

The Star is in receipt of the following letter from Pri. James A Maines, 50th M. G. Co., Camp Sevier:

Thanksgiving was a rainy day; all of our outdoor program being postponed. Our mess hall was nicely decorated and we had the best dinner I ever saw in my life. We had everything good to eat and lots of it—turkey, dressing, steak, oysters, gravy, corn, sweet and Irish potatoes, cranberries, celery; pudding, pies, nuts, oranges, bananas, apples, etc. Each man was given two cigars: our officers dined with us. Everyone enjoyed dinner and will never forget it.

Camp Sevier keeps building up gradually. I came here in June with about 25 Alleghany boys from Camp Jackson. We were all in the 81st Div. I took measles and had to go to base hospital. The other boys were all transferred before I got out. It was a sad day with me when they left. I am now in the 50th infantry machine gun company. We drilled very hard and were ready to go to France when the good news came that an armistice was signed.

Concerning the hospital, the doctors and nurses do all they can for you and are just as good as they can be to the soldiers. Everything is kept neat and clean. Every soldier fairs alike; we wash our own clothes, mess plates, etc. We get plenty to eat, but some of the boys grumble. We have unlimited entertainment. We have two airplanes here, they sail most every day, often go above the clouds. The U.S. has the best guns, gas masks and equipment in the world and America is the greatest nation on earth. We boys have done all we could to win the war. We have given our service, and more, lots of us having bought bonds and War Saving Stamps.

I have bought \$100 worth stamps. If I stay here until the next Loan I will buy a bond. The government must have money. Lots of our mail goes astray, we do not get your letters; write to us we love to hear from our friends. We all hope to be at home shortly. With best wishes to all the Alleghany people.

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