

February 7, 1944

Pfc. H. S. Holmgren
Signal Corps at Large
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Dear Howard:

Thanks very much for sending me the copies of the Ft. Wood News. I go over each issue rather carefully and then take it home where Marie and the boys enjoy particularly seeing the photographs you have made.

We are getting photograph-minded and recently ordered an Eastman Auto-Focus Enlarger which we hope to operate until such time as we again have a capable photographer on the staff. Chances are we will make a lot of mistakes in trying to get started, but it should be some fun and perhaps will get the boys interested in a good hobby.

Everyone is well and the family manages to keep busy. In addition to her regular surgical dressings work and recent help on the blood bank, Marie has agreed to take charge of the residential canvass for the Red Cross Drive next month.

I don't get to see much of Dolph because he gets away early in the morning and his basketball practice lasts until supper time. He hasn't yet got into a game, but he seems to be happy over the fact he is still on the squad.

John has few regular activities, but enough irregular ones to keep him from his one and only definite chore of practicing on the piano. The boy really has a world of talent, and it is a shame he doesn't spend more time practicing.

We think about you and talk about you frequently, and we are all proud of your service to our country. Last week local bond buyers had the opportunity of writing the name of some service man on an honor roll in the theatre lobby, and John very proudly wrote "Howard Holmgren" near the top of the list.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df