

A Letter from Private H. Robinson  
The following letter from a former Hannaford boy to his parents will be of interest to his many friends here. Henry Robinson is a member of a Canadian regiment.

Dearest Mother and All:

I will try and answer your welcome letters of March 24, 27, 31 and April 2nd. I received the first three while I was in the line this time and the last one I received tonight. I was sure glad to know that you were all well.

We are having very nice weather out here now.

Well, Mother, I had some experience in the line that I never had before. We had a clash with the Huns. We went over on him on a bombing raid and I tell you it was sure some experience. I have often read and seen moving pictures of troops going over the top but this time I saw it in reality and I am thankful to say that I came through without a scratch. We went over at 2:30 on the morning of the 3rd. We all got out in no man's land and crept up within two hundred yards of Heinle's line and there we laid down and waited for the barrage to start. At the exact moment the artillery opened up and swept over his front line and as soon as it started we were on our feet and away after the Fritz's we got over and had a little visit with him and then came back again. There was all kinds of souvenirs got that night. I didn't get many only a couple of postcards.

Well, we all had a bath this morning and got paid this afternoon and I have just got through having a feed. I got myself half a dozen eggs and fried them myself. I also got some canned fruit and biscuits and had quite a feed so I am feeling a little fuller than I have for the last ten days.

Well, Mother, I think I will have

to close for this time as it is nearly time for going to bed. Oh, say, I got that parcel containing the cake which Martha sent. I sure was glad to get it as I was in the front line at the time and it went pretty good. Well, I will say goodbye for this time with love to all from your soldier boy,  
HENRY.

#### Difficulty in Increasing Hemp Supply

The cutting off of supplies of hemp from Russia, the increasing difficulties in securing hemp from Italy, and also the difficulty in obtaining jute from India, make it imperative that more hemp be produced in the United States, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture officials. Owing to low prices for hemp compared with prices of tobacco and corn at the time of planting, the hemp area in Kentucky is less than 2,000 acres, compared with 18,000 acres last year, but in Wisconsin, where the hemp fibre is all prepared by machinery instead of by hand, as in Kentucky, the area is 8,000 acres, compared with 7,000 last year. There has been a reduction also in the hemp for seed planted in the Kentucky River Valley, threatening a shortage of hemp seed next spring. The Wisconsin hemp growers are having 100 acres of seed hemp grown in Missouri.

#### Methods of Killing Potato Bugs

Potato bugs should be poisoned before they get too much of a start. Paris green used at the rate of one-half pound to 50 gallons of water is very satisfactory. If a pound or two of lime is added it will prevent any leaf burning that might otherwise occur. Arsenate of lead is a good poison and sticks on the leaves a long time. It does not burn the leaves. Of the dry use 1½ pounds to 50 gallons of water and of the paste 3 pounds.—Extension Division, N. D. A. C.