



SOLDIERS' LETTERS TO HOME FOLKS.

Pvt. William Bailey Proud of Inspection Before General John J. Pershing.—Letters from Germany.

From Pvt. "Bill" Bailey.

Nantes, France, February 3, 1919. Dear folks: Just to let you know that General John J. Pershing was at Camp Blotteran...

He shook hands with the nurses and had a word of greeting to each individual nurse. Finally he came to our organization and approached our officers...

On the road over there, we went through some nice country and much more modern in appearance than the part where we are stationed. France sure has anything I ever saw beat for railroad tunnels...

The truck park at Le Harve was in the city a few blocks from the docks. We were there from Friday morning until Monday noon...

Remember me to all the folks, BILL, Bailey.

From J. Roy Smith.

(To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith, of Potters Mills.) Trier, Germany, Dec. 15, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father: We are stationed at this place for a short time only. I am staying with a German family...

Coblentz, Germany, December 1918.

Dear Mother: We are now in one of the largest cities in Germany. We are guarding this place. It is some fine place, too; about 50 miles from where I wrote the above portion of this letter...

Coblentz, Germany, Jan 1, 1919.

Dear parents: This is a fine city we are in at present, but don't think we shall stay here long. We are working for the quartermaster's corps now...

On the day the armistice was signed we were eight miles from the front, which was close enough to be dangerous. I don't suppose you read in the papers that the boys of the "56th" have done, but, believe me, they have made a record for themselves...

I want to tell you what we had for Christmas dinner: Fresh fried pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread and butter, jam, buns, bread pudding and coffee; and believe me, we had plenty of it. We were also issued two cigars and a pack of cigarettes...

We have a fine place to stay, and have electric lights and beds to sleep on with plenty of blankets and a tick. I certainly do sleep good. We are staying in an old church, about three times larger than the Sprucetown church and have three stoves in it...

You asked me if I had the "cooties". Oh, yes, and I want to tell you're no real soldier until you've had them, for not until then can you do any real fighting...

I hope it may not be long until I can tell you all about my trip. Your son, J. ROY SMITH.

Co. F, 56th Pioneer Inf., Third Army, A. E. F.

From Corp. Guy Wieland. (To his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Garbrick, of Bedford.)

France, December 26, 1918. Dear aunt and family:

I received your most welcome letter several weeks ago, but have been so busy that I have not found time to answer until now. It was two weeks ago last Monday night I received it and Tuesday morning seventy of us from B

and F Companies left on a trip to Le Havre, up on the English Channel for some trucks. We left Toul on Tuesday and got to Le Havre about 5 o'clock Friday morning. We were traveling in one passenger coach and three box cars. I happened to get in the coach but wished before we got there that I was in a box car, for they had plenty of straw to lie on, while we had to sit up. If there is anything slower than a French freight train it must be "a slow train through Arkansas". We were attached to freight trains the whole way, a distance of about 350 miles by rail. We were in a yard at Pantin, a suburb of Paris, for twenty-four hours. Could see Eiffel tower from there, would like to have seen it close for it's rather a famous place. Of course we could sit and look at it, but couldn't go in, and Paris is one place most of us wanted to see...

On the road over there, we went through some nice country and much more modern in appearance than the part where we are stationed. France sure has anything I ever saw beat for railroad tunnels. The evening we got to Le Havre we went through seven tunnels inside of an hour, three of them seemed at least a mile long and in all we must have gone through fifteen or more. There are some hills over close to the coast, we had to go up and down them on the way back...

The truck park at Le Harve was in the city a few blocks from the docks. We were there from Friday morning until Monday noon. The boys all had passes in to the city until 10 p. m. every night. I was in one evening and saw the main part of the city. It is a city of about 150,000 population and parts of it are pretty, but like most port towns down near the docks it is dirty. All the time I was there I didn't see the Channel. Thought I better not take a look at it, it might make me homesick. Ha! We drew 33 new Liberty trucks and equipment for them, and a Dodge car. With the exception of the truck I drove and three others that hauled gas and oil for the trip, they all had loads for Paris and Sampigny, a town near here. We got into Paris Wednesday morning and left again in the evening. We didn't drive through the main part of the city, but it must be quite a city for it took us a good while to drive through it. Our biggest day's drive was 120 miles and that is just twice the average day's run for a convoy. We started about 5:30 a. m. each day, and until we had the trucks gassed and oiled each night, and eat our supper it was bed time. We got in here Friday evening and Saturday morning seven of us went to Belleville to take over some trucks and touring cars from the 92nd Division. Their machines had only been run about three months, but they couldn't have taken any care of them for fully one-third of the forty we took over had to be towed in and none of the ones that would run were in good condition. Four of us were driving Dodge Sedans for some officers of that Division. Was there for three days and then came in on Tuesday evening...

Our Division was to move to Luxembourg and be in the army of occupation, but I believe that has been changed, at least they are not moving yet, but we are preparing for some thing, for our Companies are being enlarged by about 50 men and we are to have fifty trucks in a Company...

Yesterday was Christmas and the first day I or for that matter most any of us, have been off for two or three weeks. I didn't do anything but write letters all day. Last Friday evening when I came home there were twenty-five letters here for me, Tuesday evening one more, and yesterday got five more. I had all of those to answer so you know I had and still have some job ahead of me...

Yesterday I received a box, on it was "A Merry Christmas" from the folks at home, through the Y. M. C. A. It contained three packages of cigarettes and two bars of chocolate. Later in the day we each got another bar of chocolate. Most of the boys have received their Christmas boxes from the States; there is one on the way for me, but it hasn't arrived yet...

I would enjoy seeing many things in this country. One of the things I have seen was the monument on the spot where "Joan of Arc" was burned at the stake, also her birth place, but that just happened as we were in that vicinity, but to see anything that comes out of your line of duty is hard to do. So you see there is very little chance for sight seeing...

Well, I think I have written all the news for this time, so will close, will try and write sooner the next time.

With love to all, your nephew, GUY.

Corp. John G. Wieland, Co. E, 7th Division, Supply Train Motor, A. P. O. 793, American E. F.

P. O. S. of A. Have Delightful Social.

The annual social, held by Washington Camp No. 889, P. O. S. of A., of Centre Hall, in Grange hall, last Thursday evening, proved to be one of the most delightful functions held for some time. More than four hundred invited guests were present, filling the hall to its seating capacity. The social was a fitting close of a red letter day in the history of the local Camp.

In the afternoon the Alliance meeting was held in the Grange hall, and was presided over by Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte. Fred W. Magrady, of Mt. Carmel, State Master of Forms, and in line for the highest office in the State Camp, was also present and delivered a fine address on both afternoon and evening occasions. Routine matters dispensed with, the Alliance brought up the matter of holding the next Alliance picnic. Bellefonte was chosen as the place and the time selected was Labor Day.

The next Alliance meeting will be held at Aaronsburg, in August. Officers of the Alliance elected for next term are: President, Clement Dale, of Bellefonte; vice president, A. B. Lee, of Spring Mills; sec'y-treas., T. H. Taylor, of State College.

In the evening a program of music and entertainment delighted the big audience. F. V. Goodhart furnished patriotic music by means of the Risshel talking machine, following which a play-let entitled "Katy's New Hat," convulsed the audience. Those who took part were: Misses Lillian Emery, Hazel Emery, Verna Rowe, Ethel Rowe, L. na Emerick, Carriebell Emerick, and Byers Ripka and Louise Smith (the twins, "heard but not seen.") The group of young ladies never fail to do credit to themselves when called upon to furnish entertainment on any occasion.

Mr. Magrady, who is a lawyer by profession, addressed the audience, his talk being appropriate to Washington's birthday, the event the Camp planned to commemorate.

Refreshments served consisted of ice cream, cake, ham sandwiches and coffee.

In the two and one-half years of existence, the local Camp has gained a membership of ninety-three, with prospects of others joining soon.

832 Bills in Legislature in One Month.

Pennsylvania's legislature, which has just completed one month of business session, has just 832 bills before it.

Drawn as U. S. Court Jurors.

Frank M. Fisher, of Centre Hall, and James E. Harter, of Coburn, have been drawn as jurors at the United States District Court which convenes at Scranton, beginning March 10th.

Western Horses Sold High.

At the sale of Iowa horses, held in Millheim on Monday, high prices prevailed. The average for the load was \$235.75. The highest team brought \$610.00, which makes it appear that horse flesh is not depreciating in value.

Colonel Theodore Davis Boal.

It is now Colonel Theodore Davis Boal. The distinguished warrior, whose name has given Boalsburg a prominent position on the map, is now with the Allied Army of Occupation at Cochem, Germany.

Bucknell Has New President.

Dr. Emory W. Hapt will be the new president of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, beginning at commencement, in June. He is now pastor of the Newton Centre Baptist Church, of Newton Centre, Mass.

Farms Change Owners.

The Reporter's Pine Grove Mills correspondent notes the following changes of ownership of farms in that section: Robert W. Reed bought his father's farm at Rock Springs for \$6000.00. Benjamin Everhart purchased the last of the Stuart farms for \$30,000. E. T. Parsons bought the G. W. Rossman farm for \$10,000. John Garner bought the C. M. Rossman farm, at Oak Grove. He also has rented the John Snyder farm and intends operating both farms next season.

Farewell Dinner.

A very pleasing social event took place at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Neff, of near Red Mill, on Saturday, when they gave a farewell dinner to Mr. and Mrs. John Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Confer, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grove, all of near Red Mill. Mr. Confer is moving to Gregg township, while Mr. Slack and Mr. Grove will locate in Centre Hall.

Promptly at 12 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where their eyes beheld a table loaded with all the good things to eat one could wish for.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Neff and her charming daughter, Miss Grace, for their kindness in preparing such a feast, to which all did due justice. The day was very pleasantly spent in social conversation and music. —By one who was there.

TWO KILLED, ONE INJURED ON L. & T. RAILROAD.

Men in Automobile Meet Awful Death on Railroad Crossing Near Lewisburg, Thursday Afternoon.

The eastbound evening passenger train on the L. & T. railroad crushed out the lives of Hiram Wolfe and Howard Wertz, and badly injured A. W. Wolfe, when it struck an auto in which they were riding at the Brook Park crossing, near Lewisburg, at 4:20 last Thursday afternoon.

The car was driven by A. W. Wolfe, who is one of the rural carriers out of the Lewisburg post office. Hiram Wolfe and Howard Wertz were riding in the rear seat of the automobile when the crash came. Mr. Wolfe was badly cut and bruised; his scalp had been torn from his skull which was also crushed and his face badly cut and bruised. The right leg of Mr. Wertz was severed just below the ankle and he also suffered severe cuts about the head and body.

The driver of the car, A. W. Wolfe, was seriously injured but was able to walk to his home from the Pennsylvania station in Lewisburg.

Just how the accident happened could not be learned at the time, but it is thought the automobile enclosed in curtains to protect the occupants from the wind did not permit the driver to see the approaching train.

The two men were placed on the train, but died on the way to Lewisburg station where they were taken in charge by Charles W. Hower, the undertaker, and later removed to their homes.

Hiram Wolfe for many years was a substantial farmer in Union county and is wide and popularly known. Wertz, who met death with him, is a brother-in-law, and the driver of the car, who was injured, is a son of Hiram Wolfe.

Witnesses to the accident state that the engineer whistled and the train was slowing down when the accident happened.

The men had been at a butchering at Brown's stock yards and had just started homeward when the accident happened.

Mr. Waite and Mr. Orwig, Sunday-School Workers to be in Centre Co.

R. A. Waite of the International Sunday School Association of Chicago, and Preston G. Orwig of the Pennsylvania Association, of Philadelphia, are touring the State of Pennsylvania and have given Centre county March 5th and 6th.

An all day conference will be held in the United Brethren church of Bellefonte on March 5th for all Sunday-School workers.

A conference for the Older, Boys and Girls will be held in the Methodist church on March 6th. Delegates from every Sunday School in the county are expected and invited to attend.

Committee on arrangements will make all preparations for the entertainment of the delegates.

Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents please announce from pulpits and Sunday School rooms and appoint delegates.

Notice to Dog Owners.

The county commissioners have notified me to enforce the dog tag law, which means that all dogs must be tagged or killed within thirty days. Information will be made against all parties not complying with the law, the penalty for such violation of which law is \$100.

P. C. FRANK, Constable Potter Twp., February 25, 1919.

BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE.

To Increase Salary of Legislators from \$1,500 to \$2,500.—State Board to Examine and License Barbers.

An increase of salary of members of the legislature from \$1,500 to \$2,500 is proposed in a bill presented to the house at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, by Mr. West, of Montour. The bill also provides for mileage at the rate of thirty cents circular, and allowance for postage and stationary.

A bill for a state board to examine and license barbers was presented by Mr. Neary of Philadelphia.

A bill conferring on justices of the peace and alderman jurisdiction in violation of trespass involving less than \$500 brought before them was introduced by Albert Miller, Dauphin.

Other bills introduced were: Mr. Rinn, Lehigh, to increase the fee of constables attending elections from \$3 to \$5.

Mr. Bilger, Mercer, creating a bureau of physical education in the department of public instruction.

A bill re-enacting the second-class township road bonus law, which was repealed in 1915, was presented by Mr. Lanus, York. The law has provided about a million dollars a year for dirt road.

A Reporter ad, brings results.

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD REVIEWS WAR WORK.

How the Various Groups of Registrants Were Handled Prior to Being Sent to Camps.

In obedience to the call by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on May 21, 1917, George H. Yarnell, Sheriff of Centre county, reported at Harrisburg and was there ordered to proceed as Chief Registrar of Centre County with the first Registration of June 5th, 1917.

As Centre is the largest County in area in the State of Pennsylvania, its extreme width from East to West being 67 miles and from North to South being 35 miles, the registration was taken at 61 voting places over the County. Each Judge of Election in every Borough and Precinct in the County was notified by letter when and where to meet to be sworn in as Chief Registrar of his precinct. As previously arranged by letter, George H. Yarnell, Chief Registrar of Centre County, met and swore in each Chief Registrar of each Borough and Precinct, delivering at that time all necessary blanks to complete the registration. This was accomplished by constant travel for five days and nights.

On June 5, 1917, each Chief Registrar in the County reported by 'phone to the Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, at 7:30 a. m. that all the Registration places were open and working fine. In calculating the per cent of registrants, localities with a heavy foreign population were under estimated. We therefore had to as early as two o'clock in the afternoon send registration cards and certificates by automobile to supply the deficiency. This necessitated extra travel of 160 miles.

The office of the Chief Registrar of the County was in constant communication with the various districts throughout the entire day. The chief registrar of each Borough and Precinct was instructed to make a summary of his district which was forwarded by 'phone to the office of the Chief Registrar of the County where a summary of the County was made and telegraphed to the office of the Adjutant General of the State at 11:30 p. m. June 5th, 1917. The result of the Registration after going over all records was found to have been complete, 3199 men having registered. The clerical work in the completion of this Registration was all volunteer help.

On June 27, 1917, after due appointment by the President of the United States, George H. Yarnell, as Chairman, and D. A. Grove as Secretary, took the oath of office as members of the local Board for Centre County. Dr. L. E. Kidder, having been duly appointed by the President of the United States as Examining Member of the Board, took the oath of office on August 4th 1917. Immediately upon the accomplishment of the oath of Dr. L. E. Kidder the Board proceeded with the physical examinations and classifications.

The clerical force consisted of J. Thomas Mitchell, R. W. Irwin, H. C. Valentine and Abraham Shapiro.

In September 1917 the Governor appointed Dr. M. W. Reed as an additional examining physician to the Board, which office he faithfully held until August 13, 1918, at which time he was called to the service.

In June 1918 the Governor appointed Major S. M. Huff as an additional examining physician to the Board, which office he faithfully held until July 1918 at which time he was called to the service.

In August 1918 the Governor appointed Dr. W. J. Kurtz as an additional examining physician to the Board, a position he still retains.

In September 1918 the Board decided to give preliminary instructions to soldiers before entrainment and proceeded to select from an ample list of men who have held Officers' Commissions during and since the Spanish-American War the following Military Instruction Committee:

Col. H. S. Taylor, ex-Commander of the 5th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania—Major H. L. Curtin, also attached to the State National Guard as well as doing Border Service during the recent Mexican difficulty—Capt. Wm. R. Brown, recently of Troop L, 1st. Penna. Cavalry, N. G. P. and Lieut. Wilbur Saxton, recently of National Guard Service.

These men headed by Col. H. S. Taylor took personal charge of preliminary instruction, placing a special stress on the fundamentals in discipline as well as a school of a soldier. The army was used when available and on certain occasions Col. Taylor would take squads of men to his own home for preliminary drill and instructions. As an illustration of the system adopted by this Committee in all entertainments of Selective Service Men the following outline of the programme is submitted. Immediately after the first Roll Call the registrants were turned over to the Military Committee for instructions. Each group of Selective Service Men entrained was organized as a Company, having a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, Sergeants and Corporals, (selected from their number), in charge until they reported to the proper authority at Camp. On June 28, 1918,

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Only one more day in February. Mrs. W. Frank Bradford is in Philadelphia on a short visit among friends.

Centre Hall, just a little town, has its five secret orders, yet each has its niche. Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Foster, of State College, greeted friends in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Meyer, of Reedsville, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer.

Rev. Josiah Still, of Shenandoah, attended the P. O. S. of A. social on Thursday evening.

Sheriff George H. Yarnell was in Centre Hall on Thursday and dropped in on the Reporter for a few moments.

Six applicants for the job of postmaster at Burnham took the examination in Lewistown on Wednesday.

High prices of food hasn't deterred our farmer friends from adding the little postscript, "free lunch", to their public sale advertisements.

P. W. Wingard, the noted big game hunter of Woodward, one day last week, shot a big wildcat in the Paddy Mountain Game Preserve.

On Monday evening a number of people from Tusseyville were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Detwiler, east of Old Fort. The group consisted of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith spent several days beginning of the week in the city of Baltimore, Md. During their absence the store business was well taken care of by John Coldron.

Before you devote your time to the abuse of the Catholics, see that you are a good Protestant. Possibly by that time you will have enough sense to know that not all the good is in you.

Apples are much in demand in the general market. The construction of a cold storage house is one of the numerous things needed in Penns Valley to best take care of the products of the farm.

Mrs. G. O. Benner was brought to her home from the Bellefonte hospital, on Friday, where she underwent an operation a few weeks ago. She is making splendid progress toward complete recovery.

Clover seed at forty cents per pound is well worth the sowing. The words in the Book leads us to the conclusion that price has nothing to do with liberal sowing and liberal reaping; stingy sowing and sparse reaping.

The Millheim Journal states that the school districts of Millheim borough and several nearby townships have not as yet received their state appropriations and will soon be obliged to borrow money with which to pay their bills.

John D. Meyer, cashier of the Second National Bank, Altoona, is on a vacation trip through the south. One of the longest stops was made at Petersburg, Florida, where he was quartered at Edgewater Inn.

Millheim is planning to erect a suitable memorial in honor of her sons who served in the World War. Burgess F. E. Gutelius and S. W. Gramley have been appointed by the town council to devise plans and ascertain the cost of such a memorial.

Millin county has earned the right to name one of Uncle Sam's warships, achieving that privilege by the magnificent response its citizens made during the Fourth Liberty Loan when that district was not only the first county in Pennsylvania to go over the top but also over subscribed its quota handsomely.

The campaign to better prepare packages, etc., to be sent by express is bringing good results. It has long been known that a large percentage of the losses in the express business is due to utter carelessness in preparing and addressing articles to be shipped. The same is true of losses in the parcel post business. A package properly wrapped, plainly addressed, with the sender's name on the left hand upper corner, will not be lost.

In this issue appears the political announcement of George M. Harter, of Nittany (R. D.), for the office of County Commissioner. Mr. Harter appears to be a very desirable candidate. He is a Wilsonian Democrat. For the past thirty years he has held the office of Justice of the Peace in Marion township, which is somewhat of a record, and attests to his trustworthiness. He is a farmer by occupation and would make an ideal public official.

The stone quarry, at the station, under the management of the new firm of Irving S. Horton & Co., of Reading, is doing a nice business, and Mr. Horton, the hustling young manager, appears pleased with the prospects for the future. At the present time the plant is at work on an order for crushed stone for Potter township roads. Limestone dust, which is highly recommended for agricultural purposes, is one of the chief products of the plant.