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THE HUNS MUST BE LICKED.

That is the Opinion of Every U. S. Soldier in France, Says Major Rex Cooper.

Practically everybody in Bellefonte knows "Rex" Cooper, son of Mr. H. S. Cooper, who spent much of his boyhood life at the home of the Misses Benner, in this place. He is now Major H. S. Cooper, of the First Battalion, 315th engineers, now in service in France, and because of the fact that he is so well known here the following letter to his aunts, the Misses Benner, will be read with a great deal of interest, inasmuch as it gives facts never before covered by any of the boys at the front:

France, October 3rd, 1918. Your letter of August 28th just received, and I am very, very glad to hear from you. I think I wrote that I had seen one of the Bellefonte boys had been killed in the Chateau-Thierry fight. I have a German newspaper showing a picture of one of the Houck boys from Centre county, who is a prisoner. In the picture he looks very happy, has a grin on his face six feet wide.

We have just come through our first engagement in the drive on the St. Mihiel salient. We had four days of very hard fighting, mostly against machine gun nests over very rough country, and for the whole four days my men practically did not sleep and ate but darn little. They worked like trojans and fought like veterans whenever fighting was necessary, and in consequence came out of the fight in pretty good shape. As a matter of fact I lost very few men and only a few wounded, all of which was more than gratifying, and I am very proud of the way the men have done. The attack was made after a two or three days' rain, and conditions were almost inconceivable to one who had not actually been here to see it. Mud until you thought many of the men were made of mud. Everybody wet and cold, but apparently happy and cheerful as long as we were going ahead. The bravery of our men is wonderful, and I don't think any of us have any fear of not being able to lick the Hun any time we get the chance. Luckily for us, just when we needed it we had a couple of warm, dry days which helped us above anything else to establish ourselves without too much discomfort. In consequence we came through in good condition.

I wish you could see the German territory we have captured. The Germans are beyond anything, industrious. They must work all the time, because in no other way could they have the wonderful system of defense and construction that we have found. Their dugouts and trenches are innumerable, and they are deep and defended by every device that one can think of. As every dugout and every trench in the territory we conquered is in rock, they have had no small amount of work to do. In one small sector I have already traced off, or rather had traced off, over one hundred miles of trenches dug in solid rock more than six feet deep. Their camps are models of comfort, electric lighted, with concrete sidewalks, fountains and everything as though they intended to stay here the rest of their lives. At this present time I am living in a German dugout, sleeping on German blankets, using German carbide lights, which are very good, and about all my time is spent in ducking German shells. They seem to have an unlimited quantity of shells to throw around aimlessly, but we are so used to them that we really don't pay much attention to them. They do little damage but are very annoying.

I am just as well as any one could be, and strange as it may seem, enjoying the game over here. There is only one thing I am afraid of and that is that some darn fool "pacifist" will try to persuade our government to make peace before we have really cleaned up the Huns. If you hear anybody talking about peace before that time, give them the dickens for me. Nobody who has ever seen what the Hun has done over here, can think for one minute of peace before we have whaled the eternal daylight out of everything that looks like a German. This may sound harsh, but as a matter of fact it is only just and right, because I honestly believe that the Germans will be just as bad as ever if they are not eternally whip-

ped this time. So the best peace party for the folks in the States to belong to is the peace party that says, "Keep it up no matter what it costs, until the German learns his lesson." That, I think, is the sentiment of every soldier the country has sent over here. It is not that we don't want to go home; we do, all of us, but we don't want to go with the job only half done, and it will be a half-done job unless we clean the daylight out of the Hun. Unless he owns up that he is licked, unless he and every one connected with him knows that he is licked.

Luther Crissman Tells of Doll's and Brooks' Death.

David Finklestein last week received a letter from Luther Crissman, a son of W. Homer Crissman, and who is a member of the supply company of the 108th field artillery, which has done valiant service in bombarding the Hun line in France. Crissman corroborates the announcement of the death in action of Charles C. Doll, of Bellefonte, and Edward B. Brooks, of Milesburg. His letter to Mr. Finklestein is in part as follows:

Somewhere in France, Sept. 26, 1918. Well, here it is nearly October and the war is still going on. On the evening of the 23rd I received nine home letters, the first in over a month, and I considered myself very lucky. Among my letters was one from George Bush. It was very unexpected although I have often thought of him and wondered how many of the towns that we have been through he visited on his trip around the world. Of course the towns are not the same now, although the places bear the same names.

I enjoyed your letter and showed it to all the old Troop L boys, as well as the pictures you sent, and they made us feel as though we were back in Bellefonte again. The boys are all doing good work over here and we all feel that the Huns cannot last forever. What do the people over there think about it? It certainly will be a great day for us when we get off the train at Bellefonte.

You will have to figure this letter out as best you can, as I am writing it in a dugout six feet deep, six feet wide and twelve feet long. I have a blanket on the ground and am using my helmet and gas mask as a desk. I am lying flat on my stomach and have a candle for a light. Red Norris is sitting beside me writing and Deppy Dunlap is asleep, as he just came off of guard duty.

I have often wondered about some of the boys at home, whether they are still there or in the service. I suppose the people at home have heard long before this of the sad occurrence among us some time ago. I refer to Charles Doll and Edward Brooks being killed in action, and some of the other boys being wounded. It certainly was awful. Would like to tell you all about it but cannot. It happened the night of September 22nd, and we buried them the following morning. They were in our company and we certainly do miss them.

Will have to close now. Give my regards to all my friends and tell them to write, as I think of them all quite often.

The Home Paper for the Boys Over There.

The "Watchman" acknowledges receipt of the following contributions to the fund to pay for sending the home town paper to our soldiers in France and other distant points:

- CONTRIBUTORS. Mrs. John Kurtz, Bellefonte.....\$ 5.00 L. Olin Meek, Philadelphia..... 3.50 Wm. H. Fielding, New Dorp, L. I..... 3.50 Mary C. Parker, Bellefonte..... 1.50 Mrs. Charles Larimer, Bellefonte..... 1.50 H. C. Brew, Pittsburgh, two 6 mo..... 1.50 Mrs. H. S. Cooper, Galveston, Tex..... 1.50 Mrs. Wm. H. Smith, Fleming..... 1.50 Emily Parker, Bellefonte..... 1.00 Mrs. A. O. Furst, Bellefonte..... 1.00 Mrs. R. S. Brouse, Bellefonte..... 1.00 Miss Eliz. G. Morrison, Williamsport 1.00 H. C. Valentine, Bellefonte..... 1.00 Mrs. Geo. W. Weaver, Emola..... .50 Mrs. Frank Hazel, Bellefonte..... .50 Mrs. J. M. Harris, Newark..... .50

The gratitude of the boys in foreign lands has been indicated in many of their letters already published in the "Watchman" so that we have nothing more to say than convey to the above contributors the assurance that their generosity will go a long way toward brightening up the life of the soldiers who will receive the "Watchman" through their generosity.

We are now at work selecting the material and every device that one can think of. As every dugout and every trench in the territory we conquered is in rock, they have had no small amount of work to do. In one small sector I have already traced off, or rather had traced off, over one hundred miles of trenches dug in solid rock more than six feet deep. Their camps are models of comfort, electric lighted, with concrete sidewalks, fountains and everything as though they intended to stay here the rest of their lives. At this present time I am living in a German dugout, sleeping on German blankets, using German carbide lights, which are very good, and about all my time is spent in ducking German shells. They seem to have an unlimited quantity of shells to throw around aimlessly, but we are so used to them that we really don't pay much attention to them. They do little damage but are very annoying.

The Flu in Bellefonte.

According to statements from the various physicians there are now from forty to fifty cases of the Spanish influenza in Bellefonte. A few of the cases are regarded as quite serious but the majority of them are not considered dangerous. In some households every member has been stricken and a number of business places are short of help because of the illness of a number of their clerks, but so far there is no occasion to become alarmed over the situation.

If taken in time and the patient given proper medical attention and nursing the fatality from the disease need not be above the normal death rate. The greatest drawback at the present time is the shortage of physicians and nurses, owing to the number who have been called into the U. S. service. While the situation is not alarming, it is up to everybody to do all they can to keep it from becoming so, and in so doing there will be no reason to fear a large death rate.

IN CENTRE COUNTY'S "HALL OF FAME."



MAHLON E. BAIRD, MILESBURG

Wounded in France August 11th but is Recovering, October 8th. Mahlon E. Baird is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baird, of Milesburg, and is about 23 years old. He has been in the service about a year and has an excellent record. His many friends will be glad to know that he has about recovered and will get back into service.



CHARLES NEESE, GREGG TOWNSHIP

Recovered, October 8th. Charles Neese was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neese, of Spring Mills, and was 23 years old. He was sent to Camp Lee with the national army days old. He enlisted in March and was in had been in the recruiting service friends will be glad to know that he training in the 155th Depot brigade, ever since, only recently being as has about recovered and will get back Mills for burial.



HERBERT GRAY WILLIAMS, JULIAN

Private Williams was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Julian, and was 21 years, 7 months and 13 days old. He enlisted in March and was in had been in the recruiting service friends will be glad to know that he training in the 155th Depot brigade, ever since, only recently being as has about recovered and will get back Mills for burial.

DIED IN COUNTRY'S SERVICE.

Herbert Gray Williams, of Julian, a Victim of Influenza at Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

Though it was not the portion of Herbert Gray Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Julian, to lose his life on the battlefields of France, he sacrificed it in the service of his country, doing his duty wherever assigned by his superiors and there can be no detracting from the honor due him as well as any other young man who performs his duties faithfully and well. Private Williams was stricken with influenza while serving at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, on October 8th. The attack proved a most severe one and notwithstanding every care that could be given him he grew rapidly worse. His mother was notified and got to his bedside twelve hours before his death, which occurred on Tuesday of last week, October 15th. She accompanied the remains home to Julian on Thursday. The funeral was held on Friday morning and was private. Revs. McIlroy, of Huntingdon, and Carrol, of Unionville, had charge of the services and six members of the mounted machine gun troop of Bellefonte acted as pallbearers. Burial was made in the Dix Run cemetery.

Herbert Gray Williams was a son of J. R. and Anna P. Williams and was born at Julian on March 2nd, 1897, hence was 21 years, 7 months, and 13 days old. He attended the public schools of his home town and then took a course in the Bellefonte High school, graduating as an honor man with the class of 1915.

The following winter he taught school in Benner township and in April, 1916, he went to work for the General Refractories company in the office of brick works at Sandy Ridge, continuing in the service of that company at Sandy Ridge and Karthaus until February 1st, 1918, when he resigned and six days later went to Williamsport and enlisted for service, being assigned to the recruiting branch. He was first sent to Scranton and then to Erie, Md.ville, Titusville and Corry, proving one of the best recruiting men in the service. On September 14th he was transferred to the Twenty-sixth recruiting company at Columbus Barracks, where his executive ability brought him recognition at once by the officers of that camp and efforts were being made to have him permanently assigned to that post when he was stricken with influenza.

A peculiar instance in the death of this young man is the fact that the first person in upper Bald Eagle valley to enlist after war was declared upon Germany was his elder brother, Sergt. Theodore Williams, and the first one from that section to die in the service was private Herbert Gray Williams.

Mourning the death of the young soldier are his parents, one brother, Sergt. Theodore Williams, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, and four sisters: Kathryn, a Junior at the State Normal school at Lock Haven; Elizabeth, a student in the Bellefonte High school; Nell and Martha Jane, at home. The young man was a member of the Methodist church and Sunday school and in answering the long roll call he has found a peace which endureth forever.

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES OF MEN IN THE SERVICE.

Commissions as second lieutenants in the air service were issued last week to John W. Harper and Paul B. Seanor, of Bellefonte, and Edward W. Schmidt, of State College. Russell L. Foster, of State College, was made a second lieutenant in the ordnance branch of the service.

Among the fifty students sent from State College to the officers' training camp at Camp Gordon, Ga., last Thursday, was David E. Chambers, of Unionville, this county.

Corporal Jerry Galaidai threw aside his uniform as a member of the state constabulary on Monday morning and enrolled in the service of the United States, leaving for the officers' training camp at Camp Zachariah Taylor, Ky. Corp. Galaidai has been stationed in Bellefonte most of the summer, was a conscientious and efficient state

policeman, and there is no doubt but that he will serve Uncle Sam with the same fidelity he gave to the State of Pennsylvania.

Wednesday's Philadelphia North American published extracts of a letter from Col. Asher Miner, of Wilkes-Barre, to his wife in which he stated that he had been wounded and his lieutenant colonel gassed. Col. Miner has charge of the 109th artillery regiment to which thirty or more of old Troop L are attached. The regiment was heavily engaged in the Argonne forest from September 11th to October 7th, had 21 men killed, 151 wounded and gassed, four guns and 202 horses hit. No names were given of any of the killed or wounded so it is not known if any of the Bellefonte boys are among the victims. The Colonel, however, mentions some of the men in a very commendable way and among the number is private William Lambert, of Bellefonte, who, with other comrades, were untiring in their zeal and energy in keeping communications open, passing through shell-swept areas time after time.

Since going to France James G. Taylor, son of Mrs. Hugh Taylor Sr., of Bellefonte, has received his commission as a lieutenant colonel, having been recommended for the promotion before leaving this country. Nicholas Vincent Taylor, son of Col. H. S. Taylor, who has been at Camp Dix since returning from France, has also received a promotion from first lieutenant to captain.

Lieutenant Harvey Stohne Lingle has arrived in France where he is attached to the stvedore and labor battalion. Lieutenant Lingle will be remembered as the son of Hon. W. C. Lingle, a former resident of Bellefonte. He was living at Charleston, W. Va., when he offered his services to his country, and was accepted and given a commission at once. Mrs. Lingle, who before her marriage was Miss Mary McClain, and her children, have taken apartments at State College, where they will make their home for the duration of the war.

Lieut. William Schmidt, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ambrose M. Schmidt, who has been confined to the Bellefonte hospital a month or more on account of an aggravated attack of appendicitis, is now convalescing very nicely and will likely be able to leave that institution this week.

Dr. M. W. Reed, who expected to go across this week, has been ordered to Scranton where he has been put in charge of the improvised hospital in the army until the abatement of the flu epidemic.

Among the boys who arrived over there within the past week are Capt. Walter B. Furst, John Scholl, Ben Beizer, Louis Schad and Thomas Lamb.

Tuesday's casualty list contained the names of Capt. Wilbur F. Leitzell, of State College, Lieut. Frederick T. Yeager, of Pleasant Gap, Lewis A. Crader, of Spring Mills, and Russell D. Confer, of Howard.

Hope for the C. R. R. of Pa. Almost Gone.

Almost the last ray of hope for the revival of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, is gone. The committee in charge of raising funds with which to purchase the property has practically admitted failure so that the end seems drawing nearer. It is reported that Harry Winton is negotiating for the purchase of Hecla Park and the American Lime and Stone Co., is after that part of the right of way from the junction of its Armor Gap kilns to the Pike quarry. Another possibility of the final abandonment of the road is that the right of way from the station at the foot of Lamb street, to a point near the Beaver and Hoy row may be procured by the borough and with it the long talked of extension of north Water street to the Milesburg pike could be completed. The government offered to lend \$100,000 on a first mortgage on the property but the additional \$150,000 necessary to the purchase has proven the stumbling block.

DERSTINE.—John H. Derstine, an old and well known resident of Bellefonte, passed away at his home on east Lamb street at four o'clock on Thursday evening of last week after almost a week's illness with a complication of diseases incident to his advanced age.

He was a son of Michael and Margaret Shaffer Derstine who came to Centre county from Dauphin county and located at Rebersburg where he was born on November 2nd, 1836, making his age 81 years, 11 months and 15 days. When a child his parents moved to Bellefonte and this had been his home ever since. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as a private in the 51st Pennsylvania infantry and served three years, making a most excellent record for bravery on the field of battle.

Returning from the war he learned the carpenter trade with David K. Tate and followed that occupation many years. He helped to build the present court house when it was erected in 1868 and also worked on a number of the best buildings in the town. For a number of years he served as janitor of the brick school building until advancing age compelled him to quit the job. He was a good citizen and neighbor and an indulgent husband and father.

He was married to Miss Ruth McLaughlin, of Snow Shoe Intersection, who died over thirty-five years ago but surviving him are five children, namely: Mrs. Bruce Wallace, of Milesburg; William, Catherine and Mary, of Bellefonte, and John, of Tyrone. He also leaves one brother, William H. Derstine, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at his late home at ten o'clock on Sunday morning by Dr. A. M. Schmidt, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

STOVER.—Joseph Stover, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Renovo on Wednesday of last week as the result of an attack of influenza. He was taken sick while at work in the car shops on October 7th, and three days later felt so much better that his friends thought his recovery was assured. On Tuesday of last week, however, he was taken suddenly worse and died on Wednesday.

He was a son of George and Amanda Stover and was born near Jacksonville, this county, being 21 years, 2 months and 27 days old. He is survived by his wife, parents and one sister, Mary Stover. The remains were brought to Centre county and taken to the home of his parents at Jacksonville where funeral services were held at ten o'clock on Sunday morning by Rev. Goss, after which burial was made in the Jacksonville cemetery.

HOY.—Following two week's illness with pneumonia Miss Grace Hoy passed away at the home of her parents near Pine Hall at seven o'clock on Saturday morning. She was a daughter of J. N. and Elizabeth Hoy and was 19 years and 7 months old. She had been a member of the Lutheran church and Sunday school since childhood and was a charming young woman whose death has not only left a void in the Hoy family that never can be filled but is also deeply deplored by a wide circle of friends.

In addition to her parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Harry, of State College; Ernest and Pearl, of Akron, Ohio; Jane, of State College, and Harold at home. Rev. L. N. Fleck had charge of the funeral services which were held at ten o'clock on Monday morning, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

STOVER.—John A. Stover, an aged resident of Nittany valley, died at the home of his son Harry, at Hublersburg, on Thursday of last week after an extended illness of chronic intestinal nephritis, aged 82 years, 8 months and 28 days. He was a good citizen and had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His wife has been dead a number of years but surviving him are two sons, Harry, of Hublersburg, and Samuel, who has been working in Buffalo Run valley. Burial was made at Hublersburg on Sunday.

To the Voters of the 34th Senatorial District.

(Continued from page 1, Col. 5) they requested, and he was nominated by my conferees. Suffice it to say he carried Clearfield county by a larger majority than Governor Pattison. Both were elected that year.

It is but fair that I should therefore recall here that the committees promised me then that I should be rewarded for giving up my chance for the nomination, when my turn came, if it ever did come. I trust indeed that I will be excused for saying that it is a matter which cannot be disputed that I did my part first and it is therefore a matter of pride on my part now to remember that I did nominate P. Gray Meek, who was so largely elected by the laboring classes and all classes that voted for him just as they said they would do, if I gave them the opportunity to show to the world that labor would stand by the man who had stood by them in the halls of Legislation. May I not hopefully and confidently, therefore, put in my plea for the votes I fairly have earned, not by fickle promise, but by actual performance, when it was all in my own hands, singly and personally, to do and I did.

In conclusion I plead for the votes and influence of the men of the 34th District, in this my last chance to secure election, and because I cannot go about to see the people in their war seriousness I make this last appeal to the voters for their help to be elected State Senator in the General Assembly at this time. I will gratefully appreciate every vote.

Yours faithfully, MATT SAVAGE.

PORT.—William Denning Port, a veteran of the Civil war, passed away at his home at Pine Grove Mills at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning. Although he had been a sufferer with heart trouble for some time past he had been around on Monday as usual so that his death was quite sudden and unexpected. He died sitting in his favorite chair.

He was born at Manor Hill on January 17th, 1846. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company G, 77th infantry, and saw action in a number of fierce engagements, among them South Mountain and Stone River. He was a member of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post No. 272, G. A. R. Returning from the war he learned the trade of blacksmith, an occupation he followed at Pine Grove Mills as long as his health would permit. During the past few years he served as health officer at Pine Grove Mills and janitor of the Lutheran church, of which he was a life-long member. He was a man well versed in the current events and one who had the respect of all who knew him.

He was twice married, his first wife being Lizzie Scott. They had one son, Russell. His second wife was Elizabeth Dunlap, and one daughter was the result of this union, Mrs. E. D. Smith, of Altoona. He also leaves the following half-brothers and sisters: James Port and Mrs. John Stewart, of Huntingdon; Harry and Burket Port, of Manor Hill; Mrs. Mary Powley, of Philadelphia; Plummer, of Sausburg; Mrs. Esther Poe, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Lulu Waters, of New Castle; Mrs. Juniata Poe, of Fostoria, and Mrs. Annie Davis, in the west.

Rev. L. N. Fleck will have charge of the funeral which will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, burial to be made in the new cemetery, Pine Grove.

BROWN.—Mrs. Jane Glenn Brown died at her home in this place on Monday of cerebral apoplexy. Three weeks ago she fell down the stairway sustaining injuries that undoubtedly contributed to her death. She was a daughter of Thompson and Agnes Adams Glenn, and was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on August 7th, 1833, hence had attained the advanced age of 85 years, 2 months and 14 days. She came to this country when about seventeen years of age and most of her life since had been spent in Bellefonte. She was united in marriage to Edward P. Brown, who died many years ago. Two children died when quite small and her son, William E. Brown, died in 1903 so that her only survivors are her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Brown, and her grand-nephew, Harry Ulmer Tibbens, of Wheeling, W. Va. Burial was made in the Union cemetery on Wednesday morning.

THOMPSON.—Mrs. Elsie Green Thompson (colored), wife of Edward M. Thompson, died at the Bellefonte hospital on October 11th. Some time last May she was injured in an automobile accident at Lewistown and spent several weeks in the hospital there. She apparently recovered but about a month ago she became ill and came to Bellefonte and entered the hospital here her death ensuing at the time above stated. She was a daughter of L. Calvin and Jean Jackson Green and was born in Bellefonte on November 11th, 1888, hence was 29 years, 11 months and 1 day old. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Eunice. She also leaves her father, living in Coraopolis, one brother and a sister, Max Green, in France, and Jeannette, at home. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery on Tuesday of last week.

C. M. Bierly has tendered his resignation as postmaster at Rebersburg, although his four year term has not yet expired.

New Advertisements.

- FOR SALE.—Double heater room stove. Good as new. Apply to Mrs. EDWARD L. GATES, 42-11 East Lamb St.
- FOR RENT.—Unfurnished house, No. 7 east High St., opposite court house. Inquire of Mrs. M. W. REED, 42-11