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### SOLDIER BOYS WRITE OF THEIR EXPERIENCE

#### Letters From Boys Located at Different Forts in Coast Artillery Service.

Sam Olson, who is stationed at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, writes this of an interesting letter dated May 15. In part he says:

"I received the bunch of 'Tribunes' the May 9th issue and distributed them to the rest of the Willmar boys here. You ought to see how eager they were to get them and read the news from home. To most of us it was the first news received from home since our arrival here. I read that paper a lot more thoroughly than I ever did before."

**Local Boys There.**

"Willmar is pretty well represented here; another bunch came in Tuesday, May 15. With the exception of Ben Falkingham, all of the last bunch that enlisted in the coast artillery and left Willmar on May 3rd came here. Altogether there are sixteen from home here. They are Richard Taylor, Hans Peterson, Earl Frye, Emil Lindskoog and myself in the first company; Roy Danielson, William Gratz and William Peterson in the second; Arne Weilin, Eddie Christopherson, Joe Kvan and George Maddison in the third; Elroy Peterson, Thorwald Thorsen, Willard Sundfors and Jens Olson in the fourth company. Our addresses are Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island, and the company."

**Hard to Adjust Self.**

"I found it to be quite hard to adjust my mind to the circumstances as we went along. A soldier is supposed to be able to take any mental strain that circumstances might call for. I was far from being a soldier when I left home, and consequently had a hard time to adjust my mind to the changes we went thru. The attitude of the citizens of Willmar on our departure left a deep impression on all of us. When we arrived at Jefferson Barracks it was so strikingly opposite that it nearly knocked us over. We were not offering our services to our country without some sacrifice on our part, as well as on the part of our folks at home, so it was hard to adjust ourselves to the attitude at the Barracks. Of course one must take into consideration the fact that they were hard pressed all of the time, by having recruits pouring in at the rate of thousands a day. At least it gave me a wrong impression of the army. Here it is so different you would hardly know it is the same organization. Especially in the first company things are a lot better than I expected to find them when I left home."

**Description of Barracks.**

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**Duties.**

"Our duties consist entirely of drilling and instruction. We get up at 5:45 a. m., get ready for Reveille at 6 o'clock and have five minutes exercise before breakfast. Have breakfast between 6:30 and 7:00 o'clock. Our real day's work commences at 8 o'clock. We have artillery drill for an hour; from 9:30 until 10:30 we have infantry drill; from 10:45 until 11:30 we have instruction in guard duty; from 1:30 until 2:30 we have rifle drill; from 3 until 4 we have instruction in military courtesy, saluting officers, etc. The different companies may have different hours, but the work is about the same. Some are rushed more than others. We find quite a bit of spare time on our hands. Not including the time we spend cleaning up, we are busy about five hours out of the day."

**Cleanliness and Good Morals.**

"Everything in the army must be kept clean. If a person enters the army with slouchy habits, they will soon be taken out of him. A soldier must have clean habits and good morals. The army tries to uphold the morals of the men all they can. I often hear men reprimanded for using profane and indecent language. The corporal who has charge of our instruction gives us long lectures on the bad results of using profane and improper language. Not including the time we spend cleaning up, we are busy about five hours out of the day."

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to keep me from getting fat. Each company has its own barber and pool room and day room, where the beds and lockers are. The new fort is built around the old one and the barracks look like a big round house from a distance. The side facing the sea is made of heavy stone about twenty feet thick; under these in arches are the fort store, and Y. M. C. A. rooms, gym, store rooms, etc. I was broken when we got here, but they give us little books with coupons in them worth 10c and a nickel. We get \$3.00 worth this month and one-third of our salary next month. Remember me to everybody."

Among other things, Chester L. Nelson says, in writing from Fort Monroe: "I have learned more in the short month I have been here than I did in all the long eighteen years I have lived. I was doing mess hall duty again today. It isn't as bad as it might be. We had hash for breakfast, beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, for dinner, and fried potatoes and liver for supper. We do not wash our own clothes. All I wash is my leggings and towels. The rest we send to the laundry."

Fred Smith says it was pretty warm drilling down at Fort Monroe last Friday, which may readily be believed if it was as hot proportionately down here as it was here. They drill the mortar pits each morning from eight until twelve, after which they return to the barracks, or go down to the beach for infantry drill. "An English officer and a gray, visited us on Tuesday at 6 a. m. Went thru Cleveland, Syracuse, Albany, Buffalo and Boston. The officers treat us fine here. The captain gave us a good talk yesterday and last night I went to the movies in the garrison. They were free. Saw two submarine chasers in the bay this morning when I went down to the fort. This sure is a pretty place, and the millionaires have regular castles around here."

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. H. F. Porter, Dentistry, Carlson Block—Adv.

Edward M. Elkjer has invested in Dodge touring car.

Melvin Ostlund left last Friday for a visit at Clara City.

Dr. C. E. Gerratson, Dentist, Loney Block. Telephone 199.—Adv.

Dr. Albert W. Odell, Dentist, Metropolitan Bldg. "Phone 47.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Butler and son Ray, spent Friday visiting in the cities.

Leo Payne of Roseville was a visitor in this city last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jane McDonald, private nurse. "Phone 622; residence 514 4th St. S.—Adv.

Mrs. W. E. Pearson returned last week from a visit with her parents at St. Cloud.

Dr. A. W. Odell returned last Wednesday evening from a short stay in the cities.

Emil Alm left last Friday for Milwaukee, S. D., to spend some time there on business.

Lou Vinje spent a portion of last Sunday afternoon enjoying life at Green Lake.

See the new style DeLaval cream separator at Oshberg, Selvig & Co.'s Hardware Store.

J. E. McNamara of Minneapolis was in this city on business the middle of last week.

Earl Curran left last Friday afternoon for a few days' visit with his sister at Fargo, N. D.

For gifts appropriate for graduation, drop in and see our assortment. C. A. Nelson, jeweler.

John Holmdahl purchased the residence of J. G. Applegren and sold it to Oscar Anderson.

Erick and Edward Elkjer returned last Thursday from Fosston, Minn., after a short stay there.

Harold Ramsett returned Tuesday to Minneapolis after a few days' visit with his parents here.

A. F. Hanscom has purchased a new Buick car thru the local agency, the Osmundson garage.

Miss Allene Sherwood who teaches at Litchfield spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Alton Baldwin left last week for Stillwater where he is making an extended stay with relatives.

Miss Nellie Robbins who attends the university and who spent the week-end visiting at her home in this city.

Paul Hedin autoped up from Minneapolis last Thursday after spending a couple of weeks in the cities.

Mrs. E. G. Alimsted and son, Richard visited a couple of days at New London the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Iver Moen of Tracy arrived the middle of last week for a visit with her son, Otos Moen and family.

Mrs. S. E. Stansberry returned the latter part of the week from a week's visit with relatives in the cities.

**OBITUARY**

**MISS CHRISTINE NELSON.**

The funeral of the late Miss Christine Nelson, whose demise was briefly mentioned in our last week's issue, took place last Sunday at the Lebanon church at New London. Rev. A. F. Almer, the pastor officiated, and paid to the memory of the departed a well-earned tribute. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion. A profusion of floral offerings testified to the love and esteem of her many friends. The choir rendered two selections for the occasion. The interment took place in the Lebanon cemetery. The pall bearers were Jesse and Eddie Larson, Harry and Arthur Nelson, Walter Monson and Emil Johnson.

Christine Nelson, daughter of Peter J. Nelson, was born at the old homestead in New London township, on June 3, 1876, and grew to womanhood in that community. She was well and favorably known to many people of this state for her cheerful, kind and loving disposition as a teacher. She graduated from the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minnesota, in 1905. She devoted 14 years to her chosen life work of teaching. She taught a number of years in this county, at North Branch, Kerkhoven, Graceville and Holland, Minnesota, where she was principal of schools for two years. From there she was called home to take charge of the family cares at home, where she cheerfully gave herself in loving care and service to those dependent upon her. She passed away last Wednesday, May 16, death being due to heart failure. She leaves to mourn her death, her father, Peter J. Nelson; one sister, Ida; three brothers, Albert, Frank and Edwin; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Albert S. Nelson of Willmar, Minnesota and Mrs. C. E. Nelson of Baraun, Minnesota, and other relatives. A large circle of friends extend their sympathy to the sorrowing family in their great loss.

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Mrs. J. Krummlek left last Thursday for her home at Minneapolis after several weeks' visit with her son, Grover and family in this city.

Ole Barnstad has purchased one of the new Buicks. It is finished in blue gray color, and was the object of much admiration at the garage last Sunday.

"Squatt" Hoglund and "Speedy" Selin motored to Litchfield last Sunday afternoon and spent a few hours visiting with friends. They returned early that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Norgren left the middle of last week for their new home at Madison Lake, Minn. Their many friends in this city wish them well in the new location.

Otto Osmundson spent Monday in the cities. He left that morning for Minneapolis to drive back with a car. Owing to the rain he was forced to wait until Tuesday before returning.

Moore's orchestra, which has been on a five weeks' tour of the northern and western section of the state will give at dance at the Woodmen hall at Spicer on Friday evening of this week.

John R. Leach, Jr., was a visitor at his home in St. Paul over Sunday. He worked east as far as Dassel Friday, after which he drove to the Sainly city to spend Sunday with his parents.

Misses Minnie Arneson and Ethel Miller left Friday afternoon for their respective homes at Atwater. They returned Sunday evening accompanied by their studies in the local Normal department.

Henry J. Sletten returned the middle of last week from Huron, S. D. He is acting as "Big Chief" at the local depot while agent Farnell is enjoying a vacation, the first which he has taken in many a day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parnell left the latter part of the week for a visit at Minneapolis. From there they go to Litchfield in the northern part of the state to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Parnell.

Sergeant William O. Boger left last Friday afternoon for a week end visit with his wife and daughter in Minneapolis. He returned Sunday evening accompanied by his little daughter. Mrs. Boger will arrive the latter part of the week.

Raymond L. Stansberry, who has been attending the Wharfton School of Finance and Commerce, in connection

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The Prism Young People's Society will be held in the school house near Edward Hanson's home, Dist. No. 68S on Wednesday evening, May 30, at 8 o'clock. The following program will be rendered:

Vocal solo.....Hazel Dahlien  
Devotion.....Phyllis Haley  
Reading.....Esther Erickson  
Violin solo.....George Webber  
Reading.....Mabel Olson  
Vocal duet.....Sigval Olson  
Organ solo.....Florence Sanderson  
Remarks.....Rev Nicolay Nilsen  
Vocal solo.....Sigval Olson

After the program refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Committee.

**Notice to Commercial Club Members.**

All members of the Willmar Commercial Club are hereby notified and requested to appear at the Court House square at 1:30 p. m. on Wednesday, May 30, for the purpose of joining in a body the parade then and there to be formed as part of the Memorial Day exercises.

Dated May 23, 1917.

T. O. GILBERT, Pres.

—Messrs. E. J. Boomer and Horton Sperry went to Morris Sunday evening after spending the day at their homes in this city.

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