

Tells Of Experiences Somewhere In France

In a letter to his wife and parents in Marshfield, under date of December 6, First Lieut. Leonard Farr wrote the following, telling of an interesting experience he had trying to get some nails, somewhere in France:

"Today I had an experience I'd like you all to know about. It was very interesting to me. Buka and I went to an industrial city in search of nails, beds, rocks and straw. The procurement of the first mentioned item I especially want to tell you about. After searching all over town for a certain outfit from whom we were told nails were available, we found them in the largest plant in town.

This plant is immense. It would house Smith Wood-Products Co. under the roof of one of its buildings (that may be a slight exaggeration, but I know you will get the idea). I was directed to the office room occupied by the commandant of the Army outfit I was trying to locate. A lieutenant there offered to help us but when we asked for nails he was baffled. He had seen none around and his supply room didn't stock any. He called the sergeant, however, and the latter suggested we go to see the chief engineer of the plant.

The lieutenant could speak a faulty French so he took the initiative. Climbing one flight of stairs we came to the engineer's office. We entered a modern office with windows on two sides overlooking the plant. The elderly chief sat behind an old desk, an immense filing cabinet at his back and a wash stand nearby. His desk held a telephone, ash tray, several manilla folders and a buzzer panel.

Our lieutenant friend thought for a moment then approached the Frenchman with a sentence the only word of which I understood being "nail." He was unable to translate that word. The engineer didn't "compris" (understand), so we all started talking with our hands. I made motions of hammering, but our friends had the best idea. After two attempts at drawing a nail, the old gent did "compris" (pronounced, compree). His expression of understanding was typically French. It consisted of a pianissimo "aha" rising to a crescendo and then falling back.

He turned to one of his manilla folders, located in the index that which he sought and after leafing them to the appropriate page, let out another "Aha." It was then that we knew we were on the right path. He reached for his buzzers, pressed the correct one and settled back into his chair, still studying the folder, head down. Within three seconds a door opened in rushed a middle-aged Aryan, to whom the chief immedi-

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The principal national problem now is manpower. Fighting manpower is needed on both sides of the world as the intensity of the war increases. War production manpower is needed to provide more shells, more bombs, more small arms ammunition, and to speed up our own robot bomb program.

The recommendations contained in the Byrnes Report, coupled with the emphasis given this subject in the President's Message to Congress on January 6, will undoubtedly lead to specific action. Military age men classified as 4-F will be inducted into the Army in accordance with very drastically lowered physical standards for limited service. Under order already issued, job-jumpers now classified in 2-A and 2-B are to be reclassified and inducted. A bill has been introduced to induct 20,000 or more Army nurses under Selective Service.

Some of these things can be accomplished under existing law. Some new legislation will be necessary. It is safe to say that action on necessary legislation will be prompt.

Actually most of the things sought to be accomplished by a national service law will be in effect as soon as the above mentioned steps have been taken. It is quite likely though that an all-embracing service act will be taken up by Congress early in this session.

The transfer of Dr. J. A. (Al) Hall, outstanding scientist of the Forest Service here, to Portland to become Director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station is important news to everyone concerned with the lumber and logging industry. Dr. Hall has won international fame for his work on the development and improvement of processes for making alcohol from wood waste. His work was of great value in the successful effort to secure approval for the construction of the large alcohol-from-sawdust plant now being built at Springfield, Ore.

ately began talking without raising his head. In the next few moments the air was sparkling with the soft tones and expressive words of the French language. It was clearly evident that the younger man was a trusted and devoted servant.

Now the question of "how much" and "what size" came up. Our friend interpreted these questions and I tried to answer them by writing "1/2" and "16d & 20d" on a piece of scratch paper. "No compris" came the answer, then something about "kilos." So I quick-like figured kilograms at 2.2 per pound and, at the same time jumped the ante, writing "40 kg" on the paper. Then I marked off two lengths on the paper and things looked better. The two allies studied these distances for a while, then the one stepped back quickly to his office and returned with a steel ruler. He measured them—7.5 cm. and 12 cm. I "wee, we'd" him and he reached for the phone.

During the telephone conversation, the lieutenant picked up the fact that he was asking for 20kg of each nail, so everything came to a standstill while we settled the matter and Capt. Buka explained in German that we wanted 40kg of each. "Ja, Ja" came the reply and the phone conversation reverted to French.

About this time, in order to cement relations, Buka pulled out his cigarettes and offered them the gift the French appreciate most—a smoke. The telephone conversation took on a new vigor.

Concluding the deal, the assistant said a few words to his chief and the latter began the red tape procedure by asking for a requisition. We went down stairs to start the typewriters but the sergeant said it would be a ticklish job so we took the assistant engineer with us and drove to another part of the plant—the shop warehouse. Here the warehouseman already had a handtruck loaded with 16 neat little packages wrapped with heavy paper and secured with a nail pushed through the flap. Each contained five kilograms of nails. We were delighted, loaded them onto our 6x6 GMC truck and returned to the office where Buka, being the ranking officer, signed the requisition already approved by "higher headquarters."

Thus concluded the "Affair International." I might add that this plant produced for the French from 1918 to 1940, for the Germans from 1940 to 1944, and soon it will be producing for the United States.

We went on to pick up our rock, beds and straw and returned to our camp.

I hope you have enjoyed this little story as much as I have enjoyed the experience myself. It was a lot of fun.

As you can guess, I am feeling tip-top and am missing you all very much. Love to all, Len.

gon. As Director of the Experiment Station, Dr. Hall's work will contribute enormously toward the solution of wood utilization and forestry problems in our area.

Stephen Wykoff, who has done an outstanding job as Director of the Northwest Station, has been transferred to the station at Berkeley, California, as its director.

The War Department cannot make up its mind what to do with Camp White. It does not know whether to use it for troop concentrations prior to the stepping up of the offensive against the Japanese; whether to use it for prisoners of war; or whether it will be needed for new inductees under the stepped up Selective Service program.

Meanwhile, the Navy Department is very anxious, and I mean VERY anxious, to obtain the hospital at Camp White for use as a Navy Hospital, but the Army will not release it.

This splendid 1500-bed hospital facility, complete with the finest modern equipment, is idle and has been idle for many months. The Army needs more hospital beds, but needs them in other parts of the country. Under its policy of hospitalizing men as near their homes as possible, the Army has not yet found it necessary to use the Camp White Hospital.

"Keeping Livestock Healthy" is the title of the Agriculture Yearbook issued in 1942. Because of the popularity of the book, it was reprinted last year and is now available for distribution.

The book contains more than 1200 pages of information on diseases and parasites of cattle, horses, swine, poultry, and other farm animals and giving suggestions for prevention, diagnosis and cure. There are many valuable hints for any farmer who is engaged in the production of livestock.

Each Member of the House receives a limited allotment of these books to be distributed without cost. If there are livestock growers in the Fourth District who desire the book and did not receive a copy of the first edition, I shall be glad to fill requests for the book as long as my allotment lasts.

The National Housing Agency is about ready to announce the details of its emergency housing construction program. In the closing hours of the last Congress \$15,000,000 was appropriated for this purpose. The program is now in final conference stage. Eugene has applied for 100 units, Lebanon, 50, and Roseburg, 50.

Probate Court Items

A petition for letters of administration of the \$350 estate left by Dorothy Lee Knutson, who died at North Bend Oct. 8, 1944, were filed in probate court on Tuesday.

John Lundberg was on Tuesday appointed administrator of the estate left by John Uhra Lundberg, who died Jan. 8, E. A. Harrison, R. F. Whitty and Geo. Chaffin will appraise the estate which is estimated to be worth \$1,000 in real property and \$1428.27 in personal.

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The Year 1945 Is Ahead

The Year 1944 Is Past

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The Year 1945 Is Ahead

WE WILL strive to meet the vital war demands of agriculture and manufacturing. We will strive to expand and improve our service as permitted by war-time restriction. We will reduce rates when possible with due regard to all affected.

WE WILL strive to maintain fair wages for those employed in our service, also for the money invested in our property, every dollar of which is represented by used and useful property. We will continue to be a useful factor in developing the possibilities of the communities which we serve to the end that our own boys in the armed service and those of the people we serve may realize their ambitions upon their return.

WE WILL continue being a good taxpaying citizen cooperating to the fullest extent with all other citizens in bringing new payrolls and creating more jobs.

These things can be accomplished only by the continued help of understanding and confidence of those we serve. We deeply appreciate such past help and shall strive to conduct our business in a manner to warrant its continuance.

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