

Letters From the Front

EMBRYO FLYER LEARNS MUCH IN AVIATION CAMP BEFORE GOING TO FRONT

Walter J. Shaffer, of Dauphin, from whom letters have been printed by the Harrisburg Telegraph previously, writes again and tells of his experiences in Paris and in the Camp D'Aviation Militaire, where he is completing instruction in flying preparatory to joining the Lafayette escadrille at the front.

Camp D'Aviation Militaire, Avord, Cher, France. Thursday, Aug. 2, '17. Dear Mother: I've been trying to find time to write to you for several days, but busy. Gee whiz! Nothing but collect junk ever since I landed. I had better start at Paris, for lots has happened since that time. I'll begin with Monday, when we went down town to finish our shopping. I say we because two or three of us generally traveled together. Moral support, so to speak in case our sign language gave out, this time we tried the subway, and not knowing how to ask for first-class tickets we took what was handed us, which happened to be second-class. The subway system is very extensive and has two classes; the difference between the two being that one stands in the second-class and sits in first. Open the doors yourself and you can get off while the train is in motion. Well we got down town all right, got our chocolate and then it began to rain. And my, oh my! how it did rain! Naturally, taxis and even horse cabs were at a premium immediately; as for the subway, it would have taken an expert football player to force a way then to the ticket window—and we had to be at headquarters before 7 p. m., for our tickets and other things. The rain came and we were still rambling, or rather, strolling around in the rain trying to find some vehicle. Money Talks. Finally, we saw a lonely horse-cab ambling across a big square. A man had already hailed him but we were faster runners and although we couldn't talk French, the five franc note we offered him talked plenty good enough to secure the cab. I'll never forget the blank expression on the disappointed patron as we drove off in triumph. Fortunately we had written the address, so all we had to do was show it to the cabbie. Just got to in time. Needless to say we were the last of the bunch to show up. These French officials are very slow or rather, the red tape makes them that way, because class, there being no upholstering in third-class. Compartments are built about 12x12 with seats facing each other, and probably having five compartments in a car. I had seat part of the way, but did not mind as the scenery was very pretty and the picturesque, tiled roof cottages were very beautiful. Seas Prisoners. Passed a squad of German prisoners too, who were being marched along under light guard. No wonder! For it would have been impossible to escape with the luggage they were carrying. Heard some rumors, the Germans are very content with their lot as prisoners as they are fed and kept very well by the French and do not seem to be exchanged when they have the chance. We met an American who had been in Switzerland for the last several years, and he told me some droll tales about the straits to which Germany is put to keep up the war. There is no soap in Germany and he was kicking about the lack of hot water. When the Swiss want to buy coal the Germans will not take money for it, but require them to pay in cattle and other articles. The Ways of a German. Even though they have plenty of the Germans don't let any other bets get between them. In fact, all newspapers are saved in Germany, and when the housewife gets a big stack of them she soaks them in water for several days, then rolling them up in hard balls with her hands, she lays them out in the sun to dry. When they are dry, she drops them in the car and uses them for fuel. So much for their efficiency. You might put the girls to work making "spit balls." It will save you a lot of trouble. When a German gets a furlough of, say a day, he comes, and he gets some gifts made of gold from his friends such as a gold tooth, ring, etc., he hands it in to the government and for every gold tooth or ring he gets an extra furlough day. I'll be glad to pry out their gold fillings and I'll come home on a long furlough! Ha! All this and more this Swiss-American told us. We were in our way to say good-by to Dr. Gross at the time. We did it on the suggestion of our leader. He was so tickled by the honor that he gave us authority to draw our first month's pay in advance. Which was 200 francs. Unfortunately the bank closed at 4 P. M. that day and at that time we were swearing allegiance to France, so Doc said he would send it down by mail. We certainly heard the cheerful news that the Lafayette funds are nearly gone and we will get no more pay. However the grub is good, so I should worry. Get Together. Changed cars at Bourges and were surprised to find the rest of our party on the same train. We scattered around the town immediately to hunt up dinner. It being a meatless day, made the hunt harder. Three others and I tried the "Hotel de France," and for 4 francs, 95c (\$1.00) got a fish and some fruit. The smell of the cooking fish nearly took our appetites, but by holding our noses we got the fish in our mouths. They were very good, but oh, the beautiful odor! For dessert our friend passed around his bonbons which were thankfully received—trust me to stay near the candy. Out to Camp. Reached Avord about 4 P. M. to find the camp in which we were to train, waiting for us. Unfortunately the truck broke down and we had to walk. It was not far and our baggage was being hauled by another truck, so we did not mind. Quite a number of the students met the train, and as we walked along they separated, three of us going on one train and the other six on another. I was one of the three and although we only had third-class tickets we rode in second-class cars. So much for blissful ignorance. The others traveled according to their tickets, although the cars are all built the same, compartments with corridors down one side, there is some difference between second and third-

are all named after dead animals—and there are a whole lot of streets. Have not picked mine out yet. From the looks of the streets am not sure if its an honor. This is our third day here and we have spent all that time collecting equipment. Everything but our badges, which consists of a wreath with one wing and a gold star in the center. It's quite appropriate and reminds me of a chicken with one wing cut. He's a bum flier! When you pass your tests, another wing is added to the wreath. Beds consist of an inch plank, 6 feet long by 4 feet wide, raised off the floor 1 foot by three horses. A tick filled with straw is laid on top of this together with a canvas cover, two heavy blankets and a straw pillow. I lost no time in spreading comfort all through that straw and was not bitten so far. In the line of clothing we receive a cap, two heavy shirts, two pair of trousers, 2 pair of hob-nailed shoes, one light, the other heavy; a pair of baggy blue corduroy trousers with puttees, and a blue coat. No socks, but we are to get glad I brought some along. It took us all day to get that. Oh, I forgot, we got our "leathers" too which consist of black leather trousers and pants, also a "casque" (a heavy-appearing helmet to protect your head), which is very light. A woolen cap, which covers your ears, in fact every thing but the nose and eyes, and is worn under the helmet. A dandy pair of goggles, which are unbreakable and a knapsack. Trousers were too large for me, so took them back this A. M. and by sign language, a few words of French and the enormous tip of 20 centimes (4 cents) secured a pair that fit and button at the knee which are the envy of the whole bunch. I fear I'll have to sleep with the head of my pillow as several fellows have threatened to steal them. An drawing undue attention to myself, Stickey just came past and noticing me writing, loudly remarked "page 14 and he's still writing!" and went on to propose that we should make a book of letters. The bunch as letters come hard with them. One fellow wanted to know what I was going to name the book. Stamps are not necessary, the initials, F. M. (French Militaire) carrying the letter. They say 3 cents are required at the other end. Let me tell you that is so, and I will put stamp on them hereafter. Just got my badge but have no pin which to fasten it on. Hope I get one soon as it means 3 months in jail if you lose it. Speaking of jail, one gets 8 days crossing any flying field by any other way except the road. I know, because a nearby fellow told me the rule in his military life. Have not yet learned who and who not to salute. I don't like to start as goodness knows where I'll end up. These servants Anamis are above me in military rank, they being first-class privates, where I am only second-class. However aviation gets a lot of privileges in the military line. Rain Stops Drill. Went to drill this A. M. and after executing a few maneuvers and balling up several more, a rain storm dispersed the company in disorder. Drill was therefore called off. We were to report at 11.15 again, but as it was still raining we were excused. Report again at 5.30 P. M. for flying class. Hope it stops raining as I want to get started. Supper is at 8, so it looks as if we miss the cats. However we can eat again at 8 and 10, so I should worry. Have to stop now. Ink is nearly used up and answer please. Yes, I am fed very well, thank you. WALTER.

To Map Out Plans For Recruiting Boys Working Reserve Here. The committee composed of Dr. C. E. Fager, Professor Howard Dibble, Headmaster A. E. Brown, Professor C. S. Davis and Professor F. E. Shambaugh, who are in charge of the Boys Working Reserve, will hold a meeting to-night at the University Club to discuss plans and outline the work that they will follow in the recruiting of boys. As the boys are not badly needed in farm work they will very likely be given other work in the city. They will be paid for their services at the same rate that other workers are receiving. The idea of the Reserve is to organize the young men of the county so that they can be called upon when needed. Dr. Fager is eager to see the machinery of the organization under way so that the boys can be enrolled at once.

Dies From Injuries Sustained in Fall From Top of Gigantic Stack. William Maxwell, who fell from a ninety-two-foot stack while at work, Sunday evening, died this morning at 5 o'clock, at the Harrisburg Hospital. Maxwell was employed as a workman in the construction of the giant stack which is being erected for the Harrisburg Light and Power Company. He was badly injured, and that he escaped instant death in his headlong flight to the earth was considered miraculous by his fellow-workmen. The address given by Maxwell as his home is Vancouver, British Columbia. It is thought that his mother resided at Moline, Mich., and a telegram was sent her, notifying her of the young man's death. Very little is known of Maxwell's family, and it is possible that the word will not reach the right parties. The coroner will hold an inquest to place the blame for the accident.

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NOT READY TO DIE. Loretta Matthew, a colored woman residing at 907 Sarah avenue, swallowed laudanum about midnight, last night, and afterwards decided that she wasn't quite ready to die. She was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital, and recovered. She was discharged this morning. WIELD RAZORS IN FIGHT. William King and Harry Davis participated in a cutting bout in Cowden street, early this morning. Razors were freely used. Officers Fry, Lowery and Blair brought the pair to the police station. PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL. The Pennsylvania school will open Tuesday morning. Principal Bell, however, will be at the school Monday for the convenience of those who wish to qualify before school opens.

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