

ALLIANCE BOY TO FLY OVER GERMANS
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ity, the wireless code, map reading, sketching in the air, receiving and transmitting messages at an altitude of 5,000 feet or more. He practiced with machine guns, using the two-seated 200 horse-power planes carrying the pilot and observer. This training was given by French and British officers.

This first trip in the air was of fifty-five minutes duration, at an altitude of 5,000 feet, sailing over a number of towns and villages. The trip was an enjoyable one, but produced a queer sensation when the pilot tipped the plane, dropping 3,000 feet in a few seconds, then righting it for an easy landing. Since that time he has made trips nearly every day with transmitting sets.

Best Section of Army

Earl says that "Aviation is the best section of the army and the work is very fascinating."

On one trip when up 5,500 feet the pilot suddenly dived down at a speed of 250 miles an hour, then made a sharp dip climbing up again. On one trip when up 4,000 feet to test his sense of direction, the pilot asked him to point toward a certain bridge; then spiraled down 1,500 feet and asked him to again point at the same bridge.

He also practiced artillery fire observing as they are to direct the firing of artillery by wireless. The greatest degree of accuracy is required for if the observer misjudges distances and positions it will cause the waste of considerable ammunition. The last two weeks were most strenuous, working every day including Sundays from 5 in the morning until 9 at night.

One of the final tests was to take the machine gun, consisting of more than eighty parts, apart blind-folded and to give the nomenclature of each part.

Sent to New York

Members of the school were expecting a furlough when the course was finished, but instead, all who were eligible were ordered to New York, preparatory to crossing the water to enter the best aviation school under the best instructors in the world. Fifty-three out of the original 150 who entered the school were taken. All are recommended for commissions except eight or nine who will receive the highest non-commissioned office. Earl, aged 22, when he entered the service, is the youngest man in the bunch. As a rule the observers are from 25 to 35 years and hereafter only those who have reached the age of 25 will be eligible for the School of Aerial Observers. With the fifty-three who are on their way to France there are eleven officers. Earl is the only one from Iowa. The others are from the south and east.

DETAILS OF "BABY" BONDS GIVEN OUT
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If one buys one or more war savings stamps and does not want to keep them for the period of five years they can be cashed at any postoffice and the holder can get 3 per cent on the money invested in them from the time the stamps were bought. However, if the purchaser keeps them to the end of the five-year period, the government pays interest at the rate of 4 per cent, compounded quarterly, which amounts to about 4.37 per cent per year.

The secretary of the treasury has allotted to Nebraska the sale of \$26,000,000 worth of war savings stamps, which means about \$20 per person in the state. The organization to sell the stamps in Nebraska is under the direction of Ward Burgess, who has the title of state director. Assisting him is an executive committee composed of O. T. Eastman, C. E. Duffie and Guy C. Kiddoo. There will be a chairman in each county in the state. Frank Bultin has been named as state manager of publicity for the campaign and H. O. Palmer field secretary.

Flood-Lighting System Aids Airmen.
The practice field for use by the aviation section of the signal corps at Hempstead, N. Y., has been provided with 12 powerful flood-light projectors which mark the area of those members of the section that are taking a course in night flying. The most conspicuous piece of equipment for this lighting system is a searchlight of 1,500,000 candle power, which has an effective range of 8,000 yards. This powerful light is employed in "picking up" airmen as they fly over the field looking for a landing place. It also serves as a lighthouse for the mariners of the sky. The great beacon was used for the first time last January.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

HELP SAVE THIS LAD'S LIFE



American soldiers by the hundred thousand are now in Europe preparing to fight America's battle for liberty against the Kaiser's barbarians. Some of our lads have already made the great sacrifice for you and me. We must support our army by joining the Red Cross at once.

COME ACROSS—IT'S YOUR DUTY

Remember Horrors of War-Torn Europe and Think of Safety and Comfort Here—Then Join the Red Cross.

The good people of this community once more commemorate the nativity of the Christ Child with merry-making and gifts.

Ours is a prosperous community. None of us is likely to suffer this winter for want of food, clothing or shelter, though high prices and certain forced economies will make us realize the United States is at war thousands of miles away. A few of us who have given our boys to the nation may lose them. But generally speaking, we shall feel perfectly secure, and when we stop to think about it, we shall thank God more or less heartily for his blessings.

Over in France, which has a total population of about 35,000,000, probably 3,000,000 are in the army fighting off the invader. About 3,000,000 more—mostly women and children—are absolutely down and out. They are a part of the inhabitants of the great industrial district devastated by the German savages. Now these people are homeless, hungry, naked and sick. At least half of them have tuberculosis, with scarcely a fighting chance for life. The whole of France is making unheard of sacrifices to save the nation.

Poor little Belgium is a wreck—a dying wreck. Her small army has been practically exterminated. Her boys and old men have been shot down in cold blood by the Kaiser's heroes. Her daughters have been dragged into slavery worse than death. Her babies have been impaled on bayonets and nailed to barn doors by playful Teutonic soldiers. About all that is left of Belgium is her deathless spirit.

And Serbia. Serbia is now but a name in history. A nation become a slaughter pen and charnel house. A people wiped clean off the earth.

What has been said of France applies equally to Italy, Roumania and Russian Poland.

Europe has been a hell of suffering and grief for three years. What have the last three years meant to the United States? Prosperity and peace.

Today all stricken Europe is uttering that age-old lamentation, "Out of the depths, Oh Lord, have I cried unto Thee; Lord hear my voice." And the American Red Cross is the instrument through which Providence is answering the prayer.

The Red Cross is "over there" now, performing a labor of mercy and paying a debt of fellowship on a scale never before known. But it must have your help and mine in order to carry on its vast enterprise in the name of humanity. So the organization is campaigning the nation for 15,000,000 members.

Every man, woman and child in this community ought to belong to the Red Cross. The membership fee is \$1.00. Another dollar brings the member the Red Cross Magazine for a year.

Every \$1.00 or \$2.00 membership helps just so much to back up our American boys in khaki—helps just so much to take the frightful curse from the lives of millions of homeless, starving, freezing, diseased mothers and babies in devastated France, Serbia, Belgium, Poland and Roumania.

The finest Christmas gift you can make is a Red Cross membership. Don't fail to come across by Christmas eve!

STEVE JACKSON BURIED FRIDAY

Well Known Alliance Colored Man Died Wednesday Morning at Hospital

Steve Jackson, widely known Alliance colored man and noted as a unique character in western Nebraska, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital in Alliance from a complication of diseases. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning from Darling's chapel. Rev. Moore will preach the funeral sermon.

Steve was 67 years of age. He was born in Alabama and was a slave in his early life. In 1884 he came west with his sister and lived for many years at Chadron. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Billy Williams at Chadron, and a daughter living in Montgomery, Ala.

Steve was in bad physical shape for several months. He was taken to the hospital only a few days ago. For a number of years he held the semi-official position of city dog catcher and his old horse and buggy were familiar sights on the streets of the city.

PERU NORMAL NOTES

Professor W. N. Dalzell, who is president of the Southeast Nebraska Teachers' Association, will meet with the executive committee at Beatrice, Thursday evening, to complete plans for the spring meeting. Among other plans so far completed will be to devote one day to rural school problems and one day to the graded schools. One new feature this year is an adding contest. Each county in southeast Nebraska will send two contestants, winners respectively of the country, rural and town schools. The expenses of the contestants will be paid by the

association, while local entertainment will be furnished by the city of Beatrice. The southeast promises to be one of the largest meetings this year in its history.

The Omaha Peru Club held a very enthusiastic meeting and informal dinner on last Thursday evening. The officers are Miss Etta M. Young, '14, president; Miss Esther Larson, '14, secretary. Prof. W. N. Dalzell, the field coach for Peru, attended the meeting. He also spent two days in the Omaha city schools making a survey of the Peru graduates. The very cordial co-operation of the Omaha city superintendent cannot but result in a higher teaching efficiency of the Peru product in the Omaha city schools.

Prof. I. G. Wilson delivered four lectures before the Fullerton city institute on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Thirty members of the State Normal Girls' Glee Club left last Monday morning for a tour of southeast Nebraska. They will give concerts in a number of the leading towns during that time.

Prof. F. M. Gregg gave a most interesting talk on "Who Is a Man" before the Young Men's Christian Association last Sunday.

Owing to the severity of the weather and the fact that a part of the heating plant was out of commission, a number of the rooms have been very cold during the past two or three days. It was necessary to dismiss the entire training school on Monday as well as a number of classes in the normal school.

The State Normal school is receiving very cordial co-operation on the part of county clerks in south-

east Nebraska who are furnishing lists of conscripted men in order that information may be sent to them concerning the wireless classes that are being offered at Peru at the request of the U. S. government, in order to prepare radio and buzzer operators for the service. It is probable that the government will need at least 15,000 men for this service. An efficient student should be able in from thirty to six days, by working intensively, to become sufficiently proficient to enable him to pass the required examinations. The salaries for this service run from \$36 to \$81 a month.

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