

**GIVES INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF CAMP LIFE**

**Cadet Glenn Wallace Sends Letter From Camp John Wise, Texas**

A bit of the soldier's life is related in an exceedingly interesting manner heat and altitude—therefore we have an automatic valve arrangement that governs the valve when the gas expands to a certain point, thereby allowing the escape of gas and preventing bursting of the balloons. Such a thing would be "jolly well uncomfortable" should it happen. The valve closes on losing gas to a certain point. We also have a hand rope to the valve so in case of trouble automatically, we can valve by hand. They we have an up cord attached to a rip panel, that we can pull out if we should ever need to.

We have at present 5 companies of 200 men each here. Each company will specialize in a certain thing and when a company leaves for France they will be made up of men from all five. A very fine system. Company No. 38 will specialize in balloon fabric and cordage.

The weather is very warm here say "45 minutes right and over," or "10 minutes left and just short," etc. We have telephone wires running from the battery (trenches in our case) to the chart room in our camp and then to the balloon. Five seconds after the shall explodes we in the basket telephone the correction back to the battery and he is firing a new shell having made his correction. Our balloons are 90 feet long and 27 feet wide at the widest point. They have fins on each side near the rear and have a rudder underneath and to the rear. The fins and rudder are both filled with air which enters at a scoop at the base of the rudder. These things stabilize the balloons. The gas is hydrogen generated by the silica process and when in the balloon it occupies the fore part. The capacity is 35,000 cubic feet gas and 7,000 cubic feet air, hydrogen, such as we use; has a lifting power of 71 pounds per 1,000 cubic foot, so you see we can go up.

As you know hydrogen expands with as follows:

"I am instructing in artillery observation from the captive balloons, in the morning. In the afternoon I am drilling Company No. 38, and in the evening I am attending lectures or working out problems of the day. Just when do I write? Whenever I am not too tired to sit up till midnight to finish the letters. Tonight I am pretty tired, for I had to engineer the layout of a new balloon hanger this afternoon. This morning I observed (with another cadet) at smoke bombs set off at Camp Travis trenches 7,000 yards east of us.

I'll try to give an idea of how we work. You have seen those sausage shaped balloons. Two of us cadets go up to an average of 2,500 feet. Our trenches are 7,000 yards east, an ideal condition for direction and distance for "over there." We then choose a target and part of our fellows go on bombing detail. They will go to the trenches and set off smoke bombs around our target. These we will observe on by means of our binoculars. In these binoculars is a minute and degree scale. That is, 20 minutes and 1 degree. We observe, in a letter received by the editor of The Nebraskan from Cadet Benn Wallace, who is located at Camp John Wise in San Antonio, Tex. Wallace tells of his experiences as an airman and explains in a very clear manner some of the duties that follow in the general routine of the men at the camps. A part of the letter reads now and we go with the lightest of clothing on. The birds are singing and it all seems like spring time. Its great to be alive and about to go over to help.

"I have received by "pilot's license" and am now a member of the Aero Club International. My whole course is over and I am eligible for my commission. Twelve of us expect them any time now, but there is more or less delay in vetting them though.

"One of my brother cadets is a Beta from Nebraska, about the class of '20, I guess. We share our Nebraskans when we get them and it keeps the home fires burning for us. His name is Walter Chamberlain.

"We all like our work fine and fully believe that ours is the "cream of the service."

"I probably will be over in two months now. We are all anxious to get over and do our bit to help our good old U. S. A.

"Give my best regards to any and all of my old friends you may happen to see and accept the same yourself. I hope that I have made things reasonably clear. Good-bye, good luck.

Sincerely,  
GLENN.

Camp John Wise, San Antonio, Tex.

**UNIVERSITY SOON TO HAVE THREE NEW COURTS**

profit in the financial report of the athletic association last year, and the petition shows that there is a large number of tennis fans among the students.

**J. BLAINE KUHN, FIRST NEBRASKA SOLDIER**  
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family moved to Lincoln in 1899 and he was educated in the Lincoln public schools and the State University. He was a senior in school and a freshman in the law college when he entered the service. He is survived by his mother, two sisters and a brother, his father having died in 1907.

The pallbearers were Dwight Thomas, Harold Long, Raymond Parry, Harry Reynolds, Max Taylor and Wayne Ralston.

The military escort was composed of D. C. Rasmussen, acting corporal, Harold Huling, Frank Nelson, Lawrence Finney, Oswald Black, H. S. Stoa, Seth Taylor and M. B. Shea. Chauncey Reddish was the bugler.

**WAR WILL LAST TWO YEARS ENGLISH OPINION**  
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information I get from various good sources here, the war will last at least two or three years longer, and every month America must assume more and more of the burden of it. This is a very critical time because of the shortage of tonnage, but I'm confident that America's determination and resourcefulness will win through in great shape.

Everyone here is "fed-up" with the war, but determined to hold out until the last man. The sacrifices made already are too great to turn back before the result hoped for is realized.

OTIS E. TAYLOR.

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**ORD EDITOR EXPLAINS COUNTRY NEWS WORK**  
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than the ten dollars I get from my advertiser."

**Opportunities for Women**

The rise of women in journalistic fields is firmly expected by Mr. Davis. He believes that they have an unexcelled opportunity presented them with so many men at the front, and sees a wonderful field opening for them in both the editorial and the mechanical sides of the profession. He stated that there was right now a shortage of one-third of the help in the newspaper plants in Nebraska, and urged that the students spend their summer vacations in doing work that would be pleasant and profitable, and that would be invaluable to them when they left school and entered into the profession for good.

Mr. Davis also warned against neglecting the "job work" to be done in a country shop—the printing of all sorts of small bills, posters, cards, etc. Coach Stewart seemed much more pleased with the prospects of affairs yesterday, and expressed more satisfaction. He declared that this was one of his most profitable sources of income, and that it was an important factor in making a paper pay.

One of the points featured in the address was that the editor is the servant of the public. Nothing personal should appear in the columns of the paper, and its editorial policy should be of a constructive rather than a destructive nature. Mr. Davis is enthusiastic regarding the power and position of the country weekly, and declared that there could be no better way for a young man to "break into the game" than to start in the country. He said that the paper should have a steadfast policy, and this policy should be mirrored in the columns. A reporter who is true to his paper will unconsciously express its policy without indulging in taboos editorial comment. This policy should be especially emphasized in the country weekly, both in the handling of news stories and in playing them up. Above all, the country editor should be in close personal touch with his paper. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Davis said "The personality of the country newspaper is what puts it across."

**WOMEN'S COUNCIL ISSUES IMPORTANT WAR LETTER**

The first copy of "Nebraska Women in War Work," the official bulletin of the Woman's Committee of the State Council of Defense, is ready to be sent out to those who wish to know more of the organization.

It tells what the committee is and gives a summary of the work it has accomplished, as well as many other articles in which the women of the state are interested.

Any University women wishing copies of this paper are requested to leave their names and addresses with Prof. Sarka Hrbkova.



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