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CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
COMMISSIONER
C. A. BIGELOW
BUREAU OF FIRE

*Nov 1.
Lieut Horn
Died of Flu.*

*Assigned to
M. WEIDLER, Sec'y
BUREAU OF FIRE*

Biddy Special.

*E. B. French
U.S.S.*

Dear Friend:

This is to be the Biddy Special for July, August, and September. *Oct.*

July 26. Johnny Young's boy left for San Francisco to enter the Students Army Training Camp.

July 29. Captain Dolson was pensioned. Buck Keith has been made Fire Marshal at the Peninsula Shipyards, and had his picture in the paper today.

McLeod of Engine 30, McDonald of Engine 25, and Pierce of Engine 1, are off on their vacations.

Crow of the Fireboat Williams, and Kurtz are in the office, and send regards to all. Billy Kerrigan went to Camp Lewis, but was sent back, and now is in Vancouver in the Army. Dempsey beat Fulton in one round.

July 30. A balloon ascending at the Northwest crossed wires at Front and Sheridan, and burned up some stuff. Box 82 was sent in.

Jim Backentosh, the elevator man at the City Hall, has a war garden, and sends his best.

Tom Graham is going to be Chief of the Salem Fair. Ed Campbell, the Emergency Fleet Fire Marshal, is going to have hose racing with the shipyards on November 2nd.

I am going to the Chief's Convention at Oakland, September 17th.

July 31. Christoferson, Pratt, and Beckman of the Sheriffs' office sends regards to all.

Montague of Engine 6 is going to France as a physical torture expert for the Y.M.C.A. *Monte Left Oct 27.*

The Old Clock still runs. Your last letter came back

August 3. Harry Beck is over-due from vacation. He drank too much red paint in Frisco. "Nuff said".
Box 92, third alarm from coal bunkers. The Fire Boats showed just what they were made for.

We have several boys 18 years old in the Department, and only 45 who don't have to register in this draft.
Received a card from Budwell of Engine 20.

August 5. Jay Stevens and Bill Maas are in the office.

" 6. Art Taylor is going to sea.

I sent \$718.00 to San Francisco for the Ambulance Fund.

August 7. Dr. E. E. Chase, veterinary in the City Hall, leaves for France today.

August 10. I received letters from Evans, Breen, Purdon, Stevens, Costello, Ayers, Heath and Goerz.
Christie has been out with a broken arm. There is a new building being erected where the old Taylor Street church stood, on 3rd & Taylor.

Lieutenant Van Lom, of Engine 14, sends regard to all.
Received a tail spin from Bryn. The old ex-firemen are to have a meeting to organize for fire duty.

August 11. W. Johnson, engineer of Engine 8, had a collision in a Ford on Broadway and Vancouver Ave.

August 15. Mike Laudenklos is on his vacation.
There are 100,000 men in Oregon between the age of 31 and 45, that are subject to the draft call.

Joe Stutt is at 105½ Montgomery St. I saw Henry Hanno at the Turner Hall saloon today. Phillips has his children on a show circuit in California. He has not got back yet.
Bob McAllister is a boxing instructor at Vancouver, Wash.

August 16. Just read where the Oregon Battery landed in Germany.

Council allowed the Two Platoon until November 7th, then they vote on it.

I received back letters from Chapman, Yaculla, Tillman and Kauffman, and some more.

G. A. R. Parade is on today, August 20th. All the old Vets are having a fine time.

Received a card from Heiberg, Willitt, and Grosscup.

August 22. Saw in the paper where Fred Merrill's boy was killed.

Received letter from Roxey McHugh.

Attention Suffield and Bates--See if you can locate Willie Burchall for me. He is in your outfit.

August 23. Captain Dillane has been sick. He was at the Tillamook beaches.

Ed Boatright is at Camp Lewis, and wants all the boys in the world to write to him.

Ed Campbell has 1,202 men in fire departments in the different shipyards.

August 27. At Nogales, Mexico, the doughboys and the Mexicans had a mix-up, in which 100 Mexicans were killed, and 27 Americans wounded.

August 29. Ace Clement had one of his legs broken. Bob King, plumbing inspector, is also sick.

August 28. We are having some large brush fires this year. Had one at Council Crest where we used 5,000 feet of hose, and one in Rose City Park, where we used 6,350 feet. That's some record. We are having all kinds of grass fires, and the town is very smoky.

September 2. We had our Labor Day Parade, and it was the largest one I ever saw. There were 16 bands, and nearly all were uniformed.

Young Slaughter of Engine 25, Frank's brother, left with the tank service. Also the fine looking boy who sold tickets at the Heilig Theatre, by the name of Johnson.

One thing looks good. The Two Platoon started September 10th, and some of the old bunch came back, including Mickey Morrison, Lodge, Nitsch, Heath, Jacques, Thwoey, Farmer, Bill Miller, Longinetti, McEwan, Moudy, McArthur, Crewse, and others.

We had a ship launching at 6 P.M. at the Foundation shipyards.

September 6. Big fire at the Selwood Furniture Co. Engines, 20, 23, 12, 13, 22, and 4, responded.

Fire Boat # 1 got stuck opposite Jone's Lumber Mill, on account of the low water, and the "Gamecock" towed her out.

I'm making rules for the Two Platoon, and have lots of work.

Good luck to you all,

Your friend,

B. F. DOWELL

Chief Engineer

Boat 1 Gus Stephan

Platoon Captain

Eng 31

L.C. Shaw Eng 23

Oct 30. Oregonian Endorses 2 Platoon

Which will you have a chance on Fire Boat
How is the old tub

Peterson Eng

Hello Sandy I made 1st Art Eng.

am working for the U.S. Shipping Board

expect to leave in a few days

You look have to look out for the cop
out there I guess

Two Platoon won out 2 to 1 mile

Hello Sandy, would like to hear from you, good luck.

Lehman

Still on the job at the same old place
Your old friend Hickory Piece