

KANE WRITES OF LIFE IN PALISTINE WITH FLYING CORPS

Frank Kane, who will be remembered as a resident of Medford for several years and who established the valley garage in 1910 is now with the Australian Flying Corps in Palestine and writes as follows to H. B. Patterson of Medford, under date of May 22:

Here I am somewhere in Palestine—just where doesn't matter much. The army is taking care of that end of it. I have been here four months now, and am getting along very well under the circumstances.

You will notice that I am in the flying corps, a mechanic of course, I am too old for a pilot, much as I would like it, but believe me, if the chance ever comes my way, I won't overlook it.

One of our chaps brought a Hun "bars" down this afternoon almost on our own drone. It was a great scrap while it lasted, but our chap was too fast. We don't very often see the show so close to home. This is the third one today, the other two were over the enemy lines.

This certainly could be made a great country. It should grow anything. I saw an orchard today loaded with fruit and the trees were so close together that it looked more like jungle. The oranges here are about as good as I have tasted. It would make you laugh to see the plows they use, the same old wooden plow that was used in Pharaoh's time. They seem to hitch up anything to them, a camel, or a couple of donks, a couple of cows or a donk and a cow, it doesn't seem to make much difference to them. They seem to do good work, too, and cover a fair amount of country at that, nearly all of Palestine is under cultivation at present.

I had a swim in the Mediterranean yesterday. It was great, one of the motor transports takes a party down every day.

I have had a trip to Jerusalem and enjoyed it very much. It was mighty inspiring to go through all the old historical places. It isn't much of a tourist resort just now; you have to take your own grub and blankets and sleep wherever you can.

Oregon may be dry, but I don't think it is half so dry as this place. I have forgotten what a drink looks like. They might as well quit making it as far as we are concerned. Smokes are a treat to us. We can get plenty of cigarettes at times, such as they are, of course. They must be specially made for the troops, I think. They are awful rubbish. In civil life one wouldn't give one to his worst enemy. Believe me, a single binder would look like a Christmas dinner to me these times.

I have been up in the air a good many times since coming over, and I like it very much. I have flown over most of Palestine.

The Hun gives us quite an interesting time when he comes over dropping bombs on us. First of all we hear the anti-air-raft guns open up. Then we see the shells bursting in the air. About that time we can hear their engines. Then somebody locates the machines. Then we begin to wonder if they are loaded and if we are the target. As a rule we don't have long to wait. You will hear the old familiar whistle in the air, someone hollers "here she comes, boys," then hiff, there isn't a head to be seen above ground—not that you wait to look. You are darned busy burrowing in like a rabbit. The trouble is you feel as big as a house and swear that he is shooting right at you, especially at night when you can't see the machines, but can only hear the roar.

By the time the crash of the bomb comes, you have made up your mind that it is meant for you. After that you begin to wonder how many more he has got. It's sure a fine sensation. So far I have behaved very well, my nerves are good, naturally I am scared. Some of the poor beggars I am sorry for, they have lost their goats, altogether. Perhaps I will later.

The guns are firing at a Hun overhead right now, but I don't think he has any eyes for us today. He is flying too high, he is just getting us nicely located for a few nights hence, when the moon will be nice and full. Nice thing to look forward to, isn't it? We have our tent dug out about three feet deep and sand bags placed around the edges, so we won't have to chase out looking for a trench or a hole of some sort, but will get as close to the ground as we can. We will be fairly safe from bombs, unless he is lucky enough to get a direct hit. In that case, of course, it won't matter, as we will never know what happened. They might get us with machine guns, though, but I doubt it very much. I am not losing any sleep over it yet.

GERMAN PAPERS RELUCTANTLY ADMIT FAILURE OF DRIVE

AMSTERDAM, July 22.—The Cologne Gazette says: "As has happened on other occasions, for instance on the Somme, we must concede the loss of prisoners and guns. But even so, the enemy's leading idea, a break through, has not been attained, despite tremendous exertions. We have been able to hold up the counter-offensive before it attained a strategic worth mentioning. Continuous changes in position are logically the outcome of the open warfare now in progress."

The Berlin correspondent of the newspapers writes: "False hopes were perhaps pinned at home to the launching of this new offensive. It cannot be the aim of every single operation to attain definite objectives in all circumstances."

"The victorious operations of the third week of July gave rise to various presumptions in the minds of the people which do not agree with the previous actual conditions, nor with those of today. We have no reason to conceal the fact. There were deserters among the German troops who used their knowledge of the planned operations to betray the fatherland and their comrades."

After referring to the enemy's counter-offensive, the correspondent says:

"The foregoing shows that not only east of Rheims, but also along the Marne, we are confronted with difficult tasks, and Von Hindenburg will in this situation not satisfy some of the strategists."

"It need not be concealed that the aim of the recent offensive has remained unattainable, but new conditions now all the more urgently demand fresh decisions, to which we look forward with strained attention, but also with patience."

OBJECTS ATTAINED RETREAT ORDERED

AMSTERDAM, July 22.—"The withdrawal of our troops to the northern bank of the Marne came as no surprise to well informed circles because the supreme command had confidentially communicated its intention beforehand," says the Cologne Gazette, and adds:

"The object which the forcing of the Marne had in view was attained. Therefore it did not appear dangerous to retreat locally in order to save unnecessary losses."

PHOENIX PARAGRAPHS

Mr. Wm. Carless who has been in Alaska, arrived home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanciff and daughter Vivian, Mrs. Blackwood, Mildred Ward, Gladys Ferns, Bertie Stanciff and mother and sister and Mr. Beaverstadt formed a jolly crowd last Sunday at Ashland park. After a sumptuous dinner they all went to Kingsbury Springs and enjoyed the soda water.

Geo. Morse left Sunday for northern California.

Mr. Will Ferns and Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Ferns motored to Camp Fremont last week to visit their brother Charles Ferns.

Miss Carrie Hull is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Malmgren for two weeks. Walter Myers has returned from working in Pendleton in the harvest fields.

Miss Christine Malmgren is being entertained at the home of her brother, Dr. Malmgren. Miss Malmgren is on her way to her home in Potluma, Calif.

Mrs. Mary P. Fisher is spending the week in Ashland attending Chautauqua.

John Bonar left Monday for Pasadena, Calif., where he will spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Amelia Morse will leave Sunday for a short visit with relatives near Bray, Calif.

Dr. and Mrs. Malmgren served a delicious dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Carl Anderson, Robert Ferry and Robert Waterman who are to leave Monday to begin a soldier's life. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson and son Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ferry and son Robert and daughter Sybil and Robert Waterman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Graffis.

Jack Martin and family are camping at Ashland park and attending Chautauqua.

C. B. Ward is visiting his brother-in-law in Butte Falls.

YANKEE DRIVE CONTINUES WITH UNABATED VIGOR

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Fresh successes for the American forces in their drive between the Aisne and the Marne were reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the war department. The Americans were driving ahead with undiminished vigor and spirit, the statement said. More than six thousand prisoners, over 100 cannon and many trench mortars and machine guns have been taken by American divisions in the last few days on the Aisne-Marne front, General Pershing reported. This was accepted as meaning that the reference in Saturday's statement of 17,000 prisoners, included those captured by both French and American units.

The statement follows: "Headquarters American expeditionary forces: July 21, 1918."

"Section A.—Between the Aisne and the Marne the day has brought fresh success to our troops. With undiminished vigor and spirit they have continued to force the enemy to yield bitterly contested positions. In the fighting of the past few days more than 6,000 prisoners, more than 100 cannon and many trench mortars and machine guns have been taken by our divisions."

"Section B.—There is nothing to report in this section."

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Miss Bertha Wolverton who has been working in Tacoma for some time past, came Thursday to make her home folks a 10 day visit.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Beiknap visited friends Friday and Saturday in Gold Hill.

C. R. Boyd and family were in from Rock Point Saturday.

Kathleen Blank returned to her home in this city Saturday from her work at Medford.

Mrs. B. E. Adams was in from her Rock Point home Friday.

Miss Evagene Starns who has resided the past ten months at Sutherland with the Rev. R. A. Hutchinson and family, returned to her home in this city Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd Eddings left Friday morning for Eugene to meet her husband who is running on the railroad to that center.

John Pates and Lee Dungan were visitors to Medford Saturday.

Mrs. John Long who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. George Barnes in this city returned Saturday morning to Tunnel 16.

Jim Chisholm who has spent the past two years with relatives in Canada is spending the summer with relatives here in Gold Hill. He visited with his father at the Presidio on his return trip.

Miss Reta Keith left Sunday morning to visit at the home of her sister at Albany.

Vernon Fleming came down Saturday night from his work at Prospect.

Mrs. Burleton came down Friday from the mine in The Meadows to spend a few days at the home of her mother and to be with her brother, Roy who is in the 22nd draft and who had come up from Weed, Thursday.

Alton Blank came from the Mira Vista to spend Sunday with his home folks.

Miss Virgie Heaman is visiting relatives at San Francisco.

J. G. Davis of the Sylvanite mine is here again from his other duties at San Francisco and Sacramento and enjoyed the company picnic held Sunday at the beautiful grove up the river near the holdings of that company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blackert were Medford visitors Friday evening.

Mrs. Ernest Billings is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Lewis in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Merritt went to Central Point Sunday morning to be guests for the day of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell who had planned an auto trip to Ashland and Kingsbury Springs for that day.

STAFANSSON ILL AT FORT YUKON PLANS TO LECTURE

NOME, Alaska, July 22.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer, now at Fort Yukon, Alaska, is planning to go on a lecture tour this fall for the benefit of the Red Cross, according to a telegram received here from him.

Stefansson is in a Fort Yukon hospital recovering from illness contracted at Herschel Island in the Arctic early this year. He hopes to come thru Nome in August on his way to the outside world. Stefansson has not been "outside" since 1913, when he sailed from Victoria, B. C., at the head of an exploration expedition.

The polar bear, Stefansson's schooner, is now on its way from Herschel Island to Nome with the records and equipment of the expedition. Stefansson plans to meet the schooner here and then sail aboard a passenger liner for Seattle. The polar bear will be taken to Victoria.

If the explorer meets the Bear, as planned and sails for the outside, the first lecture will be given at Carnegie Hall, New York, October 6, the telegram said. In his lectures, it is believed, Stefansson will tell of his work and discoveries.

CENTRAL POINT

Mrs. Iola Casey of North Platte, Neb., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Mary Price. The two ladies were neighbors in the above mentioned city for several years previous to Mrs. Casey's coming to Oregon. Mrs. Casey will remain in southern Oregon for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clary of Ashland visited with the latter's mother, Mrs. Nettie Green and family here recently.

A. P. Gillette is at Canyonville this week doing up some farm work that required his attention.

Miss Gladys Holmes has been appointed to fill a government position in the chief signal officer's office in Washington, D. C.

All the stores were closed here Thursday afternoon and the merchants and their families went to Ashland and spent a very enjoyable afternoon with other merchants of the valley.

Merchant D. C. Robnett, Mrs. Robnett and Mrs. Rose Heronhouse, the latter of Portland, left Monday morning in the merchant's Dodge car with Oregon state license for 1918, number 1, on it, for Crescent City and other coastal points for a ten days vacation.

Luke Pearl of Chico, Cal., is visiting his father, Mr. B. E. Pearl and sister, Miss Lela Pearl, and other relatives and friends here. Mr. Pearl has enlisted in the musician's department of the United States navy and is awaiting a call to duty.

Mayor W. A. Cowley has purchased the ice cream and confectionary business formerly conducted by John E. Ross. Mr. Cowley has moved the stock, necessary fixtures, etc., across the street to his building, from the old stand and will be able to meet the demand for soft drinks, ice cream, fine confections, etc.

Frank Mayfield and Elmer Kyle, youths of 21 years, of this city, have enlisted in the naval reserve corps of the United States navy.

John Sixty has returned from a business trip south.

Miss Pearl Ross of Portland is spending a few days here.

Mrs. John Mitchell and children left the last of the week for Portland, where they will join Mr. Mitchell.

Miss Katherine Thompson is enjoying a vacation with Eagle Point friends this week.

R. H. Moore left Friday evening for Portland and other northern cities.

BLACK ASSISTANT TO WALSH ON LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON, July 22.—William Harmon Black, former district attorney of New York, has been chosen by Frank P. Walsh as his alternate on the National War Labor board.

HARDEN GRILLS HERTLING'S POLICY TOWARD BELGIUM

AMSTERDAM, July 22.—Maximilian Harden, in discussing in Die Zepher the recent statement made by Chancellor von Hertling concerning Belgium, says:

"Can a country be regarded as an independent state which is only to be returned to the owners when negotiations with twenty other states have reached a favorable conclusion? Can a country be regarded as independent which before its return must undertake to adopt its entire state life to the will of an enemy power still ruling its soil?"

"International law forbids Germany to retain even one pebble of Belgian streets. Is Belgium, as a chancellor, a state secretary and an ambassador have confessed, an innocent victim of German self defense? Then, we have to ask its forgiveness and not force conditions upon it. This is a question of decency, morality and honor of a nation."

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

Ed Cingrade, one of our promising young men, who was called by the United States draft board from near San Jose, Calif., arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Cingrade, Wednesday evening and on going to Medford to answer the call and taking the second or three examination, was turned down again on account of his having a weak heart.

And now he says that he is going to have his residence changed from Eagle Point to his present home in California, as it is quite an item of expense to him to leave his work and pay his railway fare from San Jose, Cal., up here and back, beside losing the time. It seems as though after a young man has been examined by a medical board and pronounced unqualified for military duty, that there should be some provision made so that he will have his expenses paid if he has to make an extra trip of several hundred miles to have another examination made by the same or some other board.

Thomas Cooke and George Given were among the business addressees Thursday and Mr. Cook took passage on the P. & E. for his home in Butte Falls.

J. Ward, of Phoenix, a brother of Sam Ward, of the "Palace of the Kings," on Big Butte was among the diners here Friday, and A. S. Bitton, the meter reader for the C. & O. P. Co., and his son, Kenneth, Mrs. F. F. Poltz and her daughter Mary, were diners at the Sunnyside.

Mr. M. C. Logan of Brownboro was a business caller Thursday and while here gave me his subscription to the Daily Mail Tribune.

Pent. Broddy was here on business.

He is preparing to take water from the main ditch north of town to irrigate some of his land.

S. H. Harnish, who has been up on his mountain ranch returned Thursday evening.

Marsh Garrett was here for dinner Thursday. He says that it keeps him busy all the time irrigating his two ranches, one on Lake creek and the other on Dead Indian, and the way he has to go it is sixty miles from one ranch to the other, as he has to go and come by way of Ashland, but he goes with an auto. Talk of the auto being a luxury. In his case it is a necessity.

Friday noon Mr. J. G. Crenford and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Willis of Albany, Ore., stopped for dinner. Mr. C. is a stenographer and Mr. W. is one of the engineers on the S. P. R. They started from Albany Thursday evening and reached here in time for dinner about 220 miles. They came out to see the country and to look over our Agate field. They found several very fine specimens. Taking their supper here they went on to Medford that night.

Mrs. Sam Coy and children came in from their ranch Friday morning to do her week's trading. Mr. R. A. Petty who is working the Thomas Riley Jr., farm on Antelope, was a business caller, and so was Mrs. Combs, who with her husband, reside on the W. D. Roberts (Joe Rader) place, was doing business here.

H. C. Mitchell of Oregon City and

Mr. V. A. Heffner of the Elk Creek hatchery were here Friday. Mr. Mitchell is in charge of the fish hatcheries of the state and has been up looking over the work in Butte Falls and Elk creek and was on his way to his home in Oregon City, and Mr. Heffner has charge of the hatchery at the mouth of Elk creek.

William Vonder Hellen, one of our hardware merchants, who has been seriously ill for some time, was taken to Portland Friday evening to a specialist. He was taken with an abscess behind the ear and is in a critical condition.

Saturday morning there was quite a number of passengers on the P. & E. and among them was quite a number of the young men who have been called to the colors, who had been in to attend the meeting of "the boys" in Medford. Among them were Thomas Vestal, Mr. Pearson, Robinson and some whom I did not know. Albert Clements and Ed Cingrade came home Friday night. Other passengers on the train were Mrs. Obenheimer of Butte Falls, Harry Young, formerly of the Daily Mail Tribune force, but now developing his muscles on the farm, Mrs. Britton of Medford and Miss Dahler Minton.

W. C. Duly and his son Irvin were business callers Saturday morning.

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