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FRANCE.

Robert Willard Tells How Many Bellefonte Boys are Getting Along.

There isn't a day goes by but the father and mother who has a son in France thinks of that boy and wonders just what "he is doing now." In the following letter written by Robert Willard to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Willard, the young soldier tells much of personal interest about a know it will be good reading for the same sector as we were. We were in many friends of all of them:

is pretty busy as it is. You asked boys cannot be beaten. about the boys. I see Nolan and In regard to American tobacco, we company, but have only seen "Pinkie" Doll once since we came over. They are near us now, and I was over to from all over the State. When we was to see him, and he wanted to we know. know how the "old gent" was. I also er, Vic. Dawson, Hugh Daley and to us, too. was four months ago today.

hot nor too cold, but just right for ders to go up and they started to the exception of a coat and one pair writing letters. From where we are at cheer and shout for all they were of boots. Some German, however, present located we can see for many worth. In fact, you never see an had bayonetted his blankets as they miles over the country, and it is a American soldier who looks as if he most beautiful picture. Here and were worrying any over this war. holes being punched clear through there is a small village which has The nearer the front they are the hapbeen partially destroyed but there are | pier they seem. still some buildings standing. The lately are deserted by the inhabitants, it being too hot for them.

Being in with the French forces we come in contact with lots of French | those Boches. soldiers. Of course our French and their English vocabulary is somewhat limited, so it is hard to carry on a conversation. However, we manage to make gestures, etc., to explain ourselves in cases where we cannot use words. Occasionally we run across one who can speak English, and he is generally surrounded by American soldiers. They like the Americans

and we like them. I will tell you of some of the Bellefonters in this company: Lieut. Shoemaker, who left Bellefonte wearnow wearing one silver bar, the insignia of a 1st Lieut. He is very capable and is generally liked by all under his command. Lieut. Cruse, who left Bellefonte wearing three chevrons on his shirt sleeves, now wears one gold bar. He is very efficient in his office and is certainly a very popular officer with all the fellows. Seron his welfare, but will say "Red" former member of Troop L, is well. second day. As long as Pete has his chewing to-"Boots." He takes to the Ford very well, but often says he would sooner man is always ready to go forward. be at home with the Studebaker. Oh, digging any more emplacements withlines. As to William C. Lyon, chaufweight, but it isn't because he doesn't eat enough. As yet he has no car, for six months in service. but he draws the extra pay anyway. Private John Woods, familiarly

known as "Ike," is another Troop L man. He was a dog robber for a while but I guess he didn't have time enough, so he lost his job, or quit. When there is any hiking to do he generally gets his quill in to ride, so as not to wear out his shoes. Earl Teaman, private, is a very industrious young man, and is as good looking if not better than ever. He would like to get one of those Germans at his disposal. Private Lee Lyon has not lost any weight, even though he does have a lot of running to do, being in headquarters platoon. Private Anthony Wasson, or "Camel," as he is generally called, is pretty lazy, but that is natural. He says he liked the Edge war better than this one. Private Merle Packer is next, and he is a very efficient dog robber for one of the Lieutenants. He says he is having dandy fun. Last, but not least, is private Percy Miller, who is the capable dog robber for our commanding officer, Capt. Leitzell. He has all the boys stopped with the gloves, as he is very handy with his "dukes." Now if there are any fellows I have missed it is because I can't think of them, but they are all well.

I hope this finds you all well as I

Somewhere in France, Sept, 20, 1918. As we have been on the move for A REAL NEWSY LETTER FROM the last week or so I have not been able to find much time to write. As you will notice, I am writing this on French Y. M. C. A. paper. I am in a Franco-American Y. M. C. A., but by the number of U.S. soldiers in here one can hardly believe that the French are running it. However, there is a Frenchman at the desk selling hot chocolate, and also one giving us writing paper. The hot chocolate is the first I have had on this side and it is fine. In my last letter I told you that we were going back for a rest, but it was all a mistake. We are still number of the Bellefonte boys and we in the game, only we are not on the the big engagement, but were in reserve most of the time, so were not Somewhere in France, Sept. 2, 1918. in much action. The only time we Your very welcome letter was re- were to go up was when the Boche ceived yesterday. I sent you a Boche made a counter-attack, and they helmet and gas mask, but it is hard didn't do much of that. That doesn't to tell whether you will ever get them. mean that we were out of danger, as If we could send as many as we could we were in range of the big guns, and get, I could send one to each of my seemed to be a target for Jerry wherfriends, but I guess the mail service ever we moved to. But our dough-

Woods every day, as they are in this get lots of it now and can buy it very reasonable.

This company is made up of fellows see him, but he has never been over come home we will be able to go anyhere. He was as glad to see me as I where in the State and find fellows

The French people where we are saw some of the other fellows out of now are doing everything they can the old troop who are in the same for us. We are the first Americans outfit as "Pinkie." They were Lute that have been here and they sure do Crissman, Deppy Dunlap, Chub Beez- like us. The French soldiers are good

some others that I do not think of You say the boys leaving for the some others that I do not think of just now. We were certainly glad to camps go away as joyfully as though Taylor lost all his stuff save what he their family, Miss Anna Keichline ing since leaving the States, which that is just the way the boys go up to the front. I remember one night a Today is an ideal fall day, not too battalion of our dough-boys got or-

Yes, I am liking France better houses over here are mostly built of every day, but there is no danger of stone or cement. They are white, R. T. W. staying over here for these with a red roofing, which makes a French girls. I knew Jim Farell was good contrast in the sunlight. The killed in action some time ago, but I majority of the villages we have seen thought I wouldn't say anything their wounds and they had been supabout it. His grave is right beside Col. Fetzer's, and I saw it. It made me anxious to get a crack at some of stated that the rear guard fighting of

> a vaudeville here and it is about ready to start. Don't forget to send me some snap shots of the family. Your loving son,

> Lieut. Fred Yeager Wounded Again.

Lieut. Fred C. Yeager has been ly it is not very serious. He is now in

York city:

Mother: Your son is a popular boy with the Hun bullets. Here I am back again in the hospital wounded in the left hand this time, but as usual getting geant McMurtrie, who hails from along fine. Do not worry, mother, for unusual service last week. Coleville, is at present away at for the wound is slight, only a little school, so I have no report to make worse than the last one. The bullet tore up three fingers on my left hand was sure capable of handling his sec- but fortunately did not injure the tion while with the company. He is bones. I had not been with my comwell liked by all the fellows. Corpor- pany more than a week when we went al Saylor, better known as "Pete," a into the fight again and I got it the

I am glad you are getting along and bacco he is feeling fine, but when he like it in New York. We all feel that has to chew Bull Durham, look out. it won't be long now until the war is He is very popular, and says there is over and then for the dear old U.S. not a squad in the company that can A. and together we will talk over beat his. Mechanic Guy Lyon, anoth- many things and I will take care of er member of Troop L, has the job of the dearest mother on earth. You do fixing up our guns when they are not | not know how much I think of you working right. Guy is fine, and likes and the girls, and I know you think to work, nit! Next is chauffeur Gil- and pray for me. And I want you to bert D. Nolan, better known as pray for me, for we are always in danger, but we have no fear. Every

I am now a first lieutenant and my no! he is not lazy. Private Clair Colonel has recommended me for a mir. Particulars as to the young Deitrick, or "Tilly," is as congenial captaincy. I liked the hospital at man's family and enlistment are not captaincy. I liked the hospital at as ever, but he don't care much about Nantes better than here and hope to be sent to another in a few days. in two hundred yards of the Boche They are sending all men from here that can travel. In a few days I will feur of old Troop L, he has lost some have three gold chevrons on my right arm for wounds and one on my left

Your loving son,



LIEUT. FRED C. YEAGER BELLEFONTE

Has Been Wounded Three Times in Ac-tion in France.

Lieut. Yeager is a son of Mrs. ty-six years old. He enlisted in tion soon afterward.



HARRY OTT BELLEFONTE

CAPT. WILBUR F. LEITZEL STATE COLLEGE

Last Friday. Mr. Ott was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Yeager and is about twen- Was Seriously Wounded in Action On William H. Ott and was born at Axe October First. Mann twenty-one years ago. He was Troop L, trained at Camp Hancock Full particulars of Capt. Leitzel's sent to South Bethlehem by the local and won his commission in the offi-military career will be found in anoth-board on September 19th where he cers' training school at that place. He er column on this page. It is worth was studying telegraphy. He was ill went across in May and got into ac-reading, as Capt. Leitzel has made a just about two weeks. He was buried

at Pleasant Gap on Monday. most remarkable record.

CAPT. VINCE TAYLOR HOME. and is now in a base hospital. It

A Little of His Experience and Other Facts About Men in Service.

Captain Vincent Nicholas Taylor arrived home on Sunday from Camp Dix, N. J., where he has been since this item). arriving in this country from France several weeks ago, spending four days with his father, Col. H. S. Taylor and family, leaving yesterday for Boston to see his sister, Miss Mary Taylor, who is a student at Hill Seminary. Capt. Taylor not only looks so but is in splendid health and does not show any effects of the strenuous service he saw while in France. He is very modest about his own part in | nel on September 28th and died soon the war but the fact that he has been after. Lieut. Keller won his commiscited several times for bravery and daring in action is evidence that he has the spirit of the true soldier. While yet a lieutenant he served in | Meade was admitted to the Lancaster the 38th regular infantry and that county bar. After going across he was one of the organizations that lay south of the Marne previous to the of the 79th division. Lieut. Keller German drive. On several occasions Capt. Taylor swam the Marne in charge of patrols to find out, if possible, what the Germans were doing and usually secured valuable information. The Germans started their big drive across the Marne at midnight and the

38th was pushed back by the sheer weight of the German onslaught from coming to the rescue the Germans were driven back three days later and Capt. Taylor found all his stuff with were rolled up, a half a dozen or more them. Capt. Taylor stated that when the Germans were driven back the American wounded that they had been compelled to abandon when the Germans made their big onslaught, were found in places protected as much as possible. German doctors had dressed

the Germans in their retreat is of the | The life evidently agrees with him as Well, I must close as there is to be most determined and tenacious character. Capt. Taylor addressed the students at the Bellefonte Academy on Monday afternoon and made a decided hit

plied with milk and bread sufficient to

last them several days. The captain

WILLIAM MCCLURE WRITES HOME. have received a letter from their son | influenza. wounded a second time, but fortunate- | William, with the headquarters company of the 109th field artillery in a base hospital at Vittel, France, France, in which he says: "We have from which place he wrote the fol- just been relieved from the front and ing one gold bar, for 2nd Lieut., is lowing letter to his mother, Mrs. are now on our way back for a rest. Maurice Yeager, now located in New Our outfit advanced several kilometers while we were in action. Received a letter from home several days Vittel, France, Sept. 29. ago but have only received one paper from home since I have been here. Everything has been going good and well, and I hope all are well at home."

with all who heard him.

McClure is with the same command as William Lambert, who was cited

ARTHUR UNDERCOFFER WOUNDED. Baggage master Joseph W. Undercoffer on Tuesday evening received a telegram announcing the fact that his son, Arthur Undercoffer had been wounded in action in France. The young man was sent to Camp Meade from Lancaster county where he qualmachine gun. After going across he was assigned to the 316th regiment. Liberty division, but in what capacity is not known. Just how serious his wounds are is also unknown.

CENTRE COUNTIAN LOST IN SINKING

OF TRANSPORT OTRONTO. One Centre countian, James W. Kehoe, of Sandy Ridge, was drowned when the transport Otronto was sunk on October 6th off the Scottish coast in a collision with the steamer Kashman's family and enlistment are not the latter part of last week. known at this writing.

Ishler, a first gunner of Company B. of State College. 311th machine gun battalion, stating that he had been wounded on October 8th, the second day of a big drive I tion day in Pennsylvania. A Very Interesting Letter from Lieut.

was the first letter the family has received in eight weeks. Private Ishler would like to have all his friends write to him as letters are the delight of the boys in the hospital. (Other county papers are requested to copy

LIEUT KELLER KILLED IN FRANCE. Word has been received here of the death in action in France of Lieut. Daniel S. Keller, son of Deputy Attorney General William H. and Mrs. Keller, of Lancaster, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, of Bellefonte. The information states that Lieut. Keller was struck by a shrapsion at Fort Niagara after completing his course at the Columbia law school and while training at Camp was attached to the 316th regiment was married shortly before leaving this country to go abroad.

Dr. John Keichline, of Petersburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Keichline, of Bellefonte, went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on October 16th and entered the officers' medical training camp at Camp Greene. The Keichline's now have two lieutenants in sition she holds in the ordnance department at Washington, D. C.

Friends in Bellefonte have received a letter from private Harry E. Sager, of Battery B, 109th field artillery, stating that ne has not had much time to write lately as they have been photograph any of our positions. too busy chasing Fritz, and that they have a hard time trying to keep up nome paper once in a while.

service at Newport, R. I., arrived eling through England and France. home last Saturday on a brief furlough which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daggytt, finely. I am enjoying luxuries at expecting to be here until Sunday. present that you would hardly think he has gained twenty-five pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Hunter left on Wednesday to motor to Elizabethpoint, N. J., called there by the illness of their son, B. Graham Hunter, who is an assistant cost inspector in the U.S. naval service. His illness, Mr. and Mrs. William McClure however, is not the dreaded disease,

Greenleaf, Ga., on Tuesday in re- pounds of English walnuts. I alsponse to a telegram that his son, ways see that she gets her pro-rata fluenza and his condition had become morrow she has promised to bring me more serious.

Sunday from Boston, Mass., where he miles back from the lines but never had been in the service of the govern- is she concerned more than we when ment since the first of October assist- they start shelling the place while ing the medical department in stamp- she is here. On such occasions she ing out the flu epidemic.

J. M. Heinle, who left Bellefonte two weeks ago for Philadelphia to enlist in the marines, has been sent for training to Paris Island, S. C., where he has been assigned to Company 395, Battalion S.

A cablegram was received on Monday from Robert S. Walker anified as an instructor on the Browning | nouncing the fact that he had arrived safely over seas. He was supposed to have sailed from Quebec about four Of course many things must go unweeks ago.

> Miss Hilda Patton Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James things are going like they have been Thompson, of Centre Furnace, has during the past week. made application for a passport to France as a Red Cross nurse.

Word has been received that Ferguson G. Parker and William Payne, of Battery D, 48th regiment coast artillery, had landed on the other side

Among the commissions issued by On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. John the War Department last week was Ishler, of State College, received a one as second lieutenant in the chemletter from their son, private John B. ical warfare service to S. P. Armsby,

---Tomorrow will be fire preven-

ON THE GERMAN BORDER.

Died of Influenza at South Bethlehe

W. Ned Keller, of Linden Hall.

Sept. 25, 1918. To My Loved Ones at Home: Yesterday I had the pleasure of writing to mother and telling her that

was serving my first time at the front. I had to write while seated in my dugout, as it had been raining day and night for almost a week, and it was almost impossible to be out. My headquarters are in an old house which has only part of the walls standing, but am glad to say a good, safe dugout underneath.

I am stationed with my platoon, holding a "strong point," while the rest of the company is holding in reserve. I will be here a few days and then will be relieved.

This morning the sky cleared up and so far it has proved to be a beautiful day. The sun is out at present and it is simply too nice to stay inside, and as long as the Boche don't detect me I don't mind telling you that I am sitting out here in the sun, at the same time being unobserved due to a pile of debris. Overhead the artillery is sending a stream of shells and not more than half a mile from here I can see several French peasants working in the field and paying see each other, it being our first meet—they were going to a picnic. Well, had on, but the Pennsylvania division ranking as a first lieutenant in the point of the west than the point of the p ing I watched a Boche machine being shelled by our anti-aircraft guns. It lasted for over half an hour, and every shell could be seen bursting around the plane. While he was too high to be reached yet he feared to come low enough to enable him to

> Conditions are not quite as bad here as one would imagine, for really with him. He also speaks of how I am quite comfortable. My men are glad the boys over there are to get a well-fed, and so far I have been able to give them three hot meals a day and hot coffee with two of them. Frederick Daggett, in the naval That is more than we had while trav-

> The men are feeling in the best of spirits and everything is working out possible. The house where I am on duty is owned by an old French lady, and since it is under observation, and subject to a constant shell fire from the Hun artillery, she is compelled to leave it during the night. Every morning since I have taken over the post she comes up to the house and spends several hours gathering up a few trinkets that may be left. This morning she was so kind as to bring Dr. J. E. Ward left for Camp me a basket of grapes and several Arthur T. Ward, had suffered a re- share of the food, and it certainly is lapse while recovering from the in- a pleasure to have her around. Toa dozen eggs and if she can get them I shall have no reason to complain of Dr. John Sebring returned home on the food situation. She stays several goes into the dugout with us and it is really pitiful to see her when we tell her it is about time for her to leave for a safe place instead of staying there during the bombardment.

So far my platoon has suffered no casualties and I am feeling fine. Would you believe me when I say that only yesterday I found time to take a warm bath. The orderly managed to heat some water over a few coals, thus we managed to get a real treat. told until I return but I shall gladly forget the many unpleasant features connected with this life as long as

We had much difficulty getting our mail while traveling through France but since nearing the front it has had a chance to catch up with us and am happy to say that last night and today I was greeted with nine of the love missives. All of mother's letters up to August 23rd were received. Two very welcome letters from Lancaster were received, and needless to say they were all very welcome. I hope you will find time to write often for nothing in this world will put us in better spirits than the letters from Bessie C. Breon, Centre Hall. paper, and especially the home pa- Sarah E. Falls, Beech Creek.

per, but so far none have come through the mail. The best way to send them would be to place them in envelopes and send as letters. We get some information of what is going on through headquarters and of late bulletins of victories are arriving in constant succession from every active sector of the long battle lines. It makes one think of the dramatic scene of the messengers in the book of Job where it says "While he was yet speaking there came also another bringing news, not of disaster as to Job, but of still another victory.'

This is the first I have had any time to write but only due to the fact that I am on the defensive while holding this point of resistance, and as a result it is rather quiet during the day. At night Fritz usually shows us a merry time but to date we have shown him just what it is that makes the wild cat wild.

I must close for it is time to arrange to have some rations brought up after dark, and it is about time to get ready for the big show tonight. Would you be so kind as to show this to my Lancaster and Bethany friends and also my friend Pat, if he is at the seminary this fall.

With love to all, NED.

Capt. Wilbur F. Leitzell Injured.

A cablegram, received on October 18th, by H. A. Leitzell, State College, said that his brother, Capt. Wilbur F. Leitzell, Co. A, 107th machine gun battalion, 28th division, had been wounded in France. On Wednesday of this week Mrs. Leitzell received word that her husband had been wounded in action on October first by a direct shell hit through the shoulder, making a hole large enough to put two hands through. He has already undergone several operations and eminent surgeons have held consultations over him, but it is not known whether his arm can be saved or not. The captain has no hopes of getting out of the hospital until after the holidays. Captain Leitzell was born in Scottdale and is 34 years of age. He was educated in the public schools of Scottdale and The Pennsylvania State College. For a number of years he was employed in the auditing department of the Scottdale American Sheet and Tinplate company and before enlisting was associated with his brother in The Athletic

Store, State College. He served as a 2nd Lieut. with the Boal Machine Gun troop on the Mexican border, was promoted to 1st Lieut. after his return and commissioned a Captain before going to Camp Hancock, Ga., receiving two promotions within six months; and leaving for overseas in May of this

In a letter received by his wife, dated September 11th and received October 22nd, he said that the division had been relieved for a short rest. after being under continuous fire for fifty-seven days. He wrote also of the privilege of sleeping in "a real bed" for the first time since going to the front. Capt. Leitzell's wife and three children, father, mother and brother live at State College.

Capt. Leitzell also wrote in the highest terms of the loyalty, devotion and courage of his company: "Nothing better at the front, no cowards or slackers among them. The morale of the company is wonderful and the men are fifty per cent. better, morally and physically than the same number of men that might be selected in the States. Their watchword is no longer 'over the top,' but 'forward, get the Hun. We have a fine Y. M. C. A. secretary in our outfit, who preaches real sermons to the boys, the kind they can understand." The letter was written while on the way to a rest camp.

Lieut. Frederick Reynolds Cited for Bravery.

In Sunday's Public Ledger, of Philadelphia, Raymond C. Carroll cites Lieut. Frederick Reynolds, son of Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reynolds, of Bellefonte, for bravery in action. In writing of the splendid work done by the trench mortar platoon of the 112th infantry during the fighting in the Argonne forest correspondent Carroll states that Capt. William G. Smith, who was in the charge of the infantry said: "The trench mortar platoon under Lieut. Reynolds were with us all the time, and almost up with us where we wanted them. It took a lot of will power and endurance for these men with their heavy loads to keep up with the infantry, but they did it. The men carried their guns and ammunition throughout the advance, keeping up always with the assaulting battalion. This progress took them through the vast stretches of barbed wire, only partially cut by artillery fire, up hills which the infantry had to climb upon their hands and knees. All of which made the advance of the mortar boys extremely difficult and exhausting because of their heavy loads, yet they came out without losing any equipment."

Lieut. Reynolds after crossing to France was assigned to Company I, of the 112th infantry but was later transferred to the trench mortar battery. In this action of his superiors the little god of fortune was with him, as in the fighting on the Marne every officer in Company I was killed. At last accounts Lieut. Reynolds had gone through months of service in the front line trenches and days of incessant fighting without a scratch.

Marriage Licenses.

Wilbur T. Morgan, Bellefonte, and Carolyn M. Schindler, Milesburg. George I. Barnes, Perryville, and home. I would love to see a daily | James I. Bottorf, Lock Haven, and