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LETTERS FROM BRAGG BROTHERS TELLS OF ACCIDENTAL MEETING

Clifford and Leo Bragg, who are serving in the American expeditionary force in Belgium, the former in A company, Three Hundred and Sixty-first infantry, and the latter in I company, Three Hundred and Thirty-fourth infantry, met accidentally on November 5. They had not heard from each other since they went overseas early in summer. Some of their experiences and the story of their meeting are told in letters received by a sister, Mrs. Orville Webbere, of this city. Clifford Bragg, in a letter dated October 27 said:

Hold Memorial Services.

"Today is Sunday and we celebrated with a memorial service to our hero dead, payday and a half day's rest. The services I will always remember because it was our first. I suppose we will always hold them in the states. For the boys that have made the sacrifice it is the best we can do.

"I did not get paid today, and it is just as well, for there is no place to spend money anyway. By this time next pay day I may be where there is something to spend it for.

"Today during services in the addresses by different members of the staff we were much pleased by the frequent references to our conduct during the last drive. And, according to last reports, we did put up a good fight. In a closing address, put up in the form of a general order, Colonel Davis gave us a big sendoff and expressed appreciation of our behavior in battle. It makes one feel good to know we did so well, and you will read of it in history. But I can't tell you the place or details now. Wait until I get home; then while we sit by the fire nights I'll light my pipe and regale you with tales, real and imaginary, of the western front. On second thought, I believe the real tales will be enough, for they seem unreal when one is back where the sound of the guns is far away. Believe me, one sure goes through some trials, and there is one thing we have all learned and that is that discipline and thorough training makes the endurance of a soldier almost unlimited. One doesn't know what fatigue really is until he has gone through a campaign over here.

Hopes to Return Soon.

"I am feeling all to the good once more and am ready to move soon. I haven't heard anything of the division Lev is in, but if we get anywhere near to them I will try and look him up. A sight of 'Skinny' would do me a world of good just now. I am thinking he will have to go back without a shot at the Hun. I'll beat him there at any rate. Ed was saying he was ready to go. We won't need him and he can do more good staying at home on his farm with his family. I think we will be home to start farming in the spring, so pick out a good team and outfit for me. We will be among the first to return unless they make us do repair work. I see no reason why we can't look for an early mustering out, once peace is declared, and this country is crowded as it is. So look for me any time after peace, and be prepared for one big time."

He Tells of Meeting.

A letter from Leo Bragg tells of his accidental meeting with his brother. This letter was begun November 5 and finished November 8 by both boys:

"I will try and write you a few lines while I have time. I am still O. K. and feeling fine. I had been on detail up near the front lines and had just had breakfast when a bunch of doughboys came by. I went out and stood by the road, and Cliff said 'Skinny' I was sure glad to see him. I walked along beside him for 80 or 100 rods and talked, but all I could think of was that he was all right. I haven't been assigned to any company yet, but am in the same division Cliff is in and will try and get into the same company. Hope you all keep well. Don't worry. We are all coming home some time.

"Will continue the letter I wrote you the other day, so you will know Cliff and I are together and hope we can stay together until we return.

"Cliff will write, so will let him finish this."

"As Leo says (we are togther and I hope we can stay so until we return, which won't be long) we have just finished the turnip drive, of which I will tell you later. We are both well and at least I am contented. I never really expected to see Skinny in France, but chances are he will see very little of the front. ..

"I haven't heard from you in a month, but no doubt will very soon.

"CLIFF."

Forest of Christmas Trees Greets Visitor to Billings

Stumble over a wire or a small Christmas tree yesterday? Never mind—just stop and think what that tree means. Christmas!

Miniature Christmas trees adorn the walks in front of Hart-Albin's store and gay colored electric lights are being suspended from the wires around the curbing in front of the attractive windows that lure both young and old.

See those small trees disappear inside the Cole-Williams store last night? Don't like to tell secrets, but those evergreen boughs will probably bear a load of toys for Kris Kringle to distribute.

Did you stop and admire the beautiful red and green shades in the background of Madame Gregory's shop? The gift purchaser could not resist the many tempting lures that the Christmas shopping days bring and the very atmosphere surrounding the many stores makes every passerby stop and wistfully look and look again.

Mid-winter shades in the dull browns, green, gold and the brilliant flare of the red are seen in every window in Billings. Bright tissue paper flowers vie with the rich velvet poinsettias in making the windows attractive and the small fireplace with its accompanying holly decorations gives the "homey" air to one display. Huge evergreen wreaths in the spacious windows of the Billings Hardware company store greet you with the accustomed "Christmas Greetings"—paper Santas, stuffed ones with the jolly red face and white whiskers peep from every nook and corner of the windows. Submarines and small torpedo boats will be found in every boy's stocking this Christmas for the stores and windows display them ih abundance.

FUNERAL MARION O'DONNELL TODAY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Last Sad Tribute to Be Paid Popular Young Woman.

The funeral of Marion Elizabeth O'Donnell, who died of pneumonia Tuesday, will be held from the Catholic church Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The members of the Young Ladies' sodality will act as honorary pallbearers, and the active bearers will be Charles O'Donnell, Martin and Barton Curtis, Jack Connolly, Frank Buckley and B. F. McGinnis.

Marion O'Donnell was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Donnell. She was born on the ranch near Billings May 14, 1898, and has spent her life here, graduating from the local high school in 1917. She was a faithful member of the Catholic church, being a member of the Young Ladies' sodality and the Catholic Girls' club.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell came to Billings in 1882. They resided on their ranch until Mr. O'Donnell's death, which occurred in 1916. Since that time the family home has been at 142 Wyoming avenue. Marion was one of 17 children, five of whom preceded her to the grave. She is survived by her mother, three sisters, Irene, Adelia and Audrey, seven brothers, Ed, James, Robert, Raymond, William, George and Charles, who all reside at the family home. Another brother, J F. O'Donnell and his wife, reside at the ranch. The entire family has been sick of influenza, but all are convalescent except J. F. O'Donnell, who is confined to his bed.

Today the Albrecht line of furs at Mrs. Gregory's Shop.—Adv.

Anton Gerharz, public accountant 309 Securities Bldg. Phone 1911.—Adv.

FACES FORGERY CHARGE.

Jack Sands, formerly a bell boy at the Northern hotel, was arrested by the police Tuesday on a charge of forgery. Young Sands is alleged to have cashed two checks on the Security Trust and Savings bank for $10 each, both purporting to have been signed by John Ross. The signature was so well duplicated that the checks were cashed without question, but Mr. Ross denied issuing them. Sands will face trial later.

Money to loan on farms. Prompt service by home company. Bankers' Loan & Mortgage company, Billings, Mont.—Adv.

FRANK BOYD, HURT IN PLANE CRASH, IS HERE

Frank L. Boyd, proprietor of the Luzon cafe, who enlisted in the aviation section, United States marine corps, last June, arrived Tuesday evening from Miami, Fla., where he has been stationed as flying instructor. Mr. Boyd was hurt in an accident about three weeks ago and is home for about a week, just having been released from the hospital. The mishap occurred as the plane was leaving the ground, Mr. Boyd sustaining severe injuries about the legs and head. He ranks as second pilot. He is a son of Mrs. A. B. Coleman of this city.

HOTEL WRANGLE SETS PRECEDENT IN LOCAL COURT

Court's Verdict Finds in Favor of Both Litigants.

In the case of A. L. Noe against M. A. Cameron heard in district court yesterday, involving alleged failure of Cameron to make certain permanent repairs on the Golden West hotel building at Broadview as stipulated in an agreement made between the two parties when Noe leased the property December 29, 1916, Judge Charles A. Taylor returned a verdict finding in favor of the defendant on the original complaint, and in favor of the plaintiff on a counter claim filed by the defendant. The court's finding is declared to be without precedent in this county. The question upon whom the costs of suit devolve remains unsettled.

Noe entered into possession of the Golden West hotel January 1, 1917, after arranging a lease with Cameron, the owner, by the terms of which, according to the complaint filed by Noe, Cameron agreed to install a steam heating plant and to make all necessary repairs on the building of a permanent nature. Noe agreed, the complaint states, to pay $200 a month rental on the hotel for a period of five years.

Noe stipulates that Cameron failed to install the heating system as agreed; that in laying water mains the pipes were placed so shallow that the water froze; that Cameron refused to repair a leaky roof; and that two cesspools constructed under Cameron's direction allowed seepage to filter into the hotel basement and ruin goods stored there, as well as discomoding himself and guests in the hotel. Noe kept his rent paid until January 1, 1918, then moved out of the hotel, shortly thereafter filing a claim for damages amounting to $10,000 against Cameron.

In his counter claim, Cameron denied allegations contained in Noe's complaint and demanded damages of $4,800 as compensation for alleged breach of contract on the part of Noe.

Judge Taylor's action has the effect of nullifying both the claim and counter claim and leaving the question of costs at issue.

ACTON COUPLE MARRY.

John R. Thomas and Miss Mary B. Fulk, both of Acton, were married at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Clark hotel by the Rev. George Shepard. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will make their home on Mr. Thomas' ranch near Acton.

"Y" IS PLANNING STAGE BIG DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

Organization to Aid Soldiers Secure Employment.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. at the tea room of the Northern hotel at noon Wednesday, plans for an intensive membership canvass of the city on Thursday and Friday were discussed. The territory was divided up into 10 districts, and a captain and three men were appointed to work each district. A returned soldier will be assigned to assist each canvassing team.

"It is the plan of the association to continue the work for the soldiers that has been done by the army Y. M. C. A.," said General Secretary W. L. Adams. "The men expect the same service from the local 'Y' that is accorded them in the camps, and they are entitled to it. But in order to make good on this contract we must have the assistance of every man in Billings, who is financially able to carry a membership in the association.

"The primary object will be to secure positions for the men as they return. To this end the army Y. M. C. A. has listed the men as they are about to be discharged, taking their qualifications and the kind of work they desire. This information is sent to the local associations and an effort will be made to have jobs waiting for the soldiers as they come back. This is the biggest service that can be performed for the men. The Billings chapter extends all membership privileges free to every man in uniform."

It is planned to enlist the "Sammy Backers," of which there are about 200 in Billings, in the movement. They will be asked to provide a membership, contribute funds for the work, or to aid in finding jobs for the men. It is hoped by the "Y" officials that every man in Billings will aid during the next six months, as aiding returned soldiers will be the chief activity of the association during that time. A luncheon for all the canvassers will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building at noon Thursday, and the canvass will begin immediately after the luncheon. It is thought that the work can be completed in about four hours.

SPEEDERS PAY FINES.

J. Fuson and Mark Smith each enriched the city by $10 Wednesday morning when they appeared before Police Judge Ray Anderson on a charge of speeding.

Special showing of elegant furs at Mrs. Gregory's Shop today.—Adv.

TO GUARD AGAINST INFLUENZA.

Don't let the dread influenza get you. If you have even the slightest cough or cold, better begin using Foley's Honey and Tar at once. Henry Willis, Sandy Point, Texas, is one of many thousands who consider this remedy "just fine." He says: "I suffered severely with a bad cough; after using four or five dollars' worth of different medicines decided to try Foley's Honey and Tar. One bottle gave relief. Best medicine I ever used". Contains no cpiates. Sold everywhere.

FAILS TO APPEAR.

Albert Brunswick, arrested on a charge of maintaining a nuisance and released on his own recognizance, failed to appear in police court Wednesday morning to answer the charge. He will be tried later.

LIMITED SERVICE MEN LEAVE.

Claud Wells and Clifford Maynard, Billings limited service men, who have been stationed here on duty with the local board, left Wednesday night for Fort Logan, Colo., where they will be released from the military service. They will return to their homes here.

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