

**NOSTALGIA AND SOLDIER.**

New Haven Register.

For the first time since the American troops went abroad the casualty list recorded a private in the army as dying of nostalgia. The entry was brief, and headed the department of the list of "other deaths." It said simply:

Private George Arnett, nostalgia.

Now "nostalgia" is the medical term for "home-sickness," a disease recognized by the medical profession as a disease, as more than a state of mind. It has been noticed by military authorities in all campaigns where the men were taken far from home and kept there a considerable time, and has a recognized place in the list of soldiers' ailments.

It is not hard to imagine Private Arnett, a boy alone in a strange land, in a life new to him, unable to speak the language of the country—"home-sick"—just as every American soldier boy is at times. But with him the homesickness resulted fatally. He dies there in France, far from his land and the home for which he longed.

The only cure for home-sickness is cheerful letters from those left behind. The only way to help the boy in France stave off the attack of nostalgia is to provide him with cheerful news written regularly, as promised, and written whether he is heard from or not.

The death of Private George Arnett has in it a reminder for every one.

Keep writing the boy at the front.

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