

Extracts from Letters from Soldiers

Items of Interest from the Boys in Trench and Camp

American Hospital, England, Oct. 13

Dear Folks:

Another week has slipped by since last I wrote you, and still I am here. Time flies faster now since I can get around. I have been down town several times and all around the camp. My incision has not quite healed yet but it does not bother me at all, and I have regained with interest all I lost since I was operated on. We move out of here tomorrow into barracks to be used as hospitals as the brick buildings are not finished yet. Most of our doctors are down with the flu. There is an awful lot of that sickness here, and many die from it.

I have been helping the nurses today making beds and sweeping the floors. I can do anything as long as it is no lifting or heavywork.

According to the papers this morning it looks as though we will have peace soon. I would give anything if I were in shape to be sent to France now, as I should like to get into the game before it is over, but to my sorrow I am afraid I won't get a chance to see France.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross are doing a splendid work among the boys and too much cannot be said in their favor. We were paid off yesterday. This is the great day in the army. Last month was the first pay since I entered the service.

I will write a real letter some day when I get something of interest to write about.

Love to everybody,

WALTER THORESON

France, Oct. 13, 1918

Dear Folks:

Feeling fine and hope everyone at home is well. Had a pleasant surprise last night. I met Alfred Swingen while I was out walking

around the hospital. It sure was great to meet him as he is the first man from Hannaford I have seen since I have been over here. We had a long talk about old times and especially about the people around Hannaford. He is working at the hospital here and likes it fine, although he is already homesick for the U. S. A. I expect to leave here to-morrow, and expect to be back with my old company soon.

Was a sick fellow when I came here but I am feeling fine now. Mainly caused from exposure in the last drive. It was only a little fever with a bad cold.

Expect to be home soon, as Fritz cannot hold out much longer. Wish you all could see this country after this war. You certainly would see some interesting sights although there are some that are not exactly pleasant. Well, I suppose you people are watching the papers for the good news. We sure are chasing those Dutchmen, aren't we?

I haven't had any mail since I came here, so don't know the latest news, but trust everything is well at home. Am enclosing the slip which will allow you to send me a Christmas box, but am hoping I will be home by that time so you won't have to send it.

Love to all,

PHILIP THORESON

War Does Not Affect the Weather

"There is nothing in it," says the U. S. Weather Bureau to repeated inquiries as to whether the war affects rainfall or any other weather conditions. There is a popular fallacy that concussions, explosions, and the liberation of gases in the European conflicts is having an effect on the weather, not only over the battle-fields, but elsewhere on