

The Great War As Celebrated in Sublimity and Stayton

While it was deadly serious business for the boys who went across, Company A of the local Guard seems to have provided patriotic comradery and diversion to the home team. To show how the war permeated daily life, here are highlighted excerpts from Peter Joseph Ripp's *Sublimity Diary*.

Tue.25, Sunshine. Arnold Zimmermann cut wood for us with the drag saw from the big tree in Minden's, in the afternoon. James helped him. James was out in the evening soliciting pledges to buy war stamps. James and I were to the War Savings Stamps meeting in the evening.

Wed.26, Hot sunshine. I caught a mole. James and Andy Zimmermann were out in the evening soliciting pledges to buy war stamps.

Thu.20, Hot sunshine and partly cloudy. Mamma, James and I motored to Salem in the afternoon where James reported to the exemption board that Papa died, as he was one of his dependents mentioned on his questionnaire. James also had new isinglass put in the rear of his auto top. We also saw Clara Kimball Young in "Magda" at the Ye Liberty. James and I were to the farewell given to the six boys that were drafted to leave for Camp Lewis on the 26th, at the C.F. Hall in the evening. The six are John Gries, Philip Albus, Felix Steinkamp, George Schmitt, Roy Kelly and Frank Staiger.

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Tue.2 Sunshine. James was to Stayton in the afternoon on business. I printed 300 statements and 200 bill leads on statement blanks for Frank Riesterer. James and I were to the farewell given at the C.F. Hall in the evening to Conrad Spenner, Joe Pieser, Fred Lang, John Heuberger and William Schmidt, who were drafted and leave July 5th. James got a card saying that he was placed in class 12.

Wed.3, Sunshine. James and I were to Stayton in the morning and saw Heltzel in regard to James' classification. James, Mamma and I were to Salem in the afternoon, where we saw Sheriff W.I. Needham in regard to James' classification. He told him to get an affidavit sworn out before George Bell in regard to my dependency on him. James and I motored to Stayton when we got back to see Heltzel about drawing up an affidavit. he told us to come down Friday morning.

Thu.4, Sunshine the greater part of the day; cloudy toward evening. James took George Welter, Anna Boedigheimer, Joe Odenthal, Margaret Gries and me to the celebration at Silverton. We got there at 10 o'clock and were home again by 6. They had a short parade, flag raising, music and a speech by Rev. Airson of Salem in the morning. In the afternoon we listened to a

program at the park, consisting of singing, music and an address by Judge McGinn and L.J. Adams, the Mayor of Silverton.

Fri.28, Sunshine. Mamma and James were out to Frank's in the morning and James sold Frank two war savings stamps. James and I were to the meeting at the C.F. Hall in the evening, which wound up the war savings stamp drive. D.G. Deckabach of Salem was the speaker. Frank Riesterer was here in the evening and ordered 500 letterheads, 300 statement blanks and 200 bill leads on statement blanks. I printed the letterheads today and delivered them in the evening.

Mon.15, Sunshine. Schultes hauled two loads of hay into our barn for James in the afternoon. I rode along with James to Stayton in the evening and watched the guardsmen of whom James is a member, drill and also heard Walter M. Pierce democratic candidate for governor deliver a good address on "war issues". Tony Schulte rode with us and Joe Odenthal also accompanied us on our way home. I printed 250 more posters for the Sublimity Dramatic Club.

Mon.22, Cloudy. Rain the greater part of the afternoon, interspersed with thunder. Ed Bell was here in the morning and ordered 300 programs, which I printed today. Frank stopped in here on his way home from Stayton and left some beans. James and I were to Stayton in the evening where James attended the guard drill.

Fri.26, Occasional rain and sunshine. James took Mamma out to Anna's in the morning. Anna brought her home in the buggy in the evening. Joe Odenthal, William Hermens and Andrew Larsen came down here in the evening and rode to Stayton with James and me. The guard boys got their suits after which they drilled. I received an order of #1.30 for 100 letterheads and 100 envelopes from Mrs. Joe Wenrick, Palouse Falls, Wash. I printed the jobs today.

AUGUST 1918

Thu.1, Sunshine, partly cloudy and a little sprinkle.

Fri.2, Sunshine. I caught a mole with the trap. James was to Stayton in the afternoon and sold 106 sacks to A.D. Gardner. For 50 of these he received 15 cents each and for the rest 20 cents each. James and I were to the dance given by the Stayton Guard company at Stayton in the evening. Joe Odenthal and William Hermens rode down with us. These two and Andrew Larsen and George Odenthal rode back with us.

Mon.12, Sunshine. Joe Odenthal, William Hermens and Ed Bell rode to Stayton with James in the evening to attend the Oregon Guard drill.

Mon.2, Hot sunshine. James took George Welter, Agnes Boedigheimer and Margaret Gries to a hop Yard 10 miles south of Salem, leaving in the morning. He got back about 6 in the evening. James and I motored to Stayton in the evening, where James attended the Guard Drill. A bunch of Silverton boys were over and drilled with the Stayton bunch.

Mon.9, Cloudy and some sunshine. James, Billy and Adrian Hermens and I motored to Aumsville in the evening where James and Billy drilled with the Stayton Guards. After the drill speeches were made by L.S. Lambert, Dr. Beauchamp, H.C. Porter and Rev. Bennett, of Silverton. After the speeches the guard marched to the hall where a chicken supper was served.

James took Mamma out to Anna's in the morning. Frank brought her home in the evening. Lawrence, Norbert, Frances and Roman were along.

Sun.15, Cloudy in the morning, hot sunshine in the afternoon. Anna, Frank and children were here. James was to Stayton in the afternoon, where he had his picture taken with the rest of the Oregon Guard, by a moving picture camera. Joe Odenthal stopped in here with James at about 5 o'clock P.M. and milked one of the cows for him. Joe ate supper here after which he and I motored over to their place, where he took off his uniform and put on his good clothes, after which we motored over to Gries's and picked up Margaret and her baggage. We then motored by home and took James in and proceeded to Boedigheimer's where we took in Julia, and proceeded to Liberty, where the girls are going to camp and pick prunes. I got off in Salem and took in two shows, one at the Bligh, the other at the Oregon. After the girls had left their baggage at the camping grounds, they came along back to town and took in the show at the Bligh. When I showed up, after coming out of the Oregon theater, we took the girls out to their camp and we three boys drove home.

Mon.23, Cloudy and a little sunshine. As James had to go to Stayton in the evening to drill with the guards, Mamma went along down to Stayton and visited at Hirzsiefens.

Fri.4, Occasional rain. I did not go to Stayton in the morning as I was sick. James took me to Dr. Brewer in the afternoon, who prescribed some medicine for me. I received an order of \$3.15 for 250 letterheads, 250 envelopes and 250 shipping tags from E.L. Ostergard, Independence, Oreg. James was to the Guard dance at Stayton in the evening.

Mon.11, Sunshine. Germany signed the armistice at 5 o'clock and hostilities ceased at 11 European time. I went to Stayton in the morning, but as Clark told me to celebrate, I went home at noon. James took Edwin Carter, wife and son and me to Salem in the afternoon, where we attended the celebration. James

marched in the parade with the Stayton Guards. As the Carter's went home with Bill Rabens, Henry Lulay and another one of the Guard boys rode home with us. James took them as far as Stayton.

Mon.10, Sunshine and partly cloudy. James was to the Guard meeting at Stayton in the evening. I printed 100 letterheads for R.H. Paxson.

Mon.17, Occasional rain. James was to the Guard Meeting at Stayton in the evening.

Sat.26, Sunshine. Frost during the night. Frank Roeser carried the mail. James was to Stayton in the afternoon, and got his car at Ralph Urban's. He was to Stayton in the evening and was mustered out with the rest of the guard out of the Oregon Militia. They had a banquet and dance.