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LIFE IN TRENCHES

As Experienced By Sergeant D. L. Donahue, of Company C, 310th Field Signal Battalion.

Through the kindness and courtesy of the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen Patriot we are enabled to give our readers a few incidents in the army life of Sergeant D. L. Donahue. Sergeant Donahue is a son of Mrs. Lizzie White Donahue, a sister of Mrs. A. B. Burns, of Stanley Avenue. His notes are interesting and his advancement in army sure and safe. His war lasted he sure would have been General D. L. Donahue. We have spoken:

Sergeant D. L. Donahue, Company C, 310th Field Signal Battalion, somewhere in France, who went over with the 85th division, has had some interesting experiences since his arrival over there. The ink used in one of several letters, recently received by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Donahue, 219 North Pleasant Street, was German ink which the Jackson soldier found in one of the buildings.

Sergeant Jackson is a graduate of the Jackson High School, and after graduation was connected with the Woolworth stores in Battle Creek, Saginaw, then as Assistant Manager of their store in Flint, having worked in the Jackson store while attending school.

Extracts from some of his letters which were written before the armistice was signed follow:

Somewhere in France, Sept. 7.

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am alive and still able to do my bit. I just came from one of those bath houses where you get a bath and a complete change of clothing, except a new tin hat, which will last the war

In another letter Sergeant Donahue speaks of getting the Jackson papers. He says in part:

"It was very gratifying to get the paper. Yesterday two of our men were sent back for the mail and they brought in a big bundle of Jackson papers for me, dating from July 14 to 19, and I have been busy reading the home town news, and all the boys are now reading part of the papers, so you see you not only helped me, but about fifty other men. It was the first bundle of papers from the States for anyone in our Company.

"There was one article in the paper that caused considerable amusement, for it stated that the war would end September 8. You ought to have heard the boys laugh about it when I read it to them.

"Here we are on the 23rd of September, camped in a valley in pup tents, and it is raining nearly every day. I am wearing a pair of hip boots to keep my feet dry, and I will have to wear them for a few days yet, as we are now in the rainy season. I have collected enough boards to put a floor in my tent and now sleep in style. We have appropriated a couple of German shelter halves for a front porch to the tent.

"We are getting along fine, and if we continue with our present success we may be home the first of the year.

We are now in a sector where the real fighting on the western front has been for some time. I am writing this with German ink found in one of the buildings. We have to hit for the dugouts nearly every night and we never know when they are coming and have to sleep with our clothes on, but you know you can get used to anything if you have to, and I get my share of sleep in spite of the shelling. Of course you get so you can go to sleep with them dropping right near. Our platoon captured a machine gun from the Germans, and we now have it with us. I may send you one of the German helmets that are lying around here."

RED CROSS BULLETIN.

The Red Cross Membership Drive will be put on December 16 to December 26. This is to be a Nation wide campaign at this time, and will be known as the Christmas Roll Call.

Every man, woman and child in Bloomfield Township should be on this roll call, for the signing of the armistice does not mean that the war is over, it does not mean that the Red Cross work is finished, it is just beginning. We must not slack now, lest the men think we have forgotten them; we must bear them in mind in the days of their victory more than ever before, for the fighting is not the worst part of war, it is the terrible monotony of discomfort and home-sickness that tries the souls of men.

This great membership drive will enable the Red Cross to bring comfort and entertainment into the lives of our boys who must carry on for at least another year. The county has organized a central committee, of which Mr. W. C. Harris is member from Birmingham.

The township and village drive will be under the leadership of Miss Sarah Sly, who has appointed the following committees: Mrs. Arthur Hartwell and Mrs. Eugene Smith, Village Organization; Miss Sly, Miss Satterlee and Mr. Parmenter, Township Organization, and Mrs. Charles Wilcox, Publicity.

On Tuesday evening, December 10, in Baldwin High School, Major George E. McKean will deliver a lecture on his experience at the front, and tell what the Red Cross is doing for our boys overseas. Major McKean went to France with the Harper Hospital Base Unit in 1917, and has just returned. This lecture is free, and should be heard by every person interested in the work being done for our men in hospital, field and camp. Birmingham helped outfit this hospital unit of which Major McKean is a member, and should be vitally interested in all that it has done, and is still doing for our soldiers.

The younger members of Junior Red Cross met at Baldwin High School Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and commenced a special order of Scrap books for Camp Grant.

Hereafter meetings will be held Monday and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock, and Thursday evening at 7:15.

Mrs. CHARLES WILCOX, Publicity Chairman.

Daily Thought.

We reap what we sow; but nature has love over and above that Justice, and gives us shadow and blossom and fruit that springs from no planting of ours.—George Elliot.

A SEATTLE BIRD

Or, Rather, a Puget Sound Turkey From That City—A. Craig McDermid Helps Us Out.

Arrived on Thanksgiving morning a box by express for A. Whitehead, with the business card of a fishdealer in Seattle, Washington, containing a magnificent salmon trout nicely packed in ice, and as fresh as if it had been caught the day previous. The mystery surrounding it didn't interfere with the proper serving of this king of fishes with all the requisite trimmings, and the receipt of the following letter cleared up the mystery.

Seattle, Wash., November 23, 1918:

MR. A. WHITEHEAD, Birmingham, Mich. Dear Friend: I am having sent to you, by express, one salmon on ice "Puget Sound Turkey," which I trust will arrive at destination in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

I would like very much to have a good talk with you and Mitchell, as I know there are a great many changes around Birmingham and vicinity in the last fourteen years, since I have been fighting on the western front. I am coming every week, and Mr. Frank Ford every year. I manage to keep posted on some of the changes.

Kindly let me know how you enjoy said Turkey, and trust it will arrive in first-class shape.

Ever your friend, A. CRAIG McDERMID.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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Regular Services for this church as follows: Sunday, Public Worship at 10:30 a. m., Sunday School, 12:00 Noon, Epworth League, 6:30 p. m., Evening Service, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at 7:45. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Chinese Observe Boat Festival. The Chinese have observed their annual dragon boat festival since 190 B. C. wherever streams in China will permit use of long dragon boat paddles with which the boats are propelled.

Success and Defeat. Success is so hard to endure. We can endure ten defeats better than one victory. Success goes to the head and defeat comes to the feet. It makes them work harder.—Ralph Parlette.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following are the officers elected in Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., for 1919, at the Annual Convocation and election, December 2, 1918: James H. Terry—H. P. Isaac N. Baker—K. & S. W. Louis M. Randall—S. & J. W. Almeron Whitehead—Treasurer. J. Allen Bigelow—Secretary. Michael T. Hanley—C. H. & Marshal. Charles G. Shain—P. S. & S. D. Glenn H. Bingham—R. A. C. & J. D. William H. Smith—Master 3rd Vale David Roy—Master 2nd Vale. Samuel G. Foreman—Master 1st Vale. Percy W. Parmenter—Chaplain. William H. Hunt—Sentinel. Morris Levinson and Frank Hawthorne—Stewards. Regular Convocation, first Monday each month.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan, Postoffice on 30th day of November, 1918: Green G. Hawley Robert. Tyler Loren. Webb Rev. C. T. A returned letter originally sent to Miss Jean Mason, 19 Downhill St., Glasgow, Scotland. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of D. U. R. Waiting Room. Sunday 11-9 a. m. Sunday School same hour. Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock. All are invited.

The Walk-in-the-Water.

The first steamer, we believe, that was ever operated on Lake Erie was named the Walk-in-the-Water, and was built just 100 years ago, near Black Rock and Buffalo. On her first trip to Detroit the Walk-in-the-Water stopped at Cleveland, where a grand reception was given to her officers and crew and a series of feasts was held to commemorate the awe-inspiring event.—Emergency Fleet News.

JNO. D. RIKER, M. D.

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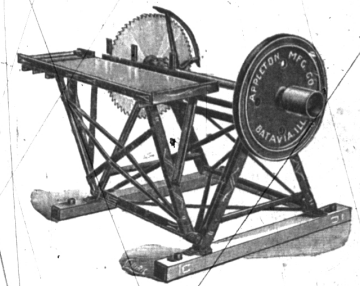
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Miss Carrie E. Mitchell, of Lansing, Messrs. Norman Parks and Linton gathered 'round the family board on Carter attended the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Jackson last week.



SERGEANT D. L. DONAHUE.

out if they don't drop too much shrapnel on it.

"There is one new style here which you have probably heard about, and that is the boys carry cans to feel their way about in the dark.

"One of the boys is now playing a few ragtime pieces on the box-like piano that the "Y" has here, and it sounds good.

"I have only received the one mail from the United States and will not get any more for a long time, as we are scattered about a bit. I moved back with the rest of the boys last night, as I had been away for a while.

"I am sending you my love and good luck, as they say over here, and I hope I have a horse-shoe of luck myself."

Following are extracts from a letter written September 17.

"In the big move that occurred a few days ago, I met a chap from home by the name of Wilson, and he was then looking for his outfit.

"There are a vast quantity of souvenirs in the place where we are now. I have a miniature of a German bicycle that was used to good advantage a few days ago, and I am enclosing it to you to keep for me.

"There is no use of anyone learning to speak French if they are over here, because there are so few French here and so many Yanks that all you hear is English."

Still another letter, written September 20, has much of interest in it. It reads:

"We all believe in the saying 'It never rains but it pours,' and the mail is that way with us. We go weeks without a letter and then all at once we get a bunch of them. I got back from the front a few days ago but expect to go up again now. It was rather interesting while it lasted and was quite long drawn out.

"Sergeant Troeman came over to the town I am at today and that is the first time I have seen him since we were at Toul.