

BOYS AT THE FRONT SERVING UNCLE SAM

(The Mail Tribune will publish in this column each week interesting letters from our soldiers and sailors and news items concerning their movements. The Association of Mothers, Wives and Next of Kin requests that items for publication be furnished to Mrs. M. C. Barber, chairman of the press committee, not later than Thursday of each week.)

A letter written by Merritt Merriman, the boy who has been so very ill so long. His recovery will cheer every mother. If he can get well and strong after all he has endured, any boy can.

New York hospital, June 29 Dear Mother: Well, I thought I'd try and write all the effort is quite hard. I am getting up every day. I was up in five days after I was operated on. There are five tubes in my side, four small ones and one about half an inch in diameter. I feel fine and dandy and eat a lot. I hope this will be the last of it, it seems as tho I've had my share. It is awful, cold and rainy here now, had thunder and lightning a few days ago.

I'm glad everything is going good at home. I wish I could be there and helping what I could. Your letters are getting to me in six days now, coming straight to the hospital.

Don't worry any more, dearest, I will be all O. K. from now on as long as I can get enough to eat, I'll pull thru. Also I am very cheerful and don't worry very much, but get homesick once in a while. Am glad you write so often, it cheers me up so much.

I am glad to hear that you are getting my letters all right. I got yours of the 15th this morning and I am sure looking forward to those cakes. Be sure and thank Mrs. Taylor for the cakes she sent me.

It's awful cold and rainy again. They have moved us in off the porch and I expect we will go out again this afternoon. Talk about gaining, I've sure done it this last week. I gained six and a half pounds this last seven days. They weigh us every Monday to see how much we gain. We sure get good care here, have doctors with us all the time, have our temperatures taken four times a day, and if there is any change they find out the cause.

Mrs. Neergaard who writes for those who are not able to write for themselves is certainly a fine woman. With love, MERRITT.

Mrs. Holmes has received a letter from her son Sergeant Cole Holmes which was only seventeen days in transit from France to Medford. He arrived in France about the 21st of May and had a fine trip. The boat was crowded but he wasn't sick and so enjoyed the trip immensely. The camp where he is now located is not a permanent one and he expects soon to be transferred to a camp for training. He is feeling fine and eating three squares a day.

Jay Gore left Camp Lewis Sunday for Atlanta, Georgia where he is to attend the officers' training school. The camp at Atlanta is for machine gun training to which branch Jay has been assigned. James Vance and Don Newbury are still at Camp Lewis training in the artillery officers' school.

Somewhere in France, May 19. Dear Mother and all: I haven't received any mail from home yet but expect to pretty soon now that I am in a company. I have been moving from camp to camp so much the mail has never caught up with me. I am still well and hope you are all the same.

I am second driver on a truck and am in a good company of men. The weather has been fine for the last few days, warm thru the day and cool at night. The grain here sure is growing fast, the rye is headed out now. They have some women and kids in the wheat fields pulling out the mustard and weeds. They have some fine big work horses and keep them shined up. They work quite a lot of oxen, with the yokes up around in front of their horns instead of back against their shoulders like the ones in the states.

How is everybody and everything around there. I am getting along fine and getting fatter all the time. I don't know of anything more so I will close.

PVT. ROLLIE J. RINABARGER, Prov. Co. F, American Mission, M. T. D. Reserve Mallet, American E. F. Convois Autos, par B. C. V.; Paris. Some address, lad. Do they add a letter or so every time you change camp?

Relatives of Sergeant Merle Kellogg were greatly disappointed to receive news that he has been transferred to Riverside and will not be allowed a furlough for at least two months. He has not yet been assigned to duty but like the new camp

and civilians make everything pleasant for the boys. Merle has been in the service over a year and had looked forward to a leave of absence early in July.

Corporal Clatous McCredie is still in quarantine on Long Island. Of forty boys in quarantine only seven had diphtheria but the others retain germs of the disease. The boys now go on hikes and take drill and look forward to being released soon.

Harry Wortman left Camp Lewis for France last Tuesday. In the same company are Winston Vance and Milton Schuchard. Hard lines if the boys were on the troop trains going thru this week and couldn't send word. It would have helped some to have seen their people on the platform as they passed but no one wishes to risk a train wreck even to see the boys.

Stuart Torney writing from Louisiana wished he could be transferred to some other place. It was getting too hot there. He got his transfer to Fort Worth where it is hot. Note: "It is 195 in the shade and no shade. Never come to Texas." He had been assigned there for four weeks to take an advanced course in aerial gunnery.

Speaking of heat, Leslie Plymale wrote: "If you think Klamath county a God forsaken place you ought to see Texas. There was one tree but a fellow lit on it with his airplane and broke all the branches off." Stuart didn't do this as the tree was in San Antonio.

Frank W. Hubbard of the U. S. marine corps in several letters recently received states that he has been at the front a couple of times. That he has never been sick a day nor missed a drill except when on leave. He writes, "Don't worry about me, I am in the best branch of the service and proud to be able to say I am a marine."

Under date of May 15th: "This is a bright sunny day and we appreciate it for the sun shines about one day a month here. We just received our pay for the first time in two months, so I am rich again. We were recently reviewed by General Pershing. He is a fine looking man and just like his pictures. I can understand why no apples are shipped here. On lots of the country roads the borders are of pear, apple and cherry trees about forty feet apart and they are now in full bloom. On many of the buildings there are apple and pear trees, pruned very artistically just like vines. Over here the people hunt snails for food. They are about two inches long and behind every dwelling is a pile of small shells. They say they are very good but I have not tried them. If my letters do not come regularly remember that when we are in the front line trenches, paper is scarce sometimes, and mail not very reliable. Everything is beautiful here now. All the wild flowers and the fruit trees are in blossom and as I stated the roads are lined with trees. When we are on the march we have their perfume all the time. Father said one of my letters sounded like I was blue. I am not, don't worry about that. Of course I would like to be at home with you folks but I came over here to do my part and I intend to do my best. You know a place is just what you make it and I get along fine anywhere, so don't worry about me."

Word was received Friday from Loal Wilson that he is at Camp Mills, ready to sail for France. He is in the heavy artillery and received his training at Fort Worden. Sergeant Dan Watson is in town on a ten days furlough from San Diego. Of the seventy boys who left Medford a year ago last March to enlist in the aviation section, only four, Lloyd Williamson, Seeley Hall, Jay Olmstead and Dan are still stationed at San Diego. To the Editor: In response to your request for letters from boys in service will send one recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of Central Point from their son Budd who is in the navy. He sailed about the 1st of May.—Mrs. Adams. Dear Folks—How are you? Hope you are all feeling fine. Can say I never felt better in my life and I have arrived at my foreign destination O. K. and I like things fine so far. I enjoyed the trip across very much. The first three days out the ocean was as smooth as it could be, but when we got out about mid-ocean we had some pretty rough weather for a day or two.

I had a very nice train ride over here and there is no question but what this is a fine looking country, also it isn't as well improved as it might be, but talk about the grass growing, it sure does here. Everything is nice and green as could be asked for and they don't seem to have any real mountains here, just some hills of fairly good size with no timber on them, and they let a little row of brush grow which looks as tho it were supposed to be a fence and all of the country is divided into small

squares by these strips of brush, and off a long way it looks like a painting done by some of the ancient men who didn't have a very good taste for art. It looks very good but queer. Did you get those papers I mailed you from Philadelphia. Hope you did, they had some good news in them. You know we used to talk about the land of the midnight sun, and in some parts of this country one can't help but think of it. One night I noticed that the sun set at 9:30, and I can't say when it comes up, it beats me out, but from what little time it is gone I think that it just makes a circle around the North Pole but when it begins to circle the South Pole it will be good-night. Well I think that this is about all that I have to say for this time. Will try and do better in my next letter. M. A. ADAMS. U. S. N. T. Barracks, Base 6, care postmaster New York. P. S. Bud is in the naval radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randler were recent visitors from Buncom, as was also Mrs. Walter Zeidler. Charles Numan and family will leave for Coleston Monday, where they have taken a cottage for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lay of Allen spent Sunday with Jacksonville relatives. Miss Mary Hurst has just finished a successful term of school at Solo and after a short visit with relatives will go to Crater Lake for the summer. Miss Lulu Williams returned from Cincinnati, Cal., Tuesday, where she has been at the bedside of her father for the past six weeks. Mr. Williams is slowly regaining his strength. Deputy Sheriff Anderson made a business trip to Tacoma the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cople of Reno, Nev., have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Kate Cople. Mrs. Hal Harrington and daughter, have returned from Corvallis, where they have been living the past year. O. M. Knox, who has the contract for the Applegate star route, has moved his family to Jacksonville. Mrs. Essie Wilson left for San Francisco Tuesday in response to a telegram telling of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Baunton. Mrs. Bammon's husband died suddenly last Friday. Teachers' examination will be held here next week, beginning June 26.

Mrs. Clyde of Ashland, will spend the summer with Mrs. R. Moore. Mrs. Wilson and family have moved to their ranch on Coleman creek. Mr. Asa Robley and Miss Eliza Ferns surprised their many friends last Saturday by being quietly married at the manse by Rev. J. K. Ballie and departing immediately after the ceremony for Tacoma, where they will reside in the future. Their many friends wish them joy and prosperity. Miss Vera Cope and cousin Miss Sadie Sparling are spending their vacation with Mr. J. Cope and family. Mr. E. J. Spekain of Camp Lewis is spending a two weeks furlough with his wife at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. P. Fillmore. Miss Ida Kleinhammer of Yreka, Calif., is at the home of Mrs. S. G. Van Dyke, called there by the illness of their mother, Mrs. Kleinhammer. Mrs. Jennie Kemp gave a very interesting and instructive patriotic address at the high school Monday afternoon. We regret very much that more of the citizens did not avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing such a splendid address and so ably presented. The annual school election was held Monday afternoon. Mr. H. W. Frame was elected as a member of the school board for three years and Mr. Fisher succeeded himself as clerk. Miss McGrall, our county nurse made visits in Phoenix and vicinity on Thursday. Last Friday evening the operatta "The Flower Garden," was rendered in a clever manner by the pupils of the school. Much credit is due Mrs. Oliver for the time and patience she has given our boys and girls to enable them to each do their part so well. Miss Clara Peterson of Seattle, is being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Corliss. The "Mikado," to be given by the Phoenix Red Cross and a few assistants will be rendered Thursday evening, June 27, in the Rose Grove just north of Phoenix.

Mrs. G. R. Harper and children of Portland spent a few days in Jacksonville this week, being en route to Persis, where they will visit the former's sister, Mrs. A. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDaniel and son of Applegate were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. Harry Lay. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Collins and daughter and Miss Lara Couch motored from Grants Pass Monday. Louis Baker arrived from Portland Monday. He was accompanied by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tungate, who have been visiting relatives in that city. Miss Mary McKendry of Klamath Falls is visiting her cousin, Miss Ruth Lay. Miss Leila Prim arrived home last week after a two years' absence in Tucson, Ariz. Miss Myrtle Pitz and Miss Gertrude Opp were among the graduates from the Medford high school this year. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lewis motored over the highway Sunday. W. H. Johnson returned from a business trip to San Francisco the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pursell were visitors from Buncom Tuesday. C. B. Dunnington left for Portland.

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TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock. PORTLAND, June 22.—Cattle—Good stuff steady; off grades down 50 cents to \$3.00. Receipts 68. Steers, prime, \$12.00@13.00; good to choice, \$11.00@12.00; medium to good, \$9.00@10.00; fair to medium, \$8.00@9.00; common to fair, \$5.00@6.00; cows and heifers, choice, \$8.50@9.00; medium to good, \$6.00@7.50; fair to medium, \$4.50@5.50; canners, \$3.00@4.50; bulls, \$5.00@8.00; calves, \$8.50@11.50; stockers and feeders, \$7.00@9.00. Hogs steady, receipts 185. Prime mixed \$16.00@16.75; medium mixed, \$16.40@16.60; rough heavies \$15.00@16.75; pigs, \$15.50@15.75; bulk of sales, \$16.50@16.60. Sheep—50c@1.00 lower; receipts 142. East of mountain lambs \$14.00@14.50; valley lambs, \$12.50@13.00; yearlings, \$7.50@8.00; wethers, \$7.00@7.50; ewes, \$5.00@7.00.

Portland Grain. Grain, June delivery: Oats No. 2 white feed, \$59.50 bid; barley standard feed, \$50.50; barley 'A' brewing, \$52; 30-day oats, No. 2, \$59.50; barley feed, \$50; barley brewing, \$52. Eastern oats and corn in bulk: Oats No. 3 white, \$54; 38 pound clipped white, \$55; corn No. 3 yellow, \$64; corn No. 3 mixed, \$62; oats, No. 3, \$54; oats clipped, \$55; corn yellow, \$64; corn mixed, \$62.

Butter and Eggs. PORTLAND, Ore., June 22.—Butter firm. City creamery prints, 48c; cartons 4c. Buying price butter fat, Portland, 47c; cube extras, 42c; prime firsts, 41c; firsts, 40c; dairy, 33c. Rheumatic and Kidney Ills. Are you troubled with rheumatism, kidney or bladder affections? Any such symptoms as swollen muscles or joints, backache, headache, dizziness, nervousness, played-out feeling, urinary irregularity, piffiness under the eyes? You need Foley Kidney Pills. Mrs. Frank P. Wood, R. F. D. 2, Morrill, Maine, writes: "I found relief as soon as I began taking Foley Kidney Pills. My husband also received much benefit from them. He was so lame he could not stoop over; now he feels no pain. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

WANTED—SITUATION. WANTED—Position in Medford or Talent. Experienced in all lines of office work and hardware. Sober, industrious and guarantee satisfaction. Write J. Foster, Box 141, Gardena, California. 79

WANTED—Team work or will haul wood, hay, gravel or anything. Phone 634-M. 80

WANTED—Sewing of any kind, at home or by the day. Call at 227 East Ninth street. Phone 199-M. 96

WANTED—Two experienced waitresses at Oxford Hotel dining room. Grants Pass, Oregon. Telephone 80*

WANTED—Ten bright capable ladies to travel, demonstrate and sell well known goods to established dealers. \$25.00 to \$50.00 per week; railroad fare paid; weekly advance for traveling expenses. Address at once Goodrich Drug Company, Dept. 797, Omaha, Neb.

WANTED—Woman to do cooking and laundry work. Wages \$40.00. Mrs. Geo. A. Mansfield, Prospect, Ore. Phone F-22-13. 79

WANTED—Bookkeeper and stenographer. State experience and salary wanted. Box X, Mail Tribune. *

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call 567-J2. *

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS WANTED—Four-inch centrifugal pump. Phone 61. 84*

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WANTED—Sell your cream to the Johnson Prod. Co., Central Point, Ore., where the tests and cash counts. *

WANTED—Houses to move, build, repair or wreck. Phone 488-M or 488-X. *

WANTED—R. H. Toft buys Liberty bonds, also mortgages, notes, judgments, escrow contracts, etc., and makes short time loans on any old thing. *

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE. FOR SALE—Modern home half block off pavement, lot 562339, best of tree soil, all in bearing fruit and garden. Will sell for several hundred dollars less than property cost. Phone 192-X. 78

FOR SALE—Rozzie River frontage, 129 acres; 35 acres first bottom, 35 acres bench, 20 acres sloping, 20 acres hill, bottom land cleared, balance timber. Can irrigate large acreage by canal. No buildings. Good town one-half mile. All conveniences can be had. Do not wait. Secure this for \$35 per acre. Page-Dromler Co., 329 East Main street. 78

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WANTED—Boy with motorcycle to carry papers to Ashland early each morning. Phone 415. 78

WANTED—Bookkeeper and stenographer. Good salary. Permanent position. State experience. Box J, Mail Tribune. 79*

WANTED—Man and wife without family, on Three Oaks Orchards, by month or year. Phone 463-J1. 82

WANTED—Man for general farm work. Permanent. Berkeley Orchards. 78

WANTED—Mechanics in all branches of the metal trades for Emergency War Work. Good wages, good working and best climatic conditions. Astoria Marine Iron Works, Astoria, Oregon. 102

WANTED—Teams for county road work. Wages \$7.50 per 8 hour day. Board for men \$1 per day and feed for horses furnished at wholesale prices. For further information address, Moon and Gidley, Marshfield, Oregon. 78

WANTED—Married man as working foreman for ranch. Dr. Henry Hart. *

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK. FOR SALE—Calf. Phone 424-Y. 83

FOR SALE—85 head cattle on Lone Pine ranch. Call H. Patton, 132-Y. 80*

FOR SALE—Fine young team, sound, true and gentle. 2500 lbs. Inquire 17 North Central. 78

FOR SALE—Pure bred Duroc Jersey boar pig. A very promising youngster. Price \$30.00, including registration. Palmer Investment Co., Medford, Ore. *

FOR SALE—Three good horses, weight about 1100, price \$50.00 each. Mrs. W. H. Striker, Riverside Drive, Gold Hill. 79

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, six months old heifer calf, team of heavy work horses, 3500 gals. amurge oil at 6 cents a gallon, 1916 Maxwell touring car. Phone 67-R3. 79

FOR SALE—Seven nice Poland China pigs at \$10.00 each. Will be two months old July 1st. J. C. Cass, phone 304 Jacksonville. 78*

FOR SALE—Fine saddle pony, saddle and bridle. Good for driving stock. Phone 28-31. 82*

FOR SALE—Sows and pigs at Westlund Orchard. Apply to Mr. Clemens. Phone 8-F2. *

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS. FOR SALE—Belgian hare breeding and table stock. Phone 299-M. 80

FOR SALE—1914 Ford, good condition, \$250.00 cash; 2-cylinder Maxwell, fine running order, \$75.00; one Overland in good running order, speedometer, \$175.00. Cash. Medford Junk Co. Phone 283-J. 78

FOR SALE—Gordon and Sons surveyors transit cheap. Phone 202. 78

FOR SALE—Cherries, 5c per lb. and up. C. M. Parker, Phone 452-W. 81

FOR SALE—Buildings, sawmill, and dwelling. Call Ashland 19-F13. 80

FOR SALE—600 lb. U. S. milk separator. Box 9, Mail Tribune. 79

FOR SALE—1916 Ford, newly overhauled; fine shape. W. C. Hawk, Central Point. 78

FOR SALE—Ludwig piano, just like new, cheap. H. G. Launspach. *

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FOR SALE—600 foot 2-inch irrigating pipe. Phone 261-L or call at Room 207 Fruitgrowers Bank Bldg. Also one pair two-ton fruit springs. *

FOR SALE—Second-hand hand beat spray outfit. Hubbard Bros. *

FOR RENT—HOUSES.

FOR RENT—Well furnished, modern bungalow, five rooms and bath, garage; nice location. James Campbell, phone 311-R. 80

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FOR RENT—Furnished house, garden and fruit. Phone 929-W. 81*

FOR RENT—Modern five-room house large yard, fine shade, electric range and water heater. 511 South Oakdale. W. J. Warner. 81*

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