

Flying With Shaffer

JULY 4 IN FRANCE

LETTERS FROM A DAUPHIN BOY TO HIS MOTHER

Escadrille Spad 33,
Secteur Postal 12,
July 10, 1918.

Dear Mother:
C'est la guerre. Once again I am feeling the horror of war and the suffering it entails, for "ma petite profes-uer" is going away, her papa considering it too dangerous so near the lines. There is nothing I can do but grin and bear it and optimistically make use of the current phrase, "C'est la guerre!" This expression is much in use in France and whenever anything goes wrong it is always used. After one has heard the many troubles blamed on the war—something from a pain in the head to cold coffee—one understands why this war is called great. The saying does help a lot, though, as I have reason to know, when I had to walk half way home after a permission in Chalons. The walk did not seem such an awful punishment after I blamed it on the war and parted from the auto which carried me half way.

Some Tea Party
Besides, I had some time that day, so what was eight miles to the thought of the cute little nurse I had just left? To say I was "blessé" when I first met her would be putting it mildly, and I'll leave it to you in what region. It happened at a tea party—sounds exciting, eh? Ha! Ha! Anyway, it was my first tea party, and I the only man there.

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FATIGUE NEARLY OVERCOMES WOMAN

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surrounded by seven women, one toothless, one hairless, one American and the cutest little French nurse you ever saw. Even my American friend admitted that. And as for me, if wounded I was going to be, I sure hoped I would hit her hospital.

A Real French Dive
Meanwhile I was at a loss for words—not an unusual occurrence where a beautiful girl is concerned—and she speaking nothing but French made it doubly hard. So, there we all sat and filled up on jam and tea and sugar while the six Frenchies raved over my uniform, the little "peach" actually asking for my Lafayette badge for a souvenir. Of course, I did not get all this French, but with the American girl helping out in a pinch I got through the ordeal fairly well and finally got outside with all of my belongings intact.

July Fourth in France
You know, I am just beginning to realize how neglectful I have been in my writing, but, you see, nothing of importance has happened, since I have not flown for a week. Just now I am waiting for a new machine, my other one being so old that it was not considered safe to fly any more. The motor was no good, either. I can vouch for that, as every time I took it up I got an oil bath. In fact, I ruined a perfectly good flying suit that way.

Come to think of it, I have not written since the "Fourth of July." I certainly had some time that day, dressing up in my black uniform with silver trimmings and a streamline hat, none of which was regulation or military; either in combination of color or design—but my commander only laughed at our varied uniforms and let it go at that. So the three of us went to Chalons and attended a concert given by a famous negro band. They sure could play and, besides, several talented members sang solos and quartets as well as danced many eccentric and original dances. That the band had a reputation for good music was proven of the audience, for the small place was jammed, and by many notable personages, too! In fact, I counted seven generals. I know it was seven because I had to stand up and salute every time one came in.

Clothes Make the Man
As for that black uniform, it's so conspicuous that I think I shall lay it away until I reach America. 'Twill be time enough then to wear mourning, and, besides, it's such fine and beautiful as they wear it around the "piste" would seem a shame.

Although still a sergeant, I am still surprised and amused at the number of salutes I receive from time to time. They prove that clothes make the man if nothing else, for only lieutenants and higher officers receive salutes. Yet when the Polus see me coming along all dressed up, and since a sergeant's stripe is somewhat like a lieutenant's, they don't know what to think. So, to be on the safe side, they salute. The other day I passed an American, an Englishman and a Frenchman, and the whole bunch saluted.

The Polite Frenchmen
To come back to the "Fourth," when we came to the escadrille the officers of the different escadrilles invited us (we three Americans) to moving pictures held in an empty hangar nearby. They were very good, and those officers treated us like equals all night, although many were captains. In fact, the Americans are always treated that way by the polite French.

On the fourteenth we celebrate the French declaration of independence, and from rumors afloat I think we will hear that the colored band again for the Frenchmen went over their playing. One of the dardies even sang a French song, which literally brought down the house.

Land of Beautiful Flowers
When I think of all the troubles you go to at home to raise flowers, I feel sorry for you and wish you were here. Some of the most beautiful wild flowers grow here and in the widest profusion. Principally among these are the crimson poppy and the bachelor button. To see a whole field of these red and blue flowers, interspersed here and there with the white daisy, is, indeed, a wonderful sight and brings to my mind the poetry Dad quoted in one of his letters to the effect that "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its fragrance on the desert air"—only he referred to girls, I think, and you might assure him of late some of the blushes have been seen and the sweetness has not been wasted, besides it's necessary I learn French. True, I am not quite as badly off as the American soldier who remarked that "I take an extra amount of exercise every time I go in a store and try to tell them what I want," but nearly so. In brief, my comprehension of French could be summed up by saying I can get the drift if they make motions enough.

Adventure With "Henry"
I never realized how safe flying was until I rode in a Ford yesterday. We hadn't gone more than half a mile when a hind wheel came off, quickly followed by the front ones hitting a stone. Not being equipped with my usual safety belt, I promptly jumped, and with many thanks to the American who had lifted me so far, decided to walk the rest of the distance.

My new Zing may arrive to-morrow, so I'm hoping to get up in the air again soon. WALTER.

Legion Women Will Serve Old-Time "Eats" Like Mother Made

A chicken corn soup dinner made from real chicken by women who are mothers—this is the toothsome treat promised to the fortunate people who will attend the supper to be given by Capitol Legion No. 1108 of the National Protective Legion in the G. A. R. Hall October 9. With an experienced cook, Mrs. Ross Motter, as chairman of the committee in charge, men and women who have been at previous suppers are willing to testify that the coming event is going to be an epoch in epicurean annals of the city. The affair is the opening event in the program of winter's social activities for the Legion. Nominal prices. The ticket include admission to the hall chicken corn soup dinner with all the fixins and a grand potpourri of music and entertainment.

On the committee in charge of the affair are Mrs. Ross Motter, chairman, Miss Pearl Wagner, Mrs. Anna Barkley, Mrs. George Garverick, Mrs. Joe Spence, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Boldefer, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheibley and C. L. Rhoades.

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