

**Former News Man
Now in Marines**

**Joe Clark Writes of Life at
Quantico, Virginia; Potomac
Is Frozen Over**

The following is an extract from a letter written by Joe Clark, a former employe of the News, now in the United States marines, to his brother Will Clark of this city. He was a member of the Springfield News force about four years ago and since that time has been in the office of the Herald at Monmouth. In the same regiment with him is Thuman, Riggs, also another Springfield boy.

Quantico, Va., Jan. 14, 1918.

Dear Bill:—Everything is fine here and the chaplain announced last night to the public that we were scheduled to leave some time this week and my platoon lieutenant told us yesterday that we were to go tomorrow. I had a pretty good Xmas but spent it in camp. All the boys that wanted it got a nine day furlough and went home. Have been going to Washington every month for it is only about 30 miles from here and we always get liberty from Saturday noon until Monday morning at 6:30 every week so we can go any place we want to as long as we get back in time.

Washington is quite a city and I have a good time whenever I go. Have seen lots of places of interest there. Washington's monument, Army and Navy building, building of printing and engraving, U. S. post office, capitol building, and lots of other places.

See, we are sure having cold weather. The Potomac river is frozen all over and skating is pretty good. Our parade ground has ice all over it and is so slippery we couldn't drill when we went out this morning so all we did was to run around and take some arm exercises. Stood around and sang songs, too.

We manage to keep pretty warm in the bunks, we have two stoves three blankets each, and we use our overcoats and shelter half tents on our beds every night so I manage to keep warm. We have all the coal we want and plenty of food and clothes so we can't kick.

I have two sleeveless sweaters, two knitted helmets that fit over the ears and lower part of the face, four suits of winter underwear and four suits of summer, about 8 or 10 pairs of socks, (5 pairs of winter socks) 2 suits of heavy winter clothes and 4 suits of summer clothes and 2 pairs of leggings, 2 hats, 2 pair of shoes, 2 shirts, so you can see I am pretty well fixed for clothes. The worst thing is the gloves. We get one pair but they are not warm and might as well not have any. My fingers about freeze handling the gun.

Well, Bill, I am a hand grenade man so will throw bombs when I get over in the trenches, and also have a pick which I will get to use when we are digging new trenches.

I have been in the pantry in the show hall so long that I have almost forgotten all I learned in drilling and there is a lot of stuff that I don't know at all.

I am sending you a picture of our Xmas dinner. Here is a list of what we had: Plum pudding, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, oyster soup, mashed fish potatoes, sweet potatoes, olives, bananas apples oranges, asparagus, mince and pumpkin pie, celery, mix of nuts, coffee, cigarettes and cigars and some other stuff that I don't remember. We had the same kind of a dinner Thanksgiving.

Well, guess I will have to close for this time. This may be the last you'll hear from me in the old U. S. but I will write you as often as I can when I get across.

Write when you can. Your brother,
JOE.

Co. 6 Reg. Marines, Quantico, Va.

OVER THE TOP

By D. W. Hatch

Over the top in the gas and shell;
Over the top in a German hell!
Over the top in the bullets scream;
We'll spoil a fiendish Kaiser's dream
Of a world Empire thru blood and tears,
Acht save to faith the coming years,
Thru the smoke and flame yet hope
we see;

Over the top to victory.

A Hint to the Aged

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By WANNA MCKINNEY

Final exams were taken Wednesday and Thursday. There were few exemptions.

Tuesday evening the boys from the two upper grades at the Lincoln school took military drill at the high school. The class, which met at 3:30 was under the supervision of Mr. Kirk. The boys are signing up for a special officers training class. We ought to have some fine officers by the time the high school company is reorganized.

Bill Hill in E7, (wildly waving his hand in the air) "I know something."

Iva Hill in E7, (discussing the use of he and I, and him and me) "do him and me go together."

Wanna McKinney attended the assembly at E. H. S. Wednesday morning.

Howard Cotton, a former student in Springfield has re-entered High school here.

Fern Travis, Vera Senseney, and Wanna McKinney visited the Lincoln school Friday morning.

The Literary program, which was to have been held Friday afternoon, was postponed until Friday the 15, because of the funeral of Ernest A. Mason who died recently at Vancouver Washington.

Friday afternoon there was registration for the new semester. Both old and new students registered at that time.

THURSTON

Feb. 9.—Mrs. Clara Hurst and children, of Burlingame, California, are visiting at the homes of her brothers Frank and Charles Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pierce of Eugene, visited at the home of Mrs. Pierce's sister Mrs. Wayne Yarnell, Sunday.

Marie Hastings, a student at O. A. C., came home Thursday and will visit a few days with her parents and other relatives and friends here.

Mrs. M. E. Russell is visiting in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robley and family of Springfield visited at the home of Mrs. Robley's sister, Mrs. Ross Mathews, Sunday.

Complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Luman Needham and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Needham, of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Mitchell of Wendling, a party of their friends was bidden to the Thurston hall Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Needham where a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

ROBERT BURNS Lodge, No. 78, A. M. E., Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Universal and Symbolic Free Masons meets first and third Friday evening in W. O. W. hall. Visiting brothers welcome.

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