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WRAY CLORE WAS IN THICK OF FIGHT IN FRANCE WITH 361ST INFANTRY IN SEPT.

Cook Wagon Under Fire and In Center of Ring of Shells but Was Not Once Hit.

ALL COMPANY COOKS SAFE

Glad to Have Done His Bit But Would Like to See the Sunshine in U. S. A. Again, Says Elmonica Boy in Belgium

The following letter from W. V. Clore, a cook with the 361st Infantry, which saw service in France and later in Belgium and is now in the ravished kingdom, was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clore of Elmonica, just a few days before his father's death:

In Belgium, Dec. 15, 1918. Dear Mother and Father.—As we are now allowed to tell of a few of our experiences and travels and I have time I will try to tell you of a few. We left Camp Lewis 23 of June, landed in Camp Merritt, N. J. June 28. We embarked July 5 and sailed from New York Harbor July 6. We had a very poor ship named Karoa which was awfully crowded and the eats were very poor but we made it across the foam without any excitement and landed in Glasgow, Scotland, July 17. Scotland is a very pretty country; also part of England. We entrained at Glasgow and crossed England to Southampton on the English Channel. We crossed the Channel July 20 to La Havre, France, where we rested a day and then loaded aboard box cars for Southern France, which took us three days, and we landed at Montigny, France, where we staved in training until Sept. 3, and then we started for the front. It was march, march, march, box cars and march until Sept. 25 and we took our positions to go over the top. The drive started about 10:30 P. M. with artillery of all sizes and kinds up to as large as 12 inch and the earth fairly shook with a barrage, one of the greatest the war ever knew.

The boys went over the top about daylight the next morning, Sept. 26. They were in continual action for eight days the first hitch and drove the Hun's out of their winter quarters for several miles. The fighting was hard on account of the woods and there were casualties on our side but the second day the Hun's began to come in, prisoners by the hundreds and hundreds. Our kitchen didn't go up the first few days on account of the roads being so bad but when we did we saw what our big guns had been doing. The ground was perforated from the Hun's first line on for several miles, and it looked as if nothing could possibly live there very many minutes. Our boys were relieved after eight days and rested and fed up for two days and nights and then we started for a place to rest, but had to go back to

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Squires received word last week that their son, Lester, had been taken to a hospital at Camp Merritt and was unable to meet Miss Hazel when she reached Washington. This week they received letters from both Lester and Miss Hazel to the effect that was for only a slight operation on his nose that Lester was in the hospital, but that he had taken tonsillitis and was confined to the infirmary for 12 days, but is now well and back at work. Miss Hazel is well pleased with her new position but says she never knew before there were so many black people in the world as she can see any day in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Geddes and family of Morgan County, Ohio, arrived in Beaverton Wednesday to make Oregon their home. Mr. Geddes is a cousin of James I. Hoopes.

R. B. Doughty of Cooper Mountain was in town yesterday on business.

help another division make their objective. Those days will never be forgotten by the boys who came through. I guess our old cook wagon was lucky as it wasn't hit and we still have all the cooks we started with. Shells hit pretty close at times, in fact, the cut almost a complete horse-shoe around us in one place, but I kept saying that Fritzie didn't have any with my name on. I used to hate my steel hat, but there were times I wished it was as big as a washtub with a lid on to lock myself in it.

We were all a sad-looking sight when we started to the rear and we didn't care much whether school kept or not, but the boys in 361 can always say that they took all objectives that were laid out for them and many under very bad conditions. I am glad I was able to do my little bit, but am sorry for the boys we had to leave behind on the field.

We have seen dead of both sides in various forms, dead horses and wreckage in all kinds of shapes, observation balloons shot down by aeroplanes and air fights were a common sight. In fact, after the first shock was over, we found ourselves becoming hardened to the unbelievable sights before us and today it seems like just a huge nightmare, but it seems good to go to sleep at night and not to hear the shells howling and blowing up. I look every day to see Fritz begin to shoot wooden shoes and sauerkraut but I guess he didn't quite run out of iron.

Well this old war "aint what it used to be" and thankful we are too. I have told you the outline of our first front. The other one happened in Belgium but I will tell you some other time.

I am as well as ever, but awfully anxious to see the sunshine in the U. S. A. once more. Love to all. W. RAY. Cook W. V. Clore, Co. D, 361 Inf., A. E. F. A. P. O. 776. (Censored.)

FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN WILL BE THE LAST: LETS GET READY TO MAKE IT QUICK.

Victory Loan Will Be the Pledge to Boys that We are Not Ungrateful.

The coming Victory Liberty Loan will be the last.

One more big job to pay for the victory—or the immediate demands of victory—and Liberty Loans will be history.

There must be no lagging by the American people in the drive that will come in April. It will not be a time for excuses.

The same spirit that characterized the last hour of fighting before the armistice went into effect should be shown by the stay-at-homes, for whom the Yanks fought in France.

Here is the official report of operations in those last few hours of the war:

"The 3rd Division advanced 3 kilometers east of Breheville. Despite increased resistance by machine gun and artillery fire the 5th Division continued to advance, capturing 18 prisoners, 3 large calibre guns, 6 minenwerfers and considerable material. In accordance with the terms of the armistice hostilities on the front of the American armies ceased at 11 A. M."

The Yanks didn't shirk that last job. Many gave their lives with peace a matter of minutes away. Every American at home worth the victory won by those boys in khaki will work as hard in this loan as in any of the past.

Miss Nellie Rossi and Joseph Orselli were married a week ago last Saturday in Portland at the First Street Italian Catholic church by Father Bolestra. Mrs. Orsella is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rigolo Rossi of Beaverton. Mr. Orselli, whose home was in Sacramento, has been in the Spruce Production Division at Vancouver, Wash., for the past ten months. They house across the road from her former home and will assist Mr. Rossi in conducting his farm.

G. A. Van Antwerp, who has been painter foreman at the S. P. shops left last week for Oakland, California, where he will locate. Mrs. Van Antwerp and little daughter will join him there in the near future. While here Mr. Van Antwerp was active in the organization of the Home Guard and in later getting it into the Oregon militia and thus made many friends, all of whom will wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

J. B. Hays was in town Tuesday and states that he has sold his place south of Tobias to a family from Canada.

L. R. Dean, who bought the W. E. Pegg house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wisecarver a few weeks ago, will move thereto next week. Mr. Wisecarver has bought a home in Rose City Park and will move into the city the first of the week.

Frank Kline is home from an overseas service in France.

FLU BAN WILL BE RAISED SATURDAY MORNING; ALL CHURCHES WILL RE-OPEN

School Will Resume Monday on Second Semester Work and Review Lost Work Later.

PICTURE SHOW SATURDAY

Yes, the flu ban is off! That is, it will be off tomorrow. The disease is under control, so far as Beaverton is concerned, and Dr. Mason has advised the Town Council that the danger no longer exists. The council is slated to meet tonight and raise the ban. So the word has been on the go for several days and plans are under way to make up for Picture Show Saturday Night, the last time. Tomorrow night the Beaver Theatre will be first to raise the lid with a rousing comedy program which Manager Von Deest guarantees to cure (Continued on Page 3.)

Tractors Ready to Deliver.

Otto Erickson & Co. report the receipt of the fourth carload of Fordson tractors on Tuesday, and on Wednesday a carload of Oliver plows arrived. The farmers of Washington County, having viewed the good work done by the Fordson, are now making inquiries regarding spring liveries. Mr. Erickson informs us that from present indications he will be able to fill all orders as they are placed.

John Streimer, who has been six months and a day at Camp Lewis, was out from Portland Wednesday to visit Mrs. Chas. Shively. His brother Joseph is somewhere in France and his brother George is still at Camp Lewis, having been in the hospital when the company to which he belonged was discharged and thus unable to get his discharge with the first lot in which he was listed. John will return next week to the Arcady Press where he was employed before going into the service.

A. R. England of Hillsboro, secretary-treasurer of the Washington County National Farm Loan Association, was in Beaverton Monday in the interests of federal loans for farmers and left a statement of the work of the association for the past three months, which is printed in another column. Mr. England is doing a good work for the farmers of the county in getting this cheap money on long terms and thus leaving local business interests of the county free for the development of the business interests of the county.

Dr. C. E. Mason has purchased the Mrs. Marcia Pike property near the Methodist church and will occupy it as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for moving in.

Mrs. Tullock and Mr. and Mrs. Notter of Portland are occupying Mrs. Tullock's property near the livery stable.

COOK STOVE and kitchen table for sale. Inquire of Bill West, barber.

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