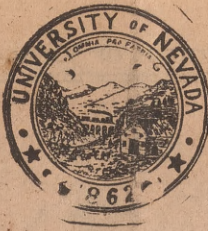


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A. S. U. N. HOLDS LAST MEETING OF 1918

Several New Ideas Are Launched; Students Take Great Interest in Meeting

Last Friday night the A. S. U. N. held the last meeting of the year of 1918, with President Redfern presiding. After giving the class yells the students entered into a consideration of the business to be finished up.

Hal Engle reported for the committee on athletics that the committee had visited President Clark and that he had advised the A. S. U. N. to take no steps for the hiring of a football coach this year as the conditions for the year of 1919-20 are rather uncertain at present; furthermore it is unknown what military regulations the government may make for the colleges and universities of the country. The committee reported that it might be advisable to hire a basketball coach for the basketball season alone as there is a possibility of having good material for a basketball team.

It was decided that the committee on athletics should continue its activities and look into the matter of a coach. A resolution was passed which shall permit those men returning to college from the service to be considered as belonging to the class with which they originally entered college, should they so desire. Another resolution stated that those men who re-enter college next semester shall hold the offices to which they were elected last spring.

Committees were appointed to inquire into the advisability of having a University physician who shall keep office hours on the campus, his salary to be paid by a fee from each student which shall be collected as a part of the A. S. U. N. dues. The matter of having a students' co-operative store on the campus was also favored and a committee was appointed to look into the matter.

It was pointed out that the handbook of the University of Nevada is far out of date and it was decided that it should be revised, as many amendments have been added to the constitution since the old one now in the handbook was published. A committee is to be appointed to revise this constitution and handbook over the Christmas vacation.

The meeting adjourned in regular order after singing "U. of N. so Gay."

DR. ROMANZO ADAMS TAKES OUT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Dr. Romanzo Adams has taken out an indefinite leave of absence on account of ill health. He went to San Francisco last week where he will take treatment under the care of a specialist. It is to be hoped that this enforced absence will not be of long duration.

LIEUTENANT O'DOWDA KILLED IN FRANCE

His Wife Receives News from Honolulu; Official Information is Lacking

Lieutenant John S. O'Dowda, former University student and member of the class of 1921, was killed in France on November 13. His wife, formerly Miss Ruth Wheeler of Reno, received the news of his death in a letter from the young man's sister who resides in Honolulu.

Mrs. O'Dowda has never received any official information and all details of his death are lacking.

Lieutenant O'Dowda attended this institution but one year before entering the army. He received his commission as second lieutenant in Texas last summer and he and Miss Wheeler were married shortly before his departure for France, after which his wife returned to Reno where her family resides.

UNIVERSITY MEN TO TEACH OVERSEAS

Through Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Army Overseas Educational Committee the University of Nevada has been requested to supply a list of its instructors and graduates for instructional work in France. Teachers are wanted for agriculture, engineering, and other lines of work.

In outlining the plans for this educational service Mr. Butterfield, who is the president of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, writes as follows: "I am leaving for France to serve as a member of the Army Overseas Educational Committee, and am to have as my special field vocational education, including industries and agriculture. We shall have to depend for teachers and possibly also for some supervisors upon men in the army already overseas. I should like to obtain the names of some of your staff, alumni, or older students now overseas competent to teach or supervise teaching during the period of demobilization."

One or two members of the University faculty are on leave of absence in France and a considerable number of graduates and students are serving in the overseas forces. The Army Overseas Educational Committee has been furnished with a list of these men, the larger number of whom have won the rank of lieutenant or captain. There is every prospect, therefore, that men of the University of Nevada will carry the educational work of the institution to enlisted men and officers of the army in France and to the American army of occupation in the Rhineland of Germany.

FROM TOM KING

Nov. 17, 1918.

Dear Clan Turner:

A year out of sight but truthfully never a week out of my mind and yet I have not written save the twice while still in the States.

Have been in France nine months and in Belgium nearly a month now. My first impressions of Belgium are fine and I like it much better than France. Contrary to misunderstanding of a lifetime France is not real thickly populated, but Belgium truly is. The two countries have two very different rural social systems or customs; in France the farmers build their houses all together and it makes a little village which same usually encircles the community fertilizer and disseminates numerous odors more nauseous than pleasing, though the natives seem to thrive on it. Filth seems the custom and everybody is in style, so to speak. The people live apparently to swindle the American soldiers and have transformed the French peasant class from a wooden-saboted race to one of silks and patent leather through their craft in raking in the "thirty per" which Uncle Sam pays the boys over here. The welcome

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REGULAR MEETING OF REGENTS IS HELD

Miss Catherine Somers Appointed Assistant to Miss Sameth; Dr. Adams Given Leave of Absence

The Regents of the University of Nevada held their regular meeting last Tuesday. A large amount of routine business was finished up. Miss Catherine Somers, a graduate of the Physical Training School of the Los Angeles Normal and now engaged in teaching physical training in the Berkeley High School, was appointed as assistant to Miss Sameth in the physical training department.

Dr. Romanzo Adams was granted an indefinite leave of absence on account of ill health.

Both new and old boards will meet the sixth of January.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT SEMESTER

Officers of Business Manager "Sagebrush" and Junior Class Representatives Closely Contested

Election to fill the vacancies caused by the leaving of men who entered the service was held last Friday in the Aggie building. The following officers were elected: Hal Engle, vice-president; Alice Boynton, treasurer; Al Cahlan, assistant business manager of the "Sagebrush"; Nels Carlson, class representative; H. K. Olmstead, athletic manager, and Herbert Bruce, business manager of the "Artemisia."

FROM OLIVER LAYMAN

Headquarters 2nd Battalion,
29th U. S. Engineers,
A. P. O. 784, Nov. 11, 1918.

Dearest Mother:

Can you imagine this? At eleven o'clock this a. m. the batteries stopped shooting and silence reigned for the first time in quite a while. We ventured out without our tin hats and gas masks. It sure felt good and we cannot really imagine that it finally has come. I have given up writing for I cannot think of anything to say. It looked very funny to watch the doughboys pitch their dog tents out at the front trenches and to watch their fireworks. It is also hardly—words fail me. However, the lights are on again. Can you beat it? I don't think that our work will keep us up here any longer as I expect to be back home among the first. It will sure be nice if we could be the first of the victorious army to enter New York. Oh, boy, but it would be some day. But just the same I'll be home one of these days and don't spend any time on any Christmas packages and I'll try to pick you up a piece of lace as you wanted.

By the way, we've had doughnuts and hot biscuits twice and you should have seen them go. I couldn't make enough of them. I'll admit I didn't have any eggs for the nuts and also didn't put in quite enough baking powder but 16 men got outside of 200 of them. They each want about a half a dozen biscuits at a meal. But it is pretty nice to be able to help a little like that. Love.

OLIVER.

FROM A DOUGHBOY'S LETTER

"A man not old nor yet young, rather tired looking, coming along. 'Victoire! mes Comrades!' and nothing would do but he should go between our columns shaking hands, laughing, talking, cheering. For four years and then some under German rule and then freed by the Yanks!"

Why are the infantry soldiers called "Doughboys?" This is the question which has been often asked in the last few months and here is the answer. Our soldiers are so called because their boss is a Baker and our allies needed them.—Outlook.

The Kaiser must be getting up an appetite for plum pudding. This is the fourth Christmas that he has not dined in Paris.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY CLASS OF 1920

Junior Representative Asks Backing of Class; Junior Prom is Put Over Till Next Semester

The Junior class held a meeting Friday afternoon at which officers for the following semester were elected. The officers are: President, Majorie Badt; vice-president, Phyllis Brown; secretary, Marguerite Pollans; treasurer, Wallace Walters.

The matter of the Junior Prom was discussed, but action was postponed until next semester.

Nels Carlson, the new Junior representative, asked that the class stand back of him in any action he might take while on the executive board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until the following semester.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA Office of the President

December 13, 1918.

To the Members of the Faculty and Staff:

There are four cases of influenza in the University hospital, all Collegiate Section S. A. T. C. men. Two of these men will be discharged within two or three days. The other two are on the road to rapid recovery.

There are no cases of influenza at present in the Vocational Section of the S. A. T. C. and no cases have been there for many days.

One hundred of the Vocational Section men were formally discharged from the army service and were sent away from the Campus on Thursday, December 12th. The remaining Vocational Section men will be sent away from the Campus Saturday, December 14th with the exception of a small number of these who will be retained for a few days to aid the officers in completing the final inventory.

Among the Manzanita girls, there are four girls now in isolation as influenza cases or suspected influenza cases. Mrs. Porter reports that in all probability three of these four girls will be well enough to be discharged by Monday, December 16th. The fourth girl is the only one at present running a temperature and she is not dangerously ill.

The Collegiate Section S. A. T. C. will be by present plans, discharged from the army service Tuesday, December 17th. The formalities preceding discharge may interfere somewhat with the examinations of members of this Collegiate Section on Monday, December 16th.

Colonel Ryan is carefully arranging with the individual collegiate members that this interference with their examination time may be reduced to the absolute minimum.

The formal discharge from army service of these Collegiate Section men simply returns them to the status of private citizens and it in itself has no relation to the time they will leave our Campus. They are entirely free, if they choose, to remain throughout examination week, there being no regulation or formality in connection with their discharge which in any way necessitates their departure immediately upon discharge.

Regular examinations will occur according to schedule throughout the week beginning December 16.

The regular University work for the second semester of this University year will begin according to the University Calendar, January 3, 1919.

WALTER E. CLARK,
President.

MANZANITA GIVEN A PHONOGRAPH BY THE MEN OF SECTION A

Today Manzanita Hall was donated a phonograph by the men in Section A. This phonograph was given the men by the Nevada Musical Club and on disbanding they gave it to those who needed it almost as badly. It is indeed appreciated by the girls of the Hall and they thank both the "boys" and the Nevada Musical Club for their new acquisition.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO TRY POINT SYSTEM

Schedule is Revised Before Going Into Effect

At a meeting of the Women's League last Friday a rough draft of the schedule for the Point System was accepted. Several changes were made in the system as presented in the article in the "Sagebrush" several weeks ago. Under the new schedule Seniors are allowed fifteen permanent points and five temporary points, Juniors ten permanent points and five temporary points, Sophomores eight permanent points and five temporary points, and Freshmen five permanent points and three temporary points.

Points are to be awarded to the following officers as follows: Ten points, Y. W. C. A. president, Women's League president, associate editor of the Sagebrush. Eight points, chairman of the point system. Seven points, upper class advisor chairman, A. S. U. N. secretary, athletic manager. Six points, Y. W. C. A. vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Five points, Women's League treasurer and secretary, member of Y. W. C. A. Cabinet. Four points, leading part in dramatics. Three points, Senior class president. Two points, president of any departmental club, and class president. Two points, president of any departmental club, any class president except Senior, captain varsity basketball team, chairman of any committee. One point, any class officer except president, member of departmental club, member of basketball team.

The point system committee is to arrange further details, subject to the approval of the Women's League.

LAST OF S. A. T. C. IS NOW DEMOBILIZED

Today Sees Completion of Task; Men Are Allowed to Keep Uniforms and Overcoats

The men of Section A were mustered out of the service today, making the last of real military life that the campus will see for some time. One hundred men of Section B were given discharges last Thursday and one hundred more Saturday, and the demobilization of Section A today completes the work. Most of the Section A men will stay at the University till they have completed their examinations and many of them will return to college next semester; others will try to make it back to Nevada next fall.

The men will be allowed to keep their uniforms and overcoats but the remainder of their equipment was turned in today. Lincoln Hall will soon be under student government once more and the rooms that have been devoid of "trimming" since the induction of the first vocational detachment will once more be decorated with the array of pennants, pillows and trophies that were so highly prized in the old days.

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Experiments undertaken by the navy department at the navy public health service hospital on Gallup's Island to ascertain the cause and spread of influenza have had merely negative results, according to a report given out today. One hundred volunteers who have been under observation for several weeks have had influenza germs placed in their nostrils and throats and have eaten them with their food and some have been inoculated with them but no cases of the disease have developed so far. Increased appetite and more vigorous health have been the only noticeable results of the experiment of the physicians. The tests will be continued.

IN AFTER YEARS

Urchin: Papa, what did you do in the great war?

Papa: I was peeling onions in the mess shack for the S. A. T. C.

READY TO BE ONE

"Is this a war garden?"
"It will be as soon as them chickens yonder cross the line."

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in
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EDITORIAL

COMING, ANOTHER YEAR

Examinations, influenza, Christmas preparations, demobilization, election, each and all of these have not been sufficiently powerful to extinguish the anticipation of the coming year. After the uncertain conditions of the past two years we look forward with pleasure to a semester of peace and quiet. Perhaps this will not come in January but next September should see the beginning of a banner year, provided that the men come back to college.

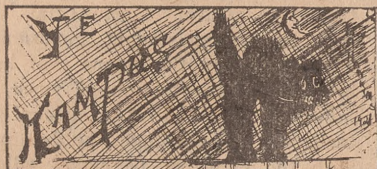
The meeting of the Associated Students last Thursday night was indicative of the desire to resume normal activities next semester. The interest displayed in athletics, the students' co-operative store, the University physician, officers, and the pep shown in discussing these subjects, showed that the students, both men and women, are ready to get into the old game and play it through.

The offices of the A. S. U. N. are now filled, and at the beginning of next semester the routine business should move smoothly, making way for the coming year which will be the most notable that the University of Nevada has ever known.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

This is the last number of the "Sagebrush" to be issued in 1918. It has been thought fitting that this number should be dedicated, so to speak, to the Nevada men in the service, who we hope may soon be back with us. This number is for the men and by them, for the greater part of the paper this time consists of letters written by men in all branches of the service. These letters were not intended for publication but were written to personal friends and to relatives. They are all very interesting and give the civilian a better idea of army life than he could obtain through reading a number of current periodicals, through the personal touch that is found in each one of them.

Some of the men will be home by Christmas and these are assured of a Merry Christmas. Some cannot possibly return by that time but the best wishes of family and friends are with them wherever they are stationed and the "Sagebrush" joins in wishing the boys, as well as all the rest of its readers, a very Merry Christmas, and the most prosperous of New Year's.



How can I bring a pug-nose to a point?

L. A. PUGNOSE.

Try using a clothes-pin on it, and above all, don't blunt it by poking it into other people's business.

LIFE'S MYSTERIES

The Sergeant's notebook.
Loot. Janas' moustache.
The Company fund.

Dear Kampus Kat:

Can you tell me what has become of the company fund?

PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Dear Private Property:

This is a matter about which no mere private should ask questions. He should turn in all spare cash, first bidding it a fond farewell.

Dear Kitty:

How can I make my moustache grow faster?

RED.

Red:

That moustache is growing too fast as it is. I would suggest an application of a sharp razor.

Sergeant Paterson. "All youse guys count wid more pep or it won't go well wid youse. Count off! Count off! This is no joke, if youse guys think it is. Count off!" Whereupon Sergeant Paterson assumes a stick-like attitude of ferocious carnivorous pug-nacity.

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Y. W. C. A.

The Christmas meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in Stewart Hall Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. The Glee Club sang several pretty Xmas songs under the leadership of Miss Maude Denny, and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members present. That evening the Cabinet met, and finished up its business for the year of 1918.

THE CHEERFUL GIVER

By Ella Pearce

In other years my Christmas list Brought worryment and doubt; And oh, the way I had to shop 'Till actually worn out!

I worried over styles and shapes, And if some things would fit, And would my purchase fail to please, Or would it make a hit.

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FROM TOM KING

(Continued from page one)

in France is a "Vin Rouge 57" sign,
(red wine, \$1).

Paris is the one and only redeem-
ing feature I have found in numerous
migrations through the four corners
of the country. A truly wonderful
city in a thousand ways, but mostly
for the beauty of its parks and boule-
vards.

Well, for Belgium. I landed in Bel-
gium after three interminable days
in a cattle car which was in turn pre-
ceded by a week's marching through
the mud and rain. The march was in
its turn preceded by ten days hard
fighting in the first leg of the big
American drive on the Argonne For-
est. Mud, rain, hunger, cold and
death were all I had seen for a month
and when I woke in the cold drizzle
of five a. m. in the old battle field
of Ypres I was greeted by the most
disheartening sight you could imagine.
In fact, you couldn't imagine it. As
far as you could see were countless
shell holes of all sizes and all filled
to within a foot of the top with water.
What had once been beautiful forests
are mere shattered stumps, charred
and dead and filled with holes made
by flying shrapnel and machine gun
bullets. Concrete and steel pill boxes
or blockhouses turned upside down by
direct hits of heavy shells and here
and there a helpless dead monster of
a tank. Then I marched through the
rain over a strip eight miles wide of
this irreparable desolation; past the
stumps with new signs telling you it
was Charpentier Wood; through the
red slime which told where the brick
of the war-famous town of Paschen-
dale had been ground to nothing by
four years of daily shelling, through
the ruins of Ypres and then a little
higher land.

Just high enough that it wasn't all
swamp and mud. Then a couple of
days in pup tents and rain and mud
before we marched once more east-
ward over the country just conquered
by the British and French; through
the city of Roulers and into Belgium
proper. All farm houses and build-
ings are of brick and tile and all roads
cobble. The refugees poured in over
every road with all their worldly be-
longings on a cart hauled by entire
families who were harnessed and driv-
en by the head of the house the same
as horses. But what a difference in
the people! Clean, thrifty, pleasant
and so grateful to the Americans. Then
a few days of rest back of the lines
and "In again" on October 31st. In
two days we drove them to the Scheldt
river and by the tenth they were back
sixty kilometers and going so fast that
we couldn't catch any but their sick,
lame, or lazy. At any rate they threw
up the sponge so we have had no
fighting since November 11. A week's
rest, marching, building bridges and
roads, and drilling and tomorrow we
march into Brussels to pass in review
before the king and queen of Belgium,
an honor accorded us on account of
our being the first American division
in Flanders and the one to make the
best showing.

Now I'll back up a little on the cal-
endar but to no particular date. Have
traveled over all of France and seen
all her large cities except Marseilles.
Spent three months as instructor at an
engineer school; attended several army
schools for short periods and the rest
of the time ducking bullets. Belong
to the engineers but have fought as
doughboy about half the time. Have
been on nearly every famous front of
the war except Soissons, to Amiens,
Ypres, Chateau-Thierry, Fismes, Ver-
dun, Vosges, Argonne and finally
crossed the Scheldt. Have seen every-
thing there is in the war game from
bayonet fighting to burning aerop-
lanes and will say that I don't care
for any encore at all. Have tried to
do my bit and never shirked but am
really glad it's all over. It's such
a relief to be able to move in day-
light and have a light at night with-
out bringing the grim reaper around.

I am sending you a little souvenir
which I took off a prisoner the first
day of our drive in Flanders. It is
the ribbon showing the wearer to be
the owner of the "Iron Cross." The
cross itself was gone. Thought it
would be of interest to you.

I wish I could be back in Lincoln
Hall for Christmas as I was two years
ago. Member the good times we had?
Scotty is in the same regiment with
me and we oft recall the doings and
carrying on of our days in Lincoln
Hall. Say, I've seen the time here I

FROM VERNON ORGAN

Lafayette, Louisiana,
December 7, 1918.

Dear Family:

I'll have to tell you about this trip.
We left Gerstner field about 8 a. m.
Friday, and headed slightly northwest
for a little town of Crowley where
we landed in a muddy field for gas.
After a lot of delay we got off again
and started across the largest swamp
I ever hope to see in my life. Baton
Rouge is right on the east bank of
the Mississippi and for 50 miles on
the west side is nothing but swamp.
Talk about Florida, this is 50 times
worse, all full of trees and water and
not a place to land except the railroad
track or on one of the numerous
rivers. Neither one being a very safe
landing place.

Luckily everything went O. K. so
we reached Baton Rouge about noon
and landed safely there. I never be-
fore realized how things shrink when
viewed from the air. The Mississippi
looked unbelievably small and like
some aimless meandering stream
twisting in and out. It's the crooked-
est thing I ever saw and apparently
has absolutely no idea of where it
intends to go judging from the way
it roams to and fro.

Well, we went into Baton Rouge and
had dinner with the mayor and the
superintendent of the Standard Oil
Company refining plant. They have a
big refinery there, and say, boy, it was
some dinner. There were so many
courses that I can't remember them,
but they were all good.

After dinner we went out to do
some flying for the town. The other
two boys said I could do stunt flying
and they told everybody that I was
acrobatic instructor so it was up to
me to show them what could be done
and I did. I was flying ship 75. I
came over the very center of the town
with a reversement then another and
so on lower and lower, starting at 1200
feet and stopping at 50 feet. At 500
feet I started looping and pulled three
loops, coming out of the last one into
another reversement. By now I was
only 150 feet high and I dove right
down the main street between build-
ings and just missed that church
steeple I sent you a picture of, by
inches. Women screamed and ran,
trolley cars stopped, autos stopped
and traffic was blocked. From there
I went over the campus of Louisiana
State University which is right in the
center of the town and found them
playing football. I dove, the players
wavered and then stood still as if de-
termined that I shouldn't scare them.
I kept on coming and finally they
broke and ran. I zoomed over their
heads about ten feet high. Then I
went back over town and dove and
stunted some more just over the roofs.

One old nigger was standing out in
front of the livery stable watching.
He was standing stiff as a board and
speechless. I went down between the
buildings and after a bit I came up
again. He heaved a sigh of relief and
said, "I done give him up that time."
When I dove into the University cam-
pus the whole town "done give me up."

would have given my month's salary
for an hour in a warm room like old
No. 12, and a pot of hot chocolate.

Well, it's now "Apré le Guerre" and
the thing foremost in all our minds is
"How long, oh Lord, how long" till the
lady of Liberty shakes us by the hand.
It is said that General Pershing re-
marked "Heaven, Hell or Hoboken by
Christmas." Well, he said it right for
some undoubtedly will be back by
Christmas and 'tis sure many of our
boys are now in Heaven and many
Boches in hell. He should have used
and instead of or to be exactly right.
These days of waiting will be long and
bring much discontent and grumbling,
but God knows they are days of smiles
and not of fear and sorrow as those
we have passed so we should all be
thankful and wait patiently for our
turn to get back.

My, but won't everybody eat when
we land! The "First Breakfast" would
be a title for a memorable canvas. Just
picture about fifty dollars of ham
and eggs with twenty apple pies, a la
mode.

Have rambled at some length, so
will close. My best wishes to the men
of the Hall Association as well as to
my friends. Would appreciate a let-
ter. I am always your friend,

LT. TOM KING,
Co. A, 816th Engineers,
A. E. F., Belgium.

We all went to a dance that night
after another fine dinner with the
mayor and I had a pretty fair time.

We weren't supposed to land in La-
fayette but as we were passing over
we saw a ship down here in a field.
The officer leading the flight and in
charge of the trip came down so the
other fellow and I came down, too.
The leader landed and cracked up. He
hit a ditch and broke his landing gear
struts. I made a safe landing (lucky)
and since he had to get back to re-
port on the trip he took my ship and
went on to the field, leaving me here
until they send out a new landing
gear. They won't be able to get it
here before Monday. This is Satur-
day and we probably won't leave be-
fore Tuesday. And here I am in this
little town of 7000, where I hope to
have a good time and certainly will
have a better time than I would have
were I at Gerstner, since it is still
under quarantine.

This being an aviator isn't so bad
sometimes. What do you say?

Well I must go eat and then he
me forth to see a picture show.

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FROM BILL HOLCOMB

Camp Humphreys,
Prov. Co. 20, A. R. D.
Nov. 19, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Turner and the rest:

Have been traveling around considerably since hearing from you. If the war had not been over your old "Uncle Bill" would have been on his way toward England for we were to leave last Monday night. The war was called off on Monday though so our orders were cancelled. That was tough on us, wasn't it? Here we were all set and primed for the lil' trip and then the Kaiser comes along and calls it all off. If I could get back to civilization and God's country I wouldn't be so chagrined.

Now, Mrs. Turner, if I happen to write anything in this letter which doesn't ah-you-know, belong in here, please overlook it, as the habits and customs of the army and of the parlor are of two different standards. Now I don't want you to think that we have reached an awfully low standard but once in a while we say something which is not absolutely necessary.

Have been having quite a time today. Caught our acting first sergeant and another acting sergeant shooting craps with one of the cooks. Made me rather peeved so when I was examining the rifles this p. m. to see if the men deserved passes there was about one out of every ten who got a pass. I think I'll have to take my sidearms with me when I leave this place or I might get mutilated. Ha! Ha!

'Tis now about 7:45 and I think it is about time to crawl in bed. You see we lost so much sleep last week that we will probably never catch up again.

Just before leaving Humphreys we didn't get to bed at all on Saturday night nor the following night, on Monday night we got to bed about 1 a. m. and up at 5:30, on Tuesday night we were making personal inspection and so didn't get to bed until 5 a. m. and slept until 7:30 a. m. (all of two and a half hours). Then all of a sudden, Wednesday p. m., we caught up with things and instead of going to bed as we should have done, we went to the Liberty theater in the evening (like the fools that we are). That was an exact sample of our daily routine for nearly a week and all the time we, like five other companies were getting the dickens for not getting the men equipped. We are very much handicapped. There are only two officers in the company, both of us second lieuts and we have no warranted non-commissioned officers at all. We have some men acting as non-coms but they are mostly new at the game. You see how two of our acting sergeants acted. Also about fifty per cent of the men in the company are foreigners—Poles. Lots of them can't write their names at all. Have to make their little cross and we have to witness it as their mark, etc., also they can't understand what you want them to do and even at times when they do they act as if they don't. We have 248 men in our company. Did have exactly 250 when we arrived here but one was transferred to the base hospital and another was transferred as enemy alien. We have about 16 men who are still aliens. We had about 10 naturalized two or three days ago and about the same number were before we left Camp Humphreys. You see we had a company of 250 men at Camp H. and were told to give passes at noon Saturday, November 9. Well, we did and about three hours later received orders to recall the men on pass and to get ready to leave by noon Sunday. Managed to get a couple of the men back but could not catch the rest. The man who had been acting as first sergeant for us was among the ones we couldn't get hold of. Had to break in another man. I don't know whether you have any idea of how much work there is to equip 250 men and have them hand in their arms and all clothes which are not to be taken overseas, give them credit for it, and get about 20 men from other companies to fill up vacancies caused by men on pass, and get them all packed and get ourselves equipped for overseas service.

Also passenger lists had to be made out with 14 copies of each. (Got about fifteen names on each sheet so you see that took about 200 sheets.) Then qualification cards for each man and also hospital cards for each man. We did not have a man in the company who could run a typewriter so we borrowed one from another company and had him going for 37 hours straight. Didn't have time to write many letters. Even with all the misfortune that confronted us were only one-half hour late in getting away from Camp Humphreys. And now to think that

FROM DAN COLL

Dear friend:

It is the fourth day after the memorable 11th of November when I really should have written but this is the first opportunity I have had for anything like a letter.

I thought that I had seen wild times in the States but it was a wrong notion—I never had seen anything to compare with the celebration here on the ever-to-be-remembered 11th. The French and the Belgians went fairly mad but above all it took the Americans to make the true celebration and show the French what a real American blow-out can be. But let me tell you the details of this when we get back home for already rumors are afloat as to when we shall go.

We have been busied these days with the last victims of the war and I am convinced that the most pitiful thing I have witnessed in the work here has been the sight of men dying who were wounded on that last memorable morning. We began to get in the wounded from those last few hours fighting the same night. One case was that of a lieutenant in the artillery. He had gone through a year of the war without a scratch, and about ten-thirty on the 11th, he, a captain, and a major decided to get into a few minutes of the scrap for the last time. Accordingly he and the other two went out to their battery and were there but a few minutes when a shell came over—with the result that the major is dead, the captain has lost an arm and the lieutenant suffering a wound in the chest. There are thousands of such cases and it certainly

all that labor was absolutely useless!

One of the boys phoned home the other day and had his dad bring his machine down. It was a Buick six. He took me and three of the other men to New York City. We had a dandy trip. Drove around town and left there at 11 and hit the camp at 11:40. Then I ran across a lad (about 6 feet 4 inches tall and twenty-six years old), who was lost inside of camp. He was from North Carolina though so was excusable. Must close.

Sincerely,
BILLIE HOLCOMB.

makes one stop and consider the title of that socialistic book, "War? What for?"

I heard a captain called down in fine shape by a colonel the other day for remarking that he would like to see the war go one until the Allied army is in Germany. It was entirely to my liking, for we have here seen too many of our American soldiers go down to ever want to see the war continue when we have opportunity to stop and still win.

Amidst a musical (?) combination of banjo and harmonica and three Americans butchering up perfectly good French endeavoring to sing "Madelan" at one end of the room, and a heated argument between three wounded men at the other as to when we'll get home, I'm going to strive to get this letter off.

Shall I tell you that these past few days I have been close enough to Mt. Blanc to get a wonderful view of the brute? I have written home to find out how high it is, but I'll say it's some mountain! Will say also, though, that I prefer to feel the breezes wafted off of Peavine. I have really been more than fortunate in traveling about over here as occasion offered. Lately had a chance to see the city of Lyon in company with a U. C. man now in an R. O. T. C. at Lyon and a marine from Yale. That town is as yet unspoiled by soldiers so we were able to get a glimpse of typical high-class French life. It is all that we have ever read about it and I'll say that it is a bit more than we have read!

Last night I was out on a convoy and time seems to be growing pressing tonight so I had better hasten this to the mail. I fear this is not much of a letter but it is the result of several interrupted spasms of writing. Give my best to all of the old crowd on the hill. Here's betting we're back in the good old States by February!

DAN COLL,
Base Hospital No. 47,
A. P. O. 909, A. E. F.

"I have a splendid idea for a magazine poem."

"Save it. You don't need it for a magazine poem."

FROM EDGAR BROWN

November 3, 1918.

Dr. J. E. Church,
University of Nevada, Reno, Nev.
Dear Dr. Church:

I think you will appreciate a little "over seas" note from a Nevada boy and I am glad to write you one. I should have written you before now, but I find that most of my spare time is taken up with letters to mother, so you are one of the first of my friends to receive a few words from me. I always feel that I owe you a great deal for your interest in my education and your help.

This may be a remarkable day in the world's history. If we can believe the headlines of the papers and the wild ringing of the bells, the Kaiser has deserted his throne. How fast this affair is coming to a close now. Austria quits in a moment and the Dardanelles are surrendered in a flash. It seems hard to believe. Possibly it is not so, but I like to think that it is true.

This is my eighth month in the army and third month of "over seas" service. It does not seem that long ago since I shook hands with you at the station in Reno. By the way, if any of your students know Earl Hammond, kindly tell them he is in the same company with me here in France.

France has surprised me in many ways. It is not at all what I expected. England is beautiful but hardly as interesting as this country. Neither of them will ever fill the place in my heart that the United States of America holds. We all agree on that.

I said this would only be a note. I am sorry I have not more time.

Respectfully,
CPL. A. E. BROWN.

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