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## GERMAN SPIES JOINED ARMY AT ALLIANCE

### KEEN EYES OF AUTHORITIES AT FORT LOGAN DISCOVER ENEMIES IN ALLIANCE RECRUITS

## SENT TO FT. LEAVENWORTH

### Men Left Friday for the Fort— Names and Punishment Given Them Not Yet Disclosed

The Alliance recruiting office of the United States army has been advised, according to the statements of the officers in charge this morning, that two men enlisted at this place last week and sent to Fort Logan, Colo., for training, were found to be German spies and were both sent to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The local office has not yet been advised of the names of the spies or the sentence meted out to them. Whether or not they were simply alien enemies posing under false colors is not known. The quick work done by the army officers at Fort Logan shows the close guard which is being done to prevent spies doing their nefarious work in Uncle Sam's army.

## SOLDIER BOY WITH BRIDE FEW HOURS

### Canton Couple Married Only Twelve Hours Before Bridegroom Left for Army

Judge Tash performed what he considers the most touching marriage of his official career Wednesday, the day that the volunteers left Alliance. A young couple at Canton—Ivor Meeker and Miss Agnes Moravek, aged 26 and 24, respectively, had been engaged for a long time. When the new regulations in regard to the draft and limiting the period of enlistment, came out, Ivor, who is a very conscientious young man, thought it best to enlist. His folks are prosperous people as are Miss Moravek's, being excellent people in their community, so Ivor knew there was no reason under the sun why he could not go. He and his fiancée talked things over and both decided that they would come to Alliance, get married and then Ivor would enlist.

Judge Tash performed the ceremony Wednesday morning. The first thing Mrs. Meeker did after being married was to write out her consent for her husband's enlistment. They then went to the recruiting station where Mr. Meeker passed the examination for the service. The couple had but a few short hours until the train left at midnight. Mrs. Meeker has the honor of being a soldier's wife with all the respect and consideration that such a sacrifice demands. She has given up all that she holds dear, for her country. But what better feeling is there than that of a duty well done.

### Telephone Mess Fund

With each contribution limited to 25 cents, a mess fund of \$1,580 has been donated by employees of the Bell Telephone System in this territory to their former associates who volunteered for military service and are now with the 408th and 405th Battalions, U. S. Signal Corps.

The greater part of the mess fund will go to the 408th Battalion, which is composed entirely of Bell Telephone men from this territory; but the twenty-five former telephone employees from this state who are in the 405th Battalion will receive their pro-rata share.

Early in September the 408th Battalion went into camp at Little Silver, N. J. The 405th Battalion is at American Lake, Wash.

## BETTER SHOWING BY LIGHT DEPARTMENT

### City Light and Power Department Made Net Earnings of \$1,277.26 During Last Month

The city electric light and power department made a showing of net earnings amounting to \$1,277.26 during the month ending November 15th, according to the report rendered by Superintendent Hughes at the December council meeting Tuesday night.

Gross earnings for the month were \$4,025.69. Operating expenses were \$2,126.81. Discounts were allowed amounting to \$231.04 and \$390.58 was spent on construction. For the month before the net earnings were \$848.95. Gross earnings were \$3,637.46. Operating expenses were \$1,864.15. Discounts allowed were \$222.19, and \$702.17 was spent on construction.

The gross earnings for the same month last year were \$3,630.35. Operating expenses were \$1,466.26. Discounts allowed were \$211.79 and \$239.45 was spent on construction, leaving net earnings of \$1,953.32, or \$676.06 more than for the same period this year. The number of customers is now 760.

The report of the water department showed receipts for the month ending November 15th of \$3,052.45, with uncollected balances on December 10th of \$912.06.

The report of the city treasurer showed an overdraft in the general fund of \$35.45. Registered warrants unpaid amount to \$34,245.73. In the fire insurance fund there was \$15.00; in the park fund, \$217.77; in the library fund, \$70.36; and in the cemetery fund, \$103.53. There was a balance on hand in the water fund of \$3,885.71 and a balance on hand in the light fund of \$14,463.74.

The report of T. D. Roberts, police magistrate, showed receipts for the month of November from fines amounting to \$225.00; from judge's fees of \$12.10; from marshal's fees of \$8.40; a total of \$245.50 for the month.

## FRED CUTTS WRITES TO FOLKS AT HOME

### Fred E. Cutts, Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cutts, of Alliance, Is Now in France

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cutts, of Alliance, have received several very interesting letters from their son, Fred E., who is now "Somewhere in France." Fred is a member of the 168th Field Hospital Company, 117th Sanitary Train, via New York. He and Ralph Johnson, whose letter is published in The Herald this week, are together in a big hospital back of the battle lines.

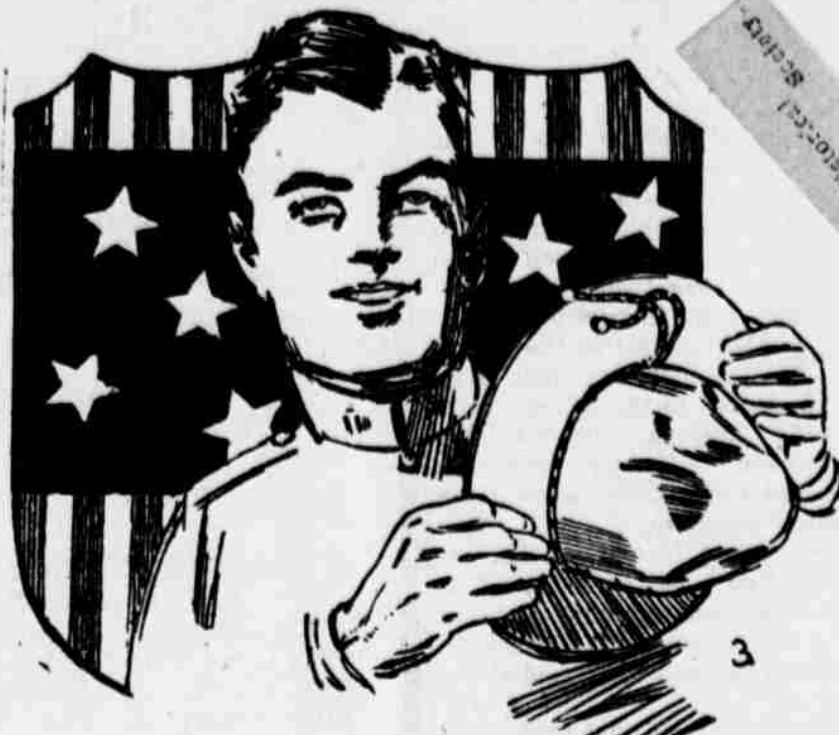
"Somewhere in France,"  
November 5, 1917.

Dear ones at Home:  
I will write you a few lines to let you know we are all well, although I have no news to write. Excuse my using a pencil but my pen seems to be clogged during the long spell that I haven't used it.

Well, anyhow, we are in France. Everything seems so strange here, all buildings are built just about on the same plan—two stories with the third story sticking out of the roof, all built of cement and broken pieces of gray sandstone. The French people seem to be in three classes; the working people in their very strange dress, although one can't describe their dress, as each is different to a greater or less extent; except they all or most all wear wooden shoes. Those shoes are surely funny—clumpy, noisy things. And their manners are so strange and really overdone so much that it doesn't seem natural to us for them to act as they do—perhaps it is their custom.

Then there is the other class of civilians who are so much like Americans in their dress and manners one would never dream of their being French until you hear their chatter. Then the other class is of course, the military class. Their dress is strange, especially the colors are so loud. Just imagine a man dressed in a light blue (I guess a French Blue or Alice Blue) uniform; also some in a light blue coat.

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## Alliance Roll of Honor

One hundred and fourteen men enlisted at the Alliance recruiting office of the United States army during the past week. Those who had not gone to army posts to begin training before, left at midnight last night, following the reception given for them at the opera house. The names, addresses and branch enlisted in of the men is given in the following roll of honor:

Name	Address	Branch
Lewis A. Saxton	Crawford, Nebr.	Coast Artillery
Angus B. Hammond	Deadwood, S. D.	Engineers
Robert A. Hammond	Whitewood, S. D.	Engineers
Allen J. Peterson	Crawford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
B. H. Humphreys	Hemingford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Bernard W. Harvey	Claredon, Tex.	Aviation Section
Eugene O. West	Whitman, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Roy W. Robinson	Marland, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Russell C. Miller	Hemingford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
John C. Rincker	Crawford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
William L. Andrews	Marland, Nebr.	Engineers
Harold J. Schwab	Bayard, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Grover L. Gilson	Crawford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
William T. Gregg	Marland, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Leo M. Nicolai	Alliance, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Chas. H. Lecwanthal	Chadron, Nebr.	Engineers
Edwin J. Lyon	Hemingford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
T. E. Katen, Jr.	Alliance, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Frank E. Reid	Bayard, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Lewis J. Meitner	Crawford, Nebr.	Aviation Section
Truman W. Sierer	Lima, Ohio	Aviation Section
Frank A. Rumer	Alliance, Nebr.	Aviation Section
George R. Nation	Alliance, Nebr.	Aviation Section
F. J. Schoenberger	St. Paul, Minn.	Coast Artillery

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## FAREWELL RECEPTION TO HEMINGFORD BOYS

### Neighboring City Shows Their Home Boys That They Have the Confidence of Home Folks

Hemingford men who answered the call to the colors and volunteered during the past week were the guests of honor at a reception given for them Tuesday evening. A good delegation of Alliance men attended to help in the celebration.

Color Sergeant I. E. Tash, of the Box Butte Home Guards, carried the big flag of the guards from Alliance to the opera house in Hemingford, where the reception was held. The home guards' bugle squad and drum corps accompanied Judge Tash. Patriotic and martial music was rendered by the bugle squad and the five and drum corps in the open air at Hemingford.

Following the open air exercises the large gathering filled the opera house to overflowing. Patriotic addresses were made by Rev. T. J. Brown, Rev. W. S. York and Father Stader of Hemingford and Judge Tash of Alliance. The "Call to the Flag," rendered by the color bearers and the bugle corps, brought the crowd to their feet instantly, the cheering lasting for several minutes, while tears ran down the cheeks of many as mothers waved handkerchiefs and fathers cheered themselves hoarse.

Music was furnished for the occasion by the Hemingford orchestra. Sixteen young men who have enlisted at Hemingford took their places on the platform with the speakers. Every volunteer inscribed his name on a big flag, the property of the women of Hemingford.

An excellent lunch was served by the Hemingford Red Cross ladies.

T. P. Rolfsen has sold King's Pool Hall to Jack Riordan, who has assumed charge. Mr. Rolfsen, who is city clerk, will probably enter the service of the Burlington railroad again.

## LIST OF DONORS FOR THE SOLDIER BOYS

### Alliance Citizens and Business Firms Who Opened Pocketbooks and Helped the Cause

The reception for the army volunteers Wednesday night was arranged by a committee headed by members of Post M. T. P. A.—Jack Luttrell, S. W. Thompson, R. M. Baker, C. M. Looney, Joe O'Connor and R. C. Strong, assisted by members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department and Secretary Fisher of the Community club and the ladies of the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross, with the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and the P. E. O. furnishing the comfort kits.

The men and women who devoted their time and efforts in making a success of the affair deserve much credit, as do also the Alliance citizens and business firms who donated cash and material needed. The list of those donating is as follows:

- Alliance Creamery Co., 1 gallon cream; 1 gallon milk.
- Forest Lumber company, 10 yards ribbon.
- Times Office, printed ribbons.
- Herald Office, printed programs.
- Harry DuBuque, program slide.
- John Wallace, dray for hauling.
- John O'Keefe, 6 Pullman loaves of rye bread.
- Claude Vaughan, 2 Pullman loaves rye bread.
- Alliance National Bank, 7 pounds ham.
- J. F. Tiller, 3 Pullman loaves rye bread.
- Rhein-Rousey, 10 yards ribbon.
- E. Essay, 1 carton cigarettes.
- Manewal Bakery, 1 box 25 cigars.
- Ben Beach, 2 rolls adhesive tape.
- R. C. Gladson, 5 rolls adhesive tape.
- Guy Smith, 2 rolls adhesive tape.
- S. A. Van Lanningham, 5 rolls bandages.
- Ford Garage, 10 rolls bandages.
- L. E. Blington, 1 roll bandages.
- Herold Snyder, 10 rolls bandages.
- J. W. Frazier, 3 rolls bandages.
- Boyd Gambol, 3 rolls bandages.

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## THE CITY WILL HAVE EXPERT VIEW TANK

### HORRIBLE ODORS FROM SEW- AGE SEPTIC TANK CAUSE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ACTION

## EXPERT IS COMING FRIDAY

### Question of New City Well Brought Up at Council Meeting for De- cember on Tuesday Night

Residents of South Alliance and travelers along the southern roads will hereafter not be compelled to hold their noses when the breezy winds waft the scent from city's septic tank their way, if the sewage expert, expected Friday, solves the riddle which has puzzled city dads since the injunction was granted against them in 1911.

This was the most important question brought up at the regular session of the city council Tuesday night. Councilmen Johnson, Hill, Snyder, Moore, Welch and Davidson were seated in their polished oak chairs promptly at 8 o'clock when the mayor called the session to order. The usual run of claims was allowed and other routine business trans-

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## THANKSGIVING AT BIG CAMP CODY

### Frank Wolverton Tells Parents About the Excellent Dinner Served on Thanksgiving

Frank Wolverton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wolverton, of Alliance, now a soldier at Camp Cody, where many Alliance boys are stationed, had the following to say, in a letter written December 3rd, about the excellent Thanksgiving dinner:

"Thanksgiving is over and my what a Thanksgiving it was. You hear them tell of the poor food in the army. But if Thanksgiving at the headquarters company is a sample of the food. Oh, my! Mess Sergeant Conkling, of Tekamah, Chief Cook Fred N. Coash, of Newman Grove and Ed O'Connor, of Alliance, certainly showed that they knew how to prepare a banquet for 275 men that was a real banquet. The long tables in the mess hall were filled to overflowing with all kinds of good things to eat. Dinner was served from noon until taps—eleven o'clock at night.

Just imagine a banquet consisting of the following quantity of food: 400 pounds of turkey. 125 pounds of mashed potatoes. 100 pounds of cranberry sauce. 40 pounds of cabbage slaw. 5 gallons of oysters for dressing. 3 crates of lettuce. 1 100-pound crate of celery. 25 pounds of radishes. 12 pounds of green onions. 8 gallons of sweet pickles. 8 gallons of sweet pickles. 10 gallons of beet pickles. 500 doughnuts. 170 pies—four kinds. 166 cakes—five kinds. 50 pounds of candy. 72 packages of dates.

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## Military Flag at Grand Island

A large military service flag, bearing in blue stars the figures "6863," has recently been unfurled from the district headquarters office of the Nebraska Telephone company at Grand Island, Nebr.

The figures "6863" on the telephone company's service flags represent the number of employees from the Bell Telephone System who are in military service. It is planned to change the numbers on these flags from time to time as more employees join the army or navy.

Men from the Bell Telephone System, representing every state in the Union, are in all branches of the military service. A large percentage of them, however, are volunteers in the telephone signal service of the army, where their training has fitted them to be especially valuable to the government.

## NEW YORK MAN IS MUCH IMPRESSED

### Representative of Butterick Publishing Company Visited Alliance on Community Work

G. T. Eager, of New York City, representing the Butterick Publishing company, publishers of The Delineator, Woman's Magazine and The Designer, visited Alliance on Monday and lunched with the directors of the Community Club.

The Butterick Publishing company recently announced that it would discontinue all mail order advertisements in its publications and that it would in the future take an active part in the upbuilding of the smaller towns and cities of the nation. Since making the announcement so many letters and telegrams of congratulation and commendation have been coming into the company that an extra force of eighteen stenographers and typists had to be added to care for the correspondence.

Mr. Eager heard of Alliance's Community Club in eastern Nebraska and made a special trip out here to see the town. He was of the opinion that this was a live city and said that first the big electric welcome sign was one evidence and the waste paper cans on street corners was another sign.

## Elks Costume Ball

Invitations are being issued by the invitation committee of the Elks' Lodge to Elks and their friends for a fancy costume dance at the Elks' Club rooms on New Year's Eve, December 31st. This will be one of the big social events of the year, and the last big one for 1917. Plans are being made to make it one not to be forgotten for a long time.

## FOR ALL AMERICAN CLUB AT ALLIANCE

### Post M. T. P. A., in Session Saturday. Recommend Organization of Patriotic Club

The meeting of Post M. Travelers Protective Association, at the office of the Community Club Saturday afternoon was the best in a number of months. The meeting voted unanimously to ask the chairman of the County Council of Defense to call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a "100 per cent All-American Club" for Alliance and Box Butte county.

The subject of good roads received much discussion. The traveling men were of the opinion that the roads of Box Butte county should be dragged and rolled with a heavy road roller behind the grader in order to get the best results. The sum of \$4.25 was donated for the fund or a Christmas for the Alliance soldier boys at Deming. Hawes, Thompson and Baker were appointed a committee to arrange for Christmas donations to the poor of Alliance, as in past years.

It was voted to have a T. P. A. party on New Year's night and Hawes, Baker, Spencer and Strong were appointed a committee to make arrangements.

## A Correction

The local recruiting office wishes to make a correction relative to the number of men enlisting from Alliance in that Walter H. Voight who applied for enlistment and was sent to Fort Logan, but upon arrival at that place refused to take the oath and returned to Alliance.

FRANK SCOTT,  
Sergeant U. S. A.