

HARRISBURG LADS WRITE OF WAR FROM THE FRONT

SHELLS, GOLF, PARIS--ALL IN WEEKS WORK IN FRENCH SERVICE

[B. Franklin Eter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Eter, of Pine street, has written some interesting letters recently from France, where he has been since last spring in the ambulance service of the French army and the Telegraph is permitted to make the following extracts.]

Dear Family--Well, my dear ones, I'm here in France, and I'm having a good time and we don't have to do that kind of work all the time. As I said before, we live in a huge barn. The old saying, "cold as a barn" can't begin to describe the place. We have a little stove in the corner and the smoke on the road is duty we make a dash for the stove. Talk about your scenes in the old country grocery store! We all sit around the stove, smoking corn cobs and talking our heads off. What a life! The conversation would be a delight to any intellectual in a better college. You can learn anything from how to slide the dice to how to conduct the war.

The fact is I could rather be on duty than back here at the cantonment. At the post we live in an abri about ten feet underground. Above us is ten feet of rocks on the road, shells and dirt. The abri itself is about twenty feet long, six feet high and eight feet wide. We found a little stove in the rule of a house across the street and set it up in one corner, so at least we can keep the place warm. In another house we found a table and two chairs almost whole which, with the aid of some rope and wire, we can use if we handle them carefully. We've got our stretchers tucked up against one wall in tiers where we sleep, so you see we are snug as a bug in a rug. Our meals are supplied by two artillery batteries and are fairly good, so why should we starve?

But if you think we have a poor time, you ought to see the poor fellows we haul. The trenches are knee deep with mud and they are so close that since the cold weather has come on, we've been having all kinds of hard luck with the cars. Two cars ran into each other and were completely

smashed up. Two others hit cannons in the dark and were smashed. Three have broken back axles and then there have been a number of common troubles. My car has a bum cylinder and has to limp around on three cylinders. Then our section is short of shells and we are all getting into extra shifts, but all these little things make life worth living and in spite of them we are all having a good time and we're not very sorry to leave. I did spend one nice afternoon there, however, I met Miss H-- and she invited me out to her home to luncheon and enjoyed it quite a lot. Then Sunday afternoon she invited me to tea and met several nice French girls and used my French to the fullest advantage.

Sunday evening we left for Biarritz and as we could get no "couchettes" or sleeping berths, we sat up all night. It wasn't a very pleasant experience, but we were used to it, so didn't mind it much, besides there was a very pleasant French girl in the same compartment and she helped pass the time away. We had breakfast "petit dejeuner" in Bordeaux and arrived at Biarritz at noon. As I am writing this, the Duchess of Lambrome is still there, down at the opposite side of the desk. She and the Duke just arrived from their honeymoon. It seems terrible to see all the girls smoking, they all pull out their cigarettes and light them just as unconcerned as any man. I cannot get used to it. We expect to be here about a week and then go back to Paris for a day, and then--Ye Gods! Back to shells, guns, dirt and work! Some combination!

I have become reconciled to the idea of having no Thanksgiving or Christmas by this time, but even at that I can't help wishing how much I would like to go home. As I have left camp for three weeks, I won't get any mail, so don't worry if I do not answer any questions. I met a major who has given me some idea of artillery and if possible I shall try to enter that branch of the service. I hope you will not object, as I know I shall like it. If I do go into that branch I will stay in the ambulance. I suppose I have told you all the news for this time, and I will write you again when I see the English girl, I had better close. Lots of love, FRANKLIN.

"The Great War" My Dear Family--This is what you might call an "almost" letter. I'm just starting it about a half an hour ago, when a shell lit just across from us, without any warning and scared us all so badly that I forgot to write. I am up at the post now and things are so quiet that we almost forget there is a war. Then the shell came followed by several more. I will write you again when I see the English girl, I had better close. Lots of love, FRANKLIN.

Back at Work Dear Family--Well, my permission is all over now and here I am for four more months before the next one is waiting long enough for this one. The last letter I wrote you was from Biarritz. As I remember I described the place, but didn't say that I did. Of course everybody spoke French, so we thought we were due for a poor time. But the first night we met an English girl, a perfect wonder, too. She was the daughter of Sir Herbert Guthrie-Smith a general in the English army. She heard us talking English and as she couldn't speak French, she was glad to talk with us. Later in the evening we met General and Lady Guthrie-Smith. So all the rest of the time we, that is Hort Page, Miss G-S and myself, chatted around together. We played golf at the club and she showed us up for fair. She didn't tell us she had a national handicap in England. Then we went for tea every afternoon and wonderful little "conversations" every day. We also took some long walks and one day we took a trip to Mayonne, an old historical town near Biarritz. We saw the old Castle where the Black Prince, Lord Wellington, etc., stayed, and the old Gothic cathedral, and then climbed the hill overlooking the city and river to some old ramparts. We took several good pictures, which I will enclose if I don't forget.

"We only stayed there four days, however, and then went back to Paris. We met some very nice people there and did the real city act of walking along the Ave. du Bois de Bologne. Talk about your "snappy" sights! The "mondes" of Paris turns out in force on Sunday morning and breezes up and down the Ave. for about an hour. Its the "chic" thing to do, so we couldn't allow them to slip anything over on us.

"One day we went out to Versailles and saw Louis XIV's "heavenly" Quel Homme! He certainly did live in some little shack! I never saw a more gorgeous place in my life. Wonderful paintings, mirrors--gold leaf, marble, seemed to be the components but they were judged so that Louis could feast his eyes on some little place.

"The Air King's Spad We also saw Guymer's Spad with which he brought down so many Boches, the Zep L49 and a whole bunch of aeroplanes, which were all displayed in the courtyard of the "Invalides."

"Several times we were invited out to dinner or tea and of course had a very enjoyable time. The Harpers were very kind to us and did a lot to make our stay in Paris as nice as it was. Of course, the rest of the conversation was in French and while I didn't shine, I managed to say a few words once in a while.

"Paris is rather dull now but filled with soldiers of every description. You go to a theater and you can see every kind of a uniform: British, Canadian, Australian, Russian, Serbian, Portuguese, Hindu, Senegalese, French, etc., etc., and Americans by the dozen. Paris literally swarms with Americans. It's a wonderful sight to look over an American and see the different colored uniforms sprinkled with the bright color of the dress of the feminine part of the crowd.

"Next week I expect to send my application to be admitted to the artillery school. I'm not going to stay in the Ambulance Service for the rest of the war if I can help it. I want to do something more active if I can, even though you do lodge shells in this service too often for comfort.

"After breezing around Paris for a while and going to the theater, we came back to the section. So here we are. "It certainly was fine to go away from the front for a while and not hear the sound of guns. But while I was there I saw a woman killed in between two cars and her neck was caught in between the platform and the moving cars with her head resting on the platform and her body underneath the car. I saw the whole thing happen and caught two women as they fainting. It was a great sport catching the two women, only they were both old, and neither of them good looking.

"The dogs we found in the field are growing like the dorks now and we are having lots of fun training them. If I get some good pictures of them I will send you some. They certainly are cute. "Last week the section got all brand new cars, so now I am sporting around the country in my new Ford. It sure is a bear! Lots of love to all, "Franklin."

DAUPHIN FLYER OUTFITTED FOR BATTLE WORK IN AIR

Walter Shaffer, the Dauphin aviator, who is now ready for his dangerous work over the Hun lines in France, and whose interesting letters have given thousands of Harrisburgers an insight into the methods of training in the war zone, to-day tells how he has been equipped for his work and tells how the French wonder about the "crazy water-drinking Americans." His letter follows:

American Y. M. C. A., 31 Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France. Dear Mother: Have changed my quarters from the halyot to a humble cottage. The room reminds me of my lodging in New York--take too long a stretch, you'll break an arm. Anyhow, it's a nice, soft bed and, having another American with me, we don't suffer from the cold. I hesitated some time about changing quarters, however unpleasant my halyot was, because my financial condition was pretty low; in fact, so bad that a consultation of doctors would have pronounced it serious and ordered an operation immediately, for I only possessed ten francs (\$2.00), and there were a number of things I needed worse than a fit sleeping place; at least, I had a bed, but that was before I began thinking of home. My American friend used this as an argument for a quick change, saying that sleeping in such an unventilated place would like to have me coughed. I could well see the point of this argument, because there was but one window in the loft, and the occupant, being a Frenchman, that window was closed at night and whoever saw a Frenchman sleep with a window open?

It seems to have a superstitious dread of night other men caused. Of course, I don't blame them so much in the winter, but when they close everything up tight in the summer, it's well, but as I was actually chewing a chunk of it, but that box of candy from Maine finally arrived, wonderfully preserved, and I was able to get through the hole in the floor, which through when coming home, and that was not very big. My throat continued to get worse, however, despite treatment, exterior and interior--the former by vaseline massage and the latter by salt water. Getting that salt was quite a job in itself, as I had to go into the "mess" kitchen to ask for it, for they don't serve this necessary article with meals, you know--some might eat it. And you should "what I did, when I finally discovered where the salt was--seems he wasn't very familiar with the hiding place--not the kind you sprinkle on your spaghetti, but the kind used to freeze ice cream with, only a little coarser and dirtier.

Oh, no, it did not shock me, as it was not for me, it merely causing us to remark that we were a little seasoning in our food we were quite sure of eating our peck of dirt a year. Even the salt water refused to help the sore throat, so I was getting worse, I was getting worried, for I had no desire to spend any time in a French hospital. So I tried to persuade me and my roommate to leave the kitchen that night, but they wouldn't do it. Incidentally, we both his and my luggage to room is pretty well filled. One could stretch both legs to eat before the mess, even stretching a leg is dangerous.

Financial Difficulties My roommate's finances are even lower than mine, and he was actually paying a franc each day for the room, with "cafe au lait" every morning, which is another franc. He has a very nice watch, which is rich like all Americans, but we are in no hurry to relieve her of that impression. In fact, we played guilty of helping it along, for we just came home in a hurry, and I was hungry and "ordinaire" being a whole hour off, we ordered some hot coffee with bread--and butter. Cost us the franc and a half, so we gave her two francs, which was a square. We could pretty well picture her thoughts as we climbed up the stairs to write letters home, and I think she would be very glad to know how much we actually possessed, which she, fortunately, did not know--with no other sources of income, the French army pay, which has not met the needs of the day, which has not met the needs of the day, which has not met the needs of the day.

"Plenty of Equipment At this school all pilots are outfitted for the front, and this is junk to fill a large truck, only a big sack is stuffed out to us for carrying this stuff. We get everything brand new, including such things as a pair of socks, a pair of shoes, a pair of trousers, and a woolen headpiece, which everyone does wear, for it's cold here, is one of the smaller things that has once been a rumor is now a fact, for we have great fur coats, looking much like the white fur rug that used to adorn our parlor and scare Billy into spasms in every other very warm, but the odor coming from them was not so doubt send Billy into some more spasms, for it sure is rank.

A consultation suit, the same type as I used at Tours, was also given us. These are complete waterproof suits, heavily fur-lined and very "chic" in appearance when one draws the belt tight around the middle, the belt being made of leather. I got just reminds me of the one I got belonged to a "mitrailleur" (the rank of the man who uses the machine gun in a two-place airplane) formerly, for his name is on it, he probably being killed before he had time to dirty it. Anyway, I have it now, and not being in a hurry to get it, I will pleased with it, for its wondrous warm and soft.

Need Foot-warmers We are given foot-warmers. You needn't laugh! They are made of lead at high altitudes. So to say, though they did not have any gloves or goggles, two of the most important things on our airplane equipment for pilots, I think. However, I traded my poilu overcoat for a pair of soft kid gloves and I found that the goggles on the field, so I should worry! "Through all right now. WALTER.

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FOOD SHOW TO BE ANNUAL EVENT

Labor-Saving Machinery to Be Exhibited at the Same Time

Members of the committee in charge of the state mid-winter exhibition of farm products held here last week in conjunction with the meetings of the State Board of Agriculture and allied organizations have decided to continue the plan and to have a show next January under state auspices. One of the plans is to ask that the prize-winners at the various county fairs throughout the state be placed in charge of the exhibits. The exhibits will be placed in charge of owners for state-wide competition. At the same time labor-saving machinery will be shown and reports of yields in various crops be reported on or shown. This year there were over 800 exhibits of Pennsylvania grown apples alone and 120 flocks.

The plans will be laid before the State Board of Agriculture at the May meeting in Lebanon, while agricultural and similar organizations in addition to the seven that met here last week will be invited to hold sessions during the exhibit. More Firms Register--Operation of the act of 1917 providing for registration of firms doing business under assumed names has proved so active that temporary clerks have had to be put on duty to dispose of the rush of applications for registration. In many instances people have been found ignorant of the requirements and have sent letters inquiring whether they are under the provisions of the act. Numerous public utility companies have filed notices of increases of stock or bonds with the office of the Public Service Commission the last few days. They include Mahoning and Shenango Railway and Light Co., Newcastle, bonds, \$1,000,000; Gettysburg Gas Co., Gettysburg, bonds, \$1,500,000; Penn Central Light and Power Co., Altoona, bonds, \$67,000; Penn Central Power and Transmission Co., Altoona, bonds, \$20,000; Lewistown and Reedville Electric Railway, Lewistown, bonds, \$68,000; Pittsburgh and Western Railroad, bonds, \$261,500; Pittsburgh Junction Railroad, Pittsburgh, bonds, \$42,500; Fairmount, Morgantown and Pittsburgh Railroad, bonds, \$107,500; Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in Pennsylvania, bonds, \$38,500; Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad, bonds, \$21,500; Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Baltimore Railroad, bonds, \$5,000; Lykens Valley Light and Power Co., Philadelphia, bonds, \$15,000.

Board to Meet--The State Workmen's Compensation Board will devote two days next week to hearing appeals from the Pittsburgh district and will have sittings later on in Philadelphia. Oke Pays Well--State olemargarine licenses have been almost in the hunters license class as a revenue-producer and this week when Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust files his account with checks, cash and money orders the aggregate will show a couple of hundreds of thousands of dollars. As 1917 broke all records, it is expected that 1918 will go better because owing to the high price of butter people have been buying "oleo" as a rate which would have made the farmers' hair turn gray fifteen years ago. Thus far about 4,000 licenses have been issued for 1918, which is not far from the total of the 11-

has been getting away with a number of overcoat thefts this winter. The man was arrested following the receipt of a description of the thief, given by one of his victims.

Peace Speech Designed to Get U. S. Views

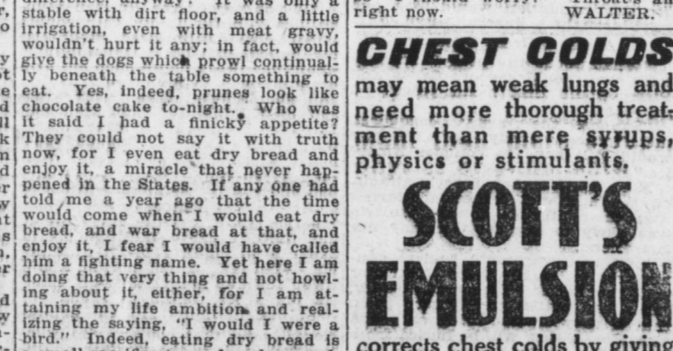
Basel, Jan. 28.--Count Csernay, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, after delivering his speech Thursday to the Delegations, indicated, under questioning of Socialist interrogators, that the speech had been delivered quite as much that his views might come to President Wilson's attention as for the benefit of those whom he would immediately addressing.

On the subject of Germany Csernay pointed out that her situation was different from that of Austria. Germany, he said, possessed not only European territory but great colonies, and it was natural that she should not surrender the pledges she held until she had guaranteed that she would recover her possessions.

He added, had lessened of such pledges than her ally.

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