**Abandoned**: Sadness coursed through her as she wandered through the faded grasses, stopping not far from her steel road and her now **abandoned** hideaway. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Account**: "For several days there were no coffins and one witness **account** reported that 'bodies were carted away like cordwood and laid out in barracks that had been vacated for use as a morgue." (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Acknowledge**: A doe stood at the side of the road, lifted her head as if to **acknowledge** Millie's presence. (C24, p156)(WVI-3)[T-2(6-8)]

**Affect**: "You mean what's happening at Camp Devens could even **affect** us here?" (C22, p144)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Although**: **Although** Millie helped her father as much as she could, she had assumed many of her mother's chores to keep the household running. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Although**: By month's end, Millie and her father had developed a shared work routine, and **although** quiet and withdrawn, her mother began spending less time in bed. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Ambled**: Grabbing her pail, she **ambled** alone down Portland Road feeling as gray as the barren November landscape. (C24, p156)(WVI-3)

**Anxiously**: His jaw trembling, Henry **anxiously** rubbed his hand back and forth across his chin. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-7)](adv.-derivation-anxious)

**Appearance**: The doe's **appearance**, she believed, was a nod to feeling joy at the promise of peace in the world and joy for the many thousands of soldiers who would be coming home. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

Appreciate: "Appreciate the concern, fellas." (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-6)]

**Apprenticing**: "You know, I've never farmed, what with Pa's business, and then those years he had me apprenticing to learn how to manage the finances." (C25, p160)(WVI-2)

**Approaching**: She didn't know how long she stood there, finally stirring at the sound of an **approaching** trolley. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Approaching**: Winter was **approaching**; she puzzled over how she could help Papa cut and split the wood. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Armistice**: "Everyone's already talking about an **Armistice** parade on Main Street once the soldiers are home!" (C25, p158)(WVI-4)

**Assumed**: Although Millie helped her father as much as she could, she had **assumed** many of her mother's chores to keep the household running. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Available**: "There'll be a Red Cross station, and of course, Boston newspapers are **available** there." (C23, p147)(WVI-2)

**Aware**: All of a sudden, he became **aware** of the unsettling silence. (C22, p144)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Awareness**: The one thing that kept her crying, long into the night, was the brutal **awareness** that death was as much a part of life as love and laughter. (C23, p151)(WVI-2)

**Awareness**: As the geese disappeared into the clouds, she grasped an **awareness** that even summer birds sensed when it was time to move on, and it gave her pause. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Awkward**: **Awkward**, overwhelmed with his own grief, he wasn't sure what words he should say or what to do next for his daughter. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Awkwardness**: **Awkwardness** overcame her; she looked down at her feet. (C25, p159)(WVI-2)

**Bantering**: Given the lateness of the day, he was relieved to find a few regulars still in the rocking chairs, their raucous voices **bantering** over local politics. (C22, p142)(WVI-4)

**Barren**: Grabbing her pail, she ambled alone down Portland Road feeling as gray as the **barren** November landscape. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Blind**: "If there is one, Millie, now I am **blind** to it." (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Bonds**: "And of course, the Liberty **Bonds** we girls sold helped make a difference, don't forget." (C25, p158)(WVI-3)[T-2(4-8)]

**Brutal**: The one thing that kept her crying, long into the night, was the **brutal** awareness that death was as much a part of life as love and laughter. (C23, p151)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Burrowed**: Alone in the darkness, Millie reached for her rag doll, **burrowed** herself deeper in the quilt to muffle her sobs. (C23, p151)(WVI-3)

**Calm**: Wrestling with fear and worry, Henry fought with himself to remain **calm**. (C22, p143)[T-2(4)]

**Captain**: "**Captain** Lawry, secretary of the State Senate, got stricken with the influenza while visiting Camp Devens." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)

**Celebrated**: While so many **celebrated** the news, Millie felt an overwhelming sadness, reflecting on the loss of her brother, of Mr. Teddy's son, and of all the grieving families whose sons or daughters would not be coming home. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Chance**: "Mama believed from the beginning there was every **chance** Nathan would not make it home from the war." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Clogging**: "This fella read there's been more than 8,000 cases of men sick, **clogging** the camp's hospital." (C22, p143)[T-2(5-8)]

**Closures**: "And here in Portland, we're expecting even more **closures** throughout the city—almost wherever the public gathers, including schools." (C23, p148)(WVI-3)

**Collapsed**: Her legs gave way beneath her, and she reached out a hand to the wall for support but collapsed onto the floor. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Combat**: Target shooting and **combat** training the rest of the day. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Combat**: He went on to write that by the end of the month he would be shipping out to France, and that the American soldiers already there were preparing for a major **combat** engagement in the coming weeks. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Combat**: "Devens is demoralized, and all ordinary work, including **combat** training for the 45,000 men who had arrived in early September, is on hold until the unknown epidemic has passed." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Combat**: "To think that Nathan was barely a month into **combat** training, on the homeland no less, and yet found himself in the middle of a deadly flu pandemic, as it's now referred to, is, well, unimaginable." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Comfort**: "But even my fairy-tale clearing no longer afforded me that **comfort**." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Comforting**: Rising earlier in the mornings, driving the herd to pasture with her father, Millie felt a **comforting** closeness to her brother, knowing it was a chore he had truly loved. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Comment**: His **comment** caught Millie by surprise. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)] **Concentrate**: "School was let out early; no one could **concentrate**!" (C25, p158)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-8)]

Concern: "Appreciate the concern, fellas." (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Concerned**: Henry, however, grew **concerned** that Sam was taking on too much. (C25, p160)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Contagious**: "The virus is highly **contagious**," a Red Cross nurse told them. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Creatures**: Deer, she had told them, the most gentle of **creatures**, represent a promise of peace. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Decision**: "We'll make a **decision** when I get home." (C23, p147)(WVI-2)

**Declined**: Lilian had invited Sam to supper, but he **declined**, saying he had to get back to his father's store. (C25, p159)(WVI-3)[T-2(6)]

**Deepening**: Autumn, in its fading beauty, left Millie with a **deepening** melancholy. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Defeated**: "The Germans have been retreating since we **defeated** them in the battle of Amiens last August." (C25, p158)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Delicate**: The doe's soft brown eyes rested on Millie's, then, turning its **delicate** face, it gracefully leaped into the woodland. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-7)]

**Demoralized**: "Devens is **demoralized**, and all ordinary work, including combat training for the 45,000 men who had arrived in early September, is on hold until the unknown epidemic has passed." (C23, p148)(WVI-4)

**Deny**: She looked into his inviting eyes, the color of a cloudless sky, and then turned her face away, as if trying to **deny** what she was feeling. (C25, p159)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-8)]

**Department**: "Maine's **Department** of Health has issued warnings about how the flu spreads through coughing, sneezing, and the like." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)

**Department**: The Maine **Department** of Health had posted signs on every street corner offering official warnings about how the flu spread: sneezing, coughing, sharing utensils and linens. (C23, p147)(WVI-2)

**Developed**: By month's end, Millie and her father had **developed** a shared work routine, and although quiet and withdrawn, her mother began spending less time in bed. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Difference**: "No doubt the thousands of American forces sent over there made a big **difference** in the length of the war." (C25, p158)(WVI-2)

**Difference**: "And of course, the Liberty Bonds we girls sold helped make a **difference**, don't forget." (C25, p158)(WVI-2)

**Difficult**: The letter was short and his writing, now more like a scrawl, was **difficult** to read. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Directly**: Entering Sweetser's, Henry headed **directly** for the pot bellied stove. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Disappeared**: Millie uttered a grunt of a laugh, but her mother had already **disappeared** up the stairs. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Disappeared**: As the geese **disappeared** into the clouds, she grasped an awareness that even summer birds sensed when it was time to move on, and it gave her pause. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Disappeared**: By late afternoon, the day's sun-bleached clouds colored the sky in faint pinks and blues as the sun **disappeared** behind the forest. (C25, p159)(WVI-2)

**Disappearing**: He walked out to the entryway, placed a cap on his head, and nodded to his wife before **disappearing** out the back door. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Doubt**: "No **doubt** the thousands of American forces sent over there made a big difference in the length of the war." (C25, p158)[T-2(3-6)]

**Doubt**: "Don't **doubt** it for a minute, Spitfire." (C25, p158)[T-2(3-6)]

**Doubt**: "It would've been tough this time of year without you, no doubt about it." (C25, p160)[T-2(3-6)]

**Dramatically**: "Things changed **dramatically** for us." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Dreaded**: "I figured if Nathan **dreaded** the chore, it would be even harder on your pa doing it all alone." (C25, p157)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Ease**: "You seem at **ease** with this work, a real natural." (C25, p159)(WVI-2)

**Editions**: Grabbing separate Boston **editions**, they both scanned the papers. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Embrace**: Then he reached for his daughter and held her in a tight **embrace**, laughing with her as the rising sun silhouetted the stately pines against a thin line of golden light. (C24, p155)(WVI-3)

**Emotion**: Returning to the farm full of raw **emotion**, Henry wasn't ready to share what he had heard. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)

**Emotionally**: Her mother, **emotionally** unraveled, spent the better part of her days in bed, finding escape from her grief in sleep. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Emotions**: **Emotions** ran through her like a snow-fed brook in spring. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

**Energy**: Weariness overcame Henry, and what little **energy** he had left he had to save for the evening chores. (C25, p159)[T-2(3-4)]

**Engagement**: He went on to write that by the end of the month he would be shipping out to France, and that the American soldiers already there were preparing for a major combat **engagement** in the coming weeks. (C22, p141)(WVI-3)

**Envying**: She raised her face to the crowded sky, **envying** their wings, flapping with the wind that carried them to their wintering homes. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Epidemic**: "Devens is demoralized, and all ordinary work, including combat training for the 45,000 men who had arrived in early September, is on hold until the unknown **epidemic** has passed." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(4)]

**Epidemic**: "I'm also reading that it's now called an **epidemic**," sighed her father. (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(4)]

Epidemic: "What's an epidemic?" (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(4)]

**Epidemic**: "Well, if an influenza is widespread, infecting masses, then it's of **epidemic**, or sweeping, proportions." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(4)]

**Epidemic**: "So if all our cows got sick and died, it would be an **epidemic**?" (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(4)]

**Epidemic**: "But if we didn't isolate them, then the sickness could spread, potentially causing an **epidemic**." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(4)]

**Events**: "Folks are saying that it's an influenza and they're taking precautions, closing public **events** like the fair, to keep it from spreading further." (C22, p144)[T-2(4)]

**Evoking**: Startled, she wondered if her mind was playing tricks on her, **evoking** a vision of Papa and Nathan sawing and stacking wood. (C25, p157)(wVI-4)

**Expect**: "We've learned to **expect** death when we are at war." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Expect**: "I wasn't suggesting that I **expect** you to be here." (C25, p160)(WVI-2)

**Expecting**: "And here in Portland, we're **expecting** even more closures throughout the city—almost wherever the public gathers, including schools." (C23, p148)(WVI-3)

**Expecting**: **Expecting** to see his wife greet them in the kitchen, and finding it empty, Henry entered the living room. (C23, p149)(WVI-3)

**Experience**: Sorrow was new to Millie; her only **experience** had come from witnessing the death of farm animals—how she cried uncontrollably when a calf didn't survive its birth and again when a fox had found its way into the chicken pen and ravaged her hens. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Faint**: By late afternoon, the day's sun-bleached clouds colored the sky in **faint** pinks and blues as the sun disappeared behind the forest. (C25, p159)(WVI-2)

**Fantasies**: In a flash of green, her magic carpet ride passed by, its name, Narcissus, on its side, rekindling her childhood **fantasies**. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-7)]

**Fatten**: None of us have much good to say about the food here, but I know that it will only be worse in the trenches, so I'm trying to **fatten** up with what they serve us. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)

**Figure**: "Um, thanks, Sam. I was trying to **figure** out a way to help Papa with the wood...just this morning." (C25, p158)(WVI-2)

**Figured**: "I **figured** if Nathan dreaded the chore, it would be even harder on your pa doing it all alone." (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

**Figures**: Heading down the lane, Millie saw two **figures** at the woodpile. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

**Finality**: As she watched the trees shed their splendor, crumbling, returning to the earth, it only heightened the **finality** of Nathan's death. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Finances**: "You know, I've never farmed, what with Pa's business, and then those years he had me apprenticing to learn how to manage the **finances**." (C25, p160)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Firm**: "From what he read, there's been a large number of deaths, but no firm count yet." (C22, p143)[T-2(3-4)]

**Flanked**: Her father stopped, unlocked, and opened the gates that **flanked** the rail line, driving the herd over the tracks to graze on grasses grown or left untouched. (C24, p154)(WVI-3)

**Flee**: "The only place I had to **flee** to was my secret hideaway from childhood." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Flushed**: Died as soon as he returned home," Rufus added, then his face **flushed** red. (C22, p142)[T-2(4-8)]

**Forth**: His jaw trembling, Henry anxiously rubbed his hand back and **forth** across his chin. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-8)]

**Found**: "To think that Nathan was barely a month into combat training, on the homeland no less, and yet **found** himself in the middle of a deadly flu pandemic, as it's now referred to, is, well, unimaginable." (C23, p152)[T-2(5)]

**Found**: Sorrow was new to Millie; her only experience had come from witnessing the death of farm animals—how she cried uncontrollably when a calf didn't survive its birth and again when a fox had **found** its way into the chicken pen and ravaged her hens. (C24, p153)[T-2(5)]

**Frame**: She turned away, huddled her slight **frame** against the end of the sofa, a flow of tears streaming down her cheeks. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Funeral**: In the days following Nathan's **funeral**, Millie refused to go to school, believing her greater need was at home. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Gear**: We are up before dawn and run a very rugged course carrying all our **gear**. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)

**General**: Alarmed by the reports, U.S. Surgeon **General** William Gorgas sent four prominent physicians to visit the camp and report back to him what was happening. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Grasped**: As the geese disappeared into the clouds, she **grasped** an awareness that even summer birds sensed when it was time to move on, and it gave her pause. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-6)]

**Grateful**: Needing to collect his thoughts, he left the farmhouse and slipped into the pasture, **grateful** to be unseen. (c22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Graze**: Her father stopped, unlocked, and opened the gates that flanked the rail line, driving the herd over the tracks to **graze** on grasses grown or left untouched. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Grieve**: I can't even tell you how to **grieve**—just know that there is no easy way to get through this. (C23, p150)(WVI-3)

**Grieving**: While so many celebrated the news, Millie felt an overwhelming sadness, reflecting on the loss of her brother, of Mr. Teddy's son, and of all the **grieving** families whose sons or daughters would not be coming home. (C24, p156)(WVI-3)

Ground: With the toe of his boot, Sam scuffed at the ground. (C25, p160)[T-2(6)]

**Grumble**: "Said he remembered how Nathan used to **grumble** about sawing and moving so much wood." (C25, p157)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Halting**: "Lilian," he said in a **halting** voice, "Nathan, is he—" 9C23, p149)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Havoc**: The influenza that was wreaking **havoc** at Camp Devens was now infecting towns nearby; even the city of Boston had reported a thousand deaths. (C23, p148)(WVI-4)

**Heightened**: As she watched the trees shed their splendor, crumbling, returning to the earth, it only **heightened** the finality of Nathan's death. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)] **Hollering**: "**Hollering** and slapping 'em on the behind and whatnot." (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Homeland**: "To think that Nathan was barely a month into combat training, on the **homeland** no less, and yet found himself in the middle of a deadly flu pandemic, as it's now referred to, is, well, unimaginable." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Household**: Although Millie helped her father as much as she could, she had assumed many of her mother's chores to keep the **household** running. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**However**: Henry, **however**, grew concerned that Sam was taking on too much. (C25, p159)[T-2(5)]

**Huddled**: She turned away, **huddled** her slight frame against the end of the sofa, a flow of tears streaming down her cheeks. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-4)]

**Ignore**: "I kept trying to **ignore** what my heart was telling me." (C25, p161)(WVI-2) **Imagining**: He drove the cows into the barn and began the long task of milking alone, using the time to keep his mind from **imagining** the worst for his son. (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Information**: "I'm looking for **information**." (C22, p142)[T-2(4)]

Improving:" I hope you find your son in improving health, sir." (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Including**: "Devens is demoralized, and all ordinary work, **including** combat training for the 45,000 men who had arrived in early September, is on hold until the unknown epidemic has passed." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Infecting**: The influenza that was wreaking havoc at Camp Devens was now **infecting** towns nearby; even the city of Boston had reported a thousand deaths. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Infecting**: "Well, if an influenza is widespread, **infecting** masses, then it's of epidemic, or sweeping, proportions." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Information**: Hoping for more **information** about Camp Devens, they found a small Red Cross hospital on the corner of Free and Brown Streets. (C23, p147)[T-2(4)] **Innocence**: That the unwitting **innocence** of her childhood had slipped away. (C23, p151)(WVI-3)

**Insisted**: His father and Eleanor had **insisted** the need was greater at the Thayer farm. (C25, p160)(WVI-2)

**Isolate**: "But if we didn't **isolate** them, then the sickness could spread, potentially causing an epidemic." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(6)]

**Issued**: "Maine's Department of Health has **issued** warnings about how the flu spreads through coughing, sneezing, and the like." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Jubilant**: So **jubilant** were the teachers, they released the students early in the afternoon. (C24, p155)(WVI-3)

**Jumbled**: Slowly, she began to whimper and tried to speak, but only **jumbled**, incoherent words escaped her lips. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Landscape**: Grabbing her pail, she ambled alone down Portland Road feeling as gray as the barren November landscape. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Lantern**: Lilian kissed Millie on the forehead, closed the **lantern**, and slowly slipped from the room. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Laughter**: The one thing that kept her crying, long into the night, was the brutal awareness that death was as much a part of life as love and **laughter**. (C23, p151)(WVI-2)

**Least**: "At **least** he sounds in good spirits." (C22, p141)[T-2(4)]

p140)(WVI-2)

**Local**: Given the lateness of the day, he was relieved to find a few regulars still in the rocking chairs, their raucous voices bantering over **local** politics. (C22, p142)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Major**: He went on to write that by the end of the month he would be shipping out to France, and that the American soldiers already there were preparing for a **major** combat engagement in the coming weeks. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Manage**: "You know, I've never farmed, what with Pa's business, and then those years he had me apprenticing to learn how to **manage** the finances." (C25, p160)(WVI-2) **Managing**: Papa, I hope you're **managing** the chores well enough without me. (C22,

**Masses**: "Well, if an influenza is widespread, infecting masses, then it's of epidemic, or sweeping, proportions." (C23, p149)[T-2(5-8)]

**Melancholy**: Autumn, in its fading beauty, left Millie with a deepening **melancholy**. (C24, p153)(WVI-3)

**Mention**: "But I don't like all that sickness he **mentioned**." (C22, p141)(WVI-2) **Mention**: "Did he **mention** any of the symptoms these soldiers are having?" (C22, p143)(WVI-2)

**Mentioned**: It was the first time since her brother's death that Papa had **mentioned** Nathan in this way. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Moment**: Papa nodded, and for a **moment**, the hint of a smile crossed his face. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Moments**: "I lost my ma when I was just four, and yet there are **moments** I still feel the pain of growing up without a mother's love—that I could remember." (C25, p159)(WVI-2)

**Mounted**: Sam checked the saddle, **mounted** his horse, and headed down the lane. (C25, p160)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Muffle**: Alone in the darkness, Millie reached for her rag doll, burrowed herself deeper in the quilt to **muffle** her sobs. (C23, p151)(WVI-2)

**Nearby**: The influenza that was wreaking havoc at Camp Devens was now infecting towns **nearby**; even the city of Boston had reported a thousand deaths. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Nor**: "I've not been in town for a few days now, **nor** seen a paper," he answered. (C22, p142)[T-2(5-7)]

**Nor**: "I can't fix your pain this time, my sweet girl, **nor** Papa's, **nor** my own." (C23, p150)[T-2(5-7)]

**Opened**: When she **opened** her eyes, she was in her father's arms and he was carrying her upstairs. (C23, p150)[T-2(3)]

**Opened**: Her father stopped, unlocked, and **opened** the gates that flanked the rail line, driving the herd over the tracks to graze on grasses grown or left untouched. (C24, p154)[T-2(3)]

**Option**: "But I also recognized that dreams were no longer an **option**." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-8)]

**Ordinary:** "Devens is demoralized, and all **ordinary** work, including combat training for the 45,000 men who had arrived in early September, is on hold until the unknown epidemic has passed." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)

**Ornery**: Be sure to give the **ornery** cows to Millie! (C22, p140)(WVI-2)

Ornery: "You can help with the ornery cows if you'd like." (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

Otherwise: "That is, ah, unless Millie feels otherwise." (C25, p160)(WVI-2)

**Overwhelmed**: Awkward, **overwhelmed** with his own grief, he wasn't sure what words he should say or what to do next for his daughter. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Pandemic**: "To think that Nathan was barely a month into combat training, on the homeland no less, and yet found himself in the middle of a deadly flu **pandemic**, as it's now referred to, is, well, unimaginable." (C23, p152)(WVI-5)

**Parade**: "Everyone's already talking about an Armistice **parade** on Main Street once the soldiers are home!" (C25, p158)(WVI-2)

**Pasture**: Needing to collect his thoughts, he left the farmhouse and slipped into the **pasture**, grateful to be unseen. (c22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Pasture**: Rising earlier in the mornings, driving the herd to **pasture** with her father, Millie felt a comforting closeness to her brother, knowing it was a chore he had truly loved. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Pasture**: She even smiled to herself one morning as she watched two young heifers romp the quarter mile to the **pasture**. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Pause**: As the geese disappeared into the clouds, she grasped an awareness that even summer birds sensed when it was time to move on, and it gave her **pause**. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Physicians**: Alarmed by the reports, U.S. Surgeon General William Gorgas sent four prominent **physicians** to visit the camp and report back to him what was happening. (C23, p148)[T-2(3)]

**Politics**: Given the lateness of the day, he was relieved to find a few regulars still in the rocking chairs, their raucous voices bantering over local **politics**. (C22, p142)(WVI-3)[T-2(5)]

**Possible**: "I need to leave as soon as **possible**." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)

**Possible**: "Papa just worked harder, if that was even **possible**." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Potentially**: "But if we didn't isolate them, then the sickness could spread, **potentially** causing an epidemic." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(6)]

**Prepared**: "But none of us were **prepared** for his death to come about so soon and in that way." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Preparing**: He went on to write that by the end of the month he would be shipping out to France, and that the American soldiers already there were **preparing** for a major combat engagement in the coming weeks. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Presence**: Moving in front of Henry as if unaware of his **presence**, she sat on the edge of the bed, untied and pulled off Millie's boots and slipped her dress over her head. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-7)]

**Presence**: A doe stood at the side of the road, lifted her head as if to acknowledge Millie's **presence**. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-7)]

**Presence**: "Sam not only helped my father, but each day, it seemed that just his **presence** helped pull Mama through her grief." (C25, p161)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-7)]

**Presence**: Millie glanced at the rear of the interurban as if wanting to feel Mr. Teddy's **presence**. (C25, p161)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-7)]

**Prominent**: Alarmed by the reports, U.S. Surgeon General William Gorgas sent four **prominent** physicians to visit the camp and report back to him what was happening. (C23, p148)(WVI-3)

**Proportions**: "Well, if an influenza is widespread, infecting masses, then it's of epidemic, or sweeping, **proportions**." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(6-7)]

**Public**: "Folks are saying that it's an influenza and they're taking precautions, closing **public** events like the fair, to keep it from spreading further." (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Public**: After a long and restless night, Millie and her father took the earliest interurban to Portland and, upon arriving, were surprised to find a number of **public** places closed. (C23, p147)(WVI-2)

**Public**: "And here in Portland, we're expecting even more closures throughout the city—almost wherever the **public** gathers, including schools." (C23, p148)(WVI-2) **Rapidly**: "The influenza's already spread **rapidly** through Camp Devens—" (C22,

p144)(WVI-2)

**Raucous**: Given the lateness of the day, he was relieved to find a few regulars still in the rocking chairs, their **raucous** voices bantering over local politics. (C22, p142)(WVI-4)

Realize: "Realize your boy's training down there." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Reasoned**: Taking a deep breath, she **reasoned** that her father must have sought help after all. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

**Receive**: By the time you receive this letter, I will have been at Camp Devens for nearly three weeks. (C22, p139)(WVI-2)

**Recognized**: "But I also **recognized** that dreams were no longer an option." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Recovering**: "Are they just sick, and then **recovering** or...worse?" (C22, p144)(WVI-2) **Referred**: "To think that Nathan was barely a month into combat training, on the homeland no less, and yet found himself in the middle of a deadly flu pandemic, as it's now **referred** to, is, well, unimaginable." (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Reflecting**: While so many celebrated the news, Millie felt an overwhelming sadness, **reflecting** on the loss of her brother, of Mr. Teddy's son, and of all the grieving families whose sons or daughters would not be coming home. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Refused**: In the days following Nathan's funeral, Millie **refused** to go to school, believing her greater need was at home. (C24, p153)[T-2(3)]

Regret: "But I don't hear regret in his words." (C22, p141)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Regularly**: "I know we don't go to church **regularly**, but we're God-fearing folks just the same." (C22, p145)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Regulars**: Given the lateness of the day, he was relieved to find a few **regulars** still in the rocking chairs, their raucous voices bantering over local politics. (C22, p142)(WVI-2) **Rekindling**: In a flash of green, her magic carpet ride passed by, its name, Narcissus, on its side, **rekindling** her childhood fantasies. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Released**: So jubilant were the teachers, they **released** the students early in the afternoon. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-8)]

**Relieved**: Given the lateness of the day, he was **relieved** to find a few regulars still in the rocking chairs, their raucous voices bantering over local politics. (C22, p142)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Remain**: Wrestling with fear and worry, Henry fought with himself to **remain** calm. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)

**Repair**: Came back to **repair** one of the fence posts and saw three cows standing in the middle of the tracks. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Represent**: Deer, she had told them, the most gentle of creatures, **represent** a promise of peace. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-7)]

**Restless**: After a long and **restless** night, Millie and her father took the earliest interurban to Portland and, upon arriving, were surprised to find a number of public places closed. (C23, p147)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Retreating**: "The Germans have been **retreating** since we defeated them in the battle of Amiens last August." (C25, p158)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-8)]

**Risk**: "I agree, but as much as we want to see him, we can't **risk** it until we know more about this influenza." (C23, p147)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Romp**: She even smiled to herself one morning as she watched two young heifers **romp** the quarter mile to the pasture. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Routine**: By month's end, Millie and her father had developed a shared work **routine**, and although quiet and withdrawn, her mother began spending less time in bed. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Rugged**: We are up before dawn and run a very **rugged** course carrying all our gear. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-8)]

**Scanned**: Grabbing separate Boston editions, they both **scanned** the papers. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Scenery**: It was a grand ride, lots of **scenery** to take in, and once in the city, the car filled with fellas all going to Devens. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)

**Scowl**: Her father turned sharply, a near **scowl** on his face. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Scuffed**: With the toe of his boot, Sam **scuffed** at the ground. (C25, p160)(WVI-2)

**Secretary**: "Captain Lawry, **secretary** of the State Senate, got stricken with the influenza while visiting Camp Devens." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-8)]

**Sensed**: As the geese disappeared into the clouds, she grasped an awareness that even summer birds **sensed** when it was time to move on, and it gave her pause. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Separate**: Grabbing **separate** Boston editions, they both scanned the papers. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Several**: "For **several** days there were no coffins and one witness account reported that 'bodies were carted away like cordwood and laid out in barracks that had been vacated for use as a morgue." (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Shakily**: Breathing **shakily**, he gently lifted Millie onto her bed. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Sharp**: Her father turned sharply, a near scowl on his face. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Shattered**: "Our souls are **shattered**." (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Shining**: "I do not see the light **shining** from behind the cloud." (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Shocked**: What they learned **shocked** them. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Shrill**: "Then I would hear the **shrill** whistle of the trolley and...try to dream..." Millie sighed. (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Sigh**: He yanked off his hat, sat down, and let out a big **sigh**. (C22, p142)(WVI-2)

**Sigh**: With a deep **sigh**, she pushed the thought from her mind and hurried to school. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Sighed**: He looked out the kitchen window, **sighed** deeply as he watched his wife and daughter in the vegetable garden, pulling spent stems and withered stalks lying flat over the furrows. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)

**Sighed**: "I'm also reading that it's now called an epidemic," **sighed** her father. (C23, p149)(WVI-2)

**Sighed**: "Then I would hear the shrill whistle of the trolley and...try to dream..." Millie **sighed**. (C23, p152)(WVI-2)

**Sighed**: "Thank the good Lord it's over," Henry **sighed**.(C25, p158)(WVI-2)

**Silhouetted**: Then he reached for his daughter and held her in a tight embrace, laughing with her as the rising sun **silhouetted** the stately pines against a thin line of golden light. (C24, p155)(WVI-3)

**Slight**: She turned away, huddled her **slight** frame against the end of the sofa, a flow of tears streaming down her cheeks. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-8)]

**Sobs**: Alone in the darkness, Millie reached for her rag doll, burrowed herself deeper in the quilt to muffle her **sobs**. (C23, p151)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Souls**: "Our **souls** are shattered." (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Spare**: With little time to **spare**, Millie grabbed her lunch pail. (C24, p155)[T-2(3-8)]

**Spare**: Over the next two week, Sam gave Henry as much time as he could **spare**. (C25, p160)[T-2(3-8)]

**Spending**: By month's end, Millie and her father had developed a shared work routine, and although quiet and withdrawn, her mother began **spending** less time in bed. (C24, p155)(WVI-2)

**Spirits**: "At least he sounds in good **spirits**." (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Splendor**: As she watched the trees shed their **splendor**, crumbling, returning to the earth, it only heightened the finality of Nathan's death. (C24, p153)(WVI-3)

**Spread**: But whatever it is, they've never seen anything **spread** so fast. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)

**Spread**: "The influenza's already **spread** rapidly through Camp Devens—" (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Spread**: The Maine Department of Health had posted signs on every street corner offering official warnings about how the flu **spread**: sneezing, coughing, sharing utensils and linens. (C23, p147)(WVI-2)

**Spread**: "But if we didn't isolate them, then the sickness could **spread**, potentially causing an epidemic." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)

**Spread**: Then an unexpected smile **spread** across Millie's face—Sam would not be going off to war. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Spreading**: "Never heard of grippe **spreading** like that," said Henry. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Spreading**: "This so-called influenza, or Spanish flu, seems to be **spreading** across New England." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)

**Spreading**: "Folks are saying that it's an influenza and they're taking precautions, closing public events like the fair, to keep it from **spreading** further." (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Spreading**: "There are fears that this influenza may be **spreading** throughout New England." (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Spreading**: "It may be that we won't be allowed in Devens if this sickness keeps **spreading**." (C23, p147)(WVI-2)

**Spreads**: "Maine's Department of Health has issued warnings about how the flu **spreads** through coughing, sneezing, and the like." (C22, p142)(WVI-2)

**Stained**: "Only that the sick ain't getting enough air in their lungs, and get a right bad cough that brings up blood-**stained** sputum." (C22, p143)[T-2(3-5)]

**Stalkes**: He looked out the kitchen window, sighed deeply as he watched his wife and daughter in the vegetable garden, pulling spent stems and withered **stalks** lying flat over the furrows. (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Stalled**: Henry **stalled**, as if his tongue was caught in his throat. (C22, p144)(WVI-2)

**Startled**: **Startled**, she wondered if her mind was playing tricks on her, evoking a vision of Papa and Nathan sawing and stacking wood. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

**Stashed**: "Sick are **stashed** in halls, corridors, outlying buildings, anywhere they can free up space." (C22, p143)(WVI-2)

**Stately**: Then he reached for his daughter and held her in a tight embrace, laughing with her as the rising sun silhouetted the **stately** pines against a thin line of golden light. (C24, p155)(WVI-5)

**Stems**: He looked out the kitchen window, sighed deeply as he watched his wife and daughter in the vegetable garden, pulling spent **stems** and withered stalks lying flat over the furrows. (C22, p143)[T-2(3-8)]

**Stiffened**: Henry reached to pull her into his arms and hold her, but her body **stiffened**. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Streaming**: She turned away, huddled her slight frame against the end of the sofa, a flow of tears **streaming** down her cheeks. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Stricken**: "Captain Lawry, secretary of the State Senate, got **stricken** with the influenza while visiting Camp Devens." (C22, p142)[T-2(5)]

**Stunned**: Millie stood beside them in **stunned** silence. (C23, p150)[T-2(4-5)]

**Succumbed**: "We've sent many doctors, nurses, and relief workers to Devens, and some have already **succumbed** to the flu." (C23, p148)(WVI-4)

**Suggesting**: "I wasn't **suggesting** that I expect you to be here." (C25, p160)(WVI-2)[T-2(3)]

**Support**: Her legs gave way beneath her, and she reached out a hand to the wall for **support** but collapsed onto the floor. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-7)]

**Survive**: Sorrow was new to Millie; her only experience had come from witnessing the death of farm animals—how she cried uncontrollably when a calf didn't **survive** its birth and again when a fox had found its way into the chicken pen and ravaged her hens. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-6)]

**Symptoms**: "Did he mention any of the **symptoms** these soldiers are having?" (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(5)]

**Tackle**: "The business ledgers will be waiting for me to **tackle**." (C25, p159)[T-2(4-8)] **Tangled**: She finger-combed her **tangled** curls. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

**Task**: He drove the cows into the barn and began the long **task** of milking alone, using the time to keep his mind from imagining the worst for his son. (C22, p144)[T-2(3)]

**Telegram**: Lilian lay on the sofa, a **telegram** in her hand, the envelope on the floor. (C23, p149)(WVI-2)

**Throughout**: "There are fears that this influenza may be spreading **throughout** New England." (C22, p144)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Throughout**: "And here in Portland, we're expecting even more closures **throughout** the city—almost wherever the public gathers, including schools." (C23, p148)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Tough**: "I know things must be **tough**." (C25, p159)[T-2(3-8)]

**Tough**: "It would've been **tough** this time of year without you, no doubt about it." (C25, p160)[T-2(3-8)]

**Trembling**: His jaw **trembling**, Henry anxiously rubbed his hand back and forth across his chin. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-5)]

**Trenches**: None of us have much good to say about the food here, but I know that it will only be worse in the **trenches**, so I'm trying to fatten up with what they serve us. (C22, p140)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-5)]

**Tucked**: Millie let herself be **tucked** in, understanding her mother's need to tend to her only child. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

**Understanding**: Millie let herself be tucked in, **understanding** her mother's need to tend to her only child. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Unexpected**: Then an **unexpected** smile spread across Millie's face—Sam would not be going off to war. (C24, p156)(WVI-3)

**Unknown**: "Devens is demoralized, and all ordinary work, including combat training for the 45,000 men who had arrived in early September, is on hold until the **unknown** epidemic has passed." (C23, p149)(WVI-2)

**Unless**: "That is, ah, **unless** Millie feels otherwise." (C25, p160)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-6)] **Unraveled**: Her mother, emotionally **unraveled**, spent the better part of her days in

bed, finding escape from her grief in sleep. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-6)]

**Utensils**: The Maine Department of Health had posted signs on every street corner offering official warnings about how the flu spread: sneezing, coughing, sharing **utensils** and linens. (C23, p147)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-4)]

**Utter**: "In those first months following my brother's death, I wanted to take flight, as if to escape such deep, **utter** sadness." (C23,p152)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Uttered**: Millie **uttered** a grunt of a laugh, but her mother had already disappeared up the stairs. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-8)]

**Virus**: "The **virus** is highly contagious," a Red Cross nurse told them. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Vision**: Startled, she wondered if her mind was playing tricks on her, evoking a **vision** of Papa and Nathan sawing and stacking wood. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)[T-2(3-4)]

**Wandered**: Sadness coursed through her as she **wandered** through the faded grasses, stopping not far from her steel road and her now abandoned hideaway. (C24, p154)(WVI-2)

**Whatever**: But **whatever** it is, they've never seen anything spread so fast. (C22, p140)[T-2(3-8)]

**Wherever**: "And here in Portland, we're expecting even more closures throughout the city—almost **wherever** the public gathers, including schools." (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Whimper**: Slowly, she began to **whimper** and tried to speak, but only jumbled, incoherent words escaped her lips. (C23, p150)(WVI-2)

**Whisper**: "I'm so sorry, Millie," Phil said, his voice a near **whisper**. (C23, p152)(WVI-2) **Whispered**: "I know why you crossed my path," Millie **whispered** to the doe. (C24, p156)(WVI-2)

**Widespread**: "Well, if an influenza is **widespread**, infecting masses, then it's of epidemic, or sweeping, proportions." (C23, p149)(WVI-3)[T-2(5)]

**Withered**: He looked out the kitchen window, sighed deeply as he watched his wife and daughter in the vegetable garden, pulling spent stems and **withered** stalks lying flat over the furrows. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(5-8)]

**Witness**: "For several days there were no coffins and one **witness** account reported that 'bodies were carted away like cordwood and laid out in barracks that had been vacated for use as a morgue." (C23, p148)(WVI-2)[T-2(4-7)]

**Witnessing**: Sorrow was new to Millie; her only experience had come from **witnessing** the death of farm animals—how she cried uncontrollably when a calf didn't survive its birth and again when a fox had found its way into the chicken pen and ravaged her hens. (C24, p153)(WVI-2)

**Withdrawn**: By month's end, Millie and her father had developed a shared work routine, and although quiet and **withdrawn**, her mother began spending less time in bed. (C24, p155)(WVI-3)

Wonder: "I started to wonder how long the war might go on." (C25, p158)(WVI-2)

**Wondered**: Startled, she **wondered** if her mind was playing tricks on her, evoking a vision of Papa and Nathan sawing and stacking wood. (C25, p157)(WVI-2)

Words: "But I don't hear regret in his words." (C22, p141)[T-2(3-5)]

**Words**: "**Words** just out that the Cumberland Fair will be closed this year." (C22, p142)[T-2(3-5)]

**Words**: Slowly, she began to whimper and tried to speak, but only jumbled, incoherent **words** escaped her lips. (C23, p150)[T-2(3-5)]

**Words**: Awkward, overwhelmed with his own grief, he wasn't sure what **words** he should say or what to do next for his daughter. (C23, p150)[T-2(3-5)]

**Words**: "And you won't have to go now, Sam," said Millie, her **words** soft. (C25, p158)[T-2(3-5)]

**Worry**: He told his family not to **worry**, that he went into it strong and healthy and would be on his feet in no time. (C22, p141)(WVI-2)

**Wreaking**: The influenza that was **wreaking** havoc at Camp Devens was now infecting towns nearby; even the city of Boston had reported a thousand deaths. (C23, p148)(WVI-4)

**Wreath**: "A black wreath hanging on a door means someone has died of the flu. (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Wreaths**: Henry turned as if to leave, then asked, "I saw black **wreaths** on the doors of some homes when we rode the trolley in—" (C23, p148)(WVI-2)

**Wrestling**: **Wrestling** with fear and worry, Henry fought with himself to remain calm. (C22, p143)(WVI-2)[T-2(4)]

Yanked: He yanked off his hat, sat down, and let out a big sigh. (C22, p142)[T-2(4)]