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SMITH WAS SHELL SHOCKED

Has Been In Hospital In France—
Expects to Come Home Soon.

R. Berry Smith, of the 107th field signal battalion, 32nd division, writes his brother, Shields R. Smith, that he has been in an army hospital at Allerey, France, recovering from the effects of shock caused by a German high explosive shell that burst near him during an engagement October 21st. Smith's division is now in Coblenz, Germany, with the American army of occupation. On account of his injury Gerry expected at the time he wrote to soon be invalided back to the United States.

Berry Smith's battalion was the first in action on the Alsace-Lorraine front, then at Chateau Thierry, after that at Soissons and later in the Argonne forest battle. It also participated in the fierce fighting at Juvigny.