

Flying With Shaffer

OVER CHATEAU-THIERRY

LETTERS FROM A DAUPHIN COUNTY BOY TO HIS MOTHER

Beadrille Spad 38, Secteur Postal 140, G. C. 22, August 21, 1918.

Dear Mother:—Now that I am right where the big battle was near Chateau-Thierry, I have plenty of chances to see just how much damage artillery given free rein can do. It's a beautiful country hereabouts and even the passing of temporary clouds was not sufficient to dim the scenery. I had ample opportunity to view some of it the first day we arrived, for as we had flown to a new "base" we naturally had no arrangements made for being fed.

Army Lives on Stomach
Our stomachs soon made us agree with Napoleon that an army lives on its stomach, as the whole escadrille piled into a tent and again went to hunt some grub. Following a road that followed all the curves and twists of the Marne river to a slight almost beautiful valley, we found a small hut where a cook was not quite. Evidence of the bombardment was on every hand—here a thick layer of mud, and there an open stretch of road would be cut full of business-like holes for machine guns, and apple orchards were simply masses of barbed wire, a use that their owner, I am sure, never intended them for. Very few of the village houses had returned to their partly demolished houses. We finally arrived at a fair-sized village thickly populated with half a dozen different nationalities of soldiers and many civilians.

Fair Sex, but—
I even saw some American cadets girls. And while I am on the subject of American girls, we passed the Red Cross girls on the road. She was driving an enormous truck and doing it well, too, but she sure did get the "razzoo" from the French men, for she was the toughest looking specimen I have ever seen of the angelic sex. In my opinion, it was not so much the girl's fault as her work, for such a woman will have its effect even on a man.

The Democratic French
Well, we had a wonderful dinner, and had it with the officers, and again that would probably cause a court-martial in any other army, but it just goes to show how close French officers keep to their men, and yet they are as much respect as in any other army. There even happened to be a pretty girl left in the town—bombardments generally leave the ugly ones—and she was on the table, serving us with a six-course dinner, which is pretty good considering how close we were to the front. The next day we were on the march, and the whole fish cooked "à la naturelle," head, entrails, scales and tail being removed by the diner. Don't look so sick! It really is very good after one gets the camouflage outfit. And while I am helping your appetite for dinner, I better tell you how the cook took a blacking brush to the dust off our bread for the supper. It had acquired quite a coating en route, and after he had brushed the dust off and handed it to me, he matter-of-factly began brushing his coat and shoes with the same brush. It tickled me considerably, and I left out a hearty laugh, which was a bigger surprise to that Frenchman than a 5-franc tip.

Wine Better Than Water
To come back to the dinner, though, the water gave us a very solidly milk to drink. Looked more like milk in color, and as for the taste—ugh! I had to drink something, and since wine was that was procurable, I took some of that, for I had drunk nothing all day and was indeed in need of some thing to drink. The Americans dining in the same restaurant as we were, and the commander in awe of admiration, for he was wearing all his medals, and it did indeed make a most imposing display. Another officer with us also had all his on, and he having some ten Hunns to his credit had considerable, therefore, as an escadrille, we made considerable splash, and yet numerous places for battery emplacements. Piles of empty shells lay in numerous places, and yet in direct contrast to all this, the farmers were cutting their oats and hay as if nothing like a battle had ever occurred. Oh, yes, the Hunns left the grain, because they were in too big a hurry to leave to take anything along.

Trees All Destroyed
The saddest thing I saw, I think, were the mutilated, dead and dying trees along the road. France's roads are noted for their good construction but they are also noted for the trees that line their sides. This not only makes travel cooler for the autoist, but is pleasing to the eye as well. Sad to say, many of these big trees were cut clean off by bullets. Others were shot up so badly they died, while some of the small forests were passed through were literally stripped of branches, so terrific had been the hail of bullets. Which will give you a vague idea of what the American troops went through to win that battle, which Harrisburg, Dauphin and Marysville helped to celebrate.

Hunting Trouble
Finally got my plane ready yesterday and tried it over Chateau-Thierry. As I was 2,000 meters I took a good look around the country in order to get the lay of the land, as this is an entirely new sector to me, and since there are no trenches to guide an aviator as to the position

of the line, he must needs keep an eye on his map. If he loses himself on his map, he certainly is a gone goose. So I flew around looking over the country, impressing the location of large forests and rivers in my mind, as that is all one can see at our usual flying height of 5,000 feet. It was almost impossible to find a road at that height, and as I was flying over Chateau-Thierry, I've given up trying to look for them, as I never can find them. I was out for a while when suddenly saw a big biplane coming toward me from the direction of the front.

A Fresh Humorist
Not knowing whether it was French or Boche I climbed into the sun to have a look. It turned out to be a Hun, and he was continuing on my tour of inspection, when I noticed another big plane immediately overhead. However, I was a Hun, and he must have been amusing himself. Nevertheless, I lost no time in getting out from under, for with such a big plane there was no telling whether he was out of control or playing. As he went on down and landed then I dove for home myself.

Pool Shooting in Clouds
Coming down over the "piste" I opened fire with both guns on a small pool of water situated in the middle of the field. Golly! you should have seen the water fly! I was particularly interested in seeing if my telescope sight was regulated right, also whether my balloon gun was in good working order. It sure was, for I was a sight for some eyes to see those flaming bullets go hissing into the water. They did not all go in the pool, of course, some landing alongside, setting fire to the grass in a number of places. The French pilots are still kidding me about my marksmanship, saying I actually killed two fishes, that being the number of notes in the target which was floating in the water. However, it was not a big pool, and I am satisfied that if I group my bullets and when shooting at a balloon it will surely burn.

When I Arrived at the Home Root
I found it was not the four Spads the lieutenant was diving on. He had seen a biplane Boche right over me, and since his motor was not powerful enough to pull him up to the Boche's height, he dove in the hope that I would follow and thus get out of danger. And all the time I had been ambling along, all my attention being concentrated on reading my map, blissfully ignorant of the menace overhead. Truly my guardian angel has not fallen down on the job, eh Dad?

WALTER.

DESPOTS PLAN TO SAVE DYNASTIES; VICTORIES WARN

War Results Convince Kaiser and Austrian Emperor the People Must Dominate

Washington, Oct. 3.—Signs are multiplying in reports reaching the State Department from various agencies in neutral European countries of the rapid weakening of the despotic control which the military elements in Germany and Austria have imposed upon the civilian population. So extensive and consequential are the events quickly following one another in Berlin and Vienna that American officials are becoming convinced that the Imperial rulers have been forced, however reluctantly, to the conviction that if they are to preserve their dynasties from destruction they must yield to the growing demands of the civilian elements for the rights of participation in the government during this crisis.

The military parties have retained their control only because of their asserted ability to secure a military victory, and to confirm German supremacy over continental Europe and the British Isles as well. Now that the German armies are being defeated and driven back into Germany, and the Austrians are confronted with the painful certainty of an invasion and retributive justice for the wrongs inflicted upon the French and Belgians, the influence of the pan-Germans and military parties is waning and it is believed that the two emperors have decided that if they are to retain the support of their people they must turn to the civilian parties that have been demanding a voice in affairs.

It was pointed out yesterday that President Wilson repeatedly has declared that with the military rulers of the Central Powers convicted of broken faith and deceit there can be no discussion of the peace for which the Germanic people apparently are clamoring. Hence the belated attempts of the emperors to erect a structure of real democratic government through the creation of national parliaments in the hope that with these Entente statesmen will be willing to confer a brief peace.

As a half-way measure and in a desperate effort to save the Imperial prerogatives, Emperor William already has tried the expedient of himself selecting leaders of opposition parties for minor places in the cabinet and promising to forward the enactment of popular measures. But the Socialists generally have declined to accept anything short of absolute control through the Reichstag of the cabinet without reference to the wishes of the Emperor and officials believe that at length they are about to realize their aspirations.

Such a change in Germany doubtless would be followed, if not indeed preceded, by a similar revolution in Austrian parliamentary government and it is fully expected that as soon as real representative government is a fact in the central empires there will be an irresistible movement towards peace even on the terms laid down by President Wilson.

187 KILLED ON WAR FRONTS; 497 ON DOUBLE LIST

212 Are Wounded Severely in Battle; 27 Die From Wounds

Washington, Oct. 3.—In today's double list of casualties there are 497 names, 187 of whom were killed in action. Of the latter number twenty-five were Pennsylvanians. The casualties in the Marine Corps for the day total 32, four of which were killed in action. Of the latter two were from Pennsylvania.

Following are the casualties reported by the commanding general Forces of the American Expeditionary Forces:
Killed in action 187
Missing in action 68
Wounded severely 212
Died from wounds 27
Died of disease 1
Died of accident 2
Total 497

KILLED IN ACTION
Sergeants
Michael Leonard, Jr., Philadelphia.
David Edgar Maxwell, Pittsburgh.
Samuel C. Shaw, Philadelphia.
Corporals
Neil McElwee, Philadelphia.
John P. Flynn, Conneautville.
Frank Kowalkowski, Elmira.
John F. McClelland, Washington.
Chester R. Ramsey, Latrobe.
Privates
William J. Brown, Philadelphia.
Charles R. Monaghan, Philadelphia.
James Ratson, Lancaster.

WOUNDED SEVERELY
Sergeants
Louis Ferranti, Chester.
Hohart G. Gilbert, Pearsstone.
Charles H. Wood, Philadelphia.
James Cochran, Elk Lick.
Raymond Cooney, Corry.

Joseph Alonzo Day, Philadelphia.
Charles Adam Fidler, Reading.
Gilbert S. Pennington, Philadelphia.
Corporals
Robert C. Adams, Duquesne.
Harry Bush, Scranton.
John L. Carahan, Saxonsburg.
James L. Passavant, Coraopolis.
Patrick Connelly, Clairton.
Privates
Thomas J. Baker, Tangay.
Harry W. Forrester, Altoona.
William Harry Grady, Philadelphia.
Curtis J. Gwynn, South Browns-ville.
Albert Harris, McKeesport.
Andrew Irvine, McDonald.
Carl L. Johnson, Frederickstown.
Floyd Katzenmayer, Reading.
Robert E. Lopp, Pittsburgh.
Elmer K. Shearer, Vandergriff.
Earl L. Spannuth, Pottsville.
Hugh H. West, Brownsville.
Charles L. Eld, Lebanon.
Vernon F. Mathews, South Bethlehem.
Privates
James William Schoonover, Oil City.
Allen K. Sell, Allentown.
Ray Harry Sheaffer, Landisburg.
Emmett A. Sloan, Wilkingsburg.
Charles P. Beebe, York.
Walter H. Brown, Honesdale.
Charles B. Burkett, Osterburg.
Herbert Calhoun Clarke, Pittsburg.
Floyd Eugene Cumberland, Butler.
Fred R. Davison, Belle Vernon.
Floyd W. Enoch, Washington.
Harry W. Henning, Philadelphia.
James E. Kenney, Philadelphia.
James L. McInerney, Pittsburgh.
Roy E. Maus, Fairchance.
Elisha E. Myers, Bloomsburg.

MISSING IN ACTION
Charles Schrub, C. C. York.
Daniel Joseph McConomy, Philadelphia.
Clyde Harrison Orme, Trevorton.
Stephen Harold Carey, Marcus Hook.
Paul Droder, Stockdale.
Edward Elmsig, Pottsville.
George L. Knowles, Philadelphia.
John Lyttleton, Arnold.
John William Machulsky, Mahanoy City.
Jesse Raymond Bechtel, Butler.

MARRIED AT CHESTER
Blain, Pa., Oct. 3.—Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Nellie E. Book, daughter of David E. Book, of Jackson township, two miles south of Blain, and R. W. Paul, of Homer City, Pa., which was solemnized at Chester, September 19. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Hauser. The bride was a teacher in the Perry county schools before going to Chester to teach. The groom is employed as chief draftsman in the shipyards at Chester.

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The premier declared that Austria-Hungary did not intend to abandon its good right to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that it must be guided by the consideration of the legitimate wishes of the races concerned, which also safeguarding Austrian interests.
"Nobody can force us to relinquish our right," exclaimed the premier. "It can only be done by negotiation, in which case we shall know how to carry our standpoint."

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A cup of hot GOLDEN ROAST COFFEE
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Egyptian cotton ribbed Union Suits, fleece lined. Special Friday only \$1.25
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\$1.25 and \$1.15 percale and madras shirts, all sizes; laundered and soft cuffs. Special Friday only 80c
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Lining Specials
95c fancy Venetian, 32 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. 69c
69c Farmer's Satin, mercerized, black, 40 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. 59c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

\$10 Electric Table Lamp \$6.50
Good looking designs, complete with two Mazda lamps. Special Friday only.
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Basement.

Women's Union Suits
White cotton ribbed Union Suits, medium weight; high neck and long sleeves or Dutch neck and elbow sleeves. Special Friday only \$1.25
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

Watch Fobs
Men's and boys' 25c Watch Fobs with patriotic pendant. Special Friday only 10c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Men's Store

Men's Hose
50c Silk Lisle Hose, seamless, slight imperfections, black and colors. Special Friday only 35c
50c Silk Hose, seamless, black and colors. Special Friday only 39c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

\$12 Dinner Sets \$9.98
Decorated dinner sets with blue and gold; 88 pieces. Special Friday only.
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Children's Underwear
White cotton ribbed Vests and Pants, medium weight. Special Friday only, each 25c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

EVERY boy in the service, whether he be abroad or in a camp getting into shape to go, will have a stronger purpose to do his work if he knows that the folks here at home are backing him with Liberty Bonds.

Basement Wash Goods
55c madras shirts, neat grounds and fancy colored stripes. Special Friday only, yd. 29c
39c Ginghams, in fancy plaids, fast colors. Special Friday only, yd. 29c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Basement.

Cotton Dress Goods
59c Pongee, 36 inches wide, rough finish, soft shades. Special Friday only, yd. 49c
45c Linen Pongee, in solid shades, half linen. Special Friday only, yd. 35c
65c Silk Pongee, neat figures, 36 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. 35c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Carpet Sweepers
\$2.00 Hygeno Carpet Sweepers, broom action. Special Friday only \$1.69
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Basement.

Boys' Shoes
\$1.75 gun metal calf Shoes, button and lace styles, heavy stitched soles with high heels. Special Friday only \$1.49
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Women's Hose
\$1.00 black thread Silk Hose, seamless, slight imperfections. Special Friday only 69c
25c black Lisle Hose, seamless. Special Friday only, 19c
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Black Dress Goods
\$2.25 French Serge, all wool, 42 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. \$1.95
\$3.50 French Serge, 54 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. \$2.95
\$3.00 fancy Tussah, E. Priestley's fabric. Special Friday only, yd. \$1.95
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Colored Dress Goods
\$1.25 Mixed Suiting, 42 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. \$1.00
\$1.00 French Serge, 36 inches wide, good range of shades. Special Friday only, yd. 79c
\$1.25 Costume Serge, 42 inches wide; shade, Navy. Special Friday only, yd. \$1.00
\$3.00 Storm Serge, all wool, 54 inches wide; lengths, 1 1/2 to 6 yards. Special Friday only, yd. \$1.95
\$2.50 Panama Cloth, 54 inches wide; lengths, 1 1/2 to 6 yards. Special Friday only, yd. \$1.95
\$4.50 plum Broadcloth, 54 inches wide. Special Friday only, yd. \$5.00
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Men's Sweaters
\$3.85 heavy jumbo rope-knit Sweaters, Navy, grey and maroon. Special Friday only \$3.19
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Floor Covering
55c 50 fiber and Japan matting. Special Friday only, 39c
50c fiber runners, 27-inch. Special Friday only 39c
\$1.75 and \$2.00 Colonial rag rugs, 36x72-inch. Special Friday only \$1.59
\$1.50 Hassocks. Special Friday only 99c
\$1.00 Hassocks. Special Friday only 69c
\$1.00 mixed rag rugs, 27x54 inches. Special Friday only, 79c
Printed Cork Linoleum. Special Friday only 35c
Inlaid Linoleum. Special Friday only \$1.39
\$2.50 grass rugs, 36x72-inch. Special Friday only \$1.69
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Third Floor.

Stair Treads
Corrugated rubber treads—25c treads, 9x18. Special Friday only 19c
22c treads, 7x18. Special Friday only 17c
18c treads, 6x18. Special Friday only 15c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Third Floor.

Gas and Electric Lamps
\$5c inverted gas lights, complete with mantle and half frosted globe. Special Friday only 69c
90c Hy-Lo Mazda electric lamp, 40-watt size. Special Friday only 59c
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Basement.

Children's Shoes
\$2.00 gun metal calf Button Shoes with black cloth tops, broad toe lasts with heavy soles; sizes 8 1/2 to 11. Special Friday only \$1.45
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Infants' Shoes
\$1.75 black kidskin Button Shoes; plain, broad toes, heavy soles; sizes 2 to 4. Special Friday only \$1.40
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Cap and Scarf Sets
Girls' 98c Cap and Scarf Sets, in solid and combination colors; brushed wool. Special Friday only 49c
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