

WHITE SPRING RANCH
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Dear Henry;

We received your letter from France and surly were relieved to hear from you. As it was we didn't know whether you were on your way across or not. The boys are coming home every day from the camps and "across." Leon Larrabee, Harry Christensen, Harry & Phil Schooler, Couvier Ehlen, and oh, a few others I cannot now remember, came back from "across" and are now stationed at some Eastern camps when last heard of. Lots of others from the camps are being discharged every day and being sent home. Mama thot maybe you also were on your way across, until your letter arrived the other day. She was very much disappointed she was planning on you for Xmas dinner. Daddy is polishing that jewelry case for Marg. And we will send it to her as it is in good shape. It surly is some good work if you did it. I forwarded the paper knife to Marg. Etc. We have had the Flu here. First Viola brought it home. Then Chas got it and I succeeded him while mama followed me. None of us were very sick cause we went right to bed and stayed there until 3 days after our temperatures was normal. We are all over it here. Papa and the hired man didn't get it at all. The funniest part of it was, we were all in bed about the same time and papa and Arthur had to do the house work and nursing for ½ day. He sent for Martha and she came right away. So Mollie and Marie, and Rodney and (the Teacher) Miss Davis who stays with Mollie got it and no one to help her out so we had to send for Tina the next day. Marguerite heard that we were all sick so she called up and said Alice was coming on the next train to help out. And we were surly glad she did cause Marie was very sick and everybody was worn out trying to save her life. Now Alice, is nursing Mrs. John Kempf who got it when she was at Mollies taking care of Marie. Mr. & Mrs. Georgie Johann died of the flu. They were buried today. They had a 3 months old son who survives them. George's wife (Mary Warnecke) wants her mother to have the baby so she said before she died. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Baumgartner's son Carl was buried day before yesterday. He also died of the flu He was 21 years old. Henry Moersch died of the flu at Wallace Ida. At the time of his death Crystal was on the point of death but she is reported to be on the road to recovery. They were on their way to Spokane from Cameron Montana when they contracted the awful disease which turned into a complication with pneumonia and he died within 24

hours. He was buried here Sunday afternoon. Crystal was not able to attend but she is improving this morning George Ebel died of the same thing and also George Blume. Others who have died are "a Kaster Boy" and Willie Edwards (Mrs. Jim Warren's son) and Mrs. Button of Uniontown. Laura Phipps and Bill Burr were married at Lewiston last week. Everyone was surprised to hear the news. Irving Schooler was killed in action in France on the 19th of July. The report was just received last week. I feel like an orphan tonight cause Ray just called up saying he is leaving for Frisco with his father next Thursday and I won't get to see him again until next summer. Say Henry I am mailing this now the mail carrier is coming. Got another allotment yesterday for Nov. \$15.00

Sis Bert