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CRAIG & WILSON

THERE LETTERS HOME.

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time our destination was billets. Billets mind you. Our first and only experience with them. They were in a little town and we arrived there dog-tired, thinking we were due for a good long rest. We arrived at daylight, I remember, and fell asleep in the fields anywhere. I got up about 8 o'clock and the whole battery was sprawled around in the hot sun with no protection at all. The hot sun shining on me so fiercely woke me up and my bunkie and I scouted around town on

SAYS COLD WEATHER BRINGS RETURN OF INFLUENZA

Public Must Be Careful To Avoid A Second Epidemic. Easier To Prevent Than Cure. What To Do.

Encouraging reports of the fewer cases of influenza in this vicinity should not allow us to relax our vigilance or to become careless in the belief that the danger is over," says a well known authority. With the coming of cold weather there is apt to be a return of this frightful epidemic and its seriousness will depend on the extent of the precautions, taken by the public, to prevent infection.

When the air is full of influenza germs, you may be constantly breathing them into your nose and throat. But their danger may be avoided and you may make yourself practically immune to infection if you destroy the germ before it actually begins work in your blood.

During the recent serious epidemic, which hit Gastonia so hard, most successful results were obtained by many through the simple breathing into the nose, throat and lungs of the medicated air of oil of Hyomei. Probably no better, safer or more sensible precaution against influenza, grippe, coughs, colds, bronchitis or catarrh of the nose and throat could be employed than to go now to the nearest drug store and get a complete Hyomei outfit consisting of a bottle of the pure Oil of Hyomei and a little vest-pocket hard rubber inhaling device into which a few drops of the oil are poured.

Carry this inhaler with you during the day and each half hour or so put it in your mouth and draw deep breaths of its pure healing germicidal air into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs to destroy any germs that may have found lodgement there. This simple precaution may save you a serious illness and the loss of several weeks work. It is pleasant to use and not at all expensive as the inhaler will last a lifetime and further supplies of the Oil of Hyomei can be had at any drug store for a few cents.

Hundreds of people in this vicinity used Hyomei in this way during the recent crisis and avoided danger. They should not neglect it now for the danger is by no means over. J. H. Kennedy & Co., Druggists.

that ceaseless fruitless quest, candy. We did not find any.

We were in billets less than a week then away to another sector of the front. But this is enough for one letter, I sincerely hope you are hearing from your son Carl, regularly, Yours truly,
ROY GILLEY.

From Sergeant Boyce Morrow.

Following are some extracts from a letter which Miss Minnie Morrow, of Bessemer City, recently received from her brother, Sgt. Boyce M. Morrow:

Dear Sister: Received your letter and photos today. How does this war finish suit you all? Well, I am well pleased, for I know we would have had to go through hell this winter. We had been up here on the front since the first of September. I was out with a very dear friend on the night of October 14th who was wounded and lost his leg, and is already back in the States. I sure had some luck with me that night. He was ordered to go up near the front lines to repair a motorcycle and take some one with him. Of course, I was not working in the shops at that time, but as we were friends, I went with him. We had done the work and had started back when a shell exploded just beside our motorcycle. He was on the machine and I was in the side car. He lost his left leg, the machine was torn almost to nothing, but I was not hurt. I think I will be home by the first of the year, that is if I come at all.

We lost our captain, the one that came over with us, but have another one. Glad we don't have to contend with him long, or I know he and I would not get along together. I will close, with love,
BOYCE.

Version, France, Nov. 16, 1918.

From Private Fitzhugh Lee Hoffman.

Following are some extracts from a letter which Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hoffman recently received from their son, Private Fitzhugh Hoffman, of Co. M, 16th Infantry, Nov. 17th.

Dear Father and Mother, Sisters and Brothers: I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I am now in the hospital, but am getting along fine. I received your letters and did not have time to answer them, but now that I am well again and the war is over, I will write more often. I expect to go back to my company soon. I think we are booked to come back to the good old U. S. A. by Christmas, and I will be so glad, since we gave the Hun such a good thrashing.

Dear father and mother, it seems so nice to be in peace again, no roaring of cannon, no driving, everything is quiet. It takes Uncle Sam to make peace in the world; but now that the war is over, the boys are all anxious to get back to the good old U. S. A. again, where we expect to be soon. Hoping to hear from you soon, with regards to all, your son,
FITZHUGH LEE HOFFMAN.

From Fred B. Faires.

Following are some extracts from letters recently received by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Faires from their son, Fred B. Faires, who is with the U. S. N. Forces, Edinburgh, Scotland, Nov. 23.

Dear Father and Mother: The censorship is lifted now but it would take a long time to write all that has happened since I came over. Perhaps I can give you some idea of where I have been in

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SWEETLAND

PHONE 197

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one letter.

We anchored in the harbor at Brest, France, on the 25th of October and landed the 27th, after having been only nine days coming over. When we landed we went to an old fortress there called a chateau. We stayed there from Sunday till Saturday morning, when we took a train and made a two-day trip through France to La Harve. This was a very interesting trip. The scenery was beautiful. I also noticed that that part of the country was a good agricultural region. After spending two days at La Harve we crossed the English channel to Southampton, England, and from there to London. From London we went by train to Edinburgh, Scotland. The first night there was spent at one of our navy hospitals. On Monday morning we were sent out to Dunmore Castle, about 20 miles from Edinburgh. That was where we had it easy; nothing to do but eat and sleep. Of course we had to clean up our rooms in the mornings. I had to work in the kitchen every other day for a while, but that was not hard. The cats were extra fine there. We had roast chicken, mutton and pork.

I was assigned to a division today. I worked this morning after inspection. We have to scrub deck in the morning and

shine bright work after breakfast. There isn't much to do in the evening unless I am on special detail.

You ought to see one of our ships. They are kept as nice and clean as a model kitchen. The bulkheads or walls are painted white and kept white too. The guns are very prominent on a battleship. There are quite a number of five-inch guns and some 12-inch ones.

The boys on this ship say that the Arkansas is the best one in the fleet. Of course those on the other ships think the same, but the Arkansas shall be my pick as long as I am on it.

I wish you could see one of my pals here. He is just fine. He came from a farm in Missouri. I have one from Kansas, too. The boys out West are mostly pretty good "skates." I met up with a "gob" from North Carolina. He is a farmer from Wilson. I tell you it makes a fellow feel good to find someone from his own State.

This is the first day that the fog has cleared up so we could see any distance since we got here. It was a big sight to see all the battleships lying around this morning, and at the same time know that

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