

# WRITES FROM WEST COAST

**Sig Olson Is Stationed at Fort Worden, Washington, In Coast Artillery.**

8th Co., P. S. C. A. C.  
Fort Worden, Wash.

April 18th, 1918.

Mr. C. E. Peterson,  
Binford, N. Dak.

Dear Irish:-

Being this is Thursday, it reminds me of the Binford Times, so will write to you and have you send the paper to me.

I've now been gone just a month and at last I'm settled down where I'm to stay for awhile.

In making our trip to Fort Logan, Colorado, Nick Ethen and I were in company with John Aarestad, of Cooperstown, and we three had one big time. We arrived there on Saturday, and the following Saturday Ethen and Aarestad were transferred to Fort Wayne, Mass. So, even tho we left Binford together, we're not together now. I'll guard the west coast and he the east. I left Fort Logan two weeks later and am pleased, as I've always wanted to go west, altho I wish the boys were here too.

The trip here was a long one, and the scenery great all the way. Arriving at Seattle we took a boat ride a distance of 40 miles, north, to where we are now located. The steam boats of Japan come in here and the U. S. boats also leave from here for Japan.

Drill work is all we get at present but will advance soon. The big guns are sure large. I was up to see one today and learned the size of the bullet. It weighs 1076 pounds alone and has 56 pounds of explosive inside of it, and 235 pounds of powder back of it. It is a 12 inch gun, good for 13 miles.

How is baseball, Irish, started yet? I played short for this company on Wednesday and got the long end of the score, 14 to 5. Every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon we have off, the boys indulge in games of all kinds as at a celebration.

The Y. M. C. A. is with us boys and show us a good time, such as boxing, wrestling, and many other sports. While at Fort Logan the Y. M. C. A. put on a play similar to the ones Binford puts on.

The weather out here is fine and I like it real well. Have traveled thru eight states since I left home, and were I to pick the best one North Dakota is good enough for me.

Well, Irish, send me The Times so I can read about your ball games and other things going on there this summer. Greetings to my friends both in and around Binford.

Yours truly,  
Siger E. Olson.