# LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN GERMANY CHILD LOSES FINGERS

From Norman R. Young. (To his mother, Mrs. Emma Young, at Boalsburg.) Olingen, Luxemburg,

Jan. 2, 1919 Dear Mother and all' Just a few lines to tell you I am in the best of health and hope you are too.

Well, Christmas and New Year are over and being in Europe I hardly realized that there were two such days for here the people do not celebrate either

We are billeted here in a small town and on Christmas morning the children woke up only to find no candy or toys. They gathered up their old hard boots and shoes and started off for church, then sat around all day. Then on New Year all small children in the village crowded into one house and the man there presented them with some home made candy and, believe me, I have seen happy children but never saw any as happy as they. Some had the candy in their hat, some in their pockets and the little girls had theirs in their apron and were going down street singing some song in Luxemburg Dutch. I did-n't understand it at all; it was too deep

I got a Christmas box from my wife and I gave some to the little ones here and some to the old folks as well, and they looked at each other and thought it was the finest in the world. It looked almost as good to me for candy is hard to get here and what you do get you pay

I am staying in a house with an officer 2 cts. worth of dog meat wrapped up in brown paper. When you write to me again tell me where Paul Rupp and John Stover are; they certainly must be in the service and if they are in Europe I may have a chance to find them

to him but so far have received no answer. He is probably like myself-on

We were on German soil for four days, then, another order came out for us to occupy the state of Luxemburg so we came here and now I understand we are out of the army of occupation again. The other day there was a rumor that we body said we were going to be fully equipped and sent to Russia so you see whole volume to write it there is always some one to take the joy out of life. But I still believe we will be home or rather in the states by February for duplicates of our service ruary for duplicates of washing.

Our first trip to the front was Hill No. 204 which is between Belleau woods and Chateau-Thierry. Next we started the great Chateau-Tierry drive for which tell us when we are going home.

In this letter I am sending you a land" again.

Well, mother, as this is an the news for tonight I will close, sending love to I tis bedtime so I'll close for this time.

From your son,

PRI. NORMAN R. YOUNG. Co. A. 132 Inf. American E. F.

Via New York, France Capt. Theodore Davis Boal Tells of

Christmas Spent in Germany. Burg Cochem, A, D, Mosel,

Germany with a Christmas tree and presents given out by Ivan Hollobaugh dressed in a liners. Of course, electric railways suit of old armor from the wall; there has been a band concert in the castle I came to Germany. court yard, and a moving picture operator has been at work recording our doings. All this after mass means that I have been very busy. It snowed and of the manufactories are idle eight now

went back down. vision has just called on Major General Muir to present to its former commander, now a corps commander, the compliments of the 28th Divsion.

I have been wondering if you two

Theodore Davis Boal, Capt. Cav. A. D. C. IV. Corps—III Army

# From Private C. E. Rishel.

The following letter is from C. E. Rishel, son of George Rishel, who moved from Centre county to Northern Illinois about thirteen years ago, Private Rishel enlisted July 27, 1917, in Chicago, and is one of the Marines who went through the battles of Chateau-Thierry, the Belleau woods, and other places. He was one of the lucky one, having come through without so much as a scratch. Reporter readers will appreciate the letter he writes from Germany.

From Russell J. Goodhart. Plaidt, Germany. December 31, 1918.

Dear aunt :-I should have written sooner, but will do so now before I forget an 1 put it off longer. In fact I could hardly write sooner either as we've been traveling quite a bit lately. A few days after the signing of the armistice we started after the retreating Boch, marching through Lorrain and into Luxemberg where we stayed ten days and spent Thanks giving. On the 1st of December we giving. On the 1st of December we started for the Rhine and are now about ten miles outside of Coblenz. The Y. M. C. A. was not able to get paper so long and as soon as I did get paper I

We had corned beef for Thanksgiving and beef, mashed potatoes, and dress-ing for Christmas. Christmas dinner was good but not enough of it. We haven't been feeling very good of late, in fact not since we left France. I guess I will eat so much when I get back home that when I say "I've come home to die", they will say, " No, you didn't, you've come home to eat."

I have no idea when we will start for home but I hope sooner than I expect. It sure is wonderful to have seen all these countries but since all is over I am dieing to get home. I was hoping to get back in time to finish High school this term, but nothing of the kind now. We are staying in houses with the Dutch. There are six of us in one room with a stove and electric lights. The people are very kind and friendly. They like the Americans and British but hate from Chicago and this evening he got a the French. They are more crazy over Christmas box from home and between the Americans than the French were. the Americans than the French were. the two of us we made the box look like Many grapes are raised around this sec tion of the country. They live mostly on drinks, rye or meal bread, potatoes, vegetables, and milk. Some of them have hogs and chichens. They seem to have plenty to eat, but the people in Luxemberg and Lorraine were the peo ple who suffered so much for food I have a brother in-law here but can't When we passed through they had nothget in touch with him. I have written ing for the Dutch had taken every thing away and had even taken their church bells to make ammunition or something the move from one place to another since the armistice has been signed.

The Dutch are as glad as anyone that the war is over. We are back to Garrison drill and guard duty again. I heard last year \$986.00. For blanks and other Fred was called but am glad he will not have to see anything like war. Wrote to him the other day to his address in Philadelphia.

Well, I suppose you will be interested

records have been sent to Washing- the marines got undue credit from the given them the two-thirds necessary to ton. That certainly indicates something. They never told us when we were going to France nor will they tough hitch on the Verdun or Argonne.

It was a miracle to come through all piece of covering off of the wings of a the gas sieges, machine gun fire, artil-German aeroplane that was shot down lery fire and severe weather lying in the back of our lines Nov. 10. The aviator open sometimes long periods without was killed instantly; we all rushed to anything to eat or drink. It just seemed the machine as soon as he landed.

Many of those birds came over into our directing the missels of death away from territory that never saw the "Vater-me, to the right and left, before and bewell, mother, as this is all the news fell. I will be able to tell you all some

Your affectionate nephew.

Co. D, 4th U. S. Inf., American E. F.

(Continued from previous column.) pretty good idea of this valley. There is a mountain range on either side of the river with vineyards terraced till clear on the very peak.

Traveling facilities should be of the very best in peace times. There is a double track, standard gauge railroad Dearest Mother and dearest Aunt—

This is the end of a busy day. There has been a dinner to some Generals ed on either side of the river and the

the steep road to the castle was so slip-pery that I had to order men and ropes to be sure nothing happened to the Cad-towns have some very modern buildings illacs-the only one that ran up which built of steel and concrete. Wood is not used much. There is an abundance of Major General Hay from the 28th Di- timber but they seem to be saving it for some reason.

I would advise anyone wishing to see it to have a good hill climbing auto. No, never try towing it by foot as I did so far. We hiked 15 days or a distance afford to spend for such a purpose, let it to have a good hill climbing auto. No, we hiked 15 days or a distance of ar. We hiked 15 days or a distance only knows how much more hiking only knows how much more hiking to see it these for all the people of the common-diabetes, aged nife years. The boy had been sick only twenty-four hours and being an unusually bright child his un timely death is a sad blow to his parents. He also leaves three brothers and three

the A. E. F. calls it, in what was once a beer gardmor Cafe. Yes, there is beer here yet but it is no beer like is brewed in U. S. A. The Dutch say it is nothing like it was before the war. This is getting on a very different subject from what I started on.

We have electric lights and plenty of war pictures on the walk. Well, we act ed in a lot more new ones for them in the

past year. I can speak quite a little German so I can get considerable information I could not get otherwise. Of course it would not be proper to advertise it so what no one knows will not hurt him. But I was told by an old German that it seldom anows in the valley but it was dom snows in the valley but it rains without hesitation at all. This I know

Leutisdarf, Germany,
Sunday, Dec. 15, 1918.
On the east bank of the Rhine.
Today being a nice pleasant day I will try and give a description of the beautiful Rhine Valley in which we are located at present. Anyone that has ever been sight seeing through the west, where there are vineyards, has a (Continued on next column)

from experience.

A month ago I thought I would spend Christmas in U. S. A. but now I have another guess coming as it looks very much as if I would spend it right here in Leutisdorf on the Rhine. Wherever we spend it, it will be easier at that than dodging all of the pig iron Fritz used to pride in throwing at us. Yes, we threw great quantities back at him, enough so he said "Kamerad" on the day never to be forgotten by any Sammie that was U. S. Marines, A. E. F.

IN FEED CUTTER.

Kenneth Slack, Aged 8 Years, Has Serious Misfortune Sunday Even-

Destined to go through life with the handicap of the loss of the four fingers on the left hand, is the lot of Master Kenneth Slack, bright little lad of Mrs. George B. Slack, of Potters Mills.

The little boy, who lost his father by death two months ago, met with the accident on Sunday evening at five o'clock, He had gone to the barn with his uncle. Roy Tressler, who was doing the even-tire length of Kansas; much of it is leving's work about the premises, and in a moment when vigilance was relaxed on the part of the uncle, the lad commenced playing with a feed cutter, feeding some loose hay under the heavy knife and taking delight in seeing the ends fly off under the sharp blade. The danger connected with such a proceeding soon became apparent, and in an unguarded then thru a corner of Wyoming into moment when the boy had his hand under the heavy blade, it fell and cut off brought us straight thru Montana and all four fingers for almost their entire lidaho into the great Cascade mounall four fingers for almost their entire length. Three fingers were completely severed and the fourth was later taken off. The child was taken to the Belle fonte hospital where the digits were given proper attention.

### Spring Mills P. M Resigns.

T. M. Zubler, postmaster at Spring Mills since 1913, has resigned, and as in timated in these columns some months ago will go to farming on the Zubler farm along the state road immediately west of Spring Mills. The low earning capacity in the post office compared with net returns from a well tilled farm is the only reason for his leaving the postal

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold an examination at Bellefonte to fill the vacancy, March 8th. Salary information apply to Mr. Zubler.

### Woman Suffrage Defeated.

Woman suffrage met its fourth defeat when the Senate, on Monday, by a vote of 55 to 29, defeated the resolution. Fifty-five senators were in favor of the resolution and twenty-nine against it-One more vote for the ayes would have

### tough hitch on the Verdun or Argonne Lewisburg Boy Home After Four Years in Big Fight.

After four years in the British army Earl S. Wolfe has returned to his home in Lewisburg. Wolfe enlisted in Canada when twenty years old, getting into service in 1914 with the First Canadian Machine Gun battalion. He was wounded three times, gassed twice and shell shocked twice. His friends gave him a big ovation upon his return. He saw more service than any other Lewisburg PVT. RUSSELL J. GOODHART, man who had a part in the big scrap.

## Detracts From State College.

A bill providing for an appropriation of \$300,000 for the establishment of a state agricultural school in Philadelphia, has been introduced in the state legislature. There is no need for such an institution with the excelent opportunities Pennsylvania State College offers for study and research along these lines and with the awakening interest in agriculture in other Pennsylvania colleges and universities. If State College failed to neet the needs of the people we could see some reason for this proposed school in Philadelphia, but there are few institutions, if any in the United States, with higher rating than our own Pennsylvania college, which, equipped with the best apparatus money can buy and manned by trained experts and executive heads who are men of exceptional vision, is doing a geat work for the agricul-This is a very pictures que country but tural interests of this state and through sweet old ladies dined out today or in the old dining room at Boalsburg. I over 200 miles to get here and the Lord only knows how much more hiking the legislature usually sets aside for the the legislature usually sets aside for the use of State College, that this institution might further improve and enlarge upon Rev. S. C. Stover, after which burial Hoping that this has been a merry Christmas and that you will have all good things in 1919.

These German civilians give us a cordial welcome wherever we have been might further improve and enlarge upon was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

We are quartered, or billeted, as its facilities and equipment.—Williams port Sun.

> It is estimated that over 100,000,000 bushels of potatoes were still in the hands of Pennsylvania growers on the first of the year.

on the line at that time, which will be read in future history. "Hostilities ceased November 11th at the 11th hour 1918, on all fronts. I do not doubt but some of the lucky ones that stayed at home have forgotten/the day already. Well if so, when the boys come home they will only have to ask anyone old or young and they will get more informa-tion than they will care to hear or be-lieve but there will be a few things told which will make some very good or so-called politicians and money grabbers feel like four cents. Well, now I am getting warm under the collar, so I guess for my own good I had better bring this letter to a close before I beat some one up.

PVT. C. E. RISHEL.

MISS FLORENCE S. RHONE WRITES FROM THE WEST.

Gives Her Impressions on Trip to the Coast.-Kansas With Her Ten Million Acres of Wheat, Aiding the Government.

206 West 10th St. Los Angeles, California.

Feb. 1, 1919 el When I tell you that it now has ten million acres of splendid looking wheat you will know how heartily the Kansas farmers responded to the call of our Jovernment

We saw the great Rocky mountains in olorado and made our first stop in Denver. We then went on North passng thru Western Nebraska, where for iles we did not see a tree or house, Montana. The Great Northern Railroad Our second stop was at Spokane, Washington. Then we had an all day trip thru the Cascades to Seattle, passing thru Washington's Apple Valley from which apples are shipped all over the United States and Europe and where land is selling at \$5,000.00 an acre. Seattle is on Puget Sound where great ship building yards are located and we saw as much of the ship building as visitors are allowed to see nowadays.

From my farmer's viewpoint I liked Oregon the best. All the way thru the State there were good looking farm

As we traveled south from Seattle verything began to look more Spring like and when I saw the first palms and orange trees I realized I was in Califor It is almost a thousand miles from Seattle to San Francisco. We were in San Francisco ten days ; saw the sun-set over The Golden Gate, visited Califor nia University and had the pleasure of seeing Prof. and Mrs. Shaw and spending a day in their beautiful home. also visited Stanford University, the most interesting place I have seen, and now we are settled in Los Angeles for the balance of the winter. We have just had a glimpse of the flowers and orange groves of Southern California and they are truly wonderful at this time of year, to one coming from a cold

As we came South thru the State, we great stock ranches, great grai rauches of thousands of acres and large

On one ranch we saw six plows in each of which six horses were hitched. We also saw many tractors plowing and harrowing. And from the Cascade mountains we passed into the Sierras and Coast Range, and the mountains are as different from ours as the climate and vegetation.

I do indeed wish all my home friends could see the wonders of this Western country. 171 be glad to get home news.

I have not seen a home paper or ceived a home letter for a month. Sincerely FLORENCE S. RHONE.

# THE DEATH RECORD.

SMULL.-Mrs. Sara Jane Smull, widov of Henry Smull, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Tilbert, at Emporum, on Thursday as a result of a paraytic stroke sustained ten days previous she was aged seventy-four years, six months and twenty-three days, and was a native of Rebersburg, having left that place four months ago to live with her daughter. Besides the daughter mentioned, the deceased is survived by these three sons: William, of Freeport, Ill

Harry and Claud, of Rebersburg.
The remains were shipped to Rebers burg where interment was made in the Union cemetery, Rev. Shannon officiating. Mrs. Smull was a member of the Lutheran church.

BROUSE.—Edward Brouse, son of William and Mary Brouse, of Boalsburg. died on Sunday evening of last week

Auman, -- John Auman, a Potter townhip charge, died at the home of Beaja man Confer, in Kohler valley, in th Seven Mountains beyond Potters Mills. on Thursday morning, aged fifty-one years. Burial was made at Sprucetown on Saturday.

Festival on Washington's Birthday. The ladies of Lodge No. 229, P. O. of A., will hold a big festival and supper on Washington's birthday in Noll's hall, formerly the Steinberg storeroom, at the cross roads at Pleasant Gap. Sup- bargains. per from 5 o'clock on through the evening; oysters in all styles. Ice cream and cake extra. Come and bring your pocketbook, and have your friends come 6 o'clock p. m. with their pocketbooks.

Remember the date-Feb. 22. -Committee.

Winter grain, wheat and rye remain n excellent condition in all sections of the State, very little damage by heaving BLUF, BLUSTER AND CRAWL.

Republicans in Senate and House Railed Against Revenue Bill and then Almost Unanimously Supported It,-Peanut Politicans Play Little Games.

The passage of the Revenue bill by the House of Representatives by an al-most unanimous vote, only 11 members caring to go on record as opposing it, is a striking illustration of the characteris-Please send "The Reporter" to the above address for a few weeks instead of Wichita, Kansas. My aunt and I started for California the first week of January. The country was new to me after I left Wichita. We crossed it is length of Kansas and therefore responsible for all legislation, outlined the bill as they thought it tion, outlined the bill as they thought it should be, the Republican leaders stormed and protested. Never would they permit such a measure to be passed, they declared. Sooner than allow it they would filibuster against it and make an extra session necessary. And now, when put to the test, it goes through with only four Republican votes cast

against it. So it was with President Wilson's request for an appropriation of \$100,000,000,000 for the relief of the starving people of several European countries—a recom mendation that was amply justified on both humanitaran and business grounds. How the G. O. P. Cheap Johns of the Senate railed against it. They misrepresented the President's motives and aired their provincial little ideas about continental politics with great freedom much to the disgust of sensible people. Then the bill went through with only a feeble show of opposition on the final roll-call.

So it will be with the League of Navisitors are allowed to see nowadays. tions and the treaty of peace te be tram-Our next stop was at Portland, which is ed in Paris. Already the jackals who a beautiful city. We saw "Camp Lew-is" and the "Spruce Camp" where our boys are getting out lumber for ship their tactics. Their voices are less stritheir tactics. Their voices are less strident and menacing. For a fortnight now they have been almost mute. It a safe prediction that when the treaty of peace, framed largely on the lines laid down by Mr. Wilson, comes before the Senate for confirmation the opposition will be practically nominal. The Republicans will be in a majority in the Senate, then, but they will give the treaty their approval. They cannot do otherwise without arousing overwhelming popular disaproval.

There is much talk now in some rabid Republican newspaper about a sweep-ing investigation of the conduct of the war. Secretary Baker is to be grilled; General Pershing is to be recalled from France for an inquisition; General March, Chief of Staff, is to be heckled achievements of the American army abroad and at home. There will be nothing to it, we predict. The War Department has nothing to conceal, and has the truth and the facts on its side, as against the gossip and innuendoes orchards of fruits and nuts and large ed probe will be a boomerang for the G. sanship is placed above patriotism and peanut politicians play their ignoble lit-tle games of spite and falsification.

#### P. O. S. of A. Alliance Meeting at Centre Hall.

The Centre County P. O. S. of A. Alliance meeting will be held at 1:30 p. m., February 20th, in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend. No admittance charge. Fred W. Magrady, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., State Master of Forms of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, has promised to be present and deliver an address. State College band will furnish The members of the local Camp will meet at the Camp hall at 1.00 p. m. and parade to Grange hall.

The Centre Hall Camp will hold their The Centre Hall Camp will hold their annual social in the evening of the same day. Admission will be by card only, the social being open to P. O. S. A. members, their familes, and those invited by the committee. There will be music all evening and a good program has been prepared.

### Military and Naval Discharges.

It is of great importance to each soldier and sailor of Centre county, who has served our country and received an Honorable discharge from the military or naval service of the United States, that a permanent record of such

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discharge be preserved.

We are glad to announce that William H. Brown, the present Recorder of Bellefonte, on Tuesday, February 18th, Deeds, will record all such discharges at 10 o'clock. A representative from of men from this county, without any charge to them for his services, and will the Bureau of Township Highways will be in shape to do so as soon as he can get be present, as well as other prominent the necessary record books.

All discharges should be brought to the Recorders office or if mailed, return postage should be enclosed.

### C. W. Swartz Expresses His Appreciation. We here express our appreciation for

the interest the public have taken in our Closing-out Sale. We certainly have sold a lot of goods since we started the sale, but don't think The commissioners went over the budget for a minute that we are sold out,-we and decided to ask the legislature for an

My intent is to give the patrons of the well known Swartz store, for so many ed for the purchase of forest lands and years, the advantages that are always inauguration of a system of district to be had at such times.

You must show by your continued patronage that you want the goods, and I will prove to you that you are getting

Many of the goods are going at less then today's wholesale prices. Store closes Tuesdays and Pridays at

C. W. SWARTZ, Tusseyville, Pa.

The "Neck-tye" social is given for the purpose of raising funds for the Ar-menian relief. Give your patronage. In Grange hall, the evening of St. Val.

# TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Lewisburg Journal will become a tri-weekly, beginning March 1st.

A son was born on Thursday night to Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Horner, at Colyer. The local Odd Fellows are consider-

ing the purchase of a player-piano for their lodge room. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodhart, of Altoona, visited relatives in town for a

few days the past week. Landlord J. W. Runkle is having lumper sawed to be used in building several flats over the meat market.

Robert Bloom, Potter township road supervisor, is stoning a section of roada mile in length-west of Centre Hall.

Revs. Shuey, Yocum, and Young, the latter chaplain at the penitentiary at Rockview, are holding protracted meetngs in the M. E. church at Pleasant

Roy Miller, of Brierhook, Virginia, spent a few days the latter part of last week at his home in Tusseyville. Mr. Miller has been engaged in big lumber operations in Virginia for a number of

Mrs. Clement W. Luse returned last week from a two weeks' visit in Illinois and Colorado, in the latter state visiting her brother, William Armbruster, at McClay. On her journey through Kansas and Missouri Mrs. Luse observed the farmers in their fields husking corn.

Henry H. Garver, son of Elias S. Gar. ver, of Missouri, emerged from a hospital and then went west to Mexico in the interest of 4000 leading manufacturers and financeers of Chicago, to investigate trade conditions and opportunities, Mr. Garver for two years had charge of the Chicago office of Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

John H. Weber is home from Milton where he had been employed for some time in the shell plant. His uniform good work while at Milton caused his employer to delay his laying off until unmercifully, and every effort is to be the last, but he has assurance of re-emmade to throw discredit on the glorious ployment when business is adjusted on a the last, but he has assurance of re-empeace basis. Mr. Weber's aversion to idleness will not keep him from work

George E. Meyer, of Boalsburg, tax in mains lownship, last Wednesday reported to the County Commissioners that he had collected every dol. iar of the 1918 State tax and all but \$34 -56 County tax, and that the latter amount was divided among fourteen taxables. Mr. Meyer very properly added that he thought the taxpayers of Harris Township had responded splen-

Miss Florence Rhone is spending the winter amid the sunshine and flowers of California, being located at Los Angeles. On her trip through that state she stopped off at Berkley, and visited Prof. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw, Mrs. Shaw being better known as Miss Helen Hosterman, formerly of this place. Miss Rhone has an interesting letter in this issue which her many friends hereabouts will delight in reading.

The Korman Creamery company at Coburn, has purchased the Coburn hotel property and adjacent lands from Lewis E. Stover. The purchase price has not been divulged. It is the intention of the creamery company to erect buildings and install machinery for condensing milk and manufacturing ice for their own use as well as for sale, and if the weather permits the building operations

The Supervisors of Centre county will meet in convention in the court house. State road men who will address the convention and point to the proper course to be pursued in order that our roads may be uniformly taken care of. A dinner will be served at the Garman House.

The state forestry commission, on Friday, authorized the purchase af 20,500 acres of woodland in Clinton, Lycoming and Union counties as forestry reserve, yet have a lot of goods for sale to some-one. appropriation of \$1,800,000, a million dollars more than the appropriation last session. The additional money is needupervision.

Through the efforts of Postmaster Poster, State College will have a relic of the recent war. A letter from Hon. Charles H. Rowland, representative in Congress from this, the 21st district, states that he has complied with the re-quest made, having introduced a bill in congress authorizing the Secretary of War to donate a captured German canoon to the city of State College-same to be placed upon the site recently acquired by the government for a new post office building. The bill was reported and same was referred to committee of military affairs.