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Somewhere in France,
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Just a line today to let you know I am in good health and that I like it better every day. Of course, it isn't as well as I do because I know I'll be glad to stay, but you can bet I will be glad when I can come back. I know I shouldn't write this way, but I don't feel so happy this afternoon as I did this morning. I went to a band concert given by an infantry band that has just arrived from the States, and it made me feel blue, but I will be all right tomorrow when I get to working.

I am working every day and I like it very much. We had quite a bit of snow here the last four days, but it doesn't lay on the ground. It is the first snow I've seen in France. Of course, there is plenty of it here, but we happened to get in the warm climate.

Well, I will not write much today as news is scarce, and besides I have had only one letter from you and that was written in December. I want you to write often. I have been transferred to another company, so when you write be sure and don't forget the address.

Lovingly, Tom.

W. T. Combs, Co. 2, 21st Engineers,
A. E. F. France, via New York.
Written to W. C. Combs.

A YEAR'S RECORD.

Partial Review of America's Work in
The World War.

By CARL D. GROAT.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, April 2.—America found itself today on the anniversary of President Wilson's request for war on Germany, a great part of the world struggle, with a remarkably vast record of achievement.

More thousands of men are now in France than army men a year ago dreamed could be put there; American naval vessels, cruising the submarine zone, are doing their bit; and a big one—to stamp "schrecklichkeit" out of the world; a vast army has been trained and is now being seasoned; another is about ready to enter camps; American war wheels are whirling, grinding out ships, guns, shells, rails—a tremendous stream of material to back a growing enthusiastic army.

And, there is abroad in the land a war spirit, deepened and fervent, a spirit born of the realization that Germany is now controlled by military planners, who in their madness are stretching forth their gory hands to crush the weak and the strong and to make the world unfit and unsafe for democracy.

Some of America's mighty task is still in the making. There have been, and still are, delays in war work. Some of our expectations were exploited too boldly, and there are disappointments ahead.

But, all in all, the conversion of the country from a peaceful land to the biggest single reservoir of strength to back up the Allies has been a story of progress upon which history will doubtless look with pride.

Voluntary censorship forbids that the press shall divulge in figures revealing the number of forces abroad. But it is recalled that Secretary of War Baker predicted 500,000 men in France "early in 1918," and it is known that troops and supply trains, while hampered during the coldest weather, have been maintaining a rearranged schedule recently.

some time, American forces have had a part in the Lorraine fighting, and their work has shown that America will never need to have other than pride for the men she is sending forth to war. Valor, vigor and an enterprising eagerness have marked each encounter with the Hun.

While a portion of the overseas force has been fully seasoned for front line service, a considerable force is still training behind the lines.

In this country, the camps and cantonments have ground out their own until now a second draft call is imminent. The last increments of the first draft are still training, and the second call will be for 800,000 men.

The pacifist has been driven, skulking, to obscurity. While the nation has sought to gain a separate peace with Austria through a political offensive, there is now no peace talk. The Russian collapse, followed by Germany's robbing of the corpse, showed her without a mask—a nation bent on conquest.

This has done much to cement the American people into a stern determination to fight on vigorously. It has stirred up war industry and war training.

The war department has passed through many tribulations, and congress has raked it thoroughly over the coals. The results have been that a reorganization, started before congress undertook its probe, has been completed and now the departmental wheels run smoothly and with more vigor than before. Chief of Staff March has pumped pep into the organization. Younger men are at the helm. Chiefs such as Gen. Goethals, quartermaster, have the important posts.

The navy, with less reorganization to accomplish, has met such transition as it needed with less difficulty because of the smaller scale of its needs. The navy's biggest contribution has been destroyers for foreign service. These vessels and their craft have aided substantially in destroying or warding off the Tension U-boats. Now, the navy is engaged on a vast destroyer building program, which with the Ford boats, the submarine chasers, and the anti-submarine devices of American genius will take an added crimp in Fritz upon the seas.

PORTLAND MARKET LETTER.

Medium To Good Steers Advance 50c
in Price.

PORTLAND, April 1.—The cattle market opened for the week with receipts of 1,400. While choice steers were not advanced any above the quotations for the end of the month, medium to good steers are selling at about the same as Saturday. The choice cows and heifers have been advanced fully 75c, they are now quoted at \$9.75 to \$10.75. Common to good cows and heifers have advanced 50c, with other lines fully steady. In general the cattle market is on a much better basis than at any time during this spring. Quotations are: Good to choice steers \$11.00 to \$12.00; medium to good steers \$10.50 to \$11.50; common to medium steers \$9.50 to \$10.00; choice cows and heifers \$9.75 to \$10.75; common to good cows and heifers \$8.00 to \$9.50; common \$4.25 to \$6.25; bulls \$5.00 to \$9.00; calves \$7.50 to \$13.00; stockers and feeders \$6.50 to \$9.50. Hog receipts 1,000. The market is

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