

Private George Stewart Letter from World War I, August 3, 1918

Somewhere in France
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Dear Grand Pa,

Well I will try and write a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. I expect you think that I have forgotten about you but I have not. I often wonder how you are but I never have much time to write.

I am in a French hospital now. I got wounded July 19 in my right shoulder and right foot. I have been operated on twice to take the bullets out.

They told me the other day that it would be two or three months before I can go back to sitting on the lines.

The French people treat us fine there but I wish that I was in an American hospital but we have got four American nurses now so we get along pretty good. I will be glad when I can get out and run around again. I have been in the hospital 15 days now.

France is all right and it a pretty country but I will be glad when I get back to the U.S.A. everything is different over here. This county is about a hundred years behind ours.

I don't know if you can read this or not for I cannot use my hand very good yet. I hope you keep well this summer and have a good time. I suppose you see Lila and the Babies quite often. I expect Lila takes you out riding quite often. I sure would like to see her and the Babies but I expect that it will be a long time yet before I get home.

But we are driving the Germans back some now.

I will sure be glad when this war is over. I would like to see some of the boys from home. I have only saw [sic] one fellow that I know since I left home. I have not had any mail since I got over here. I sure would like to have from home. I would like to know how everyone is.

I expect that Liona is quite a big girl now. I would like to see the boy. I wonder if he looks like me. I expect most of the boys that I know are in the Army now.

Well I hope to be home next year at this time but I may not.

Well I hope that you keep well and have a good time.

Tell everybody hi for me for I cannot write very well with my shoulder knocked out.

Well I will close for this time hoping to hear from you all soon.

From your loving Grand son

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