them as good a looking lot of men as the usual average from any of the far western states and territories. The sun has come out today, but not enough to roast apples, and came near finishing one of our men. Poor fellow he could not stand such a sudden change from two weeks of cold rain. It has changed in an hour to the hottest summer weather. I may possibly come gone this fall on a furlough though of course I can't say what I will do until it is far ahead. We have one advantage here which we would not have in most places that is in getting the mail every day and the newspaper daily only a few hours old. Thus we have a chance to keep well posted on the events of the day as though we were at home and some of them might be taken too soon now. I believe one year more will see us all at home. If should we fail in those places we will have years of war and God knows how it will end. Give Marion my best respect and thanks for her kind remembrance. Tell her I am truly glad that they intend to settle down in Whiteford. I may possibly live there myself some time though it is only a possibility. For I have no more idea of what I shall do than this.