

SOLDIER LETTERS

From Ben W. Countant
On Active Service With A. E. F.
France, Aug. 11, 1918.

Dear Folks:
We have moved again, 33 miles northeast of our last camp and we walked all the way. We started at 8 o'clock Friday morning and walked a trifle less than 20 miles and camped for the night at 5:30 in the back yard and orchard of a French residence. It was quite a hike, I can tell you, with a pack on our backs that weighed from 30 to 40 pounds. We were none of us too tired to miss the investigation of the city in ruins. The San Francisco earthquake had nothing in it for tumbled down buildings.

I was quite elated as we marched into town to see that Ralph Dusenbury's organization was located here, but on investigation I found that he had been transferred to some other outfit about three weeks ago. Hard luck. Will try to find out what bunch he is with at present and will let you know.

I had two Mount Pleasant "Times" to read the other day in which I read the account of Louise Trevegnon. I did not know her fellow. I saw where Mrs. Chester A. Gorham was visiting at the Gorhams. When did he get married? The papers were donated by Ed Cady whose mother sent them.

Have had a couple of long visits with a fellow from Condon, Oregon, who knows a good many of the people I met a year ago at this time. It sure seems good too. He was trouble man in a signal corps outfit.

In hiking up here we came through some mighty beautiful country and I again take back what I said against France as a country.

However, I have seen absolutely no corn. I guess they don't use it over here. The country is rolling, but few high hills and no mountains. I'll say those hills seemed like mountains when we were hiking it.

Have just received your letter of June 30, accompanied by the Courier of June 28, and the Observers of June 19 and July 3. It was surely sad that the Courier office was burned and the interior destroyed. It must have been a mess, but evidently is on the way to recovery now.

I have seen nothing of the army issue razor, etc., in our company. And it is just as well for you to send blades. Wrap up the papers a little stronger also.

I surely enjoy the pictures you sent and wish I could send a few to show some of the things that I have seen.

Some of the boys went out today and buried one of the fallen heroes, who fell face downward with his head toward the enemy.

Had a letter from Bob Robinson say he had talked with Mr. Voorhies in Grants Pass on his way to the officers training camp.

Must shave and get cleaned up, what I should have done early this morning.

Lots of love, WALLACE.

Josephine County Soldiers in A. E. F. Appreciate Courier
Headquarters, Air Service
Production Center No. 2,
Post Supply Dept.
August 9th, 1918.

The Rogue River Courier,
Grants Pass, Oregon:
Just a few lines to say many, many thanks for the Couriers that I received here today. There were many interesting things in them and you cannot realize how good it seems to read something about the "doings"

We are headquarters for
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at home. I was sorry to hear that the home of the little "newy" paper had been badly wrecked by fire and I hope it won't be long before everything is as good as before.

I suppose that everyone is eager to see the evening paper so that they may read about the boys at the front. We can only hope that they will keep the good work going until the German people realize that they have been misled.

Mother writes often and think that by the sound of her letters the younger set of men are about as scarce as snowballs in Yuma, Arizona. Well there will be a "Hot time in the old town" when we return.

Since mother gave you my address, I have transferred to another organization and I wish that you would please change my address from the 486th to the 490 aero squadron.

Well I never was very fast on this writing letters so again I will say many, many thanks and close with best wishes for the Rogue River Courier, and remain,
RAY BAILEY,
490th Aero Squadron,
A. E. F., France.

On Active Service With
American Exp. Force.
Editor of the Rogue River Courier:
Grants Pass, Oregon:

Dear Sir: I wish to thank you for the editions of your paper which you have sent me and I will try to show you my gratitude by this letter. I enjoyed them very much even though I am practically a stranger of Grants Pass, but that is home and papers from home are appreciated more than I can explain.

Respectfully yours,
D. LESTER SLATER,
Co. B, 23rd Engineers,
A. E. F., France.

Dear Editor:

I am in receipt of the Weekly Courier and please accept my many thanks for the same. I don't believe there is another paper in the world that is read in as many places as my issue of the Courier. After I have read it wrapper, advertisements and all, I send them to Charlie Mast, who is well known in Grants Pass, he being a fireman on the local freight between Grants Pass and Ashland previous to joining the navy about two years ago. He is now a wireless operator in the mosquito fleet. After he has read this blessed Rogue River Valley tidings he sends them to his brother-in-law, who is stationed in Spain, so it is read in two different nations in Europe before it reaches the waste basket.

The other day I was waiting for a southbound train at a station just out of London when a troop train pulled in and one of the first men to alight on the platform was John Wimer. He told me that Mrs. Wimer was working at the Courier office, so be sure and give her my kindest regards and tell her John is a fine looking soldier.

Most sincerely yours,
D. R. MORRISON,
U. S. A. S. 222,
A. E. F., London, Eng.

DIVORCE SUIT BEING ARGUED IN COURT TODAY

The divorce case of Victor C. Brown vs. Genevieve A. Brown has been occupying the attention of Judge Calkins at the court house yesterday and today. In this case Brown is suing for divorce and the custody of the child, but Mrs. Brown has filed a counter claim for divorce and custody of the child, who has been living with her at Lakeview. She has for her counsel, Attorney Hay of Lakeview, while Attorney Norton is arguing the case for Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown was on the stand for about five hours yesterday and today Mrs. Brown was placed on the stand.

The case is said to have been the result of neighborhood gossip more than from any other cause.

Over a dozen witnesses have been produced by either side and the trial was not closed until late this afternoon. A decision is expected within a few days.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 15, Sunday—Second Annual Harvest Festival at Baptist church
Sept. 18, Wednesday—Courier Bargain Day.

Sept. 27, 28, Friday and Saturday—Red Cross Bazaar and Carnival

Registration Day the 12th; Bargain Day the 13th.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The war industries board demands a reduction of 15 per cent in the consumption of news print paper so that the manufacture of print paper may be conserved and the power and material thus saved to account in the manufacture of war necessities.
The board requires of the newspapers that they discontinue the sending of papers not actually paid for and the discontinuance of all papers in arrears.
In accordance of the demands of the board all papers coming under the above classes will be discontinued September 15. Remittance should be sent at once so as not to miss an issue.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Mrs. D. Dixon and two children of Kerby, left last night for Los Angeles to spend the winter.

Sound acorns wanted at the Wonder Store, three cents a pound. 64

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Nelson, who visited Mrs. Nelson's sister, Mrs. Mensch, and mother, Mrs. York, left this morning returning to Portland.

Mrs. W. B. Sherman arrived this morning from Sacramento and will visit friends here and will spend a few weeks with her parents at Holland.

Fred Mensch is spending the day in the city with his wife. He has been on a government surveying job near Ruch, and tonight will go to Cottage Grove on government work.

Mrs. W. W. Webb, who visited her mother, Mrs. M. M. Spencer, and sister, Mrs. J. R. Gunning, left this morning for her home at San Diego. She will stop for a time at San Francisco.

Can't ship magazines until you bring in yours. Every few pounds help. Open until Saturday night. Red Cross. 63

Mrs. Belle Kuykendall, of Chicago, is visiting at the N. E. Townsend home. Mrs. Kuykendall was a former resident of Grants Pass, leaving here for Eugene and later for Chicago.

Will Trimble returned this morning to Bray, after a few days in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Trimble and young son came last Saturday to start the boy in school, but on account of the illness of the lad Mrs. Trimble will remain here some time.

NEW TODAY

(CLASSIFIED AD RATES.—25 words, two issues, 25c; six issues, 70c; one month, \$1.50, when paid in advance. When not paid in advance, 1c per line per issue.)

WANT A GIRL for general house work. Mrs. H. Pelton, Gold Hill, Ore. 62

FOR SALE—Good circular wood saw outfit on still wagon, all complete for business. \$120 at 502 J street. 61

FOR SALE—45-ton silo. Inquire at Dimmick ranch, phone 609-F-5. 65

LOST—Pair gold rimmed glasses in case, probably lost at G. A. R. camp. Finder please leave at this office No. 1489, James M. Adams 214 West D st. 61

WANTED—Second hand cook stove or range, in good condition. Call Fort Vanoy Orchard, 606-F-12. 65

LOAN—\$3,000 to \$4,000 to loan on good irrigated farm. L. A. Launer, Realtor. 65

COW FOR SALE—One full blooded Jersey cow making pound of butter per day. \$85. L. A. Launer, Realtor. 65

FARM—Irrigated farm for sale, best buy in county, 160 acres, 35 cultivated and irrigated, on creek, highway and railroad, 1 mile to Wilderville, nice buildings, running water piped to house and barn, wood enough to pay for place. Price \$4,500. Terms. L. A. Launer, realtor. 65

RENTS—Good 5-room bungalow, Evelyn Ave., \$11. Three well furnished houses, \$15, \$17 and \$20. Also farms for rent. L. A. Launer, Realtor. 65

FOR RENT—Corner offices in the New Josephine hotel; fine down stairs business location. Inquire at hotel. 65

SPECIAL THURSDAY

OLD FASHION STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

at the

Oxford Grill
(Watch This Space)

Mrs. W. W. Pinny, of Hugo, is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holman, of Tyrone, Okla., who visited their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Roberts, for the past two weeks, left this afternoon for their home. Mrs. Roberts accompanied them as far as Medford.

R. C. Markee Here—
Commandant R. C. Markee, of the Old Soldiers State Hospital at Roseburg, is in the city mingling with the old soldiers here. Mr. Markee has 10 living sons, three of whom are now in the service.

Galvin Married at Portland—
Michael Galvin Jr., son of M. T. Galvin of this city, was married on Tuesday, September 10, at Portland to Miss Bertha Oleson of Portland. The young couple will spend several days in Seattle, but will make Portland their home.

Honor Guard Meeting—
The Honor Guard girls will hold an important meeting in their rooms over Claus Schmidt's store on Thursday evening, September 12. All members and prospective members are urged to be present at this meeting, as important business is to be discussed.

More China Pheasants—
A shipment of two dozen China pheasants from the state game farm was received here today and the birds will be liberated on the A. S. Countant farm, north of the city.

Another Peddler—
Grants Pass was visited last evening by another peddler. He was an old man and couldn't understand why he must have a license to sell his herbs and powders in this city. Mayor Demaray induced him to move on and thus he lost some valuable trade territory.

Car Takes Bath—
Geo. C. Sabin's automobile, which was left standing on the river bank near the bathhouse yesterday evening, took a sudden notion to take a plunge and, the brakes not being set tight, ran into the water. The new Buick had a fine bath and was so reluctant to leave the cooling stream that a block and tackle had to be used to coax it out.

Notice to W. R. C.—
Every member of General Logan W. R. C. is requested to be at the Riverside school camping grounds with well filled baskets for the picnic dinner by 11 a. m. tomorrow. Bring plate, knife, fork and cup each for your family and the G. A. R. guest. All civil war veterans and corps members who may be visiting in the city are invited. The local corps will furnish coffee, sugar and cream.

Preacher Soldier Here Friday—
Private Frank C. Sutherland, a former member of the 143d Canadian "Bantams," who was wounded at Lens, and also witnessed the first bombing of an American hospital in France, will speak at the South Methodist church Friday evening. Mr. Sutherland was in the Canadian service a year and eight months but after four months and 12 days in France received a shell splinter which penetrated the skull, and he spent several months in the hospital, and was finally discharged. Private Sutherland was a divinity student when the war broke out, and since his discharge in February, has planned to continue the work.

NOTICE OF IRRIGATION MEETING

The meeting of the landowners west of the city, which was scheduled for Thursday night, has been postponed to Saturday, September 14, 1918, at 7:30 p. m.

All landowners interested and the business men of Grants Pass are expected to attend this meeting.

A. G. HOOD,
J. E. HAIR,
F. S. BRAMWELL,
60 Committee

Save \$1.50 Sept. 18—Bargain day.

Courier Bargain Day Sept. 18.

GOLD HILL LIME PLANT TO OPERATE SEPT. 15

Corvallis, Sept. 11.—Agricultural lime will be in production at the state owned lime plant by September 15, according to expectations of the state lime board. Operation of the plant has been delayed by inability of the board to obtain some necessary machinery, reports Dr. A. B. Cordley, chairman.

"The state law provides that the board shall sell lime to farmers in carload lots only, and for cash at the quarries," said Dr. Cordley. "Farmers who contemplate ordering lime, therefore, should make provision, either individually or collectively, to order carlots and send checks with order. The price to be charged will be officially determined at the next meeting of the board, but from conversations with members of the board I feel quite sure that the initial price will be \$1.75 a ton f. o. b. Gold Hill, with provision for rebate should a lower price be possible."

Orders for lime on the basis of \$1.75 per ton may be sent to the superintendent of the state lime plant, Gold Hill, Ore. They will be filled in the order of their receipt.

Revised rates on agricultural lime have been established by the Southern Pacific company as follows:

Not over 30 miles, 70 cents a ton. 50 miles, 90 cents; 80 miles, \$1; 100 miles, \$1.10; 140 miles, \$1.30.

Dr. Cordley has been advised by the war priority board that agricultural lime has been placed in the preferred lists in both fuel supply and railway transportation. This makes it possible to operate the plant and get transportation over the railway lines promptly as pulverized lime is held to be essential to food production.

BORN

LEWIS—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis, 612 Second street, Wednesday, September 11, a son.

"KAMARAD" DOPE DON'T FOOL THIS AMERICAN

Pvt. Vahrenwald Says He Is in Host Battery in Europe and They're Not Afraid of the Devil

Somewhere in France, August 3, 1918

Dear Cousin Emil:
Well old fellow I suppose you'll think it's funny that we haven't got the Kaiser yet, but believe me boy we killed a few of his best soldiers. We're sure a hard bunch of guys and that "kamerad" stuff don't go worth a damn. That just calls for a laceration through the belly. We don't take any chances, you know. I have been over here eight months and haven't been hurt yet.

Say, I guess I would like to be there and help eat a few of those pears. You must be a regular fruit grower. I met a fellow who has been around Murphy and he says it's as good a place there as anywhere in the valley.

My girl in California lives in Prisco, 332 Penn Ave., but you better stay away from her. I just got to tie to something if I get out of this war, you know, cause I'm getting old. Gee Whis! I'll be voting when I get through killing Germans over here.

I was a wagoner (truck driver) till a few months ago when I was made private first class, and first class gunner. We have the best battery in Europe, barring none, and we get 'em. Every man in the outfit is a great big brave volunteer, and they ain't afraid of the devil himself.

We're going to eat cheese-rarebits (Hamburger) in Berlin before we quit, too.

Well so long old fellow. Best wishes to you and your family.

As ever your cousin in khaki,
HENRY J. VAHRENWALD,
Pvt. First Class.
Bat. D, First A. A. Battery,
A. E. F. France.



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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

ADOLPH ZUKOR

PRESENTS

MARGUERITE CLARK

In Her
Great Stage
Success

"Prunella"

Or
LOVE IN A
DUTCH GARDEN

By Granville Barker
and Laurence Housman

Directed
by Maurice Tourneur

New York surged to the doors of the theatre in an unbroken line when Marguerite Clark appeared on the stage in "Prunella." Now, with pictorial effects and with splendor that the screen alone can portray, the picture is here for you to marvel at.

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