

News of Our Fighting Men

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Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mascher have received the following interesting letter from their son, Lou, junior who is a sergeant in the U. S. Army, and who has recently completed a vary interesting trip:

DEAR FOLKS:

I'm writing this on the train so don't be surprised if you can't read part of it. We just pulled out of Grand Junction, Colo., We left Chicago Sunday and went through Northern, Illinois, Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa, down through the south eastern part of Nebraska with its big wheat fields and through the top part of Kansas. The wheat crops looked good there too. Everything seemed to be pretty wet though. We went over to Denver and laid over for a while and then detoured south because of a land slide. We went down through Colorado Springs and saw Pikes Peak. It was about 30 miles off but looked like it was only a little ways off. It was certainly beautiful. We passed it early in the morning when mists were just rising and the sun was shining on her snow above the clouds that hung like a low halo around her as long as we could see. We went down to Carson City and then started following the Arkansas river through the Sangre De Cristo Range of the Rockies. We went through the Royal Gorge. I think one of the fellows call it that. We left the Arkansas River about Salida Colorado and then started on the south branch of the Colorado River and are now following the main river for a while at least. This is some of the most beautiful country I have ever seen. I could spend lots of time out here just looking it all over. We would go through some beautiful valley with towering snow caps on either side of us stretching as far as you could see and you can certainly see a long way out here. We hit the Wasatch Range of Mts. in Utah tonight but will be in them tomorrow too. Salt Lake is just at the western edge of them so I'll probably see my fill of the mountains, flying over them at least. We just left a very fertile valley and are heading through the foot hills again so will sign off for now, will write more later.

Got here Wednesday at 5 A. M. No time to write much. May be here 3 days and maybe 6 weeks. Are on orders for over seas duty so never can tell.

LOU

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