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ORIGON WEATHER

Fair and cooler, Wednesday,
+ east portion, moderate westerly
+ winds.

THE WAR NEWS

"Can the war news be trusted?" is a question often asked nowadays by newspaper readers. And the answer is, "It can." Now and then an over-zealous or over-worked editor may write a headline that doesn't cover the precise truth regarding a victory or defeat. But even in such cases, the reader may expect to find the real situation presented candidly and accurately if he reads through the war dispatches under the headline.

It was not always so. Correspondents invariably seek to learn and write the truth. But in the early days of the war it was very hard for them to get at the facts, because the military authorities put obstacles in their way. The authorities learned better, however, and the obstacles vanished.

"Before the battle begins," writes one of the war reporters in France, "the correspondents are taken into the confidence of the army. They are called into conference with high officers, who tell them exactly what is going to be attempted, what troops will be engaged and what objectives will be sought. It is probable that on the night before a big offensive the correspondents will know more about the operation planned, as a whole, than do many of the brigade commanders." And as the battle proceeds, the correspondents are likewise kept informed. They are seldom permitted to send home all they know, or a quarter of what they know, about the situation. But what they do send is trustworthy.

This confidential procedure is possible, as the writer explains, because none of the correspondents violate the faith placed in them. No group of men in the world is more fully trusted, or has proved more worthy of the trust.

EXTENDING OUR TRADE

In an able and interesting address before the Monday noon luncheon assembly at the Chamber of Commerce Rev. Melville T. Wire reminded us of the wonderful riches and trade possibilities that lie undeveloped in South America.

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SOLDIER LETTERS

Earl Wallace Writes

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wallace recently received a letter from their son, Earl, who is a member of the 141st aero squadron, in training in England. Corporal Earl E. and his brother, Corporal Theodore F. Wallace, are in the aviation service abroad. Two sons-in-law are also in the army. Marshall Waggoner is in the aero non-flying service and is now stationed in Virginia. Sergeant Paul Bauer, U. S. Infantry, is now in this city in charge of the recruiting office. Earl's letter says in part:

"Ted came here the other day from Scotland, as we were separated there on account of his being sick. 'I like our training here fine and my work is as interesting as it can be. Talk of flying! They sure do some of it here—upside down, sideways and every other way.

"At night you can hear the big guns on the western front, and on a clear night I can see the shrapnel burst. It sure is pretty. I have been in three air raids and one naval bombardment with shrapnel flying all around. It's great dope. Not much damage done though.

"Talk about a windy country. I believe this has them all beat, but I guess it will let up after while.

"Most all of the flying done on raiding parties is done at an altitude of 20,000 to 25,000 feet, and it is always on a moon-light night. I believe the Germans have as pretty a sounding motor as I ever heard. They call it a Gothas, and it ranges in horse power from 150 to 200.

"The worst trouble I have here is getting smoking tobacco. I've paid a shilling (24 cents) for a sack of Bull Durham, and we can't get it at that. So if you folks want to do a good turn send over some real American cigarettes. My address won't be changed for some time.

"We met a soldier from Leland and he told us all the news from around there. He said Edith Klum was married to a soldier, and so was Inez Williams.

"Lots of the boys from there and G. P. were caught in the draft. All I can say is that I'm certainly glad that Ted and I didn't wait for the draft.

"Did mother get her money from the government? She should be getting \$30 a month now, as Ted and I have been paying it in since November 1. We have also taken out \$10,000 life insurance each payable to mother in case of death. It costs us \$6.50 a month each. My pay has now increased to \$43 a month, including foreign service pay."

CORP. EARL E. WALLACE,
141st Aero Squadron,
American Air Headquarters,
A. E. F., England.

Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, La.,
April 21, 1918.

Mr. Voorhies,
Rogue River Courier,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines to let you know that some of us Grants Pass boys have not forgotten dear old G. P. There are three of us at the present time in Louisiana. The people of Louisiana sure do show us boys some hospitality, and it sure is interesting to be in a conversation with them.

Robert L. Orr and myself have been here at Gerstner field for the last four months, but a couple of weeks ago we had the good luck of having comrade Frank Lincoln drop in to be stationed with us. He is attached to the 64th aero squadron. I was over to visit him today as they were not out of quarantine yet. I tell you it sure makes us boys feel good to have and see boys from dear old G. P.

Lake Charles is sure a beautiful

little southern city of about 15,000 population.

Give all our friends our best regards, also tell the boys to come along and help can the kaiser. It sure makes the boys of the other states jealous to think that dear old Oregon has more than furnished her quota of recruits, and Grants Pass sure has done more than her share for a city of her size in the United States. So buy all the Liberty bonds dear friends to help us do our bit as the kaiser sure is waiting to get canned and we Grants Pass boys are the very ones that can do it.

Well as it is getting almost time for tatoo to be blown we will have to close for this time, we remain as ever, three true-blue Grants Pass boys.

ROBERT L. ORR,
253 Aero Squadron.
FRANK LINCOLN,
64th Aero Squadron.
CORP. H. W. SOLSTROM,
253rd Aero Squadron.
P. S.—Tell the girls they can write to us boys as often as they like. Also send copy of paper.

Somewhere in France

March 28, 1918.

Rogue River Courier,
Grants Pass, Ore.

The Editor:

I know that the people of Grants Pass are interested when any of her boys arrive "over there." I have been here some time. Long enough that the novelty has worn off. When I first came here, I compared every thing I saw to the same things at home, but have quit doing that. There is no comparison. Can't figure out why wealthy Americans come over here for pleasure. The good old

U. S. A. has this country beat at any point of the game.

Beside myself there is one other southern Oregon boy in my company, his name is Bert Zouvre. When we get lonesome we talk about southern Oregon. Bert is from Waldo, Oregon.

It is very hard to write on account of the censorship regulations. There is so many things we would like to write about.

There isn't one of us who would come home if the opportunity was offered us, (unless the war was over). But when it is over, they don't make ships that sail fast enough to get us back.

The Y. M. C. A. is the one great thing for the enlisted man. There is nothing in the army that compares with it.

My trip across the big pond will long be remembered. Was seasick the first day out. The remainder of the time was not sick, but didn't feel very spry, and a storm for two and one-half days, which was a real one—though the ship wouldn't right

herself at times. The night of the worst part of the storm I happened to be on guard duty. My post was the forward well deck. That was the longest night I ever put in. There are some other things I would like to tell you but cannot. Give my best regards to all my Grants Pass friends.

Your friend,

WILLIAM R. HARPER,
Sup. Co. 306, Q. M. C.
U. S. M. P. O. 701
A. E. F. France.

OK—W. L. Connell,
1st Lieut. 124 Sup.

COMING EVENTS

May 1, Wednesday—May breakfast at Bethany Presbyterian church.
May 3, Friday—Field day exercises for all the schools of the city.
May 27-June 1, Monday-Saturday—Chautauqua at Grants Pass.

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