

## Sig Olson Writes.

Battery A, 63d Artillery, C. A. C.  
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Dear Folks:

Well, I suppose you know that I am now in the East. Arrived here last night at 6 o'clock. I'll tell you from the start how it happened. I got into this battery because they kicked out some of the boys who were unfit to go, so they took me and another Olson from the 8th company, and a couple out of each company.

We left Ft. Worden at 9 p. m. on Thursday, June 13, got to Seattle at 11 a. m., stayed till 4:30 then left via the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. At Seattle we had a good lunch and 1800 soldiers marched in parade at 2:30 p. m. When we started out I caught cold so was ill but after lying down in my berth for a couple days I felt better. I didn't see much of Idaho but saw a lot of Montana. The C. M. & St. P. have an electric line in Montana a distance of 440 miles. It is just like a street car. There were 17 coaches on our train and two engines. Four trains ran one hour apart. Arriving at Miles City at 4:30 p. m. Saturday, we were met with lemonade, camels and post cards. We went through the southwest corner of North Dakota and got to Marmouth at 8 o'clock. I thought of home then. When we woke up Sunday morning we were in South Dakota, and got to Aberdeen at 8 o'clock. We took a march through town for exercise, and I saw Al Pittenger who was only six feet from me. I also saw his mother but could not speak to anyone.

Northeast of Aberdeen and 118 miles south of Fargo had the best land I saw all the way. Another stop was made at the Minnesota river on Sunday and at 5 o'clock we all took a bath. We reached Minneapolis that evening and Milwaukee at 10 a. m. Monday. I saw the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle company. The trains all blew their whistles here and wherever we went we were cheered. Tuesday we reached the Niagara Falls we have heard so much about. We were allowed to stop as the track was close by, and got a view of the falls and took a swim. We traveled between the Great lakes and on Canadian soil a long ways. We got to Chicago two hours after leaving Milwaukee. Next we came to the big city of New York, which we reached at 11 a. m. Wednesday. Took a boat over to Long Island, then a train out here.

This is a fine place. The first thing we saw was aeroplanes. They sound like a motorcycle buzz. We are not doing anything but sight-seeing today. I counted 24 airships in the air at one time a while ago, and as this is new to most of us we are breaking our necks looking at them and some are so high they are hard to see. One of the old men said there were as many as 150 up at one time.

I just wish you could see me at times. When we eat the food is placed in our mess kits and we go around on the ground to eat. This isn't the most pleasant way of eating but they all do it.

We expect to leave here soon so don't write. If there is anything you want send a telegram. Some of the boys send night letters to their homes which costs only \$1.30 for 50 words and reasonable at that. I