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NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Interesting Letters from Our Boys at Home Camps and Abroad.

From John Linebarger
The following letter, dated Sept. 26, has been received by Matilda Malmstrom from John Linebarger, in France.

I will now write you a few lines as I just came out of battle and was just relieved of the big guns. I am somewhere on the battle front and believe me it is sure some noisy place.

We started firing about 2 o'clock a. m. and fired steady until 9 this morning. We sure fed those sauerkrauts some misery and we've sure got them on the run now. I was just down on the road and watched the prisoners come in and there was a bunch of them.

There is a heavy battle taking place close here now, and I can hear it plain as all I have heard for the past 16 hours is a steady roar of the cannons, and our old boys can sure bark is what I am telling you. They sure make the earth tremble for miles around.

Oh, yes; who do you suppose I saw the other day? I saw Emmett Ireton and had a good long talk with him. My, but I was glad to see some one I knew. He found out where I was and sent word to me, so I went and looked him up. Dow Allen was within just a mile of where I was, but I did not get a chance to see him. But I sure would have enjoyed seeing him, as we were always such good pals. I also saw Paul Hughes from Emmett, I guess you know him. It sure was great to see some of the boys I knew back home.

This was a busy place last night as everybody was going his best, but it won't be so bad tonight as we have them on the run. I am sitting in a shell hole on my bunk writing this and I doubt if you can read it, and it is also getting quite dark. But I will do the best I can. Probably you will know where I am if you read the papers, for I am where the big drive is taking place. This makes the second big drive I have been in and believe me they are sure exciting, but one soon gets used to all that. My fingers are awful sore from the powder smoke, handling the big rammer. From now on I will pull the lanyard that fires the gun. That isn't bad, though a little noisy, but not bad after one gets used to it.

It has been raining here for some time but rain don't stop anything here on the battle front.

Well, it has been ten long months ago today since I left home to enter the service and I guess you well remember that.

From Carroll Fester.

Sept. 18—A short letter today while I have a few minutes to spare and those times have not been often the past three weeks, as you know the reports of what has been going on.

The past two weeks have been awfully busy ones, and hard work. They have put electric lights in the hangars, so now we work until 12 and 1 o'clock at night and up and at it again by 3 in the morning. I have had to put in five such nights and the other times until 9 or 10.

My machines have put in two to four every day, so I consider it has done good, but it meant beaucoup work for me.

The Boche are now several miles further back again at this point, and we are expecting to move to an air-dome that was occupied by the Huns, but I hate to leave these quarters as they are the best we have had since we hit France.

You have probably read about some of our fliers being killed by this time. We added four more planes to our credit and another squadron added 18, so you see the Boche lost some too. The past week the total number of Huns brought down by the group was 25.

No, I have not seen any of the Emmett boys yet. I got a letter from Lawrence Polly. He said that Claude was there with him at that time.

I am not going to collect many souvenirs as they take up too much room and are too heavy to carry, but I have a piece of a bomb that hit the air-dome some time ago.

About 7000 prisoners went along here the other day and the rest went down another way. Well, I am still well and happy and feeling good.

From Harold Cornwall.

Camp Fremont, Cal., Oct. 6. Every one here seems to think that this is the turning point of the war and I only hope and pray that it is so. Not that I don't want to fight for the U. S., but I would like to see undisturbed peace and then we can all be back home where we could have some fun and settle down.

Well, Mother, we just got our pay and when I got my bills paid up I just had \$5 left, and then I took a hand at cards and won 15 cents and then lost it again, so then I quit and I'm not going to play anymore for I haven't any money to lose. Some of the boys are broke already just two days after pay day. Gee, I'd hate to be broke, so I'm going to hang on to mine.

Oh yes, I was promoted to first class private, so I get \$3 a month more.

From Wm. Cornwall.
Bullon, France, Sept. 10—Dear Wife—

Just a few lines in answer to your welcome letters I received a few days ago, and to let you know I am all O. K. and do hope you are the same. It is raining today somewhat which makes the air feel cool and nice.

Well I hope pay day comes soon again, because I have just about spent all my francs and will be broke if I don't stop, but grapes are fine over here and I sure like them. They cost a franc (20 cents) for three bunches. They have a few pears and peaches over here, but they are not very good as they don't seem to ripen like they do in the states. Gee, they have a few melons and cantaloupes here, but they are very high priced. One small muskmelon costs 4 francs, so you see one can not afford much of these things out of \$8 a month.

I was talking to a Belgium girl last night and she said she would be able to go home soon as Fritz was quite a ways back from her home; she said she had a letter from the front which told her all about it. I would write about it here, but I cannot as that would be giving all she knew away. There are quite a lot of Belgians in this little town and they can talk English very well. The other day I was watching a young girl and old lady making lace with a hand machine. Not knowing what she was doing I asked her, or tried to, in French what she called that; then asked her if she compressed, or understood, what I meant. She said, "Why that is lace she is weaving; do they do that in America?"

Gosh, I was so surprised I could not talk for a while but after she said she was a Belgium I understood.

Say Kid, it is some fun watching the fellows trying to make a hit with the girls, when they cannot understand what they are saying. First they will start to say something and all at once wake up to the fact that they can't understand our language and then they will scramble for their French dictionary.

We had a ball game yesterday. Co. H played Co. G with gas masks on. Whenever there was a man on the base we had to put our gas mask on. Whenever they hit a ball out in the field, the fielder had to put his mask on before he could throw it to the base. The same with the batter; he had to put his gas mask on before he could run to the base after he had hit the ball. Co. H won the game by one point, the score being 6 to 7 in favor of Co. H, the company I am in.

Sept. 12—I'm feeling fine today; been out on drill for a while. All that worries me now is how you all are at home and how to eat enough to keep from getting hungry. I eat all I can and in about an hour I'm as hungry as ever. I hope you all get as good as

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BLAZE AT LUMBER YARD

Small Boys Set Fire to Lumber Sheds—Promptly Extinguished

The Citizens Lumber Company escaped a disastrous fire last Sunday. About 1 o'clock a passerby discovered flames between a section of the yard where thousands of feet of lumber are piled. Hurrying to the spot he was amazed to find three small boys, the oldest about 8, with a can of pitch preparing for a real bonfire. With presence of mind he scooped up sand enough to smother the flames and no real damage was done.

The youngsters were thoroughly frightened, but were arraigned before Justice Stokesberry, who in his kind-hearted way endeavored to impress upon them the real seriousness of their near crime. They were placed on probation and appear to realize the loss their action might have caused.

Boy's Eye Injured

Ralph Munday, young son of V. B. Munday, was painfully and quite seriously injured last week by being struck with a block of wood by a playmate. His eye was badly swollen and the doctor and parents were unable to ascertain just what the result will be, but it is hoped the sight will not be impaired.

Finish Apple Packing.

The Emmett Fruit Growers Association finished the season's packing Tuesday and report a much better output than many had prophesied. They have employed from 15 to 20 packers, and have shipped altogether 32 cars of fruit—13 cars being apples and the balance various other fruits.

A Hunter Fined.

The game warden will "git you, if you don't watch out." Wm. Hoyt seems to have mistaken a pheasant for a pigeon or something else but he willingly (?) paid for his mistake.

THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY

Must revolve more rapidly and effectually now than ever before.

The need for increased production is not only great, but growing; the assistance at the disposal of the business man materially diminished.

The officers of the First National Bank, Emmett, Idaho, want the business men of this community to know that they are ever ready and willing to extend every necessary help to legitimate business.

Confer with them.

RED CROSS ANNUAL REPORT

Every Department Has Year of Great Activity and Accomplishment.

The following is a summary of the reports given at the annual meeting of the Gem County Chapter, Red Cross, at the annual meeting October 23. The record is one of accomplishment, unstinted devotion to duty, patriotic response to all calls, and generous financial support. It is a record of which Gem and Valley counties are proud.

The treasurer reported that during the month of October \$1765.90 was collected, \$1692.30 being the amount from the Red Cross sale. \$100.69 was expended, leaving a balance of \$4039.93. Total amount of cash collected for year, \$12,602.63; expended, \$8562.70. Balance \$4039.70.

War Fund Report.
Valley county—Cash contributions, \$2472.22; pledges, \$532.25; total \$3004.47. Collected, \$2678.47; uncollected, \$326.00.
Gem county—Cash contributions, \$5654.76; pledges, \$394.50; other contributions, \$65.38; total, \$6114.64. Collected \$6037.14; uncollected pledges, \$77.50.

Both counties show a total collection of \$8715.62, with \$403.49 uncollected. Of this amount, the chapter has received \$2139.01 and will receive 25 per cent of all uncollected accounts.

The Home Service Section reported one case of influenza in the process of collection and 10 allotment cases in the adjusting. An average of 25 monthly letters and telegrams with regard to affairs of soldiers are being sent out.

The Junior Red Cross have added 148 members since school opened September 16. There is on hand in the fund at the present time \$77.98. They have received their allotment of work for the year, besides working on 150 sport books for hospitals.

The membership committee report a total of 3344 memberships paid in, 811 being renewals. This membership is distributed as follows:

Emmett, 2240. Of these 352 are delinquent. Cascade, 346. McCall, 168. Ola 101. Alpha 50. Sweet 153. Montour 141. Roseberry 133. Brownlee 10.

The Belgian relief committee sent out 8026 pounds of clothing in 41 boxes, the allotment being only 2000 pounds.

The linen shower netted more than the allotment and consisted of 190 bath towels, 310 hand towels, 57 napkins, 225 handkerchiefs, 80 sheets.

The following branch reports were given: The chapter has eight branches and those not appearing did not send in reports:

Ola, Mrs. J. E. Chandler, chairman—Amount collected since January 10, \$759.28. Amount expended since Feb. 11, \$740.67. Balance \$18.41. During this time they have made and shipped 29 pairs of socks, 19 wristlets, 27 pajamas, 6 sweaters, 6 convalescent robes, 30 pillows, 3 mufflers, besides 2 packages of refugee garments and a large collection of old clothing for the Belgian relief.

Roseberry Chapter, Miss Nell Parks, chairman—Money received since Jan. 1, \$883.05. Expended, \$854.05. Balance, \$29. With a working membership of 15 they have produced 62 pajamas, 30 hospital shirts, 10 robes, 12 layettes, 7 comforters, 71 pairs of socks, 22 sweaters, 2 helmets, 3 wristlets, besides numerous miscellaneous articles.

Montour, Mrs. F. L. Palmer, chairman.—This report covers just 12 months and with a membership of 141. Money collected \$662.48. Expended \$617.07. Balance \$45.41. They have produced 79 hospital shirts, 88 pajamas, 22 bath robes, 15 sweaters, 60 bandaged foot socks, 3 layettes, 55 black sateen aprons, besides numerous articles for refugees, Belgian relief or the linen shower.

The knitting committee has shipped 508 sweaters, 1771 socks, 126 wristlets, 13 helmets, 26 mufflers, 3 hot water bottle covers, 24 wash cloths, a total of 2471 articles. There are 216 articles on hand and an allotment of 180 sweaters to be finished for December 15.

The sewing department shipped 125 convalescent robes, 800 pajamas, 685 hospital shirts, 1700 bandaged foot sock, 40 filled comfort kits for navy, and 160 for the army, 50 treasure bags and 36 bedside bags. Besides this

BERT WILLIAMS PAYS THE PRICE

Well Known Forest Service Man Killed While in Action in France.

H. C. (Bert) Williams, well known throughout the Payette and Idaho forest, having been deputy supervisor at the Emmett forest office in 1914, and later supervisor of the Idaho forest at McCall, was killed in battle in France in September, according to a letter dated Sept. 17, received yesterday from Frank Thornburg by Guy B. Mains. The story of how he met his death is told in Mr. Thornburg's letter printed below, and his many warm friends in this section will say "Amen" to the fine tribute paid to him by this comrade. Mr. Williams resigned from forest work in 1917 to enlist in the 10th Engineers. In a letter of a few weeks ago, printed in the Index, he told of having been assigned to the work of teaching agriculture to the French peasants. But his eagerness to get into the real action led to his transfer to the 1st Gas regiment, at his own request, last July. His home is at Lakeville, Conn. The letter follows:

France, Sept. 17.—"Well, we have been in and out again and am still O. K. We gave them h— while we were at it; only 36 hours, but had to keep walking most of the time to keep up. Getting ready and all we put in four days and three nights in rain and mud, wet all the time, no sleep and two days on rations kindly presented by Fritz. Our ration truck got stuck six or eight miles behind us. It was rather tough, but 'Oh Boy' it was worth it.

I will always take off my hat to the doughboy; never was really with him before. We went into the front line trench at 9 p. m. to get ready to do our bit. At 12 the doughboys filed in, stood in water or thin mud halfway to their knees all night with never a murmur. At 8 a. m. they dropped everything they did not use to fight with—some even their raincoats and (iron) rations (though it was raining) and went over the top as if on dress parade. It surely was a grand sight. We had already hidden them Godspeed in our own peculiar way, and were free to go back, but watched until they went over a hill half a mile away, when to our great joy we saw, instead of the stretcher bearers and wounded which we expected, groups of Boche prisoners, in fives, tens and hundreds; a hundred guarded by two doughboys and sometimes only one, but what we did see was surely satisfying and from later report it was just the same everywhere along our lines. We have seen no papers yet.

We went over what has been No Man's Land for almost four years. Trees blasted and shot down that had once been a beautiful forest. After we got out of that we passed along a good road through a beautiful forest of beech, off the hill to an encampment that had been filled with Boches 24 hours earlier. The barracks were empty, but we occupied the officers' quarters. Souvenirs! I could have loaded a truck, but we had already marched eight miles without breakfast with 60-pound packs and more weight had little attraction. We had breakfast on Frits' hardtack, cold canned goulash and coffee, took a bath in his shower bath and swimming pool, tramped down to the village, visited there is considerable work on hands, some ready for shipment.

The surgical dressings report shipment of 10 boxes, totaling 37,684 dressings.

The child welfare reported 801 children weighed and measured, 722 proving to be normal children. Of those none were found who were maimed, deformed, blind, deaf or dumb. About 12 had diseased tonsils or adenoids and about 2 per cent were undernourished.

Mrs. Miles reported 34 nurses in our jurisdiction, 4 being registered and 4 undergraduates, with 12 additional volunteers for training. Of these one has left for a hospital in Wyoming. Greetings from the national headquarters were read.

Owing to the necessity of drawing the meeting to a close because of the discomfort of the weather, any action of the chapter was omitted. But the purpose was to express to the outgoing president, Mrs. G. B. Mains, by vote of thanks, an appreciation of her ceaseless effort and excellent success in the handling of a real task.

ited his officers' club, two moving picture houses (one for the officers and one for the men). Saw no pictures, of course, nor did we see any wine at the club, only empty bottles, but we did not pay any admission to the shows nor have a card to the club.

The only people in town were women and old men. I saw one thing though for which I give Fritz credit; at several places I saw signs: "Civilian Garden. Entrance Forbidden." The lower end of the village was blown off the map by our own artillery, but I suppose the Boche tried to hold it. There were three or four good machine guns in the streets. We had expected to keep on going, but ahead was a level plain as far as we could see and the Hun doesn't stop in a place like that so we were of no use. After a night's sleep we came back to the billets we formerly occupied about twelve miles behind the original line. We got there night before last, worked all day yesterday getting our stuff straightened up and expect to move tomorrow, though of course we can't tell.

The only drawback to the whole was Bert Williams' death. The company was split up and he was about two miles from where I was. It seems that his section was to follow the first wave. He must have gotten separated from his men. The only thing they could learn was from a doughboy, who said some big blonde whom they had never seen before was leading them at a good pace when he went down with about three machine gun wounds and some shell fragments. He apparently lived to get to a hospital, for the captain found his grave in an American graveyard at a hospital. Will try to locate it exactly before we get away from this section. We were mighty sorry to lose him, as he was a damned fine fellow, as you know, and a good officer well liked by his men. I was not under him directly but was with him in action once several weeks ago and know him to be even better in action than anywhere else."

INFLUENZA TAKES ITS TOLL

George Dewey Succumbs to Disease—Wife and Children Critically Ill

John C. Dewey yesterday morning received the sad news by telegram of the death of his son George at Portland. Later in the day another message told of the critical illness of Mrs. Dewey and the four children—all victims of influenza.

George Dewey's death took place at the Auditorium Emergency hospital, where the wife and children also were being cared for. The family went to Portland last spring, where George was working in the ship yards. Mrs. Dewey is a daughter of H. P. Hanson, a former Emmett farmer, now living at Burley.

Two other deaths in that city of former Emmett residents, from the same cause, are reported. One of them is E. C. Vahlberg's brother Fred and the other is Percy Chase, who worked on the construction of the saw-mill here and was the foreman of the mill for nearly a year.

Four Basque shepherders from the VanDeusen ranch contracted the Flu at the Spanish rooming house in Boise and died Saturday in a Boise hospital.

Emmett physicians report 10 cases of influenza here. None of them is serious. All persons can assist in stamping out the disease by avoiding crowds; taking care of themselves; when sneezing or coughing place a handkerchief over the nose and mouth; don't get excited; wash out nose and throat two or three times daily by a nasal spray and by a gargle with a salt solution (half teaspoonful salt to one of clean water).

Cases of influenza should be isolated, but no quarantine is necessary, according to the health board. The only danger of infection is from the patient himself.

The Nonpartisan meetings billed for this week have been called off on account of the epidemic.

Raymond Creswell expects to leave within a few days to enlist in the marine service.

Christmas Boxes.
Christmas boxes to be packed for the "boys over there" will be given out by Mrs. Miles at the Rexall drug store. Be sure and get your coupon.

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

170 Million Dollars Needed to Maintain Seven War Associations at the Front.

The United War Work campaign will open all over this land Monday, Nov. 11, and continue for one week. The call is for 170 million dollars, and Gem county's quota is \$4500. That is less than \$2 apiece for every voter. But, of course, there is no limit to the amount you may give. An over-subscription will be greatly appreciated, and there may possibly be some who will not give anything, but that is a remote possibility. The money is to be apportioned among the seven organizations that are doing such noble work among the boys at the front, and include the Y. M. C. A. the Y. W. C. A., the National Catholic War Council, the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association and the Salvation Army. By giving to these seven organizations all at once, the cost and effort of six additional campaigns is saved.

When you give to this cause, you make sure that every fighter has the cheer and comforts of these seven organizations every step of the way from home to the front and back again. You provide him with a church, a theatre, a cheerful home, a store, a school, a club and an athletic field—and a knowledge that the folks back home are with him, heart and soul!

You have loaned your money to supply their physical needs. Now give to maintain the morale that is winning the war!

The drive is in charge of Finley Monroe. He has appointed his assistants in every precinct in the county. Be ready to volunteer your subscription and thereby save the committee much labor.

VICTORY BOYS AND GIRLS

Goals for Gem county—1000 Victory Boys and Girls backing up our boys at the front. \$1000 from the boys and girls of Gem county for the combined War Work activities.

Our war department is asking the boys and girls of our country to help in the United War Work Campaign of November 11-18. You are asked to pledge such a sum of money as you may be able to earn, and give it to this cause. This is a great opportunity of welding together our boys and girls in behalf of a great ministry. We have in Gem county 1753 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 10 years. We want 1000 of these to sign the pledges to earn and give to this cause. Your teachers, or some one in your school district, will call on you next week to invite you to do this. A button to wear and a window poster will tell the fact that you are a Victory Boy or Girl. School districts which reach 100 per cent, the goal allotted them, will be awarded honors. How much can you earn and give by Nov. 11-18? We want the pledges all in on Nov. 11 so Gem county can do her full part in one day and go way over the top. I know our boys and girls will do their share. Do not wait for your leader to call on you with the pledge card, but start in as soon as you can to earn some money to help take care of our good fighting men "over there." Some of you will try to earn \$5. More of you will set your goal at \$1. Do your best and let us show our fathers and mothers of Gem county and our big brothers, who are at war, that we can do things too. Now, hurrah for victory, and over we go!

Yours sincerely,
A. C. LATHROP,
MISS FLORENCE RUNDSTROM,
Directors of Victory Boys and Girls.

To the High School Girl's Vacation Club: I have just received a letter from our State Chairman asking you to report at once to Finley Monroe, county campaign director for the United War Work, and offer your assistance in advertising and distributing literature and information about the drive.

MRS. J. A. GOODWIN

Precaution Against Flu.
The local management of the Boise Payette Lumber Company are glad to state that there are no known cases of Flu at the mill. However all possible precautions are being taken, and four special hospital rooms have been fitted up for use should any cases develop. This is in accordance with their reputation for preparedness and will be greatly appreciated by members of their working force who are without homes.

Tents, all sizes, at Kelly's.