

## THE TRIP ACROSS

Earl Lumsden Writes of Life on the Ocean Wave—Gets to France.

The following letter from Earl Lumsden to his parents, will, we are sure, be read with interest. He is the youngest enlisted soldier from Coos county and the first one from Coquille to get across the pond.

This is the first line I've written since I came on board for several reasons. One, because I haven't any stamp, and haven't had any for a week; and another is because I've been so darn sick. But don't worry, I'll have my pay in a couple of weeks now.

Well, to start at the beginning. You remember I wrote you a letter Wednesday, October 17. They woke us up at 4 o'clock next morning and told us to roll our blankets, but I couldn't tell you about it for Uncle Sam doesn't want anyone to expose any army or navy moves.

This writing is going to be worse than usual because I am sitting on the top of a bunk, which are in tiers of three, with my head up in the rafters and I have a life preserver in my lap and am writing on it.

After we had our rolls made we ate an early breakfast and received three sandwiches to put in our pack. At eight o'clock we marched down to the railroad station and got on the train. Just think: about (deleted by the censor) were moved that day. That's what I call system.

It took us about an hour and a half to go to Brooklyn where we took a ferry over to the transport and went aboard immediately. We left Thursday night some time. Out of the port I could see the Woolworth building on one side and the Statue of Liberty all lit up.

The first day at sea was uneventful. But the second I got a bad scare. I heard an officer yell "Abandon ship," and all the sailors ran for the boats and rafts. But it was just drill as I learned later. The next day they made us do the same. Just imagine 5,000 men going through abandoning ship drill in an orderly manner. Some more army system. Every man knows now just where his place is and what raft or boat he goes in, so we are pretty safe.

Well, my neck is getting stiff from sitting stooped under this rafter and I'll finish tomorrow. Goodbye till tomorrow if a submarine doesn't sink us.

The third day out it got rough and I became sick as usual. We are sleeping in a little bunk that you can hardly squeeze into and you can't sit up straight without bumping the fellow above you. The air was worse than anything down here until they put in some ventilators and now it is better. But even then you can imagine how 5,000 men would be packed on a ship.

After we had been at sea two or three days the captain gave us all a pass to go on deck and I'll tell you I made use of mine.

Last night was the first in five that I slept in my bunk. The rest of the time I sneaked up on deck and found a place to sleep. Of course the officers have it pretty nice. After I would find a place to sleep, usually about 7:30 p. m., some of the fellows would come up and sing some of the old songs and then in the daytime the band plays. It's enough to make a real man sick.

I suppose you are wondering why I mentioned life boat drill. You've heard of submarines. Well, the darn things seem to enjoy sinking these particular kinds of boats and we have to be ready to vamoose when the order comes. We had gun practice day before yesterday. There are four 6-inch guns on the boat and I'll tell you I have a lot of confidence in the crew. They hit the mark most every time.

This boat was formerly the I heard that the Germans were particularly anxious to sink her. I guess it was interned and then taken over by the government. It certainly must have been a swell ship in its time.

There are about seven ships in the whole convoy and it isn't quite so lonesome when you can look out over the sea and see a lot of other ships around you.

I'm not sure that this solemn and lengthy epistle will ever reach you, but if it does you'll know I'm safe across. I'm not allowed to say where we're going to land because I don't know and couldn't tell you if I did. But it's "somewhere in France." Who would have thought it this time last year?

Sombody just came down here and said that there were a bunch of English cruisers ahead of us.

The other day we heard that this ship had been sunk, according to N. Y. papers. So you can't believe a thing you hear. You might hear that I was dead and you might even receive a notice from the government that I was but don't let that worry you because

they're always making mistakes. Well, this is all I know. But I'll write a little every day so as to make this a real letter.

Saturday, Oct. 27. Today I am out on deck but my hands and feet are pretty cold so I won't be able to write very well or much either. There hasn't been much doing so far today. Last evening, while waiting for abandon ship drill, I happened to slip into my canvas bed and an officer caught me lying there with my shoes on, contrary to orders, so I got two extra days of police. That's cleaning up, etc. But then I'm sick now so I expect I'll have to do it when we get to land. The weather is better today.

Every time a strange boat comes in sight the little destroyer that is acting as convoy runs over and investigates; so you see we are pretty safe.

I wish we would land soon. I'm getting tired of this sailing along forever. Some of the fellows are betting when we will land; and others that we will be sunk before we get there. And perhaps we will. I know we are positively in the war zone now. The crew go around with life preservers on all the time.

Nov. 1, 1917. Well, it's been a long time since I've written anything. But we landed last night. We are about 300 miles from Paris. I suppose the censor will take out a lot in.

See, the houses here are built altogether different from ours. I saw a French train early this morning and it was more like a peanut wagon. There were so many transports that we haven't even docked yet. Will have to wait till they unload and move out to give us room. We are in a kind of canal. This morning a few little came alongside in boats and sold us apples and candy. The newspapers over here say that the Germans are nearly to Petrograd and that 100,000 Italians have been captured. I don't know how true it is though. I must say I was disappointed in not seeing a submarine. The last two days we were at sea we wore our life preservers all the time, but didn't get a chance to use them otherwise. Edy, Experience is my middle name by this time.

I don't know where I am going to be and if I knew and tried to tell it probably would not pass the censor. You want to be sure and write once a week. I hear that I can only write one letter a week. If that's right I'm up against it. I know so many girls. It took us 14 long days to get over. I'm feeling fine now and anxious to carve up some Boche. Gee, it's funny to hear everybody talking a strange language around you.

Nov. 4, 1917. Well, we're still on ship but will leave tomorrow. I don't know where we are going. France isn't what it is cracked up to be. There is a bunch of German prisoners here, being worked around the docks, but they're entirely satisfied. Poor devils! I guess they are glad to be treated half way decent.

When you answer tell me how much was taken out of this letter.

Five Million Pieces of Baggage.

E. B. Carson, general baggage agent for the Southern Pacific, reports that in 1916 that company, over the Pacific System alone, handled 5,279,155 pieces of baggage. Of this great volume of very conceivable kind of article, some of it loaded far beyond capacity and some in an advanced stage of decomposition, the company lost only thirty pieces, or one in 176,000.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS.

In the matter of the Estate of G. W. Temple, Deceased.

Notice of Sale of Real Property.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the authority given to the undersigned by the terms of the Last Will and Testament of said G. W. Temple, deceased, which said Last Will and Testament has been duly admitted to probate and record in Coos County, Oregon, which said order is recorded at Page 29, Volume 9, of the Probate Records of said County and which said Will is recorded in Volume 2 at Page 326 of the Record of Wills of said County, I shall offer for sale

and sell for cash at private sale of the Court House Door in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, after the 29th day of December, 1917, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of G. W. Temple, deceased, to-wit:

Lots numbered 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block Numbered 69; Lots Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Block Numbered 61; Lot Numbered 2 in Block Numbered 66; Lot Numbered 15 in Block Numbered 69 all in Porter Addition to the City of North Bend, Coos County, Oregon.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1917

Jennie F. Temple, Executrix of the estate of and of the Last Will and Testament of G. W. Temple, deceased.

A. J. Sherwood, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of G. W. Temple, deceased.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that E. G. Farham, Contractor, has completed his Contract for the improvement of a portion of the Coquille-Marshfield road between Coquille and Davis Slough, and that the County Roadmaster has filed his certificate of completion approving the work done on such Contract, and any person, firm or corporation having objections to file to the acceptance of said work may do so within two weeks from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: from the 23rd day of November, 1917, in the office of the County Clerk.

Dated at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, this 19th day of November, A. D. 1917.

L. W. Oddy, County Clerk.

By A. B. Collier, Deputy.

NOTICE OF DEATH OF WILLIAM R. HAYTER.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Coos, did, on the 19th day of November, 1917, make and enter a decree that William R. Hayter is presumed to be dead on account of not having been heard from in more than seven years; and the said William R. Hayter, or any other person for him, is hereby required to produce to the said Court, within twelve weeks from the date of the last publication of this notice, to-wit: within twelve weeks from the 7th day of December, 1917, satisfactory evidence of the continuance in life of the said William R. Hayter; and if such evidence shall not be produced within said time, to-wit: on or before the last day of March, 1918, the said Court will issue letters of administration on the estate of the said William R. Hayter.

Done by order of the said County Court and first published, this 23rd day of November, 1917.

Theodosia R. Hayter, Petitioner.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Benjamin F. Smith, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, his final account as such administrator and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 17th day of December, 1917, as the time for hearing objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Extra M. Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin F. Smith, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their Final Account in the matter of the administration of the estate of Catherine Figg, deceased, and that the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, has set Monday, the 10th day of December, 1917, as the day and the County Court Room in the County Court House at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement of said estate.

Emily A. Hersey, Executrix, Ed Johnson, Executor

Of the Last Will and Testament and of the estate of Catherine Figg, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos his final account as executor of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph C. Varney, deceased, and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 17th day of December, 1917, as the time for hearing objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

Angus W. Varney, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph C. Varney, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos his final account as administrator of the estate of Albert W. Kelley, deceased, and the said Court has appointed Monday, the 10th day of December, 1917, as the time for hearing objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Abbie M. Kelley, Administratrix of the Estate of Albert W. Kelley, Deceased.

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