

News Of The Boys Here And "Over There"

LIEUT. BREECE FIGHTS RAGING FOREST FIRE

Calls It His First Real Thrill Of The Great War

Second Lieut. Edson J. Breece, of E Battery, writes interestingly from "somewhere in France" to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Breece of North McKenzie street. Extracts from the letter follow:

"Just as I started this letter, I was called out to fight a raging forest fire. It was 10 o'clock at night and I was ordered with 50 men under me to go out and put it out. We had to go 3 miles, but, of course, we rode in trucks. It was a wonderful moonlight night and we went through some beautiful country.

Well, when we got there, every regiment in the camp was represented and the fire was going some. It was burning in a space about one mile long and one-fourth of a mile wide. The sound that came from it was just like the large waves sounded when they hit our boat on our way over. That sound I heard so often and shall never forget it. Well, we worked as hard as we could and got the fire out at 4:30 a. m. I got in bed at 5:30 and felt real mean. I call it the first real thrill of the war for me.

"This old war is not going to last so awful much longer and don't you worry if it does, because I talk to artillerymen every day who come from the front and their tales sure are consoling to us boys. And then, we are learning this old game ourselves in a school here and we can see a few things for ourselves. I always thought that war was H—, but I find it is just what you make it.

"James Graham wrote a letter to Don Snow tonight and left a space at the bottom saying, Lieut. Breece is going to censor this and he may want to add something. I will say a few words as I would like to hear from Don. Lieut. Kenneth Snow has made application for a transfer to this regiment and maybe he will be back with us before long. I would like to have him back again."

"EDSON."

FRITZ IS NO MATCH FOR YANKS—BREECE

Says Yankee Spirit Of Optimism Dominates All Of Them

Sergeant John L. Breece with F Battery, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Breece of North McKenzie street. Extracts from the letter follow:

"We are still in the same camp as when I wrote last, not with a longing to be over there, but with the same longing to be up on the front and pay Fritz a few compliments from the Buckeye artillery.

"This morning is a bit cloudy, but not threatening of a much needed rain. Church call is at 10 bells, but owing to inspection this morning, not many will attend. This last week, mother, I subscribed for the "Stars and Stripes" to be sent to you so that you may see the world as we do. It is our one big comfort as mail is awful slow in getting here.

"Say, one of the boys in E Battery got a card from Don Snow. I don't know who it was, but will find out.

"I am certainly feeling fine over here and same is true of the rest of the Battery. Fritz is no match for us, and from now on, it's forward. Here I am talking like a veteran and I haven't hardly smelled powder yet, but it is that Yankee spirit which is dominating in all of us that causes us to open such letters of optimism. In this game, it is too much imagination which causes the yellow streak.

"Leut. Kenneth Snow is climbing right up, I understand. Going to another school now nearer the front.

"While billeted in the little town several weeks ago, I saw an old man and aged lady weaving wicker bot-

oms in chairs for a living. It was quite a novelty and one which struck old "E" to the quick. A collection was made and over one hundred francs presented to them. They denoted their heartfelt thanks when tears came to their eyes. Such incidents will remain with me for a long time of the determined spirit throughout France."

"JOHN."

ALLIES WONT MARCH INTO BERLIN—TRACY

Howard Boy Says Kaiser Bill Will Come To Terms Before That

Writing home to his sister in Howard, D. V. Tracy, who is now serving in France with the artillery, predicts that no allied army will ever march through Berlin, because, before that, the Kaiser will come to terms. The letter follows:

"Last evening, Mother's letter to Fred arrived. We were glad to hear from home again. The condition of the corn crop comes as unpleasant news to us. The scarcity of farm labor is to be expected. Here most of the farming is done by the women and children. Mother says that Howard has been a very faithful sod-buster all summer. He is spending his patriotic vacation like everybody should. Tell him to dig in and be a good soldier. You know Napoleon said, "Our army fights on its stomach." Letters from home mean more to us than letters from 'over there' mean to the folks back in the States.

"Just a few days ago Fred wrote to Mother and Charley. He tried to tell them something of how the people harvested the crops here. This part he omitted; every old man, woman and child carry a bottle of cider to the field. The children are almost raised on cider. Their teeth show the effects, too.

"I am waiting anxiously for those pictures and county papers. Last night, I received a letter from Anthony Welker. Mother asked about sending packages. We are allowed a permit from one battery commander which must be sent to the States and then returned with the package desired to be sent. We would be glad to get a sweater. You might slip a few chocolate bars in the folds. Candy is one thing we can't get here, and you know the army cooks don't pester us much with such dainties as chocolate pudding, etc.

"What do you folks think of the late war reports? The Yanks are living up to their reputation. Perhaps their greatest accomplishment has been the moral effect on both the enemy and the allied troops. If this affair lasts till spring, watch for one grand large celebration. The old Kaiser will fight till he is forced back to his own land, then he will give up. No allied army will ever march through Berlin because before that the enemy will come to the allies' terms.

"Do you remember of reading of Havre, France, being air raided? My first night on the continent was spent at Havre. At that time a raid was daily expected."

"D. V. TRACY."

OBORNE SAYS FRENCH PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY

Declares They Are Willing To Teach Yanks Any Time

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Anna Osborne, of East Chestnut street, Raymond H. Osborne, serving with E Battery in France, tells of the places and people over there. The letter follows:

"We are situated in a little village just out of Bordeaux. We are billeted in the houses and barns and it's almost like home to us after the time we have had.

"The people are as friendly as can be, well educated in French and are always willing to assist us in learning it. It's a treat to be among them.

"I have seen from a distance many

of the great castles and cathedrals of England and France.

"This is a very lovely country. Of course, we do not know how long we will be here. The climate is fine. Magnolias are in bloom and blackberries just starting to ripen."

"RAYMOND."

BUTLER PRAISES RED CROSS IN A LETTER

Says That It And The Y. M. C. A. Are Deserving Of People's Money

Writing to his father, Henry D. Butler, who resides near Fredericktown, Ray D. Butler, who is stationed at Camp Pike, Arkansas, tells of conditions at that camp. Extracts from the letter follow:

"We left Camp Greenleaf yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and arrived here today at 5 o'clock. It was surely a good trip and we saw some fine country. Saw acres and acres of cotton and some nice corn. The corn looked like it was ready to cut and most all the crop looked good.

"I really hated to leave Camp Greenleaf for I had made many friends there, but, as the old saying goes, 'It's better to leave friends than to leave enemies.'"

"This camp is much different from any other camp I have ever been in. We sleep in barracks and we don't have to go out-of-doors for anything, just like living at home. I believe I will like it here real well except that the water, which is sulphur water, doesn't taste very well, but I suppose I will get used to it.

"I want to speak about the Red Cross. They sure were good to us on our trip over here. At two towns, they were out and gave us tea, cigarettes, chewing gum, candy and postcards. I think that everyone should give all they can to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A."

"I tell you a lot of people don't realize what this war is, until they get a relative in the service.

"We are transferred to the base hospital for a while."

"RAY."

PARADE IN FRANCE ON FOURTH OF JULY

Rinehart Enjoys Games In Afternoon; Minstrel Show In Evening

In writing to his mother, Mrs. Frank Rinehart of Bladensburg, Corporal C. W. Rinehart, now serving in France, says that on the Fourth of July, they paraded "somewhere in France" and that in the afternoon they all went out to the baseball field where contests were held. He participated in a three-legged race and came out third. Afterward, two companies had a game of baseball and Rinehart played second base. In the evening, there was a minstrel show after which refreshments were served.

Rinehart goes on to say that he received the medal which the Advocate, a Newark newspaper, sent him, and states that it surely shows the spirit of the people back home.

ROSSIE FEELING FINE AND IN GOOD HEALTH

In a card to Mrs. John Shields of North Main street, Private Vernango Rossi, who is serving in France with E Battery, says that he is getting along fine and is in perfect health, but would like to see the "folks back home" for just a few minutes.

GARGLE PARADE NOW

The Associated Press to "The Banner" LONDON—"Gargle parade" has been added to the numerous medical parades which American soldiers have to submit to in camp. This has become necessary owing to the prevalent wave of influenza. About 5:45 each morning the men are required to cleanse their throats with an antiseptic solution.

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Miss Bessie Van Voorhis and Miss

'CLEAN-UP MAN' WRITES INTERESTING LETTER

Popham Says He Hasn't Been Golfing Much Of Late

An interesting letter, written in the lingo of a baseball fan or player, has been received by Ned Hger from First Sergeant Lewis F. Popham, who is now serving in France with E Battery. The letter follows:

"The old haymaker is just now 'goin' up and you, at this exact moment, have not been in bed very long, but we have a peculiar schedule in this league as well as some long jumps. "Judging from the clipping sent over, you have signed up in this same league, so you will know all about it soon.

"Say, Ned, this first sergeant job makes umpiring look like teaching school. Just imagine trying to be 'hard' day in and day out with 150 'hard' guys and some 'harder' than you are. Believe me, I'll never run for office back home 'cause I can figure about how I stand with the boys over here with the line I have to hand them.

"We have some club with good teamwork and, with an even break, we will finish one-two-three and well over 500 percent. 'Port' is going good. He told me yesterday he would sign a long term contract if our present season closed soon.

"Haven't been golfing much lately. Ned, and, in fact, haven't seen any courses, of course. However, there are hog yards and we hear of big drives.

"Hope everybody is well and hearty. Give the bunch my best. Remember me to them and say that we figure H. H. or H. (Heaven, Hell or Home.)"

"FLETCH."

AMERICANS DOING BIG WORK AT THE FRONT

Welker Says All Are Anxious To Get Into The Fight Before War Ends

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welker of East Hamtramck street have received a letter from their son, Lawrence Welker, who is with E Battery "over there," wherein he tells of the life they are all living. Extracts from the letter follow:

"Well, we are back to the battery again working as hard as ever. We are at Camp Sauge which is altogether an artillery camp.

"We go to the range today to fire and stay there until we are qualified to go to the front which will be in about a month's time.

"The Americans are doing some wonderful work at the front and they think the war will be over by Christmas, so we are all anxious to get up there so we can be there when the end comes and also to get into the fight before it's all over.

"We have gas drill and everything else that goes to make up regular army life here.

"Father O'Conner is here and he says two masses every Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. He sends his best to all.

"We have good, brick barracks to sleep in and good eats, too. You have to walk in and up to your shoe tops and it is very warm. I don't think it over rains as I have not seen any since I came here.

"Water is very scarce at times and you only get to wash about once a day. The way you take a bath is to get a bucket and get someone to pour it over you. It makes you a little sick at first to drink it, but you soon get over that and don't notice it at all.

"Give my best to everybody at home as I think of my friends quite often.

"There is nothing new hardly worth while. We are working every minute of the day so that when I get back you will have a much stronger son. We are all well and looking fine. M. Vernon won't know us when get back. I am filling out very much and, if I keep on, I will be a regular "corn fed."

"LAWRENCE."

BASKETBALL CUP AND H.S. RECORDS COME TO LIGHT

Found Behind Pile Of Books In A Drawer In H. S. Library

HAVE BEEN MISSING FOR OVER FIVE MONTHS

Officials Delighted; Thought To Have Been Returned During Summer

The northern Ohio high school silver basketball cup won by the local high school at the tournament at Delaware last winter, and the records of high school pupils for 12 years back, both of which have been missing for over five months, having disappeared the latter part of April, were brought to light recently in the office of Principal W. E. Rimer. A great deal of mystery surrounded the disappearance of the cup and records and their loss was keenly felt both by the students and faculty, so it was with much gratification that they were found.

Principal Rimer had need of a certain book and, in looking for it through the drawers in the lower part of the bookcase in the library, he discovered the high school records stowed away behind piles of other books. Elated over his "find," he hastened to go through the remainder of the drawers and at another corner of the room, hidden behind some more books in a drawer, was the silver cup.

As the whole high school building, including these drawers in the bottom of the bookcase, were thoroughly searched at the time when the cup and records were missing, it is thought that they must have been taken by someone jealous of the basketball team members and who wished to have his high school record covered up and then, becoming frightened over the prospect of supposed prosecution if caught, returned them during the summer and hid them where they would be found before many days had passed.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR STENOGRAPHERS AND JOB AS TYPIST

Must Be In Special Or Limited Service; Go To Columbus On Sept. 23

Notification of the receipt of a call in Ohio for 100 stenographers and typists, qualified for special or limited service in the military organization of the country, has been received by the local draft board. No quota has been assigned to Knox county, but the local board has called for volunteers for this service. The men will entrain on Sept. 23 for the Columbus barracks. One man has volunteered so far for service under this call.

THOS. M'CAMMETT DIES

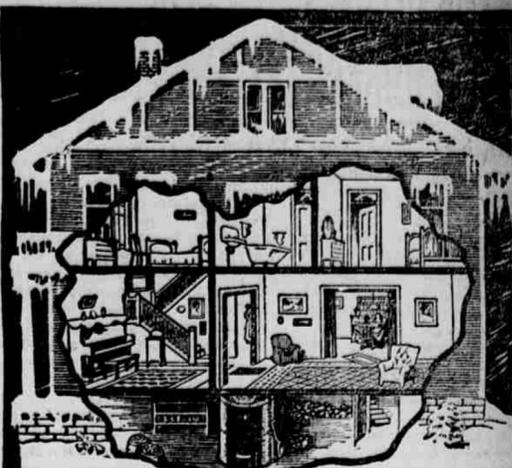
CENTERBURG, Sept. 13—Thomas McCammett, who was born at Bladensburg, died on August 26 at his home in Kansas City, Kas., according to word received by relatives here today. Mr. McCammett left Knox county about 38 years ago. He was 78 years of age.

FOUR WEEKS' DELAY IN FISH RUN CAUSE ALASKANS CONCERN

(By Associated Press to The Banner) DAWSON, Yukon Territory, July 12 (By mail)—Big "King" salmon, which run in millions up the Yukon River every summer, were about four weeks late in making their appearance this year. As a result, white residents and natives along the river, who depend on their run for their winter food, talked of salmon famine and the horrors of a fishless winter.

Delayed winter ice in the Bering Sea at the mouth of the Yukon it is believed here, made it impossible for

the fish to enter the stream. Bering Sea ice this year, according to reports, moved later than at any time in the last decade. The fish made their appearance only a few days ago. They are taken from the river in nets and wheel traps and are cured in camps along the shores.



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MRS. WILLIAMS HEAD OF Y. W. C. A. WAR WORK

That Mrs. B. B. Williams of East Gambler street will head the Y. W. C. A. war work campaign organization in this city, was the announcement made by the state campaign headquarters at Columbus Friday.

In this work, Mrs. Williams is associated with Mrs. W. W. Miller of Akron, state campaign chairman, and nationally with Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the secretary of state; Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, and others.

HAND LACERATED

Frederick Burton, employed by the Avery & Loeb Electric Co., painfully lacerated his left hand with a hatchet while working at the fair grounds on Friday.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS AT THE Y. M. C. A.

The Ministerial association of Knox county will meet at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. Election of officers and important business. This will be the first meeting since the summer vacation.

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