

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

The following letter was written by Leon Davis to his father H. S. Davis:

"Somewhere in France," Nov. 11, 1918.—Dear dad and all: It is night again and my day's work is over. I am very tired but I feel that I must write, I have delayed too long, I am afraid. Would have written soon but the mud, cold and the business of the day gave me no inspiration.

For some time now, we have been on our toes waiting the good word and hitting them as hard as we could and we sure gave them hell.

I am proud to say that I was there when the last battle raged.

Well I guess it is over. Up to date I have seen no official bulletin but it was announced that hostilities ceased today, at any rate a considerable celebration is on.

We are hoping now that they wind the thing up without any delay for we are all anxious for a look at the old Statue of Liberty, and to again feel the ground of the grandest nation in the world under our feet.

They hit me pretty hard the other day while I was gone with the guns. During my stay in France I had gotten quite a collection of pictures and other trinkets, about 50 francs worth of stuff outside of things I had gathered on the front. My kodak was among the personals lost. So I guess I will get home without some of the things that I planned bringing.

At present we are in good warm barracks and the only thing we lack is wood to keep the fire going. It sure seems good to sleep off the ground on a half civilized bunk.

I am well and going in good shape yet, though I am somewhat run down, and still have a system full of gas. However, I expect to be all O. K. in about a month.

Give my regards to all my friends and relatives.

With lots of love, your son,
LEON.

The following letter was written by Shirley Barnes to his aunt Mrs. Griffin of Beaverton.

Somewhere in France, August, 1918.—My dear aunt: Needless to say that I was very pleased to receive your letter although I was some surprised for I had never received one from you before.

When I got your letter I had just returned from a trip up north where I had been riding a motorcycle, then I got Spanish fever and just recovered from that when I was sent on another trip for the good of the service as they call it, and that's all the information I can give you as to where I went. You see our orders read that we must not write anything pertaining to army affairs or operations so that leaves very little to write since one is in the army.

I can say that I am very well although lonesome at times and wish the war were over but I want to remain here until German trickery and Prussianism is absolutely smashed and believe me the Yanks are the boys to do it.

Of course I am not contented for they have me in the service of the rear or supplies and I long to get into the fight. About every week one of the Y. M. C. A. speakers comes along and tells us that we are the bravest who remain in the rear but I know somebody lies. Just imagine a full grown American driving truck behind the lines when he knows that someone else is up there stopping the Boche bullets. Then they tell us that we'll all get a chance to go over the top before the war ends and again I say someone lies. Of course our work in the rear is very necessary but dreadfully monotonous.

I have tried for several transfers but all in vain. I have been recommended to the officers' training camp and entertain a hope of getting to the front by that course but if that don't pull through I shall give up. I came
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Dr. Chassaing of the French Military Sanitary Service and M. Geyon in recent addresses paid warm tribute to the work of the American Red Cross in the war, and M. Aurand, prefect of the Department of the Seine, praised the personal efforts of Red Cross workers.

"Your task is not ended," said M. Aurand. "Our friends and our benefactors now are more than ever indispensable to us. Our task is immense, help us. We have known how to conquer; we will know how to organize success in victory."

WHAT HOME SERVICE MEANS.

So many questions are constantly coming to the Home Service Section of the Red Cross that a few words as to its objects may not come amiss. The Home Service Section aims to serve the folks at home, to bring them nearer to the man in the field, and to bring him nearer to the ones at home. Sometimes it means helping to straighten out a financial tangle, sometimes help in the training of the children, sometimes being a big brother to a young lad who needs a bit of friendly counsel, or advising a young wife who may be worried about the coming due of the mortgage and what her rights under the law may be.

Then, too, there are sometimes delays in the mails or lost letters, and sometimes delays in the allotment, or errors in the amount which should be forthcoming. These problems and many others are being straightened out by the Home Service Section, without charge to the families, and with an efficiency which is daily growing more valuable. More than 300,000 calls have been answered.

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In fact the Home Service Section is living up to its name—it is really the service of those at home—it is trying to be the father, brother or husband to those left behind.

The Times will print your butter wrappers.

MONEY NOT THE OBJECT.

Our obligation to our own soldiers and sailors and the privilege of ministering to the sick and wounded, of feeding the hungry, housing the homeless and rebuilding the waste places of our associates in the war, call the entire American people to the support of the Red Cross spirit now as never before. The money to be raised in membership dues is secondary. It is the spiritual phase that is important, for it will show the suffering people of the world that the American people will see them through their experience to the very end.

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