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## BOYS FROM OVERSEAS WRITE HOME.

Corp. Claude Whitehill Writes.  
(Letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitehill, at Oak Hall Station, Somewhere in France, December 13th, 1918.)

Dear mother and all:  
As the job is done and I have a little time to myself I thought I would write you and tell you some of my experiences since leaving New York, July 7th, for a long ride across the pond—some pond. On July 15th we landed in a place called Brest, staying there three days and then took a French pullman train (which was box cars) and had three days ride in it and got off at a little town, the name I cannot remember, and stayed there over night. In the morning we started to hike; hiked until night when we reached another small town and put up there for a week, and from there we took trucks and moved toward the front. On the night of September sixteenth was my first time under shell fire. We were stationed in a woods in our pup tents, when a Boche airplane flew over our heads and dropped some bombs on us and also gave us our first gas. Well, things were lively around there for a while, but we soon got used to it. From there we moved up to the front and started a drive on the Argonne sector. On the night of September twenty-fourth, our artillery protected us with a barrage and we went over the top at five the next morning, pushing the enemy back about twelve miles, when we were released by another division. We were in range of the Boche guns from the time we started the first drive up until the armistice was signed.

On Sunday November 10th I ran on to a Boche machine gun. When he began firing at me I ducked into a shell hole. And after I got in there I thought I was there to stay. Every time I would pop my head up he sure did send the bullets over. After being there for several hours I slid out on my stomach and when I had got a few yards away from the hole he saw me and began firing, but I was glued to close to the ground. He could not hit me but he put some holes through my pack and one through my mess kit, and soon it got dark and I crawled pretty lively and got out of sight. The next morning at ten o'clock our captain said, "Boys, we have a half hour to advance yet, and then we will dig in and will not fire a shot." And we did. A few minutes after the armistice was signed you could hear the Huns singing for miles and the following night they had the whole sky lit up with rockets and you could see camp fires every where you would look, and we were glad to have a fire because the nights were getting pretty cool. On the twenty-second I came to the hospital with a bad cold and I still remain here but I am feeling fine. I am very sorry that I cannot receive the Christmas box which you are sending me, as I am away from my company and I do not know how long I will be here or I could have it sent here, but I am here for Christmas I know I will get all I can eat but you know when it comes from home it tastes much better. I saw in the paper that the Red Cross is sending fourteen car loads of chocolate bars to the soldiers in France. The Red Cross is very much thought of in France.

Well, I will have to stop as I have told you all the news and it is time for chow.  
YOUR SON,  
(CORP.) CLAUDE L. WHITEHILL,  
Co. A, 314, American E. F.

De Jane, France,  
December 10, 1918.

Dear mother and all:  
Just a few lines this morning to let you know I am still alive and happy, hoping these few lines will find you all the same. Well, I suppose you have pretty cold weather back home; I must say we are having pretty nice weather here but I think it very unhealthy. I was up town a few days ago and had some pictures taken.

The city that I am in now is called De Jane. It is a pretty large place. I am in Base hospital number 17; have been here since Thanksgiving. I had a bad cold but it is pretty good again.

How is every thing around home this winter? Mother, I wanted to send you all a Christmas present but every thing is so high over here that I cannot reach it and will wait until I get back to the States. I was always told that every thing was so cheap over in this country but there is nothing of it. They sure soak the American soldiers for every thing they get. I saw in a Chicago paper yesterday that my Division was in the army of occupation and if that is so I am sent back to my outfit, it will be some time before I get back home. The letters that you have written to me in the last six weeks I have not gotten. I guess some of the boys are sailing for the U. S. A. already. Well, I believe I have told you all the news for this time, and will close, wishing you all a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your Son,  
(CORP.) CLAUDE L. WHITEHILL.

From Bruce C. Stump.  
(To E. S. Ripka, Centre Hall, Pa.)  
Langres, France,  
December 14, 1918.

Sir Knight and Brother:  
Your letter of October 20th received; was very glad to hear from you. Also had a letter from the committee, dated November 5th; they told me about Boyd Potter. The flu is under control over here; it was serious at one time, but so far I have been enjoying the best of health.

I suppose the boys are glad they don't have to leave home. There seem to be lots of boys from town in the army, but I never ran across any of them. I wish when you write again you would tell me how many boys are in the army from Castle 365.

Well, it is all finished but the shouting, but I suppose that will take about as long as it did to lick them. Our boys are doing guard on the Rhine, where I thought we would have our hardest fighting. I think all nations will think twice before jumping on the U. S., after what she has done in this war.

I suppose you folks are having winter weather. We haven't had very cold weather but lots of rain. It rains here almost every day. I have almost forgotten what the sun looks like. I think it rains here 265 days out of a year. Some of this rain would have been nice last August. We were dug in the side of a hill; the sun beat on us all day and we didn't dare run around for the Huns had an observation balloon right over the hill and if he saw us we would have to move out quick.

I never saw so many flies as they have over here. They also have more yellow jackets here than I ever saw in the States. There would be a couple stung every day. I didn't see any snakes over here and am mighty glad that I didn't for some of the places that I have slept snakes wouldn't be at all welcome.

Well, I must close for this time, hoping this finds all the brothers well, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,  
B. C. STUMP.  
4th Bat., 24 Co., A. C. S.  
A. P. O. 714, A. E. F.

Letter from William Schreckengast.  
(To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schreckengast, south of Old Fort.)  
San Antonio, Texas,  
January 7, 1919.

Dear parents,  
Just a few lines. I arrived here in Sam Houston in good spirits and enjoyed the trip very much and like it here. Don't know how I am going to like the work I am to follow here, but I finally made what I was after with the exception of the pay. Don't know what I am to get besides what I am now getting but surely they will pay more than an ordinary soldier gets. This is a new thing and I guess the authorities in Washington have not considered what they are going to pay. They are eighteen of us; every one has a different occupation. The Major interviewed us separately yesterday and told us that we had to stay here until the 30th of June before there would be a discharge considered; that we were picked out of four million men that are in the army now to do this work and were supposed to be professionals, according to the tests they had given us, and the work layed before us to make a success of it, if possible.

I have not been assigned to the branch I am to instruct but I think it will be cabinet making from what I could make out when they were writing me up. A person never knows what is going to happen until the time comes, altho they know but they won't tell you. Our work has not begun yet for they don't have the buildings finished for us and the equipments are not here yet, either, so we have it easy now. All we do is eat and sleep.

This hospital is right in town and the town is a real nice town; has a population of about 200,000 people.

Texas is not the country I thought it was. There is lots of timber standing yet and it is not a level country at all—very rough and plenty land that is no good whatever.

It is a little chilly here today but the flowers are out in bloom, and I guess it doesn't get cold here at all. Have not found out much as we just got in here night before last.

There is an aviation camp here within five miles. A person can see air planes all day long.

I guess I will have to close for this time, hoping to hear from you real soon.

Your son,  
WILLIAM.

World's Record Milk Production.  
Tilly Alcarra, registered Holstein cow, was found to have made a new world's record for milk production when results of one year's official test were compiled. Tilly's production was 33,424.3 pounds.

## HOLD ON TO UNCLE SAM'S INSURANCE.

McAdoo Gives Good Advice to Soldiers and Sailors of America—Hold on to Your Insurance.

To The Soldiers and Sailors of America:  
Approximately four million officers and men of the Army and Navy are now insured with the United States Government for a grand total of almost thirty-seven billion dollars.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to hold on to Uncle Sam's insurance. It is the strongest, safest and cheapest life insurance ever written.

For your protection Uncle Sam has established the greatest life insurance company in the world—a company as mighty, as generous, and as democratic as the United States Government itself. Just as Uncle Sam protected you and your loved ones during the war, so he stands ready to continue this protection through the days of readjustment and peace.

The privilege of continuing your Government insurance is a valuable right given to you as part of the compensation for your heroic and triumphant services. If you permit the insurance to lapse, you lose that right, and you will never be able to regain it. But if you keep up your present insurance—by the regular payment of premiums—you will be able to change it into a standard Government policy without medical examination. Meantime you can keep up your present insurance at substantially the same low rate. The Government will write ordinary life insurance, twenty-payment life, endowment maturing at age 62, and other usual forms of insurance. This will be the Government insurance—at Government rates.

The United States Government—through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of the Treasury Department—will safeguard you and your loved ones with the spirit and purpose of a Republic grateful to its gallant defenders. To avail yourself of this protection, you must keep up with your present insurance. Carry back with you to civil life as an asset, and the continued insurance protection of the United States Government.

HOLD ON TO UNCLE SAM'S INSURANCE.

W. G. McAdoo, Secretary.

Letter from the Sunny South.

Mount Dora, Florida, Jan. 3, 1919.

Dear Editor Reporter:  
Enclosed find check for \$1.50 for my subscription. We are having some nice weather; the month of December we had a great deal of rain, and cool—something we don't usually have.

The tourists have been coming in for the last two months and more are coming in every day. Our city will be lively from now on until May, when like the wild geese, they will go North.

We have been shipping citrus fruits for the last three months and will be shipping from now on until next May if the frost does not do as it has the last two years—freeze them. We are getting fair prices but not having as big a net income on account of having to pay the pickers double what we used to pay. Boxes cost us double. Packing more and freight is an increase of 15 cents a box, so you see where we come out. I see by the Northern papers the retail on fruits is high; somebody is getting the long end on them.

Well, the war is over and I am glad. It drained on our state in the way of labor that we could not get much done.

I have a fine truck garden; raised two crops a year but at present it is growing up with weeds. I was not able to get any one to get it in shape.

All well. I remain

Yours, etc.,  
(DR.) ED. L. MILLER.

An Interesting Article for The Reporter.

The Reporter has secured for publication in next week's issue a most interesting and important article by Wm. G. McAdoo, director general of railroads and former secretary of the treasury.

In the article Mr. McAdoo will outline the reasons for his recent action in asking Congress to extend for five years the period of Government operation and control of railroads. He will clear up some doubts that have existed as to his attitude on the question of Government ownership and Government control.

There is no after-war problem of greater interest to all the people than this question of what shall be done with the railroads now that the war emergency has passed. Whether you agree with Mr. McAdoo or not on all the points he raises you will find his article of the greatest interest coming as it does from directing head of all the railroads in the United States.

Look out for the article in the next issue of The Reporter; it will be worth reading.

Pennsylvania has regained its rank as the leading buckwheat producing State an advantage lost to New York in 1917.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

Juniors and School Children Who Responded to the Call.

The local Red Cross Auxiliary, in its resume of the work done in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, gives out the following figures:

Adults enrolled . . . . . 465  
Juniors below school age . . . . . 54  
School children . . . . . 498

Total membership . . . . . 927

The borough schools and all of the schools of Potter township—thirteen in number—have gone one hundred per cent.

ADULT MEMBERS.

(Over from last week.)—John Burkholder, Mrs. John Burkholder, James Goodhart, Mrs. James Goodhart, Jane Foust, Mrs. C. M. Smith, W. B. Garis, Elsie Grove.

JUNIORS BELOW SCHOOL AGE.

Harriett Barges, Sara Wagner, J. Ernest Wagner, Chester A. Wagner, Alvin Burkholder, Carl Burkholder, Mabel L. Burkholder, Robert H. McCormick, Martha B. Carson, Ethel Carson, Agnes Cummings, Tessie Cummings, Lee Cummings, Edith Glasgow, Alice Glasgow, Russel Homan, Florence Brooks, Lewis Garbrick, Vernon Garbrick, Gladys Garbrick, Dorothy Garbrick, Anna M. Gfrerer, Franklin Moyer, Marion A. Treaster, Donald Bloom, Irene Brooks, Russel Walker, Robert Walker, Clarence Walker, Norman Walker, Ralph Whitman, Glenn Tressler, Hazel Lutz, Lewis Ilgen, Dean Ilgen, Obert Ilgen, Kermit Brooks, Paul G. Brooks, Muth Bailey, Richard Bailey, Evelyn Colyer, Harris Runkle, Loraine E. Brungart, Lillian D. Auman, Grace Brubaker, Donald Cordon, Jack Cordon, William Campbell, Jane Campbell, Lee Meyer, Wm. Ashbridge Thomas, Jr., Flora Hackett, Oliver Hackett, Freda Burkholder, Mary Alice Eminhizer, Frances Elenore Swartz, Anna Wert, Cyrus Wert.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Centre Hall Primary School, Miss Helen Bartholomew, teacher: Bond Bible, Emma Bible, Wallace Bohn, Ruth Brown, Theima Brungart, Myrdith Cordon, Eugene Colyer, Russel Colyer, Dorothy Emerick, Olive Gleixner, Bruce Hartley, Bruce Knarr, Fred Luse, Catharine Martz, Paul Martz, Clarence Meyer, Clifford Meyer, Helen Meyer, Marian Meyer, Merrill Meyer, Evelyn Moyer, Ethyl McClenahan, Margaret McClenahan, Philip McClenahan, Robert McClenahan, Helep Odenkirk, Mary Reiber, Frank Rube, George Ritter, John Ritter, Estella Rible, Genevieve Rubie, Margaret Rudy, Sarah Runkle, Bruce Smith, Kathryn Smith, Lila Stoner, Luther Wagner, Phyllis Wagner, Frances Wagner.

Centre Hall Intermediate Grade, Miss Olive Way, teacher: Byers Ripka, Elwood Smith, Wilbur McClellan, William Slick, Ralph Martz, George Luse, Harold Bohn, Joseph Rubie, John Meyer, Miriam Moore, Mildred Bitts, Edna Luse, Louise Smith, Cathryn Gleixner, Margaret Luse, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Algine Emery, Emelyn Brungart, Mary Weber, Esther Martz, Grace McClenahan, Marian McClenahan, Helen Brown, Dorothy Odenkirk, Miriam Emerick, May Smith, Romie Smith, Orle Wagner, Bernadeen Wagner.

Centre Hall Grammar School, Miss Isabel Rowe, teacher: Helen Bohn, Ethel Frank, Agnes Geary, Anna Garis, Charlotte Keller, Florence Kraps, Madeline Smith, Florence Zettle, Sara Zettle, Vianna Zettle, James Royer, Arthur Bohn, Theodore Breon, Howard Emery, Albert Emery, Paul Fetterolf, Ralph Emerick, Paul Smith, Hugh Smith, Daniel Smith, Albert Smith, Franklin Rubie, Oscar Colyer.

Centre Hall High School, Prof. N. L. Barges, teacher: John Shultz, Belle Meeker, Adeline McClenahan, Boyd Jordan, Floyd Jordan, Harold Alexander, Harold Keller, Shannon Boezer, Pearl Heckman, Sarah Heckman, Pearl Rubie, Ruth Barges, Ernest Frank, Frederick Moore, Grace Fye, Russel Reish, Hazel Ripka, Harvey Plink, Kryder Miller, William Sweetwood, Miriam Huyett, Margaret Emery, Elizabeth Royer, Ruth Ripka, Mammie Brooks, Catherine Bradford, Newton Crawford, Gertrude Rubie, Emily Jordan, Esther Wagner, Nona Wagner, Beatrice Kramer, Marian Bible, Annabel Smith, Paul Schreckengast.

(The remainder of the public school enrollments in the Red Cross will be published next week.—Ed.)

85.3 Per Cent. of Wounded Recovered.

Of 71,114 wounded and injury cases tabulated in the expeditionary hospital between January 15 and October 15, 1918, 85.3 per cent. recovered and returned to duty, the war department announced recently. The percentage of deaths was 8.8.

Only five States, Virginia North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin and Kentucky rank ahead of Pennsylvania as tobacco producing State.

The Centre Reporter, \$r. 50 a year.

## Financial Report of Week of Prayer.

The collections of the week of prayer services amounted to . . . \$42.25  
Paid for printing programs . . . 2.25

Balance . . . . . \$40.00

The balance is forwarded to the American Bible Society, and in due time each congregation will get a receipt for \$8.00 as their share of the offering.

R. R. JONES, Sec.-Treas.

## Meeting of County Grange.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will hold a regular quarterly meeting in the hall of Progress Grange, Thursday, January 30th. The usual two sessions will be held, beginning at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

## Nation Going Dry; More States Ratify.

Maine, Tennessee and Idaho, last Thursday, were added to the list of states that have ratified the proposed prohibition amendment, making a total of twenty-two. Only fourteen more states are needed. The legislatures in fifteen dry states which have not ratified meet this month.

In addition to final action in three states, the Illinois and West Virginia senates also voted for ratification.

## Box Social in Grange Hall.

There will be a Box Social given in the Grange Hall, on Saturday, January 25, for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. Every one is invited.

To the ladies of the community:—

Neatly pack a box of refreshments for two.  
Sandwiches, pickle and cake will do.  
Place in the box your name to be found.

By some lucky lad, who happens to come 'round.

To the gentlemen of the community:—

Hark to the call of the Y. W. C. A. Come to the Grange Hall to bid and to pay.

For a box, that some lady so generously has packed;  
And eat with her proudly when the bell has been tapped.

## Big Money for Hog Bristles.

With the big increase in hog raising in Pennsylvania and the unusually large number of butchering, comes the word from prominent brush manufacturers of the country asking the farmers to save all the bristles, which have a market value of from two to three dollars a pound.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton has taken up the matter of selling hog bristles to the brush manufacturers and he now urges all farmers to make every effort to save the long back bristles at butchering time. Farmers having any supply on hand can get in touch with the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg and will be furnished with the name of firms that will purchase the bristles.

The bristles that are the most valuable are the back neck all along the back and averaging from two and three-fourth to four inches long. Nearly all countries save the product of hog bristles and the devastation of the war has practically killed the market in Russia where most of the bristles were secured. White bristles are much in demand and Secretary Patton urges farmers to save all long bristles, keeping the butts as much as possible one way. Farmers are urged to combine in gathering in order to make large quantities for delivery and sale. One brush manufacturer states that some years ago he purchased in Pennsylvania what were known as "country bristles" and they were very satisfactory.

## A Fine Portrait Free.

A fine portrait of President Wilson, done in rich photogravure, size 11 by 15 inches—just right for framing—will be given as a supplement next Sunday with "The Philadelphia Record". There is sure to be a big demand, and the only way to make sure of getting a copy is to place your order with your dealer in advance for next Sunday's "Record".

The series of portrait supplements now being issued with "The Sunday Record" are as fine as any ever issued by a newspaper and are all portraits of world-famed men. The one for January 30th is of Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, who has so distinguished himself in France.

## State Agricultural Notes.

Twenty-five tractors and tractor cultivators are to be on display at the State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg, January 21 to 24.

It is estimated that 45,000 acres were devoted to tobacco culture in Pennsylvania during the past season.

Pennsylvania ranks tenth in the value of all its crops during the 1918 season, a jump from fourteenth place in 1917.

Pennsylvania ranks eighth in the production of winter wheat, Nebraska jumping into seventh place with a bumper crop during the past season.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

#### FROM ALL PARTS

W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Geiss Wagner, Saturday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

The ladies of the local auxiliary are urged to meet at the home of Mrs. Isaac Smith Thursday afternoon to do Red Cross sewing.

Perry Krise will sell a lot of hotel furniture and other articles, at the Spring Mills hotel, on Friday, January 24th, at 12 o'clock. See posters.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick and three children, who have all been ill with the "flu" at the home of the former's father, W. W. McCormick, at Pottery Mills, have recovered.

Samuel Krumbine, oldest son of J. H. Krumbine, formerly of Centre Hall, who has been engaged in the undertaking business at Pine Grove Mills, left for Vintondale, on Tuesday, where he will engage in a similar business.

A card to the Reporter from Mrs. J. H. Bittner, of Youngstown, Ohio, says, "A little girl arrived at our house December 8, 1918. Her name is Mildred Estella. We now have three girls and one boy, and am very sorry we didn't have an even number of both".

Rev. W. R. Picken, of Centre Hall, retired Methodist minister, very ably filled the pulpit for Rev. W. H. Williams, on Monday and Friday nights of last week, during the Week of Prayer services. Rev. Williams being unable to take part on account of sickness in the family.

Miss Florence Rhone, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Robert Sankey, at Wichita, Kansas, for the past few months, on Wednesday of last week, accompanied by Mrs. Sankey, left Kansas, for points in Washington, Oregon and California, expecting to spend the winter along the coast.

Wallace S. White it about ready to grind wheat flour at his remodeled grist mill near Axe Mann. He expects to have everything in shape to grind wheat probably next week, with capacity for about 70 or 75 barrels a day. He has been grinding chop and corn for some time. He has equipped his mill with new and the most modern machinery and will be in shape to give his patrons the very best service possible.

Are you receiving letters from your son, brother, friend, on the other side, who may still be with the American Expeditionary forces? If so, the Reporter will be glad to publish them, leaving out all matter of a private nature. The Reporter's letters from the overseas boys have been a feature of the paper that has been very much appreciated, many subscribers expressing their pleasure in reading them. Let us have the soldiers' letter; they will be returned if the request is made.

Lewistown is to have an automobile truck industry—a plant representing a two million dollar outlay. When the plant is entirely completed, according to present arrangements, all of the approximate five acres of land now possessed by the company at Chestnut street and Shaw avenue will be under roof. The buildings that are now ready for occupancy contain more than 11,000 feet of floor space and the parts of the buildings still to be renovated contain many thousands of additional feet of space. The first trucks will be turned out in about 60 days hence it is said.

Union county led eastern Pennsylvania in sales of War Saving Stamps during 1918, according to figures given out today by the National War Savings Committee. The people of that county bought \$26.01 worth of stamps for each man, woman and child within its borders. Taking the lead almost at the start of the campaign, Union was never headed. Cameron was the next with per capita sales of \$25.08. Fulton sold \$20.72 worth and Centre's per capita was \$20.37. These four counties were the only ones in the forty-eight of the eastern Pennsylvania district that exceeded the goal of \$20 per capita which every County Chairman was striving for.

Thieves are plying their nefarious trade in Millheim, and the Journal mentions the following cases: One of the thefts was a quantity of oats taken from A. M. Snook's granary. Mr. Snook says that during his recent visit to Norristown some person who was in need of horse feed, and knew of his absence from home drove there and loaded what he could haul away. On Thursday when Mr. Snook had occasion to enter the granary he discovered that the lock had been battered by hard instrument and that the staple had been drawn and then stuck in place again. Mr. Snook says he does not know exactly how much oats was stolen as the bin from which it was taken holds 500 bushels but he knows that the pile was considerably reduced. Some person recently entered C. R. Brown's blacksmith shop when the proprietor was absent and carried off a number of wrenches.