

ROY HOLLY WRITES FROM FRANCE

SERGEANT WITH A. E. F. PENS A VERY INTERESTING LETTER TO ED SCHUHLOFF

Company Had Been in Trenches but Not Doing Much at Time Letter Was Written

The following very interesting letter from Sergeant Roy Holly, with the American Expeditionary Forces, in France, was received lately by E. H. Schuhloff, through whose courtesy we are permitted to publish it for the information of friends of Mr. Holly who are readers of the Journal:

Somewhere in France. October 11, 1918.

Friend Ed.—
Received your welcome letter and sure appreciate hearing from you. I am still alive and enjoying life under the circumstances. We are not doing much hand work now, as the company has been in the trenches most of the time, so we band men do our bit by being put at other work. The band men have been used to guard supplies and help with various kinds of work. I have been appointed town mayor, that is I have charge of the billeting of the troops in the villages that we happen to occupy. I suppose you know by this time that the 89th Division was in the big drive, and of course the 355th went over the top and made a good showing. It was a wonderful drive and the infantry went so fast that the artillery had a hard time keeping up, and the "Boche" went so fast that they left everything behind. We captured a lot of supplies, guns, ammunition and even an entire railroad train loaded with supplies. The boys enjoyed the German smokes and wine, and also beer, for several days. It was real amusing to see one of the boys come down the street displaying a German helmet, smoking a German cigar and wearing German boots. We occupied a village that the Germans had held since 1914. I happened to have charge of the billeting in said village, and believe me I was in some warm place. Being very close to the lines, we were under shell fire day and night. Several men were bumped off while roaming around the street and we also received a shot of gas now and then. The village was pretty well protected with dugouts, and to tell you the truth, I was pretty close to a dugout all the time. The orders were to carry gas masks and wear helmets all the time. This war is an interesting game and a fellow sure has the pleasure (?) of a lot of different experiences, especially when the 75's and the 105's begin whistling over your head and you never know where the next one is liable to hit. Believe me, you can pray and do a lot of thinking all at the same time.

I have been out on an advance billeting detail for the last four days, and went through some fair sized towns. Had the pleasure of staying in a large town one night, so took advantage of the opportunity to take in the sights. I visited all the cafes and found that the "Vin de Blanc" was real good and had lots of pep—which I found out later. Good wine can be purchased anywhere at five francs per quart and champagne at twelve francs—a franc being equal to about sixteen cents in good old U. S. coin.

I've heard lots of stories before coming over about the pretty maids of France—but this "Somewhere in France there is a Lily" is about right, because it must be somewhere, as I haven't had the pleasure of meeting one, and I've traveled over a lot of this country and it was mostly travel by "hiking" so I had plenty of time to look the landscape over. I think the U. S. is too far ahead of this country—and especially the "maids"—to admit of comparison. The French girls don't attract me any and I am only too anxious to get back to a civilized country again.

I had the opportunity of going to the Officers' Training school but did not accept as I like the hand work much better, and after this is over which I hope will be soon, I think the band will have a good time, as I suppose we will play a lot of concerts on our way back.

The news sure looks encouraging with the Kaiser wanting peace. Bulgaria is giving up and thousands of prisoners are being captured. Surely this, together with the fact that France is filled with U. S. troops ought to serve to end the war soon. I've seen several thousand prisoners the last few days, both Boche and Austrians, being evacuated to central prison camps, and there are yet a lot of prisoners left here. They are used for fatigue work, building up roads and cleaning up the villages. The villages around here are mostly in ruins, as they have been under the German shell fire. All of the churches are torn up by shell fire. The Boche seem to use the churches as a target for they are usually the highest buildings in the town. The churches here are all Catholic and mighty fine buildings with old time architecture, using large colonades to support the ceiling, and the altars are exceptionally fine work. I was really surprised to see such wonderful churches here, but they are now

practically all ruined, in some places only the walls remaining and the altars buried in the ruins. When I get back, I'll be able to tell a most interesting story, as its very hard to write much in a letter when one can't name the towns, etc.

You can't even begin to imagine the "bigness" of this proposition. I have rode for miles and passed truck trains and couldn't begin to count the number of trucks. The traffic here is worse than in any large city in the United States. I've heard the truck drivers say they have started on trips which ordinarily would take a day, but would take several days to complete on account of so much traffic on the highways. The woods here and all over France are excellent, and that is all that France excels the U. S. in. They are the best roads I have ever seen and every road is a good solid road, macadamized and kept in good condition all the time. It sure would be an elegant place for a touring car.

The weather here now is very cool, especially at night. It is cold enough to wear an overcoat and it is damp here all the time.

Well, I have written considerable for this time—so write often and I will try to keep you posted with what I can remember. With best regards to you and my friends,

HOLLY.

NUT BARRELS WILL BE CONTINUED NO LONGER

All Collected to Present Time Will Be Forwarded for the Use They were Intended.

From Monday's Daily.
A circular from the University farm says that the collection of materials for use in making carbon for gas masks will be discontinued and the barrels and containers set out for the collection of such materials will be removed and all signs and notices calling the matter to peoples' attention taken down.

However, the materials that have been collected to date are to be forwarded immediately to collection centers and utilized as intended. There are yet a goodly number of gas masks to be manufactured and the carbon for them is badly needed.

The schools and other agencies assisting in the collection of such materials are hereby notified that the necessity for such materials having ceased, their obligation in the matter terminates and thanks are extended to all who had a share in the realization of over seventy-five carloads accumulated before the peace armistice made further efforts necessary. As stated above the 75 car loads are to be rushed to accumulation centers and used as needed.

LOSES A VALUABLE CALF

From Monday's Daily.
A. L. Huffer reports the loss of a calf last evening from eating green alfalfa which the frost had touched. The animal had gotten into the field but observed soon afterward and removed, but apparently had eaten too much of the alfalfa although it did not seem sick when driven from the field. Later in the evening Mr. Huffer heard the calf making a fuss and he went to the barn but it was too far gone to be saved. The calf was worth about \$40.

CAR LOAD OF TRACTORS

From Monday's Daily.
The T. H. Pollock Garage is today unloading a car load of Fordson tractors and farm implements which they have sold and are delivering to the following parties: Elmer McReynolds, Nehawka; Chas. Ward, Weeping Water; H. A. Williams, Elmwood, and Petring Bros., Nebraska City.

The Pollock Garage is expecting a big business on the Fordson tractor the coming season and will have in connection with the tractor a most complete line of tractor operated farm implements, including threshing outfits, corn shellers, binders, gang plows, tandem discs, etc. The lot west of the garage is being prepared to handle the necessary business.

VISITS WITH AUNT HERE

From Monday's Daily.
C. V. Moyer, of Percival, a member of the U. S. Marines, was in the city for the past few days visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. D. Dalton, returning home this morning. Private Moyer received an injury at New York just as he was departing for overseas, resulting the loss of an eye at Brest, France. He is now off on an extended sick leave, while the injured member is healing.

HOGS STRAYED.

A red sow and three pigs and one that weighs about 75 pounds. Strayed from my home. U. L. Barnard, d&w.

Journal Want-Ads Pay!

MURDOCK ITEMS

Four members of the Henry Backemeyer family are sick with influenza.

John Amgwert and family spent Sunday afternoon with Paul Schewe and wife.

Millard Schewe visited Sunday afternoon with his cousins, Marion and Donald Schewe.

Mrs. H. V. McDonald is another Flu patient, as also are Louis Hornbeck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hite were Sunday guests of Ray Parsell and wife in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moomey, of Wabash, were Sunday dinner guests of C. Moomey and wife.

The Wm. Heier family are recovering from the Flu, the entire family have had it with the exception of Mr. Heier.

Mrs. Bert Clements, of Elmwood, Mrs. Emily Gonzales and son of near Eagle, were Monday visitors at the Reeve home.

Rev. A. H. Schwab received a message Sunday morning telling of the death of his father, whose home was in Clay Center, Neb.

Lieut. Herbot Stroy came in on No. 5 Monday from Camp Dodge, Iowa, and will spend his short furlough with home folks.

Louie Bornemeier is having a fine new hog shed built on his farm. Matt Thingam and his assistant Lewis Hite are doing the work.

Herman Kupke went to Lincoln Sunday to see his daughter, Miss Louise, who is sick with Flu. She has been attending school there.

Wm. Heier, jr., spent the week-end with home folks and friends here. He is stationed at Camp Funston, but expects to be discharged before long.

Several cases of Flu are reported in our vicinity, and among them are George Mills, Ed Jumper and wife, several members of the Fred Stock family and Miss Lydia Streich.

Emil Miller has been quite seriously ill with bronchitis, at his home north of town. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long have been staying there the past week rendering their assistance.

Mrs. Harry Davis and daughter, Jeanette, of Topeka, Kansas, came last Friday for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Davis was formerly postmistress here for a number of years.

C. F. Hite returned Friday from West Point, Neb., where he has been picking corn for his son-in-law, John Kreuger, the past two months. He also visited a few days with his son George and wife in Oakland, Neb., on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gorthy are the proud parents of a fine baby girl who arrived at their home last Wednesday morning. They are receiving the congratulations of their many friends, while Grandpa and Grandma Vandenburg are feeling real good over the arrival of the little Miss.

Miss Olive Burke, of Weeping Water, our intermediate teacher finds necessary to remain at home for a few days to help care for a

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NEWS FROM ALVO

Joe Vickers was in Lincoln Saturday.
Mr. Murfin, of Wabash was in Alvo Sunday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jordan and family autoed to Lincoln Friday.
Dr. and Mrs. L. Muir motored to Lincoln on business Friday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaffer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mickel.
C. G. Anderson returned Monday from a business trip to Litchfield, Nebraska.
Miss Carrie Peterson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Aurel Foreman.
Charles Foreman came home from Lincoln on No. 38 Sunday and is now sick with the Flu.
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bayles, of Lincoln visited over Sunday at the Harry Appelman home.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bird, of Arriba, Colorado, are here visiting relatives over Thanksgiving.
Ray Clark has returned from Murdock, where he has been working for the Rock Island.
Dr. L. Muir has been quite ill the past few days but is getting along nicely at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Rosenow and sons Elmer and Karl autoed to Elmwood Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. John Murty spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Currya.
Miss Aurel Foreman was a passenger to Lincoln Sunday evening, returning on the belated No. 38 Monday night.
Mrs. George P. Foreman received a card from her brother, Marion F. Prouty, stating that he had arrived home safely at Seattle, Washington.
George Whitman came in Friday from Denver, Colorado, visiting at the George P. Foreman home until Saturday when he left for Nebraska City via Elmwood. From there he goes to Chicago, Ill.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ryons were grieved to learn of the death of their oldest daughter, Miss Ruth Ryons, on Sunday at their home in Lincoln. Miss Ryons was afflicted with the Spanish influenza.
Mrs. Minerva Currya spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. George Currya, who took her to her home at Waverly last Tuesday on their way to Lincoln. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Lillian Currya.
Charles Appelman, Mr. and Mrs.

How a Salesman Suffered.
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