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OFFICE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

My dear Conrad:--

Yours of the 28th of November came to hand on the 3rd. We were very glad to hear from you again as we were anxious to learn what determination you had come to regarding the training. I am glad that you concluded to see the thing out. I believe it will be of advantage to you in several ways. No doubt you will find it all very interesting after such a long stay in this section. You will doubtless be able to visit the surrounding country, which will be very interesting to one having lived in our flat land so long. I saw Oscar Koepke and he had a lot to say about his position at Camp Pike, and he told me that you had advised him to stay with the business but that he did not fancy losing the time that he would be required, annually, to devote to the military exercises. However when I told him that a bill was before congress allowing reserve officers pay he seemed to think different about the matter. I trust you will take good care of yourself to avoid taking the grippe, which again seems to prevail all over the land. The T. U. has closed up as a precautionary measure. Several new epidemics have broken out in the state. Fort Worth and several ^{other places} are mentioned by the dispatches.

As yet we have not heard from Dick. I do not fear that anything has happened to him at the front, but I am anxious about him nevertheless as there is so very much pneumonia over in France at present. I wrote him several times that in case of sickness or other trouble to be sure and cable us. If we don't hear from him within a reasonable time I shall have the Red Cross set an inquiry on foot. In the meantime we can only wait. Pearl has heard from Smith quite recently. In his letter of the early part of November he mentioned having been up four days, and that all his wounds, except the one in the lung, had healed in first class shape. I presume he will be sent to the hospital here when brought over. It would be a good place for him to recuperate in.

I read the slip you enclosed regarding the positions held by our troops at the time the armistice was signed. We have a map showing location of the various divisions at the time but the 79th does not appear on this map. I fail to see any mention of the 304th Engineers at any time. Dick's letter of the 22nd October to Nellie makes mention of being somewhere in connection with a switch train, but throws no further light on what he was engaged in. It seems that he had been separated from his company for a long time. Smith in his last letter to Pearl states that he had received no letters (mail) since September.

From the dispatches I see that our old friend Garland Miller passed away in New York, the other day, a victim of pneumonia. It grieves me to learn the sad news, as, with all his harum scarumness, he was a nice fellow.

In the Appellate Court I won the case that Redus brought against me.

the court sustaining the contention of my counsel that the law on fees did not apply, as this was a survey of water, and not land, and being a case for a penalty the statute had to be applied strictly, citing many cases covering the point. The court also sustained the judgment of the lower court in the matter of the sufficiency of the petition of the plaintiff in the lower court. I will send you a copy of the judgment as soon as I get time to make it. Also encopy of my attorneys brief, both of which are very interesting reading under the circumstances.

I don't remember what I sent to your address at Camp Pike besides the orders to proceed to Camp H., except a letter asking for some information to aid me in finding some references to your work on Lower North Broadway, and the intersection of Starr street with the same. It is my belief that we were waiting to hear from you at Camp H. I did send a package of "Callers" about the time that you were due to leave Camp Pike. Have been sending you the "Caller" to Camp H., since your arrival there according to your notification.

We are all well except Marie who is suffering with a cold. The doctor seems to think it is only a cold as near as I can understand, as she has not given up teaching. I think the heating up of the school house to such high degree is probably responsible.

After a long siege of rain we are having some very beautiful weather. Plenty of warm sunshine, with lots of crispness in the early morning air.

In case you should visit Washington try and make it convenient to see my friend Mr. John N. Garner who used to be our representative, and who during that time was most painstaking to secure information that at times I required. You will also be able to hunt up Fred Bechert in your rounds up there.

We sent off Dick's package on the 30th of last month, the time having been extended to that day. I made affidavit that no "Label" had been received by any member of the family, and the Red Cross attended to the forwarding. However we were not allowed to place any writing whatsoever, nor Christmas card inside of the package, only my name, and his on the outside. The box was small but we managed to send a pound of fruit cake, some chocolate, chewing gum, a tooth brush, tubes of tooth paste and mentholatum, and the Eveready pencil that George and Rose sent down some time ago. Carl sent him a money order for \$2.00, ^{from Austin} I sent him some time before as a Christmas present a P.O. order for \$10.00- this was before it was generally known that labels would be given on affidavit of non-receipt of the same from the boys at the front by relatives in the U. S.

Anna Perkins and her three hopefuls arrived here last Monday for an indefinite stay, having sold out their belongings in New Mexico. Philip has gone to Arizona for a while, as I understand it, to recuperate from two attacks of pneumonia from which he recently became convalescent.

Well Conrad I hope that you will get along well and have a good time. Love and sincere good wishes from all at home.

Your affectionate

Rape

Heh! Conrad.

Be sure to stay long enough to get some good out of your uniform. No bad boys are