

### SOLDIER LETTERS

Joe Boesch Writes Home  
Somewhere in France  
August 29, 1918

Dear Mother:

We arrived safely in France and are now in the barracks until we move some place near the — but do not know when that will be. We sure had a fine trip across the ocean and the sailors say that it was the best weather they had had in a good many trips.

It is not half as bad as they said it would be, but we are a long way from the worst of it. I do not think it will be anything like they say, so you will not have to worry about me, as I will get along all right.

I tell you that the French sure have the same ways that they had a good many years ago, and it is really the same in many ways as when we crossed and were out to grandfather's place. The people do not look like they worried very much over the war, but you cannot tell by their looks how they are taking it at home. You do not see many young men in France as they are all at the front now.

I think my hardest part will be to get used to speaking the French language, but I am going to learn all I can about it so I can talk French with you when I get back.

Sept. 5, 1918.

I have moved to a new place again and it is near a village which they say is one of the oldest ones in France. I was just through the streets of it and if you do not look where you are going you will meet it at the same place where you started, and then have not gotten any place at all.

We have a fine place to stay and I think it is the finest place yet for a camp. It is on a small hill and you can see for a very long ways around. The weather here is fine, and it is something like the weather at home. We think that we have a great many grapes. You should be here and see this place, grapes are all you can see for miles around.

I have met a good many of the boys from home in the last few days and I sure like to meet them as it seems like being at home again.

We may stay here for some time, then we may move near to the front, but do not know when that will be. I hope it will be soon, as it may be over before we get there, and I would not like to miss the front for anything.

I am getting on to a few French words, but I think it will take me a long while before I will be able to make them understand me.

From your son,  
JOE.  
COOK JOE I. BOESCH, 1074847,  
254 Aero Squadron,  
A. E. F., France.

### MILITARY POLICE HELP FLEEING INHABITANTS



Fearing that the German hordes would come within range of their village on the western front the inhabitants gathered what belongings they could and, escorted by British military police, evacuated their homes and were taken to places of safety. The women and the little children were the last ones to leave the village. The picture shows a child wearing the steel helmet of the military policeman who is assisting in their escape.

### PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Miss Martha Raymond is spending the day in Medford.

Miss Bernice Gibson, of Merlin, is in the city.

Mrs. Vallard Truax went to Cottage Grove today on a visit.

H. Sordy, of the Oregon chrome mines, has just returned from a business trip to Portland and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims, who have mining interests on the Applegate, were at the Oxford today.

Mrs. G. W. Smith went to Medford this morning to appear as a witness in a homestead contest case.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roessle, of Pleasant Valley, were in the city today.

C. E. McLane, democratic nominee for sheriff, 77tf

Mrs. P. J. Bauer went to Medford this afternoon to visit Lois Harmon, nurse at Sacred Heart hospital.

Walter Goettsche, of San Luis Obispo, who visited his brother, August Goettsche, went to Dillard this morning to visit relatives.

R. H. Blanchard, brother of E. E. Blanchard of this city, and Mrs. Blanchard, who have been here for the past four weeks, left yesterday for their home at Chadron, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Madigan arrived this afternoon from Aberdeen, Wash., to spend a few days with the latter's parents, superintendent and Mrs. J. G. Imel. Mr. Madigan is in charge of spruce logging operations for Wilson Bros. of the Grays Harbor section.

Henry J. Croxton, life-long resident of Grants Pass, died at his home on East D street Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Croxton had been burning grass along the fences of his place and at about 4 o'clock fell over dead. He had been in poor health for a year or more past, suffering from heart trouble. The funeral arrangements will not be made until the arrival of a daughter, Mrs. M. M. Murray of Klamath Falls.

### OLD RESIDENT DIES AT WORK IN YARD

The residence of Ed Baerlocker, corner Third and E streets, was badly damaged by fire this morning at about 11 o'clock. The fire department responded promptly to an alarm turned in by neighbors who noticed the blaze, and succeeded in saving the building, although the interior of the kitchen was burned and the roof practically gone.

### BAERLOCKER HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

The origin of the fire is a mystery, as Mr. Baerlocker had no fire in the house. Members of the department believe it was caused by boys playing in the basement. The building and contents were insured for \$2,000.

Firemen state that only the added pressure from the recently installed pump made it possible to save any of the building.

As to Declaration of War.

There is no set form for a declaration of war and it has even been questioned whether a formal declaration of any kind is necessary. An American writer on international war says: "An act of hostility, unless it be done in the urgency of self-preservation or by way of reprisal, is in itself a full declaration of intention; any sort of previous declaration therefore is an empty formality unless an enemy must be given time and opportunity to put himself in a state of defense, and it is needless to say that no one asserts such a thing to be obligatory."

Formal declaration of war preceding the beginning of hostilities was more common in ancient times and in the middle ages than in modern times. Investigation has shown that of 118 wars between 1700 and 1872 less than ten showed declarations of war prior to hostilities.

Decker's Protest.

An advertisement appearing recently in the Wathena Times reads: "The man who sold Decker some fresh eggs recently will be surprised to know that one of them hatched some hours after Mr. Decker bought them. By the sheer good luck that seems to attend Mr. Decker, the egg was not sold before the nativity, so Decker's store still retains its reputation for fresh goods. The little chick has had tender care from Mrs. Decker. The farmer who sold this fresh egg may have the chick by paying for this adv., as Mr. Decker carries only fresh goods guaranteed and has not taken on a side line of poultry."—Kansas City Star.

Boy Scouts Meeting— There will be a meeting of the Boy Scouts tonight at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Takes Vacation— Chief of Police McLane is taking a few days vacation, during which time A. G. Churchwood is wielding the big stick.

W. R. C. Meeting— Gen. Logan W. R. C. will hold a called meeting tomorrow, Friday, afternoon. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

Medford District Behind— A big jump of \$45,000 in Liberty bond subscriptions yesterday in the Medford district shot the total so far subscribed up to \$180,000 last night, which sum is about \$115,000 shy of the district's quota of \$298,152.—Medford Tribune.

Halow'en Dance— Given by Honor Guard girls Saturday, October 12, Waldorf hall, admission 50c, 25c, spectators 10c. 86

Break Into House— The home of E. W. Britton, near the Riverside school, was broken into Tuesday night. The party gained entrance through an upstairs window. The Britton family are away and it is not yet known whether anything was taken.

Pay Taxes Now— Payment of taxes should be made before October 5 in order to avoid additional penalty—Geo. Lewis, sheriff. 80

Regular Sunday Services— Rev. P. K. Hammond returned to his home in Ashland yesterday after two days spent in this city. Rev. Hammond announces that beginning next Sunday he will hold regular services here at the St. Luke's Episcopal church, in the evenings.

Viewing the Roads— The county court did not transact much business yesterday aside from attending to the regular routine of affairs and allowing a gist of bills. Today the court is out viewing the road at Jeff's hill, on the Applegate, with the view of determining whether to gravel the same or not.

Influenza Close By— The dread Spanish disease, influenza, has made its appearance close by. Bert B. Pratt, a soldier from Bremerton, has been ill with the disease at Rocky Point, but Dr. Loughridge, who has been in attendance, states that Mr. Pratt has almost recovered his normal health.

Hunters Get Limit— Charles and Jess Patrick, Lonnie Spencer and Earl Perkins of Roseburg, Joe Moore, of Klamath Falls, Walter Goettsche of San Luis Obispo, Cal., Fred Isham and August Goettsche of this city have just returned from a hunting trip to Squirrel camp, 28 miles by trail from Galice. They had a fine time and each of the party got the limit of bucks. The Roseburg members of the party left for home this afternoon.

Booze Peddlers in Bad— When the United States court session opened this morning Chas. F. Snelling, a well known cattleman, who resides near Dorris, Cal., and his brother-in-law, D. M. Clinton, a Klamath county rancher, pleaded guilty to the charge of importing liquor into the state, whereupon they were each fined \$150 and costs by Judge Wolverton. It is understood that several Portland men will be here tomorrow morning to plead guilty to a similar charge.—Medford Tribune.

Letter heads that will please you, at the Courier.

FRIDAY'S SPECIAL  
Fulton Market Clam Chowder  
Chinook Salmon, paprika butter

Oxford Grill  
We have the best cooks in the city and buy the highest grade goods—Come any time, we are always glad to see you.

### Linen for France

The committee on the linen for France is hoping that every family will respond freely with their gifts of towels, leaving them at the Red Cross rooms with Mrs. Griffin.

Honor Guard to Meet— Important meeting of the Honor Guard girls Thursday evening at 7:30, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Election of officers. Every member needs to be present. 79

Meets Richardson and Boesch— A letter from Ted Wallace to his folks which was received recently speaks of meeting Elmer Richardson and Joe Boesch, both Grants Pass boys, over there, and said that the boys were quite happy and feeling full of pep.

Classified Ad Rates— Classified advertising in the Daily Courier will be charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line per issue unless paid in advance. The rate of 25 words at 50 cents per week does not provide for bookkeeping, postage on statements mailed, etc. Hereafter we have permitted occasional charges at the cheap rates but, no more.

Fenners All Volunteers— An item in a recent issue of the Courier stated that three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Con Fenner had volunteered and one was drafted. This was an error. Mr. and Mrs. Fenner are proud of the fact that their four boys were volunteers. They are also investing everything possible in bonds, having sold all their surplus cattle to buy bonds to help supply their boys with ammunition.

North Bound Trains Delayed— The northbound train schedule has been disarranged for two days. Wednesday's passenger train No. 14, due here at 8:47 a. m. was annulled and No. 54 and 16, due last night, arrived this morning about 2 o'clock. This morning's No. 14 was several hours late. The trouble was caused by a slide on the Shasta division south of Ashland. There was a very heavy rain in Northern California, which almost amounted to a cloudburst.

Matron's Official Visit— The visit of the grand worthy matron, Mrs. Mable Settlemeir of Cottage Grove, to Josephine chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, on Wednesday evening was made an important occasion, and was attended by nearly a hundred members of the order. Other grand officers were also present. The grand worthy matron, accompanied by local worthy matron, Mrs. Stanton Rowell, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sidler, went to Kerby today to pay an official visit to the Kerby chapter.

Drill Meeting Tonight— The local military training school will drill tonight at the courthouse at 7:30 sharp. Every person interested in drill work, especially if they were registered on the 12th of Sept. should be present. Monday and Thursday nights have been set as regular drill nights, and on every Thursday night, beginning next Thursday, Major Crowson, of Medford, will be present to give instruction.

Parker to Enter Army— Mr. and Mrs. George Parker today received a wire from their son, Charles Parker, announcing his leaving Arizona to join the army and asking for his corporal warrant and discharge. Mr. Parker served for three years in the regular army, leaving the service about eight years ago. For the past three years he has been at Bisbee in charge of the largest automobile branch in the state.

NEW TODAY  
FOR SALE—Your last chance to buy our household furniture, carpets and dishes, typewriters, check writer, lots of machinist's tools, No. 5 Barnes lathe, No. 2A Buffalo punch and shear, Valvoline oil, 15 gallon and 30 gallon steel drums, bicycle and Ford roadster with lots of extras, now at 604 South Sixth street, Grants Pass, Ore., Miles McIntyre. 79

FOR SALE—Singer sewing machine, drop head up-to-date, in good condition; 4 h. p. gas engine. Call 1235 M street, phone 19. 80

FOR SALE—Bean fodder, \$8 per ton two miles down lower river road, just above pumping plant. Inquire 707 Foundry street. 84

LOST—Bag of tools. Lost between Lynch's garage and Fruitdale. Finder please leave at Ford garage. 79

### THROUGH WILDS OF AFRICA

Plenty of Excitement in Motorcar Trip Recently Undertaken by Lover of Adventure.

To travel 1,800 miles overland in a motorcar through the wilds of South Africa without a mishap is considered a remarkable accomplishment, according to a story in African Motor of Johannesburg.

In this article R. Asher of Port Elizabeth tells of a successful trip. "The roads in this country are notoriously bad, which makes the feat performed by the car the more striking," says Mr. Asher.

The journey took him through Grahamstown, City of the Saints, Fort Beaufort and through Bedford, a typical inland city, and many of the larger settlements.

In spite of rainstorms and almost impassable roads no difficulty was experienced throughout the whole trip aside from tire trouble. Some portions of the journey were made at the rate of 37 miles per imperial gallon of gasoline.

Parts of the journey through Montagu pass and Kysna hills had to be negotiated in second speed, yet through all of this mountainous travel the remarkable feature was the coolness of the motor. Mr. Asher reported that no water was put in the radiator from Oudtshoorn to Port Elizabeth, which are at opposite sides of this hilly country.

Describing parts of the trip and commenting upon the appalling road conditions in places, Mr. Asher says that after plugging and struggling through almost impassable roads, a river was encountered which had to be forded. It was necessary to take the plunge with the car into a swift torrent, so deep that he could not open the car door. The radiator was partly submerged, but the car plowed through successfully.

Chinese Cleverness. In making confectionery the Chinese are very skillful, and possess the reputation of having many secrets. They are able to empty an egg and fill it with an almond nougat without one being able to find the slightest break in the shell. They also take the entire pulp from an orange and fill it up with fruit jelly without leaving a trace of an incision in the rind.

Our classified ads bring results.

### POPULAR SONGS

15c each, 7 for \$1, postpaid—Cash with order

Are we downhearted, No, no, no. Beautiful land of somewhere. Down in Hindustan. Dreaming of home sweet home. Dress up your dollars in khaki. Every day. God send my boy safe home again. Goodbye Cabarabian night. Goodbye my little lady. Hello central! Give me no mau's land. Homeward bound. I can't let 'em suffer for want of love. I'd like to see the kaiser with a lilly in his hand. In a garden of shadows and tears. I may stay away a little while longer. I miss daddy's good night kiss. I've adopted a Belgian baby. I wonder what they are doing to-night, your girl and mine. I'll come sailing home to you. Kaiser Bill. Khaki Bill. Laddy boy.

The Music and Photo House  
Stanton Howell, Proprietor

NOTICE  
Are you Registered? If not, then do it now. Saturday, October 5th, 1918, is the last day to register for the General Election.

E. L. COBURN,  
County Clerk

COMING EVENTS  
OCT. 30, Wednesday—Halow'en supper by M. E. Ladies Aid. 77tf

Fewer Japanese Silks.  
Just as we had learned to value Japanese silks and crepes and so on, especially as substitutes in these times of shortage of so many materials, we hear that certain ships engaged in the Eastern trade, and that brought us these serviceable and charming materials, have been loaned to the imperial government, and that has created a scarcity in transportation facilities. So georgettes, crepe de chine, and so on, are added to the list of growing scarcities and advancing prices. Added to this, little silk is coming from the French and Italian markets.

Placer and Quartz Mining blanks

A CLEAN SWEEP  
**\$1.25 Value for 99c**  
36 Brooms in our window at this price  
**THE ROCHDALE**  
THE STORE OF GUARANTEED GOODS  
C. R. FIFIELD, Manager

**Joy Theater**  
TONIGHT ONLY  
Admission 15c and 25c  
**Geo. M. Cohan**  
In His Own Famous Play  
**"Hit the Trail Holliday"**  
An Artcraft Picture  
"George M. Cohan as Billy Sunday"  
That's the way New York dramatic critics describe it... The bartender- evangelist-hero of this play is a "ringer" for the former baseball player whose forceful preaching has made hundreds of thousands hit the trail.  
HIT THE TRAIL TO THE JOY THEATRE  
COMING FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
**Fatty Arbuckle**  
in FATTY AT CONEY ISLAND  
THE McKAYS  
in  
POPULAR SONGS and  
JAZZ PIANO PLAYING