

TAGGART DESCRIBES HOW HE SPENT DAY IN A FRENCH TOWN

The following interesting letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. John Taggart, of 118 South Fourteenth street from their son, Wilson Taggart, who has been in France several months with a supply company. His present address is Supply Co. 312, Q. M. C. American Expeditionary Force, American Postoffice No. 719.

"Dear Folks: Have not heard from any of you for some time, but am going to drop you a few lines. I hear that quite a lot of mail arrived today at our camp, so I am looking for some tomorrow noon.

"Well, I had my day's vacation yesterday and certainly am tired tonight. I walked nearly all day, except the time we spent sitting. Another chap and I left camp at about 7 o'clock and had a very nice walk to the city, arriving there at 9 o'clock. It was market day so we strolled around the square where the market is held. We were a little early as the people were just putting up their stands. We then took a little walk around the town, which is a very interesting one as the houses and architecture are so different from ours. We had a real dinner which consisted of French fried potatoes, egg omelet (four eggs) lettuce, cantaloupes, and hot chocolate. It cost about ten francs. The cantaloupes were the most expensive, costing three francs. We only have one day a month so we eat on that day. After dinner we loafed around the market. They sold everything there from pigs to collar buttons. The people here have wagons and travel from one place to another in them, carrying their stock of goods with them. They have regular dry-goods stores in wagons. I think the whole city must have been at the market that afternoon.

"Enjoy Their Outing."

"We soon tired of watching the crowd so went to the Y and had some fine hot chocolate. We purchased New York Herald and sat down in the park for a rest. After resting about an hour we returned to the restaurant and had supper.

"I purchased a pillow case for one of the boys, and believe me I had some job to explain just what I wanted. Finally with the aid of a dictionary I was able to get it. We spent a lot of time looking in the stores, and caught a train back to camp at 7:55, arriving at the barracks just before the lights went out.

"I certainly did sleep and sure did hate to get up this morning.

"I wish you people could see some of this country, too. It is just as you read about it.

"There is nothing extraordinary to tell you as things are going very nicely over here, and plenty of work.

"I must close now as the lights are very poor, and I can hardly see to write. I am not keeping on the lines. Write soon and often.

"WILSON TAGGART."

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WITH THOSE IN ARMY AND NAVY

This column, containing news of Richmond and Wayne county soldiers and sailors, will appear daily in the Palladium. Contributions will be welcomed.

Lieutenant Charles Wade, who was severely injured in action about August 1, is convalescing in a base hospital in France, according to a letter written by him on September 9, which was received by Mrs. Pauline W. Jones, 115 West Main street Saturday morning. Wade was unconscious for eight days following his injury.

Corporal O. J. Teaford of Camp Taylor is spending the week end with his sister, Mrs. Harry Moss, and other relatives.

Corporal Ralph Reynolds and Sergeant Michael Nocton, of Fountain City, have arrived overseas.

John C. Werts, who has been stationed at Great Falls, Mont., has been transferred to Camp Dodge, Ia., according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Lester Parker of 327 North Eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kilmer of South Fifth street, have been notified that their son, Roy Kilmer, has reached overseas with a medical corps.

L. R. Toney has received letters recently from all three of his sons who are in the service stating that they are in the best of health and in the same locations as last reported.

Word has been received by Edward Schramm that his nephew, Howard Hoffman, son of Adam Hoffman of Cincinnati, has arrived safely overseas. He formerly resided in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Johnson received a letter this morning from their son Sederick Johnson who has been ill of influenza at Great Lakes Training station. He stated that while still confined to the base hospital, he was feeling fine and expected to be out of confinement in a short time.

Ray Jones, who is stationed at Camp Beauregard, has been made a sergeant major, says word received here today.

The following letter has been received from Fred Scarce, formerly of Fountain City, who is now in the officers' training camp at Camp Vassar, near Waco, Texas:

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"I feel that we are very fortunate in being over here. Everything is just fine and dandy over here. We are working hard, but do not mind that at all, in fact we are glad to do it," writes Eugene Hay, of Fountain City, to friends in that town.

"It was in Paris a few days and had the pleasure of seeing a good show once more.

About all I can tell you is that I am well, never felt better in my life, and am certainly glad to hear that you people are doing such wonderful work over there. We read every day about the things you are doing back in the States.

Paul Knoll has written his parents, of South West Fifth street, that he is now in a rest camp back of the lines recovering from a gas attack.

"I don't think the war will last long after we get the Germans on their own ground which will not be long the way things look now. It may be that we will have to wipe Germany off the map," he said, "but that won't take so awful long."

"It seems a hard way to live over here sometimes, but a fellow is willing to put up with a lot to help win the war."

Mrs. W. H. Thompson of the Chester Pike, has received a letter from her nephew, Austin O. Smelker, dated Aug. 26, saying that he had arrived in France. He is with an engineers' company.

Paul Ellis is taking a course in the Medical Department at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Paul Connerton, electrician on the U. S. S. Rhode Island, is in the city on a ten days' furlough with his parents on South Ninth street.

H. W. Hall has been notified that his son Earl Hall has arrived safely overseas with a headquarters company.

Paul T. Drudy has arrived safely in England with an engineers' corps according to word received by his mother, Mrs. W. P. Clark, 415 1/2 Main street. Drudy enclosed a letter from King George, a replica of which is received by all the American boys upon landing in England.

Sergeant Charles Mills of Camp Purdue spent the week end in Richmond.

KITTERMAN OVERSEAS.

Report of the safe arrival in France of Claude S. Kitterman, who has gone over in U. M. C. A. work has been received by his wife of Cambridge City.

CALL IS CANCELLED

The Richmond Conscription Board has received an order from Provost Marshal General Crowder to cancel the call for thirty-six men on account of the Spanish influenza epidemic.

TRAVELING SALESMAN

Tells How He Regained Strength, Ambition and Vim.

Atlantic, Iowa.—"I am a traveling salesman and was run-down, worn out, no appetite and no ambition; my druggist told me Vinol was what I needed and within a few weeks' after taking it I commenced to gain and it built up my health and strength so every spring and fall I take it to build me up and keep me in splendid condition."

—W. E. Brockelsby.

The reason we guarantee Vinol is because it is a constitutional remedy containing beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptones and glycerophosphates, the most successful tonics known.

P. S.—For Skin Troubles. We guarantee our new skin remedy, Saxol.—adv.

ALL IN BEST OF SPIRITS, WRITES HAY FROM FRANCE

"The part of France, I have seen looks to me like they were a hundred years behind the times," says Eugene Hay in a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hay.

The people wear their wooden shoes yet, and the men wear hats with ribbons hanging down their backs. The hats are about four inches high. I don't know what they would do if a fellow walked down the street over there looking like that. The buildings look to be two stories high. But I can hardly see how they live in them with the barns and houses all together. I don't know which you would call the dwellings, barns or houses.

"It is a little dusty here, but we get along fine and I am getting lazy. I am well and all the fellows here are in the best of spirits. We get plenty to eat and plenty of sleep.

"My present address is Kluber E. Hay, 9 Battalion A. A. R. D. American Expeditionary Force, via New York."

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CAMBRIDGE CITY BOY DIES AT CAMP

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Sept. 30.—Hugh Personette, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Personette of this city died from Spanish influenza at the Great Lakes Training Station. The body was sent here Friday. The militia accompanied the body to the home of his parents. A short service was conducted at 10 o'clock Sunday morning by the Woman's Relief Corps. The body was taken to Greenfield for burial. It was accompanied by the militia.

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