

Letters from The Boys Who Have Gone to Make the World Safe for Democracy

June 5, 1918.—Editor Beaverton Times: There fell into my hands a small item from the Oregonian, dated sometime during the month of April, 1918, to some this scrap of paper had little meaning, to me it was treasured. And I wish to thank the populace of Beaverton, Oregon, for their fond remembrance for those who are upholding the traditions of our forefathers in supporting us, who are fighting for the cause of Democracy, that this world may be made a decent place to live in.

Let that service-flag, with our stars, whom they have erected in our behalf become a treasured emblem to be handed down to the future generations. Let them understand that when they chance to pass that flag that we boys are in it to the finish, as we Americans are not in a habit of laying down to anything to which we have staked our lives and our fortunes. The greatest sense of feeling of all is for us to know that we have the staunch support of those whom we have left at home.

Allow me to suggest, if I may, that a large star be placed in the Service Emblem of Beaverton. This said star I will say should by all means be allotted to Sergeant Bert J. Martin, of the United States Marine Corps, as he, if you will recall, was the first boy from Beaverton to enter Uncle Sam's fighting forces. This can be authenticated by reports that are obtainable by me, should it become necessary.

I trust that I may hear from all the 'old friends' that so may desire to write me, and I will promise you all of an immediate answer, and when the United States Marines march up the streets of Berlin, to the tune of Yankee Doodle, we will all return to the old scenes again. I thank you my dear friends for your attention, and I sincerely hope that I have the pleasure of a few of your letters, with the best of regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM R. THOMPSON,
First Ser'nt, U. S. Marine Corps,
11 1-2 West Washington St.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Letters from Charles Essig, now in France, to his mother, Mrs. Wm. Bahr of this city.

At Sea.—Dear Mother: Am still at sea but expect to get somewhere in a day or two so will drop you a few lines so it will go right back. We are having a very pleasant trip, no excitement at all on this ship. When we first started we had a slight accident and had to go back to the U. S. and take a different ship delaying us for a week. Will write again as soon as possible. Hoving this reaches you all well. Love to all.

CHARLIE.

May 13, 1918.—Dear folks: At last I have arrived in France, sure feels good to set foot on land again.

Can't tell where we landed but it sure is a pretty place. Everything looks green and nice. Haven't seen many people but what I have seen are some different than the people in the United States. When they drive two horses they have one hitched ahead of the other and they also drive steers to their carts. Have learned more about Geography in my day here than I could ever learn by reading books. Don't know where our outfit is at and if I did know I could not tell, but hope to be with them before you get this letter. I will not get any mail until I get with them so you see I am anxious to be with them also will be glad to see Frankie and some of the other boys again.

It has been raining awful hard most of the day but it hasn't been very cold. It is something like the climate of Oregon although they say it rains a lot more here.

How are the boys coming along on the ranch? Is Victor Nord still working for them? Hope they make it all right as it would be too bad if they lost out now after everything looked so good for them. Is George still working for himself at Huber or is he working for some one else.

Can't think of anything more now will try and tell you more about the country in my next letter. Write often. Love to all.

CHARLIE.

WAR SAVINGS NEWS.

June 28 is designated by the President of the United States as War Savings Pledge Day. Every school district in the United States will be assigned its quota of money to be set aside in War Savings before December 31. This is not a gift to the government but a loan and a promise to save even to the point of sacrifice.

War Savers to Meet.

A meeting is called at every school house in the United States on June 28 to sign the pledges of War Savings for the balance of the year. The patriotic committees of the various school districts will have this in charge and every citizen should be ready to do his or her part to put Washington County over the top and make it easy for the committees.

N. A. FROST,

Chairman of War Savings
Washington County.

Monthly War Work report for Washington County for May.

Amount of Liberty Bonds owned by teachers, \$8456.

Amount of Liberty Bonds owned by pupils, \$17,095.

No. of \$5.00 War Savings Certificates owned by teachers, 541.

No. of \$5.00 War Savings Certificates owned by pupils, 2301.

No. of pupils owning \$5.00 War Savings certificates, 730.

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