

THE ARMY and THE NAVY

Communications will be answered promptly. Interesting news each week.

The following interesting letter from Sergeant Otis L. Weaver from "somewhere over there," by Miss Leah Weaver, of Alliance:

"Same Place, A. E. F., April 30, 1918.

My Dear Cousin:

I'll bet this really surprises you. What? I received a letter from you in England and answered it. I wonder if you ever received it. Anyway, it has been so long since I've heard from you I supposed you didn't and I even forgot your address. Aunt Pearl just told me in a letter, so now you know why I am writing, why I haven't written before and all about it. Anyway you ought to, and, if you don't you may try to guess.

How are you and all the rest? Tell them hello from me. I would surely like to hear from Stanley and all the rest of you.

Anything exciting in your burg, Alliance? I've been thru there a number of times and played ball there one Sunday a couple of years or so ago. Seemed like quite a point to me.

Of course now you want to know about this war and I am bound to tell you all about it, but first let this get a deep root—You know about twice as much about this particular war as I do. Of course it is a bloody war and I really think that Sherman only had half an idea when he named war. But this is what makes me sore, "Fritz don't even know I'm here yet or I'm sure he would let up. I've done everything in my power to inform but somehow Bill himself never seems to get a hold of the news.

If everything goes well it will be over in a couple of years, and a lot of us will be "pushing up daisies" by then. Some of the boys already started them this spring and lots of them are "going West" every day. If things don't go well she may be over sooner, but as I've said, he is bound to find

out sooner or later that I'm here and then he will quit thinking he can win. Appears as though I hated myself, doesn't it?

Well, it's this way, any real sense I might write outside of greetings, health and weather comments won't pass the censor and no one likes to read three lines and imagine he had a letter, do they? So excuse this please.

With regards to all and with love,
COUSIN OTIS,
Sgt. C 34th Aero Squadron, U. S. Army,
Sgt. 34th Aero Squadron
U. S. Army, A. E. F. France.
P. S.—Be sure to answer.
O. K.—E. R. C.
1st Lt A. S. S. C., U. S. R.

The following letter from Lee Weeks to his mother was written on Mother's day, and explains how he himself and the rest of the boys felt on that sacred day:

"May 12—Mother's Day.

Dear Mother:
You see I didn't forget what day this is. In fact, none of the boys here did. All my friends made some remark about wishing to write their mothers. This little poem, recited by our chaplain Sunday, best tells how I feel and all the others:

"I sit alone on the deck tonight,
Dreaming of you in the waning light,
You, who ever pointed me right,
Of you—my mother.

You have ever sacrificed for me,
Even risked your life that I may be,
And so this night I pledge to thee
My love, O mother.

You blessed me when I went away,
Saying for me you would always pray,
And so tonight with all my heart I say:

God bless you, mother.

I fight for liberty, humanity and right,
Because you ever taught me so to fight.

I shall oppose oppression with all my might,
Because of you, my mother.

Your love taught me how to be,
True to myself, to God and to thee,
And this my pledge through all eternity
To thee, my mother.

I may not come back from this strife,
The price of peace may be my life,
But my dreams shall be, in death or life,
Of thee, My Mother.

[By G. CARPENTER, U. S. N.

This man Carpenter was the chaplain at D barracks and he sure is good.

I am getting on fine in the signal work and am glad to say that I was rated as first class seaman last week. I am still at the signal tower, now having charge of a watch up here. I have either the choice of staying here or going to Norfolk, Virginia, a week from Monday.

Verne and the other boys are down on the lower deck, singing all the songs they can think of. Verne has a ukalale here with him and we get lots of fun out of it.

There is nothing of importance to tell you, so I guess I will study awhile and go to bed, as I am standing a 12 to 4 watch in the morning. I am in perfect health and am a pretty good boy, so I guess the navy isn't doing any harm to me.

Lots of love,
LEE.

Mr. Weeks is located at the U. S. N. T. S., at San Francisco.

It's easy to cry that you're beaten and die.

It's easy to crawl and crawl,
But to fight and to fight when hope's out of sight,

Why that's the best game of all,
And though you come out of each each gruelling bout,

All broken and beat and scarred—
Just have one more try. It's easy to die—

It's the keeping on living that's hard.

Since the publishing of our article

two weeks ago regarding the navy we have received information from Omaha to the effect that we were in error in the statements made regarding the enlistments.

The correct situation now is: "Men are enlisted only for the duration of the war. Numerous branches are open in the navy for 'special branches,' so that those qualifying can enlist for special service. No one under 18 years of age are accepted."

We offer no apology for the misstatement, as the data was taken out of a 1917 booklet containing information relative to the navy.

There have been but twelve fatalities at the flying fields from April 25 to May 8.

During the week ending May 3, 148 sick and wounded United States soldiers were received at ports in this country from the overseas American expeditionary forces. During the week ending May 10, with the report of one receiving station not yet at hand, eight soldiers were received from the overseas forces.

The first aerial service in the United States was inaugurated last week. The plane that left Washington carried 6,600 letters for New York at 11.45 a. m. The plane that left New York got away at 11:30 a. m. President Wilson and other national officials were present at the departure of the Washington plane. The plane method of carrying mail will greatly facilitate the transportation of important documents.

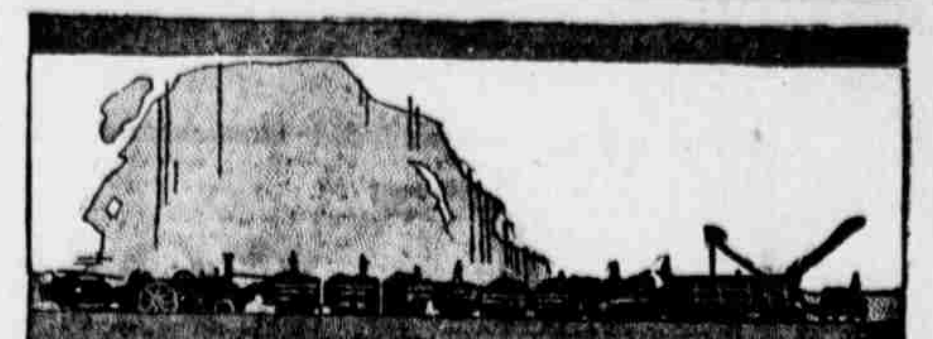
The rechristening of the German measles in camp as "liberty measles," is proof that the national army fights with a sense of humor.

The following statement is authorized by the war department:

In order to secure prompt and thorough investigation of inventions submitted to the war department an "Inventions section" has been created as an agency within the general staff. All inventions of a mechanical, electrical, or chemical nature submitted to the war department for inspection, test, or sale, are considered by this section.

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Wit is good in salesmanship. A lady asked Walter what he had in the shape of cucumbers that morning. He replied: "Madam, we have some fine bananas." She took a dozen.



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