

Letters From The Front

(Letter received by Mrs. B. M. Alford, from her son, Eugene E. Alford, of the medical department, U. S. Army, now in France.)

On Board Boat, Sept. 22, 1917.
My Dearest Folks: Well I suppose you know by now or have guessed that we have started across the "big drink." Did you get my few words which I wrote on the day I left? I never got to mail it before we got to the boat so had to give it to a man there and all I could do was to depend on him.

Well I made this trip much better than I expected to. I was only sick once and that was the first night out. I hadn't been feeling well for a couple of days so I think that was the reason. Shrimp never got sick a bit but Sodeur, Tubby and Raif all were pretty sick, Tubby being so most of the way. Lawrence, Soden and Tubby have been on submarine look-out most of the way across, every other day starting in at twelve m. and being on for twenty-four hours, two hours on and four off. Poor old Tubby has got poor on the trip for he has been feeling so hum and having to stay on duty too. I was on guard for two nights, but that's all. We have sighted no subs so far on our journey, and in all probabilities won't as we have a convoy of chasers with us. They haven't been very long but were a very agreeable sight when we first saw them. We have been on board just two weeks today and expect to be on till tomorrow at the most. We laid over for two days at a Canadian seaport. It was about the most beautiful scenery I ever saw in my life. Longfellow sure never exaggerated Canadian scenery a bit. This morning we sighted land, the first we've seen for eight days. It was the coast of Ireland, pretty green hills, all laid out in little fields, made a person think of the Oregon fields only much smaller. How's everyone at home, and everybody else? It seems very unnatural not to receive two or three letters everyday, but it will probably be a month or longer before we hear get so we must put up with it. Riding on the boat is not near as monotonous as I first thought it would be as several different kinds of amusements are provided for us. There are several lady passengers on the boat besides soldiers, officers, and civilian men. They give little musicals, concerts, speeches etc., in the evening and it shortens them considerably. Also in the afternoons quite often, boxing matches, wrestling matches, etc., are pulled off, so you see the time isn't so heavy on our hands. In the evening we go in the dining room, where a piano, checker and carom boards are at our disposal and have lots of fun. Well I don't know how much of this will be censored but have been as careful as possible.

I will write as often as possible and you do the same. Don't worry. With lots and lots of love.
EUGENE E. ALFORD.

In France, Oct. 9, 1917.

My Dearest Folks: As I've received no word from you yet, and have no questions to answer I can't promise to write much. We've been kept pretty busy since we've been here. You see most of the fellows who were here when we came are detailed for duty in the hospital or driving trucks or ambulances so we have to do the cleaning up around the post. We worked all day yesterday putting up stoves, and we surely need them try.

for it has been colder than thunder. Harold and I, with some others of the Seattle bunch set up three in the nurses quarters yesterday afternoon. I struck it quite lucky for I was given a nice thick steamer rug by one of the nurses. Believe me I appreciated it for it gets awful cold here at night, and I've been using my poncho, overcoat and every other available cover I could get besides my three government issue blankets. I haven't been down town yet as we're all "busted" (our bunch). You see we never got to sign the payroll as we were moving around so much so didn't get paid. I suppose you have received the \$20.00 I made as an allotment. I think that will be sent directly from the paymaster general's office at Washington so you will get part of my money before I do. Say will you send that little cap of mine that I got on the basket ball team? The one that was made for each of us. I have a good notion to get my P. B. lettered sweater, but am afraid I'll spoil it, but would like very much if you would knit me an olive drab one. Also you can send me eats or anything you like, as these fellows here get them right along. This is soft for me isn't it, not having to pay for stamps, but in my present financial condition is quite acceptable. Well I must close with lots of love.
EUGENE E. ALFORD.
First-Class Private, Base Hospital No. 15 A. E. F. Via. N. Y.

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