

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

Letter from Sergeant James O. Emmons to his brother, Victor, the genial mail carrier on Route 4:

On active service with the American Expeditionary Force, October 10, 1918. Dear Vic.—
Whang! That was a big one, but missed and a miss (gee, there is another) is as good as a mile.

This is the close of a beautiful day, a bit chilly now but has been lovely all day.

Fritz is shelling us some now but we have been doing lots of it all day, so guess we can stand a little bit.

Say, Vic, I saw a grand sight this morning while the shells were screaming overhead and throwing up great craters and our guns were booming, a bunch of aeroplanes (as usual) were overhead. One or two, maybe three, began leaving great columns of smoke in the sky, ribbons like, red, white and blue, and this stayed there for a long time. Of course, me writing this doesn't make it seem very grand but I am in a hurry and this will have to be brief. No time for fancy lingo.

We are giving the Dutch "hell" here, although we are meeting with the most stubborn resistance we have met yet. Bue we can lick them on any kind of ground. All we want is time.

* * There is so darn many queer things happen that a fellow can tell some good ones without straying from the truth an inch.

I lost Vnice Fitzpatrick yesterday during a heavy shelling along the road, but he just turned up alive and happy. He had to turn back, he told me, for he had lost his gas mask and this is no place to be without that most important article.

Our aeroplanes are doing wonderful work now and this is a very important fact in the defeat of the German army, which is only a short distance away, we pray and believe.

Old Pal, the light is fading into darkness and I must close and tuck into my two blankets, with the sky for a roof and the earth for mattress. Your brother and pal,
JIM.

The following are extracts of letters received by Miss Goldie Vincent from Leon S. Davis, former editor of The Times, now with the A. E. F. in France:

"Somewhere on the front, Oct. 2, 1918.

"Today I got a fine bunch of letters from home and some pictures in one of your letters. Surely these pictures are a breath of my own free Oregon.

"I am down in a hole where Fritz can't get at me. Some of the other boys are outside chasing cooties. Guess I'll have to have a hunt myself as soon as I finish this. My bedmate only caught the small sum of 76 yesterday. This is only a slight inconvenience, however, up here.

"At present we are cooking our own meals and we sure do feed when there are any rations. This morning there were fried potatoes, bread and jam, bacon and coffee. Pretty fair, I guess, for a battery on the advance.

"At present we are engaged in chasing the Hun back to the 'Vaterland.' Tho we get very little news from the outside, we got a communique the other evening that sounded pretty good. It seems that 'Boscheland' is on the toboggan and headed straight for Hades. Tho he might rally his failing courage enough to make a stand this winter, it is doubtful.

"On our advance I had a good chance to observe Fritz's positions, positions that he has held for years, well fortified at one time but a mass of shell holes from our barrage. Never have I seen on any front so vast a scene of desolation. The Mojave Desert would be a paradise in comparison. Almost as far as one can look in any direction is a treeless plain, swept bare by the fighting of the past. Huge pit after pit marks the resting place of giant shells. Then again you arrive at the crest of a hill and the grassy slopes beyond are a mass of advancing troops. They look like ants moving slowly forward. Over it all hover the aeroplanes and little puffs of smoke tell where the shrapnel is bursting. Perhaps, to lend variety to the landscape, you come to a town. All that remains is a pile of ruins with no semblance to the village of the past.

"Sadder yet are the little crosses that mark the resting-place of America's heroes, the men who went over with the first wave. To them alone is the honor of the supreme sacrifice. (Continued from Page Five.)

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Notice of School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 48 of Washington County, State of Oregon, that a

SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at High School, on the 29 day of November, 1918, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 17, 1918, and ending on June 30, 1919, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET

Estimated Expenditures:

1. Teachers' salaries \$7,000.00
2. Apparatus and supplies, such as maps, chalk, erasers, stoves, curtains, etc. \$225.00
3. Repair of schoolhouses, outbuildings or fences \$100.00

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4. Janitor's wages	\$810.00
5. Janitor's supplies	\$300.00
6. Fuel	\$550.00
7. Light	\$ 50.00
8. Water	\$ 55.00
9. Clerk's salary	\$180.00
10. Postage and stationery	\$25.00
11. For the payment of interest on bonded indebtedness, issued under Sections 117, 144 to 148, and 422 of the School Laws of Oregon, 1917	\$1,700.00
12. Note indebtedness ..	\$800.00
13. Gas	\$ 15.00
14. Power	\$ 75.00
15. Miscellaneous	\$400.00

Total Estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year \$12,285.00

Estimated Receipts:

From county school fund during the coming school year	\$1,955.00
From state school fund during the coming school year	\$750.00
Cash now in the hands of the district clerk	\$860.00
Cash now in the hands of the county treasurer, belonging to the district	none
Estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming school year	\$1,650.00
Total estimated receipts, not including the money	

to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote \$5,215.00

Recapitulation:

Total estimated expenses for the year \$12,285.00
Total estimated receipts not including tax to be voted \$ 5,215.00
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax \$7,070.00
Dated this 29 day of October, 1918. A. A. PIKE, chairman Board of Directors. Attest: C. E. HEDGE, District Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Washington: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned A. C. Allen has been appointed administrator of the estate of C. M. Straus, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at 714 Swetland Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 25th day of October, 1918.

A. C. ALLEN, Administrator.
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