Letters from Boys Overseas

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George Gamble Writes His Sister, Mrs. John Albert Williams, From France-Strawberries in Blossom-Is Near Queen Anne's Palace-Where Is That?

France, That's All, Nov. 7, 1918. My Dear Sister:

Well, I know you have no doubt wondered why you have never heard from me, but I have been busy and also have neglected to write to you and I have also been waiting to see something to write about. I haven't seen much, but will just say that I am still in the land of the living and feeling fine and truly hope these few lines will find you all the same.

We are across the pond from you in some or rather, near some city that place is very old and antique with were actually built in the 13th cen-

There is a cathedral here, much also the palace of Queen Anne.

and some of them wear aprons like the health of the community. I have only one taken out of that commun-

more about it than I do as the news I courage and become as gay as I was less and it is now almost as safe to get is very scarce and second handed the day I joined the army. at that, but from what I hear I think we will be coming home soon,

the 366th and from what he says the other mon.fying words one can think ed many religious meetings. After Colored boys have done SOME fight- of in describing it. I have read the many days smiling France was spied ing if only a few did come back from sayings of many poets and novelists one morning and I felt as happy as "over the top," also the old 8th Illi- about the sea; I have looked on the Columbus when he sighted San Sal-

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bacco ocupons, and is very confusing to me, but I hope I don't have to stay long enough to get used to it.

Well, sister, I must close for this time and hope to see you soon, Awaiting an early answer, I am, your loving brother, George.

SERGENAT GEO. W. GAMBLE, Hdqrs. Co. 809th Pioneer Inf., A. E. F. Via New York.

SENSATIONS OF ONE'S

FIRST SEA VOYAGE

Moses Jordan Writes of His First Trip Across the Atlantic With Expeditionary Forces, November 7,

Dear Father Williams:

write you since I left the states. I I am not allowed to mention, but the neer Infantry, in the medical detach- throughout the states because we to care for the sick and wounded. that was built in the 13th century and of the sick and wounded, the sanitary to the best the country has ever prowalls around, or rather along side of the infantry as it drives over the many who never left the regions of them, and they tell me they were top or across "No Man's Land" and the plantations until the dratf got like our own only the mourners walk Sometimes what I have to undergo tales. instead of ride and two altar boys in doing my bit makes me long for I am glad to say and can truthfully carry crosses in front of the proces- the post office, but when I see what say that the subs have met their masour country has undergone and the ters. The inventive genius of Uncle As for war news I guess you know task that now confronts it, I take Sammy has made them almost power-

My trip across the ocean was pleas- While on sea I went to the movies ant, unpleasant, sensational, fright- every day, attended boxing matches, I was talking to a boy Sunday from ful, dreadful, educational, and all hung around the library, and attendsea from the pen of artistic painters; vador. I shall next write you from

for which I will pay on delivery:

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of eloquent orators and I have dreamed of voyages across it; but from whatever source my information came I am convinced that the half has never been told.

After bidding my friends farewell, I boarded a transport and it steamed away. After all noise of land had ceased and the landscapes had vanished in the distance, and after the blue skies (in bowl shape) had encircled the sea, rolling of the waves and their surging and splashing against the sides of the vessel, sometimes pushing it out of its course, brought a peculiar feeling over me that is indescribable. My days at sea were not wearisome, for there was much to see that sometimes I longed for a thousand eyes to serve my greedy mind and insatiate wonder-

Through association with other boys (and let me say, Father, that the sea will make the grouchiest This is my first opportunity to friendly) I learned some interesting things about the social life of our was hurriedly sent with the 806th Pio- boys throughout the states. I said ment. I suppose you would like to have boys from the southern coast its old buildings and some of which know the nature of my work. I am of Florida to the Great Lakes and being trained with a few more boys from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. Among us are boys of all Our work covers a broader field than classes, reaching from desperadoes to larger than Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, that of a nurse, besides taking care saints and from the most illiterate condition of the infantry depends on duced. There are hundreds of boys The roads here have high stone us. We are to follow closely behind who cannot read or write; there are built during the old feudalistic days. give first aid to the wounded. So them. The saddest case I found was The climate here is very mild and you see, Father, I belong to a very an American, born in the state of I saw strawberries in blossom today. important branch of the service. Be- Louisiana, who could not speak The people here all dress different sides my bit in the war I will return French or Creole or anything except and some of them wear wooden shoes with a good knowledge of caring for a community dialect. He was the met many medical boys who have seen ity. The stories that some of the I witnessed a French soldier's fu- active service in the trenches and boys tell about the backwardness of neral Sunday that was very much who are skilled in medical service. their communities sound like fairy

travel by sea as y land.

This money over here looks like to- I have heard about it from the lips La Belle France. Love to all. Au M. JORDAN,

> 806 Pioneer Inf., Hospital Corps, A. E. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Miss Mabel N. Jefferson to Mr. George Atkison, on December 23d, at

PRE-CHRISTMAS BAZAAR TO BE CONTINUED

Allen Chapel.

Owing to the fact that the street car strike interferred with the attendance, the bazaar which was held Tuesday and Wednesday nights by the Women's Auxiliary and Altar Guild of St. Philip's Episcopal church, will be continued in the guild rooms next Christmas gifts at reasonable prices.

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RED CROSS ROLL CALL FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

American Public Asked to Respond With Universal Membership.

December 15, the entire American na- the community not yet enrolled will tion will be given the opportunity dur- again be personally solicited for meming the week of December 16 to 23 to bership. line up for all those errands of mercy

the calendar year of 1919.

American, whether here or in foreign every town and city. parts, has his part to play,

our own country entered the world mum of time consumed by each. There are no limits set for the | The official uniform worn by Roll 1918 Christmas enrollment. Every Call workers will be a cap and arm American everywhere is the hoped brassard. These are to be made of for goal.

will be arranged for the week, based blem. This uniform will serve both as on suggestions worked out by national protection against the unscrupulous and campaign managers at Headquarters. as an aid to the workers themselves. On Roll Call Sunday the Red Cross message will be preached from every dustries will be supplied with a 100% pulpit, and all church meetings will Service flag. arrange special programs of Red Cross

ists, every community will be deco- propriation of \$2,500,000 for this work, rated with Red Cross posters. Pasters and ten seals will be awarded each will be used on all packages sent out person who joins the Roll Call as a from the stores during Roll Call week, reminder of the very important work and the movies will show films pictur- being done by the National Tubercuing the various Red Cross agencies at losis Association. home and abroad, "For All Humanfty" shows scenes taken on the actual but the Red Cross goes on forever. battlefield. There will also be Women's day, club programs on Red place your name on the 1919 member-Cross, special exercises in the Red ship roll?

NO FIXED QUOTAS FOR 1919.

So great is the faith of the American Red Cross in the American people that no quotas have been assigned to Red Cross Chapters for the enrollment of members in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, Universal membership is the goal. Chapters are limited only by the number of people in their jurisdictions. The Roll Call will be finished only when every available person, without regard to age or sex, has been enrolled. Children may join only quarters at Washington has been re-Thursday afternoon and night. This through the Junior Red Cross Auxiliasale presents a good opportunity to ries, and their membership dues are buy beautiful articles suitable for twenty-five cents a gear. The chief aim in enrolling is not to raise money but to increase the membership. Special emphasis is laid upon the regular membership at \$1.00 per year, but privflege will be given to enroll as a Contributing Member at \$5.00, Sustaining Member at \$10.00. Life Member at \$50.00 or Patron at \$100.00.

THE CLIMAX TO VICTORY.

During the week before Christmas the entire American people will have the privilege of answering the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. The response should roar through the land with a unanimity that will stimulate to the uttermost the hopes of men in all parts of the earth. It will therefore be the climax of American idealism and will usher in Christmas with a Red Cross membership approximating the census figures,- What the Red Cross wants is the approval of the American people of the Red Cross policy, and such approval will have the highest significance in the eyes of suffering people everywhere. President Wilson leads the response and passes along the message, "I summon you to the comradeship."

RED CROSS SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

The American Red Cross has estab-Hshed a manual training school for Belgian boys at Vaulruz, Switzerland.

* PEACE MAKES GREATER NEED *

Peace will not end the need * of Red Cross relief work. On * * the contrary, the proclaiming of * peace opens new fields of serv-* ice for the Red Cross, and now, * * more than ever, the American * * people will be called upon to * obey their generous impulses to * ★ bind up the world's wounds. ★ Membership in the Red Cross ★ affords the noblest outlet for * such impulses. Every American ★ should answer "Here" to the ★

Is your name written there? Where? Cross workrooms, Employees day On the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, (when special tribute will be paid to the contribution made by the laboring man), the week ending with a general Beginning with Red Cross Sunday, "Clean-up" day, when every person in

It is believed that some time during that the bright Red Cross against the week at least one performance of the white background has come to the masque, "The Roll Call," especially written by Mr. Percy Mackaye, with This is in no sense a call for funds. stage settings designed by Robert Ed-It is the annual call for service. Ev- mond Jones, will be given in every ery member of every household, from community. This has but twelve the grandfather to the nursery, should speaking parts and is arranged espebe represented on the Red Cross Serv- cially for community presentation, ice Flag. Only dollar memberships with men, women and children in the are being asked for, and these are for pantomime parts. It can be given either elaborately or very simply, as Everywhere throughout the four-conditions warrant. In its dramatic teen Red Cross divisions the week will theme it expresses the emancipation be celebrated as a rededication to per- cf the human spirit from tyranny

sonal service and self sacrifice. No through the humanizing agency of the matter what may be the immediate task | American Red Cross. | Copies of the ahead, there are bound to be increas- masque, as well as directions for cosing demands made on the Red Cross tuming and incidental music, can be during the coming year, and every secured at Red Cross Headquarters in One of the most novel and interest-

Through the Divisions every Chap- ing features of the campaign promises ter, and through the Chapter every to be the One-day and One-Hour plan Branch and Auxiliary will spread the of enrollment. This consists of divid-Red Cross Message and endeavor to ing the community into units of one enroll every person in every com- hundred houses, the idea being to have Already the membership in sufficient workers to canvass these this national organization has grown homes practically simultaneously, a from some few hundred thousand in sort of "home stretch." distributing 1916 to more than twenty millions since the work among many with a mini-

red flannel and a small paper circle in Programs subject to local conditions white will carry the Red Cross em-

Corporations, business firms and in

There will be no Christmas sale of tuberculosis seals this year. Instead, With the co-operation of local art- the Red Cross has made a direct ap-

Wars may come and wars may go, Will you not be among the first to

WHAT BOYS SAY **ABOUT RED CROSS**

Since the soldiers overseas have been informed by their officers that the American Red Cross will play Santa Claus this Christmas for all the boys in khaki who have no relatives in the United States, Red Cross Headceiving hundreds of appeals. Incldentally the men at the front have taken this time to express their appreciation for the work done by the Red Cross "Over There."

Following are a few excerpts taken at random from letters inclosing Christmas Package Coupons:

"Dear Mr., Miss or Mrs. Red Cross .- 1 would appreciate it tremendously if you would send me a Xmas package. I have no relatives, and a little something from the good old U. S. A. would be appreciated beyond words. The Red Cross has done so much for us over here, and you don't know just how we appreciately don't know just how we appreciate beyond everything else."

An Italian thus addresses his Christmas appeal:

"To Whom it May Concern.—I am in service in France and, having no people in Se United States, would like to receive a little package from the Red Cross on Xmas. I am in No Man's Land in a big woods, and it is raining."
"I have been informed the Red Cross

will send Xmas packages to any soldier who sends them his Xmas package coupon. I have received so much tobacco and other things from the Red Cross/in my fourteen months in France I scarcely like to write again. I am in the hospital recovering from woulds and the first them. recovering from wounds, and the Red Cross furnishes us with daily papers, writing material, tobacco, fruits and rec-

"I have no one else to send my Xmas "I have no one else to send my Xmas coupon to, so am sending it to you, as per notice on our bulletin board. If you send a package I would appreciate it if you would inclose a bill for same, for I would gladly pay it. I don't want to impose on you. The Red Cross is the best friend we have." pose on you. T

One Red Cross nurse writes:

"Am inclosing the coupon, but please be sure all the boys at the front get their packages first, then if one is left I will appreciate it, as I suspect all the others will have something from home which will make me a little lonesome. Words cannot express our appreciation for the Red Cross." for the Red Cross. "The Red Cross is a great help and blessing to the soldiers any and every-

"We of the A. E. F. are constantly being shown evidences of the wonderful work the Red Cross is doing and are ex-

tremely thankful." "Dear Red Cross Workers .- After we

Dear Red Cross Workers.—After we left dear old America we thought we were traveling away from your kindness, but we did not. We cannot praise you too highly for your work. I have no folks at home to send me a Christmas package.

"Words cannot express the obligation we are under for the work you are doing to help us along." * should answer "Here" to the * "I know they would greatly appreciate any little remembrance. I wish to most sincerely thank the Red Cross for all the kindnesses and beneats they have be stowed upon our boys."

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