Letters written by Clarence Sheldon to his mother.

AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Russia
12/14/18

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up here. The others from Cuba went to France. You ask me if I need money, I don't send me any. We haven't had a pay since we went in England and I think most all of us have more money now than when we left. You ask how I keep up the insurance. I don't have nothing to do with that. They take care of that over in the States the same as with the allotment. You get that regular don't you? So Carl in weekly stayed in helped his folks. Well it's a good place for them. Wouldn't want
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well this is Sunday the 15th of Dec. Guess I will finish this up. The longest letter I ever wrote now. But they don't come very often so we will make up for it when I do write. Cth knowing a little here today. There is more fellows writing today than I have seen since we landed in Russia. Because we just got mail and guess so Leslie don't think much of the ocean trip. Well we have quite a little of it to go over before we get back. I don't mind it any if we don't have a cattle boat to make it in
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Well it's 2:30 p.m. Sunday and I will have to get some light before I finish this up. Candles all lighted, but don't think I will write much more. She madness is drowning out all my thoughts. Just got some more clothes in today.
Don't know what we will do with any more. Can't get to write another letter so will close. I got one from mother Phelps also one from Mrs. Burt. Bye.

Sgt. Sheldon
Co. F, 339 Inf.

Archangel, Russia

Written by Claire W. Sheldon to his mother,
Home, Carthage, N.Y.
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Northern Russian American Expedition France

Archangel, Russia

Ralph HeHawary
Capt Inf U.S.A.

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