

## Benny Wilson Writes from France

Ole H Wilson, of this village, has received the following letter from his son in France:

On Active Service with the American Expeditionary Force. Name: Bennie A. Wilson.

Nonsard, France, Nov. 24, 1918

Dear Father and Mother:

It is about time I am letting you know that I am still alive and with the best of health. I must say that I have been lucky to go through this war without getting hurt. I had a good many narrow escapes, but the dutchmen were never able to get me. I do not know how many Germans I got but am positive I got a few anyhow. I was at the St. Miheell front when the word came to cease firing, and let me tell you it was a big day when it ended, as war is one of the most awful things that the world can ever know, and the man who comes out of it alive has an experience that will never be forgotten. We are now stationed in some woods and living in buildings built by the Germans. Our time is spent mostly in drilling.

I do not know what time we will start for home. Anyhow, it will not be for some time yet I understand that we will move from where we are now in a short time to some town where we will take up the work of drilling. I would surely like to get home for Christmas, but of course that is impossible.

There are lots of things I could write about concerning the war, but I will not write any more about that than necessary. I have not seen Alfred Magnussen since the first front we went to. I do not know whether he got killed or wounded; at any rate, I have not seen him since.

Well, I hope you old folks will enjoy Christmas at home, and we will try and make the best out of it here. Closing and wishing you both a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

With love to you both,  
BENNIE A. WILSON.