for every man to write a letter to his mother today.

He and the postmaster general assured us of hasty transportation for these mothers letters Nothing but confidential military matter and special delivery mail can be placed above these "Mothers Letters" in the way of transportation.

"Old Glory" Means Something.

I want to tell you sincerely that I am in the best of health and I think of home every day. We are being cared for under the folds of Old Glory; a standard that is as great as a mothers love. That is saying something, believe me.

I am sure not a single man had the love for home and country before that he has since arriving on foreign soil we did not realize before what the Stars and Stripes really meant. It means something now to have "Old Glory" floating over our head. It means country and protection both to us on foreign soil and the ones that are home. It means democracy and liberty. It means unity and strength, and when placed as an ally with the French and British colors it completes the unity of nations that will find everlasting peace and down the desire of an overbearing people to rule the world.

We the sons of Oregon and the rest of the good old U. S stand ready, tooth and nail, to defend it with our lives if need be.

When you start worrying about me mother just stop and say: "Well I gave him to the care of the Almighty and Uncle Sam and it is up to them to do as they see fit with him and bring him back sound, both morally and physically."

Few Get Intoxicated.

Believe me we are doing our part. Wines and liquors all around and it is certainly an uncommon thing to see an intoxicated American soldier. It is a self respect that I never saw before amongst a large number of men. It will leave an impression that will stay when we have left here. Each man takes it on himself to be a soldier of a Christian nation and a credit to the olive drab uniform.

I still retain my record of not answering a sick call since I have been in the 65th artillery.

Gee mother these French women that have sons in this war treat us like we were their own sons. The French people as a whole are very sociable and watching them day after day it is quite interesting as our customs and doings are so different.

Say, mother, I am not endowed with the art of juggling phrases and symbols, therefore it is a hard job for me to express myself in the way I really feel. In my simple way I have tried to send my sincere devotion to one of the best mothers in the world.

Your dutiful and affectionate son,

CHARLIE.

First Great Steel Ship Launched Against the Hun

MRS. ELBERT H. GARY

This is one of the first of the great steel ships—a vessel of 9,700 tons—to be launched to fight the Hun. She was built by the Federal Shipbuilding Company on the Hackensack River in New Jersey, and was christened by Mrs. Elbert H. Gray, wife of the chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporatio

100 MOTOR CARS TO CARRY VETERANS AND OTHERS ARE NEEDED

Fourth of July Committee Issues Appeal to Automobile Owners Asking Them to Provide Conveyances.

The veterans of the Civil war and some members of women's patriotic organizations who will take part in the Fourth of July parade must be provided with means of transportation, and the committee in charge of arrangements today issued an appeal for 100 motor cars. Owners of automobiles have been requested to volunteer.

L. L. Larson, chairman of the committee on automobiles, stated today that there has not been the expected response to his appeals, and that in view of the magnitude of plans for the parade it was important that persons who are willing to provide a car should respond at once.

Automobile owners will report with their cars at 10 o'clock on the morning of July 4. The parade is scheduled to take place at 10:30.

Owners of cars who will volunteer the services of their machines have been requested to notify E. L. Keeney, at the office of Lang & Co. His telephone number is 930.

LANE COUNTY NEWS

COTTAGE GROVE

Cottage Grove., Ore., June 29.—A. H. Sprinkle and family left Friday on a two months' vacation. They will visit the Dakotas and Montana before returning. Mr. Sprinkle is an operator in the Southern Pacific office here.

Carl Braun, of Portland, is here installing the new machinery in the Waldon sawmill.

Ralph Lammers was caught in the shaft of his father's mill Friday, and besides having his clothes all torn from his body, was hurt quite badly.

Mrs. L. E. Coleman and two daughters, Constance and Grace, are visiting with Mrs. Coleman's sister, Miss Minnie Wilcox. Miss Wilcox met her sister in Portland.

Sherman Godard and Earl Fulmer motored into town Friday from Gresham. They will visit a short time, and then go out again to put in silos.

Mr. and Mrs. Neno Perini returned to their home in Lorane Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Carpenter left Friday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brumfield, in Marshfield, before returning to her home in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burns and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rees are visiting at White Salmon.

Mrs. Smith Trask is down from Row River visiting her son, Bert, and wife.

George Widdesheim is home from Oakland, Cal. This is the first time he has been home for two years.

Pearl and Crystal Robinson hiked to Lammers' mill Thursday, and spent the night with Dorothy and Bertha Lammers.

Mrs. Mary Anderson, of Springfield, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles McFarland, returned home Friday.

Russel Bemis went to Portland Friday to join the marines.

J. E. Banton and wife, of London, were in town Friday.

C. G. Whitlock, who has joined the navy, is here visiting until he is called.

Charles Henderer came up Friday from Anlauf.

Mrs. J. Kiel and four children went to Eugene for a time, to work.

Ralph Brown went to Fort Stevens Friday.

C. T. Powell and wife went to Portland Friday.

Tom Awbrey, of Oakland, Cal., formerly of Cottage Grove, was in town Friday shaking hands with his many friends.

Earnest Zenniger underwent an operation at the Cottage Grove hospital Thursday for adenoids.

Sergeant Ralph Teeters returned to Fort Stevens Friday.

Verna Eastes returned from Walterville Friday.

Mrs. S. Jervis, of Rujada went to Sutherlin Friday.

Mrs. Daisy Hazelrigg and L. E. Tillotson were married at Camp Lewis Sunday, June 23, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Powell and Herman Miller, of Pleasant Hill, were married last Wednesday.

James Marksbury died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Miller, in Halsey, from pneumonia. Mr. Marksbury was home two weeks ago and said then that he would lay off and rest soon. Mr. Marksbury was traveling for the Watkins people many years, and is well known in Douglas, Lane and Linn counties. He will be buried in Halsey Saturday at 2 o'clock. Mr. Marksbury was 70 years old and the father of George Marksbury, one of the merchants of Cottage Grove.

Levi Geer, of London, was in town Friday.

Dora Weatherson, of Florence, came Friday to visit her cousin, Eleanor Knowles.

The meeting at the schoolhouse Friday night was not attended by as many as should have been there. Altogether there were about 130. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Joseph Knotts, and "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the audience. The chairman had the audience organize a patriotic society, with Mrs. Ilma Beager as chairman and Miss Lulu Currin as secretary. They had slips passed for voting on one of six candidates for "Goddess of Liberty" for the Fourth of July. Patriotic speeches were made by Rev. Knotts, W. J. White, George O. Knowles and Harry Metcalf. Mr. Knotts announced that the district was $16,680 behind in the War Savings Stamp drive and the committee then passed the pledge cards to the audience. One gentleman, L. M. Lewis, pledged $1000, and the whole audience pledged $2200. The chairman said the committees would call on the many people who were not present, and the remainder of the $26,000, our apportionment, would be made up. The result of the votes for the "Goddess of Liberty" was not announced.

SUMMER CAMP BOYS TO HAVE TRACK MEET

Every Man in Four Companies Will be Required to Take Part in Events.

All men in attendance at the summer camp of the University of Oregon will be required to take part in a track meet to be held on Kincaid field on the afternoon of July 4. The contest will be between companies.

Captains for companies have been appointed as follows. A company, George A. Anderson, Portland; B companp, W. R. Bailey, Gladstone; C company, J. Kenneth Bain, Portland; D company, Lloyd Lydick.

The meet will include five events: High jump, broad jump, 100-yard dash, bomb throwing for accurancy and fourman relay. A series of inter-company baseball games will also be played.

DANGER OF COSTIVENESS.

Auto-intoxication, headache, lassitude, irritability, "blues," sallowness, blotches, are among the results of constipation. If long neglected it may cause piles, ulceration of bowels, appendicitis, nervous prostration, paralysis. Don't delay treatment. Best remedy is Foley Cathartic Tablets, as many thousands know from experience. They not only do their work surely, easily, gently, but without injury to stomach or intestinal lining. Contain no habit-forming element. Sold everywhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Williamette Hide and Junk company of this city respectfully calls the attention of the people of Eugene and Lane county to the fact that the recent reorganization of the company will not be the cause of changing the high standard of business principles heretofore practised. Mr. Esy Rubenstein, who has been with the company from since its beginning four years ago, is still here, and will endeavor to hold and increase the honest reputation attained by the company. The same fair and square treatment will be accorded the public in the future. We cordially invite your patronage. Before selling anything in our line it will pay you to communicate with us and get our prices. Phone 1214 and 939-R. Any quantity is not too big nor too small. jy1

Fires Three Shots at Police, Then Kills Self

San Francisco, Cal., June 29.—Walking into the southern police station here at midnight, an unidentified man fired three shots from a small calibre revolver at three policemen, and then sent a bullet through his own brain.

Although the officers were standing near him, each of the three shots missed One bullet went through Patrolman John Morgan's trouser leg.

The stranger entered the station without a hat or coat, and carrying the revolver in his hand. He opened fire without warning and the officers were scrambling for their own weapons when their assailant shot himself.

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