



CAMP HANCOCK LETTERS.

Local Boys in Training in Southern Camp Write Interesting Letters.—New Machine Guns for Boal Troop.

[By PRIVATE WILLIAM BAILEY]

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The men of the division whose organizations are to be changed or transferred to other regiments in order to complete the war strength of the same, are very much down hearted about the change and show great disappointment, altho they must obey it. The change effects our troop and on Wednesday we will be removed from the 1st Pa. Cavalry regiment to the 3rd Company, 108th Machine Gun Battalion, of the 55th Brigade. We feel very sorry that we must leave this regiment, but we must go! Only two troops will leave the regiment, viz.: the First City Troop of Philadelphia (known as the "millionaire troop") and our troop. What will happen to the First Pa. Cavalry regiment is not known. We are told that it is considered a unit of itself.

We are very busy and hardly a minute is allowed the soldier during the progress of the day's duties. We have been doing a great deal of hiking and this hiking is by no means a snap, as the people back home may think. Having a weight of forty or more pounds on our backs, and covering a given distance in a certain given time is by no means easy. It certainly builds the fellows up and we are gradually becoming used to the hardships. When we move on Wednesday, we will have added to our Machine Gun Company eighty-one more men, thus making the quota of men enlisted, 172, and the officers, 6. There will be one captain, two first lieutenants and three second lieutenants, who will take charge of their respective companies. Three companies of Machine Gun will constitute a battalion, and will be known as the 108th Machine Gun Battalion of the 55th Brigade. There will be three Machine Gun Battalions, viz.: the 108th, of which we are members; the 109th and the 110th; these Battalions together will constitute the 55th Machine Gun Brigade, which like all other Machine Gun units, is nicknamed "Snatch Brigade", because of its deadly work.

We are getting new guns. Guns that we have never seen before, and we must go thru an entire new course in the recooling of this machine gun. These guns weight 175 lbs. and are twice the guns for deady work that the Lewis, which we have been using, so we are told. A good gunner can fire 600 shots per minute,—think of it, 10 shots per second. Imagine 16 guns in one company in action,—the noise, the casualties,—it's terrific. Statistical reports show that the average life of a machine gun man in action is only three days—hat's all, but a gunner can do a lot of good work in three days. In action the machine guns are constantly changing their position; if by any chance the direct fire from the machine guns would cause the attention of the enemy and you can imagine what would next happen. The machine guns are the guns that are playing the deadly part in the present conflict, and there are few survivors after all is over. Even if we have three days to do the work in we are going to give them "h—", which is the sentiment that is expressed by each and every soldier down here.

In the change of our organization we consider ourselves fortunate in keeping our officers. Captain Leit-zell still maintains his rank as captain of the new organization. To my mind he is capable of handling the job. He is great on military matters and takes a great interest in having his organization the best. As it is drawing near time for me to get to other duties I must close, hoping that this brief letter finds all the folks in the best of health.

THE SLACKER.

We give you our service, you shut off our beer. But the slacker can drink 'till it runs out of his ear. We quit a good job to keep you from harm, And the slacker goes by with a girl on each arm. And laughs at the soldier poor unlucky cuss, You go with a slacker, why criticize us? The slacker rides around in a Ford of his own And charges a quarter to haul us to town. We'll do our duty 'till his liver is white, While he sticks around as long as he cares. And laughs at a soldier whenever he dares. Discipline, we know, is a thing that must be, But honest to goodness we fail to see, When a soldier drinks nothing but water and pop. Why the drink of the slacker can't also be stopped. If the slacker can dance, it seems rather hard, That at a decent dance the uniform's laid out. We have taken our rifles and taken our place, And will go to our death with a smile on our face. But this is our honest appeal to you, Until we cross, please give us our dues.

[Later word from Camp Hancock indicates the move to transfer the Machine Gun Troop has been held up.—Ed.]

TROOP L. BOY WRITES.

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. Editor Reporter: We are gradually getting to like

this southern country better. The radical change struck us rather hard at first, but now we have become accustomed to the new conditions and order of things, with good results. A camp incident which was quite out of the ordinary occurred a few days ago when three of our boys—Gerald Robinson, Walter Smith, and Charles Scott—while out for a walk, mistook a strange tree and its fruit for what we term the "aligger toe" nut. They ate several and were poisoned as a result. The fellows were taken to the base hospital where they were treated and now have about fully recovered.

A word about cur Y. M. C. A. It is doing a great work among the boys, and by way of entertainment we are treated to lots of music, movies, and vaudeville.

PREL. JOHN W. GARRIS.

Board Examining 100 Men. This week the Centre County Examination Board is busy examining 100 conscripts at Bellefonte, from which will be selected the physically fit and those having no valid claim for exemption, to be held in reserve for any emergency. A number of them will undoubtedly be necessary to fill the county's quota in the first call.

Half of the 100 who have been notified to appear were examined yesterday (Wednesday) and the remainder will pass through the physical test on Friday.

Out of the hundred, thirty have been called from various parts of Penns Valley. Their names are given below:

- Kister, Wm. H., Aaronsburg
- Campbell, Clyde Albert, State College.
- Stover, Horace Beaver, Aaronsburg.
- Stover, Clayton B., Spring Mills.
- Dutrow, Peter Leroy, Centre Hall.
- Spicer, Odie Clair, State College.
- Korman, Irvin Clayton, State College.
- Stover, Ralph Wise, State College.
- Stover, John Reuben, Boalsburg.
- Mensch, Harry Boyer, Millheim.
- Breon, Stuart Mervin, Millheim.
- Mervin, Frances, Coburn.
- Korman, Guy Willis, State College.
- Shoemaker, Joseph C., State College.
- Zarby, Edward, Centre Hall, R. D. 1.
- Homan, Chester Earl, State College.
- Bryan, Chas. Clayton, Coburn.
- Balby, Philip John, Millheim.
- Parsons, Walter Clark, State College.
- Hornor, John, Linden, Hall.
- Probst, Chas. Everett, State College.
- Segner, Claud Michael, Boalsburg.
- Moffit, Earl Lindsey, State College.
- Kersterter, Leon Wm., State College.
- Fetterolf, Frank, Centre Hall.
- Stover, John Levi, Aaronsburg.
- Subday, Chas. E., State College.
- Smith, Paul James, State College.
- Jordan, George Boal, State College.
- Ruseel, Charles Allen, State College.
- Martin, Charles Wm., State College.

Two New Days Proclaimed.

Sunday, November the 4th, as "Go-to-Sunday-School," and Thursday, November 15th, as Father-and-Son Day, have been proclaimed formally by Governor Brumbaugh in an official proclamation he has issued at the request of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association. Both movements originated with International Sunday school officials. The State Sabbath School Association has sent printed copies of the gubernatorial proclamation to Sunday school officers all over the state.

The governor's proclamation remarks that "it is particularly important during war times that the spiritual interests of a people should be developed and conserved in the most effective manner." It points out that adults should set an example to children in Sunday school matters. "Father-and-Son Day" has been devised "to encourage the greatest intimacy between fathers and their sons."

Another Cattle Sale.

S. D. Peschy, the Millfin county cattle expert, will dispose of two carloads of cattle at Centre Hall to-day (Thursday) at one o'clock. One carload consists of West Virginia feeding cattle—reds and roans—and will weigh from 800 to 800 lbs. Another carload are Westmoreland county well-bred Durham heifers—reds and roans. Also lot of stock bulls will be sold. This stock has all been carefully selected by Mr. Peschy personally and is first class in every respect.

Red Cross Business Meeting.

A business meeting of the Centre Hall Auxiliary to the State College Chapter of the Red Cross society will be held in the P. O. S. of A. hall this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members of the auxiliary are urged to be present.

Mrs. H. F. BITNER, Pres.

Girl Struck Down by Auto.

Miss Stella Raymond, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Raymond, of Oak Hall, was struck down by an automobile on Sunday night on the road in front of the Ferres residence at Oak Hall and severely injured. Miss Raymond, in company with a bevy of girl companions, was returning from church service at Boalsburg and attempted to cross the road right ahead of the James Swabb car which was being driven by Orris Rupp. The car was moving along at a slow rate of speed and it was this fact which caused the young lady to take the risk of crossing the road ahead of it. She erred in her calculations, however, with the result that the auto struck her, knocking her down. Mr. Rupp managed to stop the car before the rear wheels reached the unfortunate young lady. She was picked up and carried to her home where it required a score of stitches to close up the wounds which were found about her head. An ankle was also fractured.

While it was a most deplorable accident, no blame is to be attached to the driver of the car who had full view of the girls ahead and was driving with the utmost care to avoid the possibility of just such an accident.

Search-Eckert.

LeRoy G. Bearick, formerly of Centre Hall, was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Eckert, at Harrisburg, on October 2d, by Rev. L. S. Mudge. The Clinton Democrats, of Lock Haven, says of the marriage:

Miss Eckert, now Mrs. Bearick, went to Harrisburg ostensibly on a visit to Mrs. Edward Hunter and her sister, Miss Ella Michael, 19 North Fourth street. She was joined there Tuesday morning by Mr. Bearick and the ceremony occurred that afternoon. Mr. Bearick's business engagements were such that he was compelled to return home on Wednesday, but his bride remained in Harrisburg until Sunday when she returned home.

Mr. Bearick is the well known dealer in furniture on Bellefonte avenue, and is one of Lock Haven's prominent young business men. His bride is a most estimable young woman, with a large circle of friends, who will hasten to extend hearty congratulations to the happy couple.

Lutheran Minister Resigns.

Rev. M. D. Geesey, who for the past ten years faithfully served the Aaronsburg Lutheran pastorate, tendered his resignation on Sunday, to take effect the last of November. Rev. Geesey has accepted a call from Louisville, Kentucky, and will make that place his new field of labor.

The best wishes of his many friends and parishioners will go with him.

College Gives Directions for Storing Potatoes.

Potatoes keep best if stored at a temperature of 33 to 36 degrees F., but very well also at temperature of 40 degrees or even a little higher, according to the authorities of the Pennsylvania State College.

Ideal conditions for potatoes are seldom attained where cellars of dwelling houses are used for storage places, but such cellars may often be made satisfactory. A cellar room in which there is a furnace is too warm for potatoes. When there is heat in any part of the cellar, the storage room should be separated from the rest of the house by brick, concrete or double wall of tongued and grooved boards having a dead air space.

Such storage room should have at least one window by which ventilation can be arranged. The floor should be of earth rather than concrete or wood. It is important that light be excluded from stored potatoes, for even diffused light tends to turn the tubers green and to injure them for table use.

When conditions are not suitable for cellar storage, it is often advisable to store in pits those intended for late winter and spring use. Only a well-drained site should be chosen for a pit. An excavation five to six inches deep should be made and this cavity lined with straw, hay or leaves. The potatoes should be piled on this material in a compact heap, then covered with four to six inches of straw and followed by a six inch layer of earth. After the earth has frozen somewhat another layer of straw and a second layer of earth should be added. The layer of earth should be eight or ten inches deep. Water should be drained away from the pit by means of shallow ditches.

Boost the Red Cross local society. Give of your means as well as a good word. Give, give, knit. If you have no means from which to give, and can't knit, or don't want to give from your means and don't want to knit, shut your gib.

Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

FOREST FIRE SEASON HERE.

A Plea by L. G. Barner, Nittany State Forester, for Fire Prevention in Centre's Woods.

Dear Sir: As a resident of Centre county, in which county the State of Pennsylvania owns 79,267 acres of forest land, it is presumed you are interested in the forestry movement of the State and in the protection of mountain land from forest fires.

Without question the forest industry of the United States is one of the most important industries and is exceeded only by agriculture. Twenty per cent of the capital wealth of the country, or \$2,250,000,000, is invested in wood using industries. Seventeen per cent of all the manufactured products is derived from forest resources. Pennsylvania, so called on account of her richly timbered valleys and mountains which were thought to be inexhaustible, led in timber production in 1890. The development of the State, reckless and wasteful lumbering and uncontrolled forest fires rapidly depleted the supply, and in 1915 the State had dropped to the 18th place as a timber producing State. Even at that the capital invested in wood using industries today is \$63,000,000 and the value of the finished products of these industries reach each year close to \$100,000,000.

The decreasing supply of timber with constantly increasing demand and consequently increasing price makes it imperative that some steps be taken to provide for the future and to protect and conserve what we have. Pennsylvania has realized the necessity of having forests and has taken an advanced place in forestry. Today over 1,000,000 acres of land have been set aside as State Forests, are being protected from fire, and slowly but surely are being improved and reforested so as to bring them back again to a state of productiveness. It is a long and expensive proposition but the end is justified. France in the last century by private and government enterprises replanted 2,400,000 acres of waste land at an expenditure of \$18,000,000 and now has today a property valued at \$140,000,000.

Unless the citizens of Pennsylvania give more serious consideration to the problem of protection from forest fires our attempt to equal and surpass the showing of France will be greatly handicapped.

Of the 8,000,000 acres of forest land in this State fully 600,000 are kept non-productive by forest fires. Every spring and fall forest fires burn over an area of 200,000 to 500,000 acres causing enormous direct and indirect losses in timber operations, wages, taxes, water supply, health and even life.

The most reliable statistics, covering a number of years, show that \$5 out of every 100 fires are due to carelessness and could be prevented. Furthermore, indifference to the problem of forest fires is the cause of their spreading over such a large area. That is to say, of the 85 carelessly started fires, lack of prompt attention allows them to gain such a headway that they burn over 100 per cent more ground than they should.

In endeavoring to stop the number of careless fires and reduce the area burned over, the Department of Forestry through the Bureau of Forest Fire Protection solicits your aid. In a few weeks the forest fire season will be here. Your farm adjoins mountain land and places you in a position where you may readily detect a fire. Prompt notification to a forest fire warden in case of a fire and immediate work of yourself and your neighbors in fighting the fire will help arrive, will do much to reduce the losses and give to the future a State worthy the name "Penn's Woods."

Yours very truly,
L. G. BARNER,
Forester, Nittany State Forest.

Members of the Bradford hunting club are devoting their spare time to putting up their permanent hunting camp in the Seven Mountains. The structure is of frame construction and will be 18x30 feet in size. Across the Thick Head mountain from the Bradford location rests a substantial stone camp, recently erected by the State College club. A covered concrete porch adds to the beauty of the camp, but its value, from a utility standpoint, is diminished during the deer season, which crowds the Christmas season rather hard.

Keep in mind that Davis, the magician, will appear in Grange Hall on Wednesday evening of next week, October 24th. His entertainment will be most interesting and full of mystery. Don't miss the opening number.

Secretary of the Treasury, William G. McAdoo, has three sons in the navy.

RED CROSS TREASURER MAKES REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of State College Chapter, American Red Cross, from Organization, Presented to the Annual Meeting Held Last Week at State College.

The State College Chapter, American Red Cross, held its annual meeting, on 9th inst., at State College. The Treasurer, David F. Kapp, rendered a very flattering report, the statement showing a total membership in the nine auxiliaries forming the chapter of 1160, and the contributions of charter and membership dues being \$2179.10; disbursements, \$1928.48; balance on hand, \$252.62. To this must be added \$22.00, a credit from the Snow Shoe auxiliary, making the grand total of funds on hand, \$274.62.

By a glance at the statement appended you can see the relative standing of the various auxiliaries:

	No. Members	Contributed as dues, etc
State College Chapter . . .	894	\$483.00
Half Moon Auxiliary . . .	23	26.00
Spring Mills Auxiliary . . .	100	101.00
Pine Grove Mills Auxil'y . .	47	50.00
Baileyville Auxiliary . . .	54	67.00
Lemont Auxiliary . . .	19	23.00
Millheim Auxiliary . . .	182	188.00
Centre Hall Auxiliary . . .	101	101.00
Snow Shoe Auxiliary . . .	240	891.00
Total . . .	1160	\$1422.00

Receipts from Gifts, Proceeds of Festivals, Dances, Cards and Refunds:

State College Chapter . . .	\$592.60
Millheim Auxiliary . . .	78.15
Baileyville Auxiliary . . .	30.95
Stormtown Auxiliary . . .	5.00
Snow Shoe Auxiliary . . .	11.40
Pine Grove Mills Auxil'y . .	15.00
Bellefonte D. A. R.	7.00
Gatesburg	17.00
Total amount received . . .	\$757.10
Disbursements	\$2179.10
Balance on hand	\$252.62
Snow Shoe credit	22.00
Total	\$274.62

"Farmer" Cries, Has a Close Call.

"Farmer" William Cressy, ex-Master of the State Grange, had a close call from death last week, at his farm near Catawissa, when a team of spirited horses ran away and dragged him some distance under a light wagon. The wagon fell on his body, cutting and bruising him as he was dragged over the rough land. When the horses tore loose from the wagon his life was probably saved. Farm employes went to his assistance and he was taken to his home. He refused to go to bed.

Altho a bit lamed by the accident, Mr. Cressy declares that it will take more than that spirited team of horses to keep him at home in bed.

Increase in Widows' Pensions.

Payment of increase in pensions of widows of men who fought in the Civil war, Spanish war and Philippine insurrection, provided by an amendment to the pension law attached to the soldiers and sailors insurance bill, will begin with the disbursements November 4. The pensions were raised to \$25 a month, the increase ranging from \$5 to \$13 a month.

Story and Song Service.

The United Evangelical Sunday-School, of Tusseyville, will render a Story and Song service entitled "Mary, the daughter's daughter," next Sunday evening.

FOLKS WE ALL KNOW



Now, this here is not a Regular Sport, but just a Kid trying to be one, which is the Saddest Kind of a Sport there is. The Cigarette is making him sick, his Collar is Strangling him and his Feet hurt, but he is going to be a Sport if it Kills him.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The horse chestnut crop is good—nothing.

Corn from the field is being sold at a \$1.00 per bushel in various sections in the valley. Husking has just rightly commenced.

"Service" flags are finding their way to Centre Hall and other points in Penns Valley. So far the one-star flag is the popular one.

Farmers are in need of six or eight weeks of fine fall weather. Apples, potatoes, corn, clover seed, plowing—all are on the program.

Seven-tenths of an inch of rain fell last Friday, which was much appreciated by the farmers, who needed it in their cisterns and on the wheat fields.

The apple crop throughout the southern section of Centre county is a decidedly poor one. It is even rare to find single trees in orchards that are bearing anything like a full crop.

Mrs. W. F. Leitzell, of State College, wife of Captain Leitzell, of the Boal Machine Gun Troop, and three children left Thursday for Augusta, Ga., where they will remain as long as the Captain is stationed at Camp Hancock.

The Lincoln Deposit and Trust Company is the name of a new banking institution which began business in Altoona on Monday. The building which has just been completed, is one of the most modern bank buildings in Central Pennsylvania.

Any one who will make disparaging remarks about the Red Cross is not a good citizen. This is no time, and there never was a time heretofore, nor will there be hereafter, to sneer at Red Cross work. Stinginess hides poorly under Red Cross abuse.

Town looks ragged at present owing to the large quantity of leaves falling from the many shade trees. But these will finally all be cleaned up. And just here it is proper to say that all the leaves on your own premises should be gathered up and placed on the compost heap—not burned.

The Detwiler farm, at Fiedler, was sold to Thomas Meyer, of Coburn, at the rate \$135.75 per acre. The farm contained one hundred and twelve acres. Paul Winkieblech is the tenant on the place, and it is understood that he will remain for at least one year. Twelve acres of mountain land was also sold to Mr. Meyer in lump sum of \$156.

Start in with the first number, Wednesday evening, October 24th, and get the full benefit of the entire lecture course this season. You really can't afford to be without the elevating and cultivating influence which such a series imparts. Davis, the magician, appears as the first number. See him, even if you can't fully understand him.

Boyd Potter, son of George Potter, south of Centre Hall, last week started to drive the big milk truck of the Mill Hall condensary, which makes daily trips through this section. The loss of the young man from the farm would have seriously handicapped the father, but since another son—John Potter—has moved from Boalsburg to the parental home, farming operations will continue as before.

Saturday of this week, October 20th, the small-game season opens with grey squirrel and pheasants becoming legal game. Of the squirrel, six may be killed in one day and only twenty during the season. Four pheasants may be killed in a day and twenty-four are allowed for the season which closes on November 30th. Locally pheasants are said to be scarce, due to the heavy and continued rains during the hatching season.

The picture post card, provided there is no message on it, may be mailed after November 2, same as now, for one cent. But if there is a message on it, it will require two cents, no matter to where it is addressed. There is no one-cent postage for any first-class mail. The postal card and post card with a message on it, will require two cents, no matter to where they are addressed in the U. S.

Missing from her home since Tuesday night of last week, Mrs. Daniel Yoder, of Belleville, was found on Thursday evening buried under the hay in a mow of the barn upon the farm of her mother, which is located a scant eighth mile from the Yoder home. Jacob King, a brother of the missing woman, discovered her in a peculiar manner. While taking hay from the mow to feed his stock, his fork struck a solid object, which revealed itself as a woman's shoe. Closer examination disclosed the form of his sister, who when being disturbed simply requested to be left alone. The woman had been in ill health for some time.