

Genesee Idaho Nov. 10 1918

Dear Son Henry,

Yesterday we have received the good news that the war is over with and that the Kaiser had abdicated, which gives us much good cheer and happyinis, for we now have reasons to beleave that the fighting is all over, and that some of those days you Bois will all be home again, and we old people can take it a little easier.

The other day on November 7th I was picking apples along about 10 o clock, Mamma came out and called to me and said that peace was declaired, and to lessen and hear the bells ring in town, and that they had big doings in town, and so we went to town right away. And when we got there the people were all out on the open streets , and the stores, Banks, Posts office, and every other busseniss was closed. People were marching the streets up and down cheering and waving flags, and also the some cars were some dekerated and loaded with mostly wimmen and children, and shouting and waving a flag or a handkerchief.

Evean some old gray heard Lady's we're marching thee derty streets, and everybody was in every day working clothes, in same boys wit out hats on there heads, and the Lady's were all bareheaded. We older men amused ar selves by discharging the fireworks and trowing those popper bombs up in the air, and cheering. Many farmers were in town to take part in the celebration, ontill 12 o clock men all went to dinner half worn out, but hapy.

The celebration was repeaded in the eavening by having a big bond fire below the schoolhouse in the park. But the next morning we felt sore when we got a report that this report all was false and that they were figting the same as ever. But we all beleave now that the fighting is over and we ar waiting for the declaration of true peace. We hear that he and the Grown Prince are in Switzerland to save there lives.

The Bielenberg folks received a message that their son Harry died in a hospital in France on september 4th of wounds received in action, In a letter written home by him 3 weeks befor he died, stated that he had ben in hard fighting for some time and that he had been over the top 5 times, and I guess the 6th time he got cilled. Leveque Whalen was in the same squandron. Ed lawn died at camp fremont Call, of Influenca and was shipt home and berried here last wednesday.

My hired man H. Lestoe was called to the army some time ago and is now Vancouver, Washington. But I now have a better man then he was. We have

the seeding all don and ar over half trough wit the fall plowing, and the sputs all out, and we had splended weather all fall, just anough rain for field work, but it has rained all last night and is raining yet, and up to this time we had no frost so to say, only a little white frost ones or twice.

I have bought me a runn about ford with a little box on back end in which I can load about 4 or 5 hundred pounds. it is the hardyest thing I have on the place, and everybody runns it, anet don't cost so much. I got it cheap second handed, but as good as new been only runn 3 monts.

Well Henry I expect you cannot come home for a while yet, and as I have told you my former letter that if need any money to go around and see the sights, just let me know by wire if neseary, and I will send it out of my perce for that purpes, because I know it is wort the money to see the sights in the war zones.

And if you can get hold of anything that you I am interested in, such as fire arms or daggers, or any other relics from the battle fields, or from anywhere els, Then get them and sent them or bring em along when you come, and I pay all expence and besides after I am nomore you can retain these things that you get, for yourself.

And if you should runn across anyone that might be interested in Bird egg collections then please get me on the line so I might get in tutch with them four I would very much get some eggs from that country.

If you ar thinking of going to our parents old homes in Germany then let me know and I would sent you the different addresses, and on your way coming back, you out stop off in Fond-du-lac, Wisconsin and visit our old homes ther.

As I am seting here at the window and looking out in the front yard and see the heavy wet leaves coming down from the trees and the grond is compleetely covered with the beautyfull yellow leaves, it makes me think of my yong days when it use to make me so happy to see them fall for that was the time when I injoyed to go out hunting, but not so much now, as it makes me thing of winter is comming soon.

Mrs. Hiot and Mrs Bolio told me the other day that tey were anxious to see your next letter in the News for they your letters were very interesting.

With love from Pappa and all J. Lorang





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Dear Sam Henry.

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The other day on Nov. 7 I was picking apples and along about 10 o'clock, Mamma came out and called to me and said that peace was declared, and to listen and hear the bells ring in town, and that they had big hangings in town, and so we went to town <sup>right away</sup>. And when we got there the people were all out on the open streets, and the stores, Banks Post office, and every other business was closed. People were <sup>marching</sup> marching the streets up and down cheering and waving flags, and <sup>all</sup> so the same were <sup>some</sup> cars decorated and loaded with mostly men and children, and shouting and waving a flag or a handkerchief. Even some old gray headed Ladies were <sup>marching</sup> marching the dirty streets, and every body

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