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and a doctor was called. He was put to bed and some time in the night he was heard breathing very hard, and he passed away before the doctor could get to him. The funeral was held in Lawrence. He leaves a wife and two children--one of them a baby.

A good spirit has been maintained in Lawrence. We feel that you boys in the field are the ones who have the toughest job, and we take what we have to do with very little complaint. We have gone over the top in every drive and are now working hard on the Fourth War Loan. It comes at a rather of a difficult time just following tax paying and Christmas, and just before income tax is due, so that a good many feel uncertain in regard to their ability to buy; however, we are about one-fourth of the way at the end of the first week, and I don't know how many of the big buyers have reported. Our shop went over in fine shape with between \$11,000 and \$12,000.

Seventeen of our active workers are now in the service. It has hit us hard because it has taken some of our very excellent workers, but we are trying to get by and shall get by, but things are far from normal.

I have never been in the part of the country where you are and probably never will be, but I have read a good deal about it so that I think I can understand fairly well what your problems are, and I think that your group or camp or post, whatever it may be called, is fortunate to have as experienced a man as you on the job.

I presume that you know that Dr. Mott is now a Lt. Col., and he credits me with helping put him over. What I did was to write a letter in which I stated frankly what he had done and how he had gone ahead to treat the wells and drain the mud holes after the flood in North Lawrence, and did it so successfully that we did not have a single case of typhoid fever. I guess the army is looking for men with initiative and ability, and the first thing Mott knew, he was called into sanitary work at Arkansas, and the last I knew, he was in Alaska.

There haven't been a great many changes in the council, and I think most of the members are standing for reelection. Charlie Stough is in the navy and is now located in the Hawaiian Islands. C. B. Russell is still mayor and is doing a satisfactory job.

We shall all be glad to see you when you get back, and I shall be glad to have you write me whenever you have the opportunity. If there is anything that we can do in your absence for Mrs. Hall, let us know.

Cordially yours,