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I did not get as much information as I desired about your Board of Trade but I conceived it to be more of an organization for the solution of your problems and the betterment of your conditions than one to stimulate trade. In any event such an organization is a difficult one to secure popular support for and it is to the credit of your section that it appears to be in such a healthy condition financially.

Why Roosevelt Chose the Subject

What has been done in the Sandhills is so much worth while, so full of vital lessons for the rest of the country to study and copy, that I quite understand Col. Roosevelt's choosing your section as an example to write about, and I shall be very sorry for one, to hear that any of the excellent institutions that I had the pleasure of inspecting last month should have to suffer from lack of financial support. It seems to me that there is evidence of enough wealth in your section to take care of what has already been begun and to carry the work on to a successful conclusion.

Very truly yours,

"A WELL WISHER TO THE SANDHILLS."

A LETTER FROM THE FRONT

First Hand Account of Battle by
One of Our Boys

FRANCE,
8-6-17.

Dearest Mother:—

Today I received three letters from you and one from Doro, the first mail for ages.

Well, yesterday we were in action with a vengeance. You will read in the papers about the big advance they are making in this front. Well, it was our duty to go out in front and reconnoitre and ascertain if Fritz's third line was held or not. I was in charge of a patrol and we caught it hot and strong. We had to run the gauntlet of a hail of bullets and high explosive shells. My horse carried me wonderfully, jumping all obstacles but the fire was too strong and she was caught by machine gun fire and killed under me, being shot in two places, the head and the neck. Fortunately I was thrown well clear and scrambled into a shell hole and the Bosh kept me there for three hours, playing a machine gun on it. I got well down and had a smoke, set my map and took my bearing for home. When it was dusk I prepared to make a bolt for it, but the German prepared for a counter attack and put up a barrage of fire between me and the way home, he put a line of explosives and scrapal. Coming in I passed hundreds of dead and dying and one Australian (who had been shot through the thigh and the other leg broken) I helped to the dressing dug-out. Poor Beggar, it was

wonderful, he had been lying out for eight hours and when I helped him and things got busy his first thought was for me, we wanted me to get to (get for it mate).

The Regt. suffered a bit, there being about five or six killed and a lot wounded. We lost a lot of horses and really it was the horses that saved us and as the German had his guns trained for infantry and it was only the pace and height not giving him time to change the range that saved us. I am so sad over the loss of my mare (Mary) and it will be so very difficult to replace her with one that I will have such confidence in. When my horse was shot she sort of turned a somersault throwing me well clear and a young Australian ambulance chap galloped back through very fierce fire to see if I was wounded. Our troops have done such splendid work, I mean the infantry and artillery, and seem to be holding all the ground they have won.

By the bye I came across Harry Angus in a very warm corner waiting for the barrage to stop to go through with a mule convoy, he had a commission.

Well, enough of war, it is a thing we all want to forget for a day or two anyway.

Guy Bridgeman and de Lautour were safe and well yesterday. I did not see them personally, but B. Lautour did. Well I feel tired out having had practically no sleep for the last two night but should get a sound one tonight.

With fondest love,

From your loving son,
ALBERT.

The Land of the Deepening Shadow

Curtin's remarkable book of first hand observations behind the closed doors of German life and diplomacy since the Kaiser's Crime; *Cristine*, a revelation; *Under Fire*, the one great French book came this year out of the fiery furnace, as well as a careful selection of the leading hundred volumes of fiction, biography, travel and politics of the year constitute the fall additions to the Pinehurst Library.

The Library, the familiar haunt of all the old visitors and residents, is on the ground floor of the General Office Building. Under the care of Miss Lucy Priest it has become an important centre of community life. Beside the latest books, standard references and the current magazines, a bright fire and a hearty welcome are to be found there every afternoon.

The Colony Coming In

Holiday week this year found a large proportion of the Residences open for the Season, and Christmas celebrated in Pinehurst by an increasing number of the old residents. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson from Cleveland have had their places in commission for some time. Judge and Mrs. Sanford H. Steele came into Myrtle Terrace on Christmas Eve; the George J. Jenks are all united from School and College at the White Shingles. Mrs. A. C. Spring, who is building on the hill, is spending the month at the Log Cabin, and Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rutherford of New Jersey have taken a cottage for the Winter.

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