

A Letter from Walter Thoreson

The following paragraphs are taken from a letter from Walter Thoreson to his parents. As will be seen Walter had a chance to come home but volunteered for a six months' term at military police duty. Just imagine volunteering for that work when the rest of the bunch were going home! Walter certainly believes in giving his country a full measure of service.

Knotty Ash, Liverpool, England,

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Dear Folks:

There are so few of us left here now since they sent so many back to the States, that they keep us pretty busy. I was on the list of those soon to be sent home, and could have gone but for myself. Friday morning they called for twenty volunteers for military police duty, out of that bunch and only three of us volunteered, myself being the first. The rest had to be drafted. I am feeling fine now so thought since I had done so very little so far, here was a chance to make up for it at least in part. It may look foolish to you, but that was my way of looking at it, and then it will only keep me on this side perhaps six months or more.

We haven't been transferred yet. They say we are to be sent to either France or Germany, but that is only talk so hardly reliable. No more troops are to be sent from here to France. There are many worse jobs in the army. A fellow can at least keep neat and clean and has a good place to stay. A fellow must be at least a first class private to become an M. P. so will be made a first-class when transferred.

The weather here is most disagreeable now. It is raining most of the time—a cold drizzling rain. Quite a different winter to what it is over there.

WALTER THORESON