

Sig Olson Writes

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Dear Friends:

Upon the arrival of your Christmas greeting I received this evening I take great pleasure in writing you again. Some time ago I wrote you folks but as all the mail doesn't go over, I presume it was so heavy it sank in the deep sea.

As for myself, I'm having a grand old time over here. We're having a vacation here as well as in the good old U. S. A. between Christmas and New Years. Wednesday was the day we had a good big dinner. After eating all we could stand we were treated cigars and Fatimas. The Y. M. C. A. also presented us with a box of smokes and eats. Christmas is still with us as many of the boys are still receiving parcels from the home folks, so you can imagine how we gather around when the packages arrive.

Rumors are out every day as to when we are to leave but the time hasn't come yet. We all have an idea but I'm not going to tell as it may not come true. One nice thing is we're going west which means we're getting nearer the Statue of Liberty.

The weather conditions aren't to our liking after arriving here so near the ocean. It is one continuous mist and rain, in the weeks at this place I've seen the sun once. They remark here that its gone to rest for the winter.

Today we were out playing socker ball, also baseball, so we have North Dakota beat. I'll bet the snow is rolling there this time of the year.

Olaf Malde and I manage to write to each other. I hear he is now located near Paris and has been to visit the big town. This regiment has at all times been south of Paris, so we couldn't go there, but in coming we passed through, so I can say I've been there. Emil Olsen is in the mail department so he is kept busy, I'll bet.

This is the embarkation camp but it isn't like the ones in U. S. At the present time we are making our homes in barns and other buildings at this chateau. We sleep in the upper and use the lower when writing to the folks at home. We'll all have to admit that storytelling is the main pastime.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and with greetings to all my friends in that vicinity, I am

Sincerely yours,

Siger E. Olson.