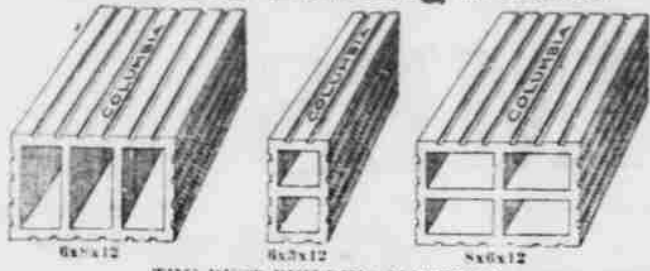


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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM SOLDIER BOYS

(Continued from page 1.)

guns are long ranges. We see all quite ways behind the lines, as our kinds of guns from the rifle to the biggest field guns. We see nothing but soldiers in this part of the country, though crops are in evidence everywhere. See plenty of German prisoners and equipment of every kind. I have seen more proof of German cruelty in the last month than ever before. The Indians in the States, in following their system of scalping, were as nothing in comparison with the deeds and devilry of this race of barbarians. I could not write some of what they have done to defenseless human beings because any who have not seen it could not believe it. Their race is almost ruined. They are suffering defeat after defeat day after day. If the British and French had the same fighting qualities as the Americans the war would be over in a couple of months.

Now, B, I hope everything is well, that Mike has recovered from his illness. How are the crops. I hope they are good. I have no news as I have not heard from any one for some time. Had a letter from Julia Reilly; everybody there OK. She said B. Mollahan and Jennie were writing to me then but haven't got the letter yet. Tell kids and Johnnie hello.

Your affectionate brother,
COR. JAS. MOLLAHAN.

Under date of July 26th, 1918, Jim McNamee writes from somewhere in France to John Kenny. His letter is somewhat of a personal nature but his many friends in Heppner will be glad to read it just the same, and to know that Jimmie is on the job over there, and that he is still a "live one" and doing his bit.

Mr. John Kenny,
Dear Friend:

Your welcome letter received a few days ago and must say I was glad to hear from you. You know mail is the life of fellows in the army, they sure look for it and appreciate it when it comes.

We have had plenty of big experience this last two weeks and have to be on the move most of the time. We are now in a town that was the scene of big fighting about ten days ago but they are gone now never to return to this place. We have been on the line

for over five months so you can see we had plenty of excitement.

Well, John, I fooled the people that thought I was dead as I am well and never sick one day. Last evening I saw Dan Dofferty. It's the first I have ever seen any of the Pendleton boys and Jim is close to here. I expect to see him in a few days, but at the present time we have not much time to write or see anyone as we are kept pretty busy working and traveling.

News is pretty scarce at present as we are in an absolutely deserted part of the country. Give regards to all the folks and best wishes to yourselves.

Your friend,
J. McNAMEE,
167th Field Hospital, 117 San. Train, A. E. F.

Henry E. Peterson, Mail Service,
Tours, France, Aug. 4, '18
Editor Gazette-Times,
Heppner, Ore.

My Dear Sir:

It has been on my mind for some time to write you a few lines and let you know where I am and a few things about this land of France. First, personally, I have been in excellent health, and have been on duty every day since I came over.

The company I belonged to of the Oregon regiment came here to Tours, France, nearly eight months ago, and for four months we were all together, but orders came for the company to leave for training and part of us were transferred to Headquarters Service of Supplies, and I was lucky or unlucky? which ever you may consider one of those that remained behind. Also two other Morrow county boys that left in the same contingent that I did, they are Roby Simeox and Jas. McMillan. The old company were in training for a short time only, when they were sent to the front, and many of them were killed and wounded, but from the reports we get here they all made a fine record. At present, we are all pretty well settled.

I am now assigned to the new Army Postal and Express Service and am traveling on the trains as a mail courier. Like the work very much although we have such things as staying up all night with hardly standing room on the trains to contend with. Quite different from the job I had last summer of pulling a long line on a bunch of combine mules, or juggling wheat bags, but we are all satisfied and are glad to do our bit.

Early last spring I met J. W. Motley, one of the H. H. S. teachers. He was one of those daring aviators and has gone to the front by now. Also heard from Alva Jones, but he has now gone somewhere from his old camp as I have not heard from him for months. Have heard that there are many more Morrow county boys over here but have never seen them.

We have plenty of high class entertainment and movies given by the Y. M. C. A., also a fine Soldiers' and Sailors' Club, as well as a great many other organizations that are doing a lot for the boys to make them feel at home, and we can only thank the good people at home for supporting all these things for us. The war news is very good now and seems to be in the Allies' favor, but remember we have a hard fight before us yet, and no one can predict the end. I have been up near the front several times, so have heard the music of the big guns, and expect and hope to be up there to do the real thing soon.

Now just a few lines about this land over here and the place I am stationed. France in general, what I have seen of it, is very beautiful and historic. The places in the country owned or rented by the passants, are small, and they raise all kinds of crops but on a very small scale. The houses are very old and built of stone and most generally the people live in one end of the house and have their barn with the hay stored in the other, as well as their wine. The French are great for wine, and they have it with their meals, the same as you people have your tea and coffee. They have very little meat, but plenty of vegetables, and no white bread, so they rather think it funny to see us use good white bread. The little city where I am stationed is Tours, population of about one hundred and fifty thousand. Very historic indeed, and it is one of the old battle fields of France where many great victories have been won. Have visited a great many of the old castles, chateaus and cathedrals, as well as a fine museum of art.

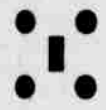
The people in general are very kind to us, and are glad to show us around, not saying anything about the beautiful girls, which are plentiful. This may be an inducement to the boys still in the States, if they hear of it.

Well, time is flying, so must now close. Hope everything is fine in good old Heppner, and some day we may all get together again for a high old time, and you can all depend on the Morrow county boys to give a good account of themselves when they go over the top. Heard something of quite a fire in Heppner. Very unfortunate if true and you can all be assured of our sympathy, and would do anything we could to help in time of need. May victory soon be ours and may God be with us all. I remain, one of Morrow county's boys in France.

CORP. HENRY E. PETERSON,
Hdqrs. Bn. Co. 2, S. O. S., A. P. O.
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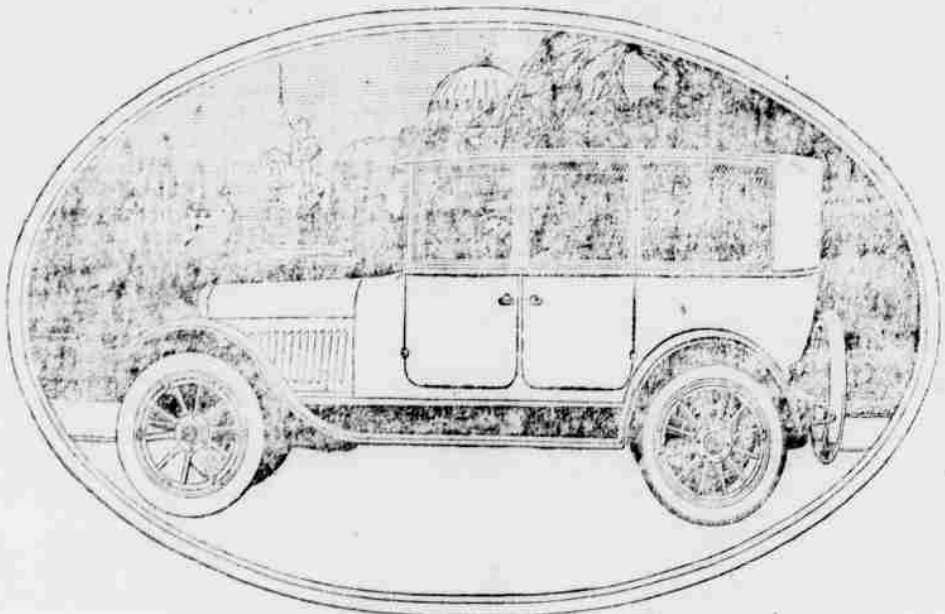
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