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Clifton, N. J.



G. Palmer

Port. T. M. Thorne
U.S. Army Ambulance Service
with Italian Army

Dear Helms! -
No time to
write letter. Will write the
first chance I get. Love do
enjoy Service letters. Fine
thing. Love

Censored by
Capt U.S.A.A.S.



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Mr Earl Reed Helms
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Carbonado Italy
Jan 6th 1918

Dear Libbers:-

I have just returned from an eleven day furlough having touched at Rome, Florence, Pisa, Milan and Genoa. On my return I found several letters from the college awaiting me.

You may be sure that I shall renew my subscription to the alumni association. I am sorry that I cannot do so at once as I am stationed in a little town, 100 miles from nowhere but just as soon as I get back to civilization I shall send you a check.

You also mention a reunion in June. You may be sure that I'll be on hand if at all possible and I am sure that I shall be in the States before June. Since I graduated the commencement of last June ~~is~~ the only one I have missed. I was able to get to class day but had to leave that night.

The biggest demonstration ever here occurred on the day the news of the armistice with Austria was received. The town of Mestre in which I was then stationed was black with people, mostly soldiers, where they all came from I am sure I do not know. All were shouting and hooting at once. The bells in all the churches were rung for the first time since the beginning of the war. Impromptu parades were organized and flags of all kinds were displayed. Italian and American flags predominated. Long loads of soldiers returning from the front were decorated with Italian and American flags. The soldiers as they went along were singing as only Italians can sing. We were hailed with joy as they passed for the Americans are very popular in Italy.

Among the Americans the news was received more quietly as we realized that the Germans were still to be beaten. We could hardly realize that Austria was out of it as it all happened so suddenly.

denly and unexpectedly. For the moment we were almost stupefied
we knew then that Germany could not last much longer. When
the news of Germany's fall came we all went almost wild with joy.
Then the speculation began as to when we could be going home.
For you, I believe, realized until now how dear home really
was to us.

In regard to souvenirs I shall probably be able to send
you a few from my collection which, however, I am sorry to
say is rather small.

Yours in Old Rutgers
J. M. Thoburn.

accepted by
[Signature]
Capt U. S. A. A. S.

January 30, 1919

Prvt. T. M. Thorburn,

Ambulance Service,

Am. E.F. with the Italian Army,

A.P.O. 901

Dear Dory,

Possibly by this time you are on the way home and this letter may never reach you. But if you are still in Italy, I want you to know that we appreciate your letter of January 6th. It was good of you to write us.

As soon as you get back in God's Country, as you men seem to want to call it, you must not forget to stop off at New Brunswick for a chat with me. It will be good to see you again ---- the last time was at Doc Bissett's soda fountain. Do you remember?

Cordially yours,

May 23, 1919.

Mr. S. Grant Thorburn,
376 Clifton Avenue,
Clifton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Thorburn:-

Rutgers College is planning to publish a book which will contain letters from our alumni and undergraduates who saw service in the Army or Navy of the United States. If you have any letters from Mr. T. McLeod Thorburn which you think may be of interest in such a publication, we shall be grateful for them. Anything you send us will be carefully preserved and returned to you within two weeks of their receipt.

We are very anxious to make our War Book as complete a record as possible, and will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

ERS/b