

Letter From Edw. Davis

Camp Mills Hempstead, N. Y.,
Nov. 17, 1917.
My Dear Mother:—Received your dear letter and was sure glad to hear from you. Those wristlets you made for me are just fine and I am so glad to get them.
The Red Cross gave us all a sweater and a double blanket. We also have our woolen clothing now. We arrived at the camp last week and I do not like this one as well as Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., we had every thing so nice there and here at Camp Mills it is cold and damp, no floors in our tents and no electric lights. While writing this letter I am sitting on my bunk with a candle in a lard pail lid, on my knee and writing on top of a box lid, and to top it all off the candle is trying its best to upset. This Camp is located in the center of Long Island. We went in under two rivers to get here. We are attached to the 148th Field Artillery now. Jim Hedge was promoted to Sergeant since we were put in the truck company. I am still on special duty as Artificer same as before; they say I am known as one of the best mechanics in the Wyo. Reg.

They wanted to keep me where I am. All I have to do is the mechanical work. I have my first time yet to do any kitchen work. Just as soon as our trucks come I shall drive an ammunition truck. So you see I have it pretty soft after all.
Tell Harry while at Camp Greene I helped to blanket the boys, they were tossed about 20 feet up but it seems at least 50 feet higher; it seemed that high to me when I took my flying trip. We were out playing like kids that night, it was light as day and just cool enough to be nice while in Charlotte, the weather was like summer. We had persimmons there too. You had my sympathy while shivering in Nebr. as we had summer days here then, but after all, I would love to come and see you all before we go across the pond. I do not know just how soon we start for France.
Tell sister I received that fruit cake she sent. It was just fine, I opened and carved it with my sword or bayonet. I got the cake the day we left Camp Greene for Camp Mills, but did not eat it on the way as the Red Cross ladies fed us about all the good things we could eat when ever our train stopped and supplied us

with good cigarettes. We had to turn in some of our summer clothing, so I got a pail of warm water and sat on the foot of my bed and washed them out. I bet Harry would have laughed to see me washing. If he laughs too much tell him I will meet him (if he comes to France) at the boat with my truck and escort him to the first line of trenches. ha! ha!
On our way here we were turned loose at Washington D. C. and believe me we sure took in the town. I may go to New York City tomorrow and see the sights; we can go Saturday noon and stay until Monday morning. Our Camp is 26 miles from there.
Oh, yes, you asked what we had to eat, the eats here are not so bad we get all we want, of course it isn't fancy stuff, but it is wholesome. We have pie about once a week and we buy our cakes if we want to.
John McInerney sent me the Willsonville Review, I saw an add in the paper for ten carpenters at once; seems to be plenty work there. I am so glad to get the Red Cloud papers you sent as I like the news from home.
Now, mama, write real soon. There is nothing so nice now as a letter from home.
Your loving son
Edw. F. Davis.

WAR TALKS
By UNCLE DAN
Number Two

Jimmie Collins Tells What He Saw—
What Military Training Does
for Boys.

"Well, here we are!" exclaimed Billie, presenting his chum, Jimmie Collins.
"Very glad to see you, Mr. Collins," said Uncle Dan with a smile.
"Aw," said Billie, "Just call him Jimmie. That's the only name he knows. He's the pitcher of our baseball nine, and he's some pitcher, too. Just feel of his arm."
"Well," said Uncle Dan, feeling, "That's a mighty good arm!"
"Now, boys," said Uncle Dan, "what do you want to talk about?"
"Well," said Jimmie, "I was down to Galesburg a few months ago when the boys came home from the Mexican border. They looked fine. Everybody was surprised to see how straight they stood and how manly they were. The boys seemed proud to wear the uniform. I tell you their muscles were as hard as nails. I heard Banker Haskett say that the training and discipline the boys had had was exactly what every boy in the country ought to have, and that now these boys could get a better job at higher pay than they could have had before. Do you think that's so, Uncle Dan?"
Uncle Dan replied: "I have a friend who employs hundreds of young men. He always gives boys having had military training the preference; he says it pays to do so. He finds they are more alert, more prompt, more courteous; they know how to carry out orders; they are quicker to think and to act than those without training. He said from his experience he believed that six or eight months of intensive military training would add at least 20 per cent to a man's



AFTER FIVE MONTHS.
The two pictures are of the same young man. The first was taken the day he enlisted and the second after he had had five months' military training. His home is in North Carolina.

earning capacity, and that it was the best investment any young man could make.
"Billie, if you will go up to my room and bring my small handbag, I will let you see two photographs of the same young man, showing what only five months of intensive training on the Mexican border did for him."
The bag was brought. Uncle Dan, showing the pictures, said: "Well, here they are. They tell their own story and it is a mighty interesting one. The young man, before training, has a discouraged look; he has seen but little of the world. There was very little in his surroundings to bring him out. When he joined the colors and Uncle Sam took him in charge, life for him took on a new meaning. He saw a chance to do something and be something. He woke up. His captain says he is twice the man he was when he joined the army. This may be one of the extreme cases," said Uncle Dan. "I can tell you, though, that war or no war, no one thing will do the young men of this nation so much good in so short a time as a few months of intensive military training. It fits a man to fight his own life battles in the business world as well as to defend his country and its flag."
"Nearly every civilized country gives its boys military training. It is compulsory. It is based upon the fact that it is the duty of everyone to help defend his country; and as war is now carried on, no one can do much unless he is trained. Also, the records show that the killed and wounded among untrained troops is nearly three times as great as it is with well-trained men who know how to fight and how to protect themselves. By this plan a nation has trained men to defend her and the individual is a stronger and better man for the training."
"If the Chamberlain Bill for Military Training is passed by congress, as it ought to be, the same thing would be done for millions of other young men throughout the land. Everybody ought to demand of his congressman and senators the passage of this bill."
"All right, sir, exclaimed Jimmie, we will see Judge Brownell, Mr. Haskett, and Professor Slocum, and get them busy."

Luke McLuke Says:
The reason why a girl gets mad when a fellow she likes kisses her is because she would get twice as mad if he didn't kiss her.
What has become of the old fashioned dinner pail that had a tin cup fastened on top of it?
Another reason for the high cost of living is that people give away their baby buggies too soon and have to buy others.
Nature is a mean cuss. It often happens that the girl with the flat chest and the straight hips draws a generous supply of feet.
It often happens that the man who is too scared to run away wins the fight.
Every now and then you see a woman who is so fat that the only thing she can buy ready made is an umbrella.
When a man acquires his first automobile it often happens that he needs a rubber hat worse than he needs rubber tires.
The reason why a woman takes up physical culture is because she either wants to make something bigger or make something smaller.
The fellow who is always saying that it is no disgrace to be poor is never going to be rich.
We are all strong for free speech, but we forget that silence is just as free.
When a princess is wearing a new ring she has to fix her hair about fifty-nine times a minute.
The closer a woman gets to fifty the more she tries to dress like fifteen.

Notice of Referee's Sale

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order made and entered by the district court of Webster county Nebraska on the 9th day of November 1917 in an action therein pending wherein Cora M. Cutter is plaintiff and Amelia H. Stanton et al are defendants, for sale of the following described real estate situated in Red Cloud, Webster county, Nebraska, to wit:
Lots 1 to 24 both inclusive in Block 13 in Kaley & Jackson's Addition to Red Cloud, Nebraska; also lots 1 to 10 both inclusive and lots 13 to 24 both inclusive in Block 14 in Kaley & Jackson's addition to Red Cloud, Nebraska; also lots 8 to 17 both inclusive in Block 29 of original town, now city of Red Cloud, Nebraska; also lots 1, 2, 3 all in Block 1 in Garber's addition to Red Cloud, Nebraska; also a tract of land commencing in the center of an alley on the south side of Block 29 of Red Cloud, Nebraska; which point is on the north line of first avenue thence east 25 feet; thence south 155 feet; thence west 25 feet; thence north to the place of beginning; also a tract of land on the south end of Elm street of Red Cloud, Nebraska which is directly east of lots 8 to 12 both inclusive in Block 29 of Red Cloud, Nebraska; also the east end of First Avenue which lies directly south of lot 13, Block 29 of Red Cloud, Nebraska, the undersigned referee duly appointed by the said court in said action, will on the 17th day of December, 1917, at two o'clock p. m., standard time of said day, at the south door of the court house in said county, in Webster county, Nebraska, sell the said real estate to the highest bidder for cash. Said lots shall first be offered as a whole; second in lots or parcels, or any number of lots less than the whole, and shall be sold under that one of the aforesaid methods of sale by which the most money shall be realized.
Dated November 14th, 1917.
F. J. MUNDAY L. H. BLACKLEDGE
Attorney Referee



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2:30 p. m. Indian Creek service. Sunday school south side mission.
6:30 p. m. Young Peoples Service.
7:30 p. m. Preaching. Come.