

**From Our Boys
"Over There"**

Somewhere in France,
August 23, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I have not received any mail from you since my arrival "over here"—three months ago. But I feel satisfied

that you have written me, and some sweet day I will be the recipient of many letters from you.

Mother, you cannot imagine how much I miss your letters of inspiration and encouragement. For you remember that it was through your letters last April that I gave my heart to God, and promised Him I'd follow wherever he led me. I am doing that

mother, and I have found him to be my friend in time of sorrow.

Mother, pray without ceasing that these boys of America and her allies may return victorious, that these boys who are the pride of the peace loving allies may not all be sacrificed to these assassins, who have neither conscience, heart nor soul. (I wish I could say more.)

Many of our boys realize that the prayers of our loved ones at home will be a protecting and guiding hand while in conflict, and you being the true little Christian you are, will be of great help to many, and you must have no fear of me doing anything but what is right.

Mother, I have been talking with Paul concerning the scriptures and by so doing have got him to the place where he is more mindful of the word of God. He reads his bible more and I believe is sincere in his study of it. And I am sure I will not be disappointed in him—for to me he is as a brother. He is my best pal "over here" and I want him to be a Christian and receive the very best out of life he can.

If I am fortunate enough to see this war through safely, it is my intention to enter a theological school in order that my ambitions along religious lines can be carried out as I desire.

Mother, right now the harvest is great, but the reapers are few, and I want you to feel that my being "over here" is for your's and my good and not to our detriment.

For I can truthfully say that I have learned more over here in this short time than in all my year's in America. Why? Because I have had the opportunity of being instructed along the line of medicine by some of the most learned (Colored) physicians in the U. S. A. Also along with this I am doing clerical work that will help me progress in civil life should I be compelled to fall back on this. Mother, the statement Lincoln made is very true indeed, but our bible teaches us that these things must happen, that his prophecy shall be fulfilled, and as you have told me many times, it will pay to be prepared for no one knows the hour of his coming.

Mother, please send me some more papers, for I don't want to lose track of the best country in the world—I presume the "merimaids" are reading all papers and letters you have sent me. Well, mumps, like an adventurer I am seeing many things that I never dreamed of, in quaint, but picturesque little France. But there is no place like the U. S. A.

In the next letter will tell you of our band concert tour in France before we settled down to our hospital work. Well, little mother, I am very busy, so I must close. God be with you all, and lead and guide you each day and protect you at night. All the love in the world for you all and millions of kisses—too many, heh? Write write, write, your son,

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