

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

The following letter was written to Mrs. M. M. Baker of Beaverton, by her son Jesse S. Baker at Camp Meade, Md.:

Camp Meade, Md., Nov. 27, 1918.—Dear father and mother: I will try to answer your last letter which I received last week. I didn't get your first letter. I am fairly well and I do hope that this finds you both well. I am still staying in a tent but we have a stove in the tent now, so that it isn't so cold. Before I slept somewhat cold. The weather here is a little chilly at present though there hasn't been any snow here at camp as yet. I would just as soon now see any snow back here. I do not know when I will be able to get back home probably some time next spring. You know just as much about it as I do. Well mother I will surely be very glad to get back to Beaverton, Oregon, once again, and see you all again. We are going to have a big dinner tomorrow, we will have turkey for one thing. They have decorated the mess halls with pine boughs. Sixty per cent of the men are going out on passes. I am going to stay in the camp though, I will only have to work up until 1 o'clock tomorrow. I bet we will have a fine time when I get back. I don't know if you will know me or not because I am so much fatter, and when I left home, I guess that it is the fresh air and the food that has put the flesh on me. I weigh about 160 pounds. Someboy eh. I am sleeping in a tent with 5 other soldiers. Well I will have to go and wash for supper as we have supper at 5 o'clock. We have breakfast at 7 a. m. and dinner at 12 o'clock. There is a nice warm fire here in the tent now. I am surely glad for having a stove in the tent this time of year.

I was at the Y. M. C. A. building last night, there was a good religious meeting. They sang old time songs, most of the songs were those which we sing

in our church. One of the songs was Lord I'm Coming Home. A Y. M. C. A. man gave a very fine talk. He told us that we want to be very good when we get home. He said that we would be counted as heroes though we didn't get a chance to get to France. He said that the girls will be interested in us and that they will ask us questions all about the army.

I am writing this by candle power so excuse mistakes. I am sorry to hear that Dorothy Baird died with the flu, poor girl. Well mother I haven't any girl as yet. Did Emma say that I was her fellow. Well mother I am still serving my precious Savior, He has been my very best friend. I don't know just how I could ever get along without him. I have had my picture taken and will send you one of them. I don't think that they are very good.

The last letter that I got from Cousin Agnes had 5 sticks of chewing gum in it, I surely was glad to get the letter and chewing gum. Well I have been here now in this camp for three months and I haven't been out on a pass as yet. I am going to get a pass for Washington, D. C., next week if I can. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas. I wish that I could be home for Christmas. Well I will have to close for this time. I remain as ever your son, Jesse S. Baker.

**Boys' and Girls' Clubs Thanked.**

Oregon girls' and boys' clubs are publicly thanked for their work in collecting fruit pits and nut shells, by the gas division of the chemical warfare service. This action was taken in the form of a letter from O. H. Benson, in charge of government club work, to H. C. Seymour, state club leader. Newspapers, local club leaders, county superintendents and teachers, are told that their cooperation was invaluable.

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Many states are organizing "Burn Wood" campaigns under the direction of the United States Fuel Administration in conjunction with the forest service. The plan involves having town and county wood fuel deputies arrange for wood at reasonable prices for villages and small cities, through the operation of a wood yard, and taking orders from consumers and then urging farmers to supply it at a fair price. Wood cutting clubs will be organized and a system of competition inaugurated among them. The scheme is most popular in eastern states where the fuel shortage is more acute than in the west. Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes does not believe such a step is necessary in Oregon.

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