

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

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French port and the Antilles was sunk with a loss of 77 of her crew. So we perhaps will never know how close we were to eternity. Strange as it may seem, I never felt a particle of fear, and I do not say this in a spirit of braggadocio, but I felt confident all of the time that I was destined to arrive in France and that in the due course of time I will again return to the good old U. S. A. For believe me, Frank, while this is some country over here, I would not exchange the Willamette valley for the whole of it. But I am digressing from my subject. Nothing else of consequence happened the balance of our trip and on the 1st of November we let fall our anchor in a port in France. Did the sight of land look good to me? Now why ask foolish questions. Our fleet started with 6 transports, carrying practically the entire Rainbow Division; but three days out, one of the boats developed engine trouble and was compelled to return to New York. We had a convoy of three torpedo boat destroyers and a cruiser until one day out from our point of debarkation, when we picked up eight more destroyers. I can tell you that they looked good to us, after our scare of several nights previous. We were held at Port for a week and then sent to Paris where I worked in the general offices for a week, and believe me I was some busy. I was in Paris for one Sunday and thus saw a little of the most beautiful city in all the world, but not nearly so much as I would like to have seen, or as much as I hope to see before I return. On the 15th of November I was transferred to the office of the Base Engineers, Base Section No. 2, and have been here ever since. I am just as happy and as comfortable as the circumstances will permit and have nothing to do except work. Fortunately I am located in quite a large city in the southwestern part of France, and in some respects it is a very interesting city. There is here a coliseum that was erected by the Roman Emperor Gallien, I believe it was, in the year 230 A. D., and one is surprised at the excellent state of preservation of the ruins. I wonder if you remember sufficient of your Roman history that the above gives you any distinct ideas.

Life over here is not nearly so hard as it might be for you know that it takes FOUR men behind the lines for every ONE man at the front, and of a consequence the greater part of the boys are billeted in the Base or Intermediate sections. Transportation is the great problem and the one who keeps his Line of Communications in the best condition is the one that is going to win the war. If you want to get a definite impression as to the actual conditions that prevail over here, read an article in the Saturday Evening Post of February 9, entitled "Heroing," by Geo. Pattullo. It is absolutely correct in every detail and is a much better description than I would be permitted to

write, or could write if I had the permission to do so.

You perhaps will be surprised to learn that we receive the Saturday Evening Post quite regularly over here as it is sold on the streets by the French News Stands and we receive them only about thirty days late. That is the only American magazine sold here and if you care to send me some others, I can assure you that they will be duly appreciated. While I do not find much time for reading, I like to skim over the top, and thus keep a little in touch with what is going on in the world. Our office is open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10:30 at night and I am here the most of the time. We usually are in the office also on Sunday until 3 in the afternoon. This gives us quite strenuous office hours but they are arranging now to give us 7 days leave every 4 months, which will help a little. I am due for my first 7 days now, but will probably not get away until

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF
WASHINGTON.

Geo. F. Davies,)
Plaintiff,)
VS.) SUMMONS

Mary T. Cornwell,)
and all unknown)
heirs of Mary T.)
Cornwell, and all)
other persons or)
parties unknown)
claiming any right,)
title, estate, lien or)
interest in the real)
estate described in)
the complaint here-)
in.)

Defendants.)

In the name of the State of Oregon you are requested to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons to-wit:

On or before the 28th day of June, A. D. 1918, and if you fail to so appear and answer the complaint for want thereof the said plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in his said complaint to-wit: Quieting his title against you in the following described real property:

The east half of Lots Fifteen and Sixteen, all of Lot Seventeen and the North half of Lot Eighteen (15, 16, 17, 18) in the Millard and Van Schuyver Tract, in Washington County, State of Oregon, as mentioned on the recorded plat of said tract, containing Twenty-five acres, more or less.

Also Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, the west half of Lot 15, the west half of Lot 16, the south half of Lot 18, and Lot 19 in the Millard and Van Schuyver Tract, as shown on the duly recorded map and plat thereof.

This summons is served upon you in compliance with an order made by the Honorable D. B. Reasoner, judge of the County Court, dated May 15th, A. D. 1918.

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next month and will then have another vacation coming in August. There are some wonderful places to visit here but the difficulty is that it takes so much money to see them and after I sent the greater part of my small salary home it leaves very little to go sight-seeing on.

No, I have not YET learned to smoke but one can never tell when I am liable to start in. Cigarettes are very scarce here and if you have any particular desire to spend any of your surplus cash in sending some over, I can distribute them where they will be greatly appreciated. You know lots of the boys are married and allot practically all of their money home for the support of their families, and consequently do not have much spending money. And at present on account of the shortage, the canteens, both those con-

ducted by the army and Y. M. C. A. will sell only 1 package of cigarettes a day to each soldier. And for some reason practically all of the cigarettes in stock are the high priced Turkish or Egyptians. We have not been able to buy any Piedmonts or Fatimas for some time.

I was very much interested in your Beaverton items and I am glad to know that the little Burg is prospering. Give my regards to R. L. and tell him that I would be glad to receive a postal (Continued on last page.)

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify, that my wife, Mrs. J. F. Ross, better known as Loutie Boring, has left my bed and board, and refuses to see me, and that I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

(Signed) J. F. ROSS. 21tf

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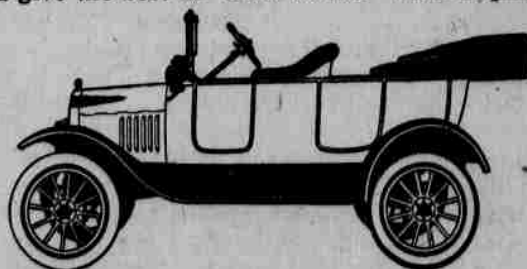
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