

Genesee, Idaho May 13th, 1918

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Amalia has been in Spokane three weeks yesterday. taking treatments from (*Dr.*) Carrol and she writes that she is improving. he says he is going to cure her. Bertha still says she is alright for which I'm very thankfull! Theresa Smolt took treatments over two months and she feels so much better. corse she has to bandage her legs yet, but she is in good faith that it will get well some day. he is very busy they say, he has his office in town now on Riverside and he has good suceses. I suppose you are getting the Genesee News every week now, then you can see where there are some of our boys and everything of interest is in the paper. there are know weddings anymore for the boys are gone or they are going!

Well dear Son Henry I hope that everything is well with you and that the Ware soon will be over and that you all have enough white bread, for we are not eating any white bread and have not baked any for a long time. its corn, Rye, barley and rice flour. it seems funny to see white bread now, but we can get along if we know that you all have enough. Well we are having Henry Lestor get to work! He is plowing summerfallows and that young Horse still kicks. she was unruly this afternoon and broke a tub then Jack kicked too and broke a tub kicking. I think he canet handel the horses very well!

I seen in your letter whate you are working on now and I think that is work that you like and whate you can do just fine. fore I know you like to sew on the machine and I'm certainly glad if you are doing something like that. you wont be in danger so much and you are inside. that you dont have to be in the

rain and storm. but I would rather see you hear. you might know that! I was wondering if you got that pillow I made you. if you did not and want one let me know. then I will make you an other and I will sent it as soon as I can. if their is anything you want and cant get it let me know. I will sent it to you! We are certainly glad that you can have a place where you can sit down and feel at home, we thank the Y.M.C.A anyhow. I know the cowboy play. we seen one in Brussels when we where abroad. believe me that made us home sick. then Papa said United States for me! But I hope you like your work so well that you don't get home sick. I'm wondering if you have any boys with you from Genesee, why don't you have your picture taken. if its only a small card so we can see how you look.

Well, we had dry weather hear for quite a while now, but we had a nice rain last week. but we are in hops we will have more. the care (car) that's the Automobiles have been running along time already. Papa went down in the Canyon a couple Sundays afternoon to get bird nests. Charls went with him. he did not get his curio house finished yet. I think he will finish it next winter.

(We believe the Curio was remodeled in 1918 and built earlier. We believe John added a new roof over the old boards, which still exist and shingled over the old boards of the building, which still exist. The key to the door dates to 1880 and there is another earlier marking for a lock on the door. The sides of the building have ship building techniques, larger boards at the bottom and smaller as you build up. These boards are also all tongue in groove. The 1884 patent owner of the Ranch was a shipbuilder. The chimney was enclosed by newer boards on the roof, the older boards are seriously worn. The chimney masonry is much better than the experience John had in 1918.)

Last Saturday we went to Moscow. Martha and Viola got a sumer coat and hats. I got myself a silk summer coat. we have Amalia's children hear untill she coms back from Spokane. I think Bertha will be home in three weeks and she will stay for awhile and Martha wants to goe to Spokane for awhile.

We had the paper hanger for a week we papert the Parlorbedroom, dining room, sewing room, and Hall downstairs and upstairs so everything looks nice now. My ankle is healed now for two weeks and I certainly feel happy that I can walk a little better now. but it is very tender yet. Well I wrote such a long letter that the censor has a lot to do if he reads every bodys letter. yesterday was Mothers day and I seen in the paper that the soldiers where going to write to their mothers. so I'm looking for a letter by the first of June.

Yours with lots of love, Mama

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