

# HOSPITAL BOYS ARE MOVING ALL THE TIME

OTIS W. PALMER WRITES THAT THEY HAVE NO PERMANENT QUARTERS

## CHRISTMAS DAY BRINGS LOTS OF GOOD CHEER

Six Inches of Snow On That Day—Little Knitted Stuff Arrives—Boxes Are Still Coming—Prediction Made That War Will End In November.

(Letter from Otis W. Palmer to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Palmer, Somewhere Else In France, January 2, 1918.)

Dear Folks:—I'll bet you will think the Germans have held me in captivity for some time but we have been moving so rapidly around the country that I haven't had a chance to write very often. The last time I wrote was December 23.

The day before Christmas and also Christmas day I was on a wood detail. Only had to go four miles and then chop it out of a real French forest. The largest tree was the size of my wrist. Had to chop them off right at the roots and burn the brush.

The Christmas dinner was as good as the Thanksgiving dinner was. The snow was about six inches deep that day. The next day we went out and exercised (censored). The man who runs it can speak American and his son talks it even better than he. The son just came back from the trenches after 33 months in them. He is sure tough physically. The first time I saw him he came out to the pump, pumped a bucket of water, pulled off his only shirt and took a fine large wash in it. We were astonished for we were wearing four or five thicknesses of clothing ourselves. We asked him if he did not get cold and he said, "Oh, after three months in the trenches you don't mind the cold." He gave us about the first real information as to when the war will end. He says next November will end it so I think I will spend my 21st birthday at home. He says the Germans are wonderful fighters but are slowly starving out. They are living on beet roots and such like (censored).

You will have to wait quite a while for letters some times, but will write at every opportunity. Melvin ought to live like these little French kids do. Their houses

## DOES WAR NURSING AT HOME



LADY RACHEL STUART-WORTLEY.

Lady Stuart-Wortley is a British war nurse who is working in Wortley Hall, the family home in Sheffield, England. It has been turned into a war hospital.

are never warm. All I am going to do for a while after I get home is to get behind the stove and absorb heat. I think I will cut out the coffee for we are getting too much. We get sugar quite often (censored).

Very little knitted stuff has arrived as yet but boxes are still coming.

Incoming letters are not censored so write all you want to.

That is quite an idea printing my address on the envelopes. All the boys thought it quite a curiosity.

Having experiences is right. I had a dream the other night. Dreamed I was at home, just sitting down to the "feed" I am going to order when I get home.

(Censored) Permanent quarters are unknown to us. We are moving all the time. I am going to take lessons from Ball who speaks the best French of any one in the company. He is a pretty good friend of mine.

I sure wish I could split some of that wood and burn it over here. You throw away much better wood than they use here.

Too bad everything is so high there but it is higher here. I don't like the French autos. They are away behind the U. S. makes for power, beauty and everything else. I managed to eat up quite a lot of the stuff you sent and had Gerald carry the rest of it on his wagon.

I am glad my letters are good for that is all there is to keep up connections between us and the U. S. With lots of love to all, and so long till next time.

OTIS W. PALMER.

(With the La Grande Hospital Unit in France.)

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



## Of Interest to Women

### PATRIOTISM IN THE HOMES

LA GRANDE, Jan. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Every woman whose heart is with the Flag now questions "What More Can I Do?" She who loves most will find the way most truly, for love translates itself into action. United action and intelligence is essential for our Allies must have more food than we now think we can spare. Right foods make for efficiency and so start your family off with a well chosen breakfast of:

- Fruit
- Cereal
- Muscle-building food
- Bread
- Beverages

**FRUIT**—Fruit helps to keep your body in good health and to prevent constipation. Use fresh fruit when possible. Use prunes, fresh apples, baked or stewed, dried apples, dried apricots. Soak them in water overnight and cook them long enough to make them tender.

Use dates or raisins. These are good added to the cereal ten minutes before taking it from the stove. Then you will not need sugar.

Use ripe bananas with dark skins. Bananas with greenish-yellow skins are hard to digest unless cooked.

**CEREAL**—Corn-meal mush, oatmeal, rice, hominy (grits). These are much cheaper than the "ready-to-eat" breakfast foods. A "ready-to-eat" breakfast food may cost 15 cents for a big package, but

### EMBROIDERY ON SPRING COATS



Each hour I purl, each purl take care To drop no stitch lest I be stung, I count, you count unto the end, And there a sleeve is hung.

O, memories that bless and burn, Of raveling out at bitter loss, I drop a purl, yet strive at last to learn To knit across, sweet art, to knit across.

Goes to Alice.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman went to Alice today to organize a Red Cross auxiliary there.

Reedport—New mill on Unquapa to be operating within 60 days.

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## RED CROSS News & Notes

### "Ave Maria" on Red Cross Benefit Program

The Red Cross benefit concert next Monday evening, February 4, will have several numbers of unusual interest. Mr. Dick Lindsey a well known musician, will play the "Ave Maria" as a violin solo and then will play the violin obligato as Mrs. A. L. Richardson sings the words. Mr. Andrew Loney will contribute a cornet solo. Miss Naomi Williamson will contribute a humorous reading. Tickets are going rapidly. Reserved seats are on sale at Silverthorn's Drug Store.

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**BEVERAGE**—No coffee and tea for children; they are not food. Let the grown people have them if they want them, but do not give the children even a taste. The children's drink is milk, and always give a glass of water with all meals. Watch for the future articles of this series on foods. They will help you to plan and cook good meals at a low cost. They will show many and varied uses for the foods the Government asks us to use.  
MAY MURPHY,  
Emergency Home Demonstration Agent.

## Y. W. C. A. DOES WAR WORK AT HOME AND ABROAD

Mrs. Annie Little Barry went to Enterprise this morning through the work of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Barry gave a talk at the Red Cross headquarters yesterday on the new work to be organized. This work is to be carried through the Y. W. C. A. but as a part of the Y. M. C. A. and K. C. work. Union county has been assigned by the National Y. W. C. A. officers to raise \$300 for purposes of giving the nurses in France who are fighting as hard a struggle as our boys over there, as comfortable quarters as possible and the handling of necessities of these loyal women. This fund is also to help furnish comfortable quarters for the girls who are employed in the munition factories in the U. S. A. Mrs. Barry says that already hundreds of nurses have lost their minds from seeing the suffering and maimed condition of the wounded soldiers.

"These women need comfort and must have it as well as our boys who are giving their all for the cause," she said. The work of raising Union county's quota will start next week. Dorothy Dalton well remembered for her work in "The Flame of the Yukon" will be seen Monday and Tuesday in her first Paramount production, "The Price Mark" at the Arcade. 1-31 2-2. 1-29-2-1

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