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Letters From our Soldier Boys (appears on Page one, above the fold)

The Home Town Paper Again

Former Member of Father Matthew Drum Corps Now in France. Jan. 8, 1918.

Editor of The Press:

I wish to thank the Red Cross for the Christmas box. We are very well over here in France. I enlisted with the boys of Thompsonville, but am now in the 102d U. S. Inf. Band as base drummer, and am very much satisfied with it. Music is what keeps us cheerful. I and all the rest of the boys expect to return home with victory. I have also received a box from the Alvin D. Higgins school and was pleased, and so were the rest of the boys; also the sweater and cap from the Town Committee, and we all realize that the good old town of Enfield is with us.

As I am an old member of the Father Matthew Drum Corps my work over here in the band is practically the same.

I shall be glad if you will send me The Press, as news from home is very interesting here; we always like to know what is going on at home. I received a copy of The Press from my folks and it was so interesting to me that I sat down and wrote to you as soon as I read the first page.

Trusting you will answer soon.

Yours truly. Musician Edward L. Galipeau. 102d U. S. Inf. Band, American Expd. Forces. (Passed by Censor)

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Feb. 11, 1918

Editor of The Press:

Through The Press I desire to express my thanks and sincere gratitude for the splendid comfort kit received by me from the Red Cross of Enfield, and wish them much success in the futherance of the great work which they have undertaken to perform in the present crisis.

Sincerely, Sergt. Frank Hartig. Co. F. 327th Inf., Camp Gordon. Atlanta, Ga.

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Following is a copy of a letter received by Mrs. Thomas Chadderton from her son Tom:

Jan.. 28, 1918.

Dear Ma: — Just a line to let you know I'm well and feeling fine now. I was in the hospital sick and the day I was going to be discharged to go back to my company a fellow got scarlet fever and we were quarantined for several days so that I was in there for seventeen days. The last seven days I was helping the orderly in my ward, so when I get back home I'll be able to do anything, such as washing dishes, mopping floors, fixing beds and lots of other things.

We've been having fine weather for the last three weeks; the sun has been out every day and we've be able to go out with only a jacket on. While I was in the hospital I met a good fellow that came from Chicago and the both of us used to work together.

How is every one at home getting along lately? I see by the papers that you've had quite a lot of snow this winter. I haven't received any mail since I've been down here but I expect quite a few letters when I get back tomorrow, and I sure hope there's one from home for I like to know how you all are. Well, this is all for now so I'll close with love. I remain

Your son

Prvt. Thomas Chadderton,

Hdqrs. Co., 102nd U. S. Inf., A. E. F. via N. Y.

-------w.s.s.-------------

.A letter has been received from Prvt. Henry Bradsnyder, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, in which he wishes to thank the Red Cross committee for the knitted outfit which he received in France, and he also writes that it seems good to know that they are not forgotten back home. The outfit came in mighty handy.

-w. s. s.--------------------

Corp. Thaddeus Blazejowski, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, has sent a letter home in which he states that the boys have received their first pay since leaving the U. S. A. He also says there is lots of trouble about making change as money is so different in France; ten dollars over there is fifty francs.