

TELLS OF TRIP INTO GERMANY

Soldier Boys Tire of Seeing World and Are Ready to Come Home

Interesting sidelights on the great conflict and upon the boys who are now in the army of occupation are interestingly narrated in a letter from Private Paul H. MacCrone, Eighty-second Company, Sixth Marines, Leutendorf, Germany, to Dr. J. H. Jager, of this city. He says:

"I was in the Argonne-Meuse offensive of November 1 to November 11, and the morning we first went over the top was a hot one for about an hour.

The first battalion of our regiment was the attacking unit, the second in support and the third—to which I belong—was in reserve. At 4 a. m., November 1, our batteries opened up on the Jerries and gave them fits till we went over at 6 a. m. Their batteries replied and for about an hour we were under shell fire (high explosive).

"Of course we woke up at the first shot from our batteries and there was no more sleep for us till that night after we had gained our objective.

"As stated, the first battalion attacked, the second was in support and the third was in reserve. About 9 a. m. the first had reached its objective and the second came up and took up the attack, the first remaining where it had gained its objective. Then at noon we passed the second where it had stopped and continued the advance till our objective had been reached, which was about 2 or 3 p. m. This process is called leapingfrogging.

"Several times, after we had taken over the attack, we got too fast for our baggage and had to wait for it to lift so we could go ahead. Those baggage are wonderful affairs. Times to the second, they shell a place for the time it takes the attacking force (infantry) to walk a certain distance at so many paces a minute. Then it hits and the elevation of the guns is raised and the fire falls closer to the enemy, thus covering the advancing infantry and making their work much easier.

"Some parts of the Sixth ran into quite a bunch of machine gun nests, but my platoon was fortunate in not having any of them to handle. Our casualties were slight as a result.

"We left Villersbretteux, France,

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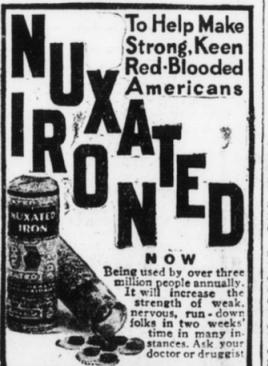
ALL SHOT TO PIECES, SAYS COAL DEALER



"If there was anything that failed to hit me I wasn't aware of it," says V. D. Book, a coal dealer, 2528 North Twenty-second street, Philadelphia.

"I was practically all shot to pieces and run down from 165 to 115 pounds. I suffered from stomach trouble, gastritis, flatulency and indigestion. There was a great lot of pain and gas with it all. It was awful discouraging. I heard about Tanlac and went to a man I heard had used it and he urged me to use it. Up to then I had begun to lose heart. Since I used Tanlac the gas has stopped forming and in just a few weeks I've gotten so on my feet, having gained up to 122 pounds, that I feel like a different person. So much so that my wife remarked at my changed appearance for the better. Tanlac is some flesh-maker and a bully appetizer. A person is just bound to gain weight eating like I do. Then I sleep, too. I can't speak too well of Tanlac."

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Pete Herman Willing to Meet Jimmy Wilde Latter Signs Contract

New Orleans, La., April 2.—Pete Herman, American bantamweight champion, prior to his departure to-night from New Orleans on a boxing tour, announced his willingness to meet "Jimmy" Wilde, the British flyweight champion, for the championship of the world. He said he had received no word from the London promoter reported to have signed Wilde to box either Herman or Pal Moore, of Memphis.

London papers disagree as to the decision on Wilde beating Joe Lynch the other night, but none endorse the referee's word.

The Mail's expert says he scored the rounds carefully and at the finish privately decided that Lynch had won 11 and Wilde 4. He wants to know, he says, upon what the referee's verdict was based. The Daily Sketch says:

"Many experts will quarrel with the decision, for Wilde got a worse grilling than he did on the only occasion he has been beaten in a real contest. (This is a reference to the defeat administered to Wilde by Pal Moore, of Memphis, Tenn., in the Inter-Allied boxing tournament held in London on December 11 and 12.)

Dispatches from London today says Wilde has signed a contract with C. H. Cochran, the British theatrical manager, to box Pal Moore or Pete Herman, of the United States, for the bantamweight championship of the world and a purse of 5,000 pounds. Friends of Wilde are prepared to back him for 1,000 or 2,000 pounds. Wilde will issue a challenge to Moore and Herman under these conditions.

During the inter-allied boxing tournament in London early in December, Moore defeated Wilde on points. Moore comes from Memphis, Tenn. Herman, who comes from New Orleans, is the bantamweight champion of the United States.

about November 15 on our march to the Rhine and arrived in Dillingen, Luxemburg, November 22, where we stayed till the morning of December 1. That day we crossed the river separating that part of Luxemburg from Germany and entered the latter country and we have been here ever since.

It's getting harder every day to stick it out, though, and we are all longing for the time when we will get orders to pack up and leave for home. From the looks of the papers most of the boys will be back in the States by June or July, I think. There is no telling how long we marines will be here, though.

"This place is on the right bank of the Rhine and has a population of 1,700 in normal times. There are two churches, numerous narrow alleys and only one street that will bear that title. That one, called Hauptstrasse, is the main road along this side of the river bank.

"The houses, without exception, are built of stone, some of them with cement facing. Many of them are over 100 years old.

"You couldn't pay me to live over here. No doubt it is a beautiful place in summer and fall, but there is no place like God's country. "My desire to travel in Europe is ended. Whatever traveling I do in the future will be confined to the U. S., you bet!

"There is a chain of hills on both sides of the river here and on our side, which is the sunny side, are some of the famous terrace vineyards of the Rhine. The people here terraced both sides of the hills and planted their vines on them. In stead of having arbors as we have, they run a straight pole in the ground which (the pole) is about eight feet high and train the vine up the pole.

"The ground the vines are planted in is covered with a shale rock, which seems to be the foundation of the hills to keep the earth from being washed away by the rains of which they have 'beau coup'. Each winter these terraces are covered with a thick layer of manure as is the farming land also.

"They have been using this land so long it is worn out and would be worthless for crops unless this is done.

"There are six big river excursion steamers on the river here and used for the boys in the Army of Occupation for trips up and down the stream.

"Men are on each to explain the points of interest and what they are famous for. Every so often a certain number of men from each command are allowed to take in one of these trips.

Two Flyers Are Killed When Plane Falls in Texas; Bodies Are Badly Burned

San Antonio, Texas, April 2.—Lieutenant Walter A. Byrnes, of San Francisco, and Cadet Parker D. Buck, of Cincinnati, attached to Kelly flying field here, were killed yesterday in the fall of their airplane three miles from the field, it was announced to-day.

The bodies were badly burned. Belated word of the accident was brought to the field by a passerby who witnessed it.

Continues Hearing to Free I. W. W. Men

New York, April 2.—Federal Judge Hand yesterday continued for one week hearing on the blanket writ of habeas corpus by which it is sought to free nineteen alleged members of the I. W. W., who are held at Ellis Island for deportation as a result of their activities in the recent Seattle labor troubles.

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