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LOCAL SAILOR DIED TUESDAY AT GREAT LAKES

Succumbed to Influenza - Pneumonia After Escaping U-Boat Dangers On Mine Layer

Leroy A. Dexter, local sailor, died late Tuesday night at the base hospital in Great Lakes from influenza-pneumonia.

He enlisted in December 1917 and after training at the Great Lakes Station spent seven months in British waters on a mine layer, the "suicide ship" of the navy. He escaped from all U-boat and other dangers that beset a ship of that character only to succumb to the Spanish influenza.

On Christmas Day he arrived in New York and spent New Year's Day

DOWNERS GROVE OVERSEAS BOYS ARRIVING HOME

Local Boys Who Served Uncle Sam On Foreign Soil Glad to Get Back

Several more Downers Grove boys arrived home this week, all glad to be back in the old town and all saying so.

Cepr. Chester Hall, a member of Battery D of the famous 149th F. A. of the Rainbow Division arrived home from Camp Grant Monday.

He enlisted on April 28, 1917 in the then 1st Ill. F. A. and trained at Fort Sheridan. On October 18, 1917 the regiment sailed for overseas landing November 12. He was with the outfit all through the battles which



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And climb beside you till at last we stand
Deep breathing, waiting, hearts at rest,
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And in dear, dusty rooms so empty grown,
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By JESSICA ROYER in "Everybody's"

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Leroy A. Dexter

with his people and friends here on a five day furlough. He then returned to the Naval Station and was released from active duty only to get sick, about two weeks ago, with the dread disease.

Leroy Dexter was born November 7, 1895 in Chicago and moved to Downers Grove with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dexter, seventeen years ago. He attended the public schools here and was well liked by all who came in contact with him.

Funeral services will be held this (Friday) morning at St. Joseph's church and burial will be made at Mt. Carmel.

A memorial service will be held at Warren and Main Streets, Sunday afternoon, February 9th, at 3:30.

brought such fame to it, banners until October 22nd a few short weeks before the signing of the armistice when his horse was killed under him and he was hurt. He was sent to a base hospital when a minor operation was performed and then sent home. He landed in New York on January 20th, was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J. and then to Camp Grant where he was discharged.

He has promised to write in detail a review of the 119th's operation for publication next week.

Owen Griffith Bombed Pola
Owen Griffith, naval aerial observer, wireless operator and machine gunner, arrived home Wednesday evening.

He certainly has some interesting stories to tell of his over 200 hours spent in the air both in this country in France and in Italy.

Owen enlisted in the then 1st Illinois Cavalry in April 1917, but on second thought wishing to follow his natural bent with wireless asked for and was granted after some delay, a transfer to the navy which he joined on July 7th. He attended a wireless school at Harvard University and a ground school for aviation at the Boston Tech later going to Florida where he learned all there is to know about flying, observing and machine gunning aboard the planes.

On April 23d, 1918 he left Philadelphia for France landing at Brest. For nearly three months he was on duty at Montehic, a naval aviation station, where he first attended the school and later was on active service on patrol duty.

He was then transferred to the station at Porto Corsini, Italy on the Adriatic, on his way to his new station had quite a sight seeing trip taking in all the show places of Italy and visiting one day with Ed. Pfaff and Arno Uhlhorn, local boys with

TEN—SHUN!

DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER AND SAILOR BOYS

Each Downers Grove soldier and sailor boy who took the Federal oath to serve his country in the great war, is heartily invited by Groe Lodge No. 824 A. F. & A. M. to attend a reception to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Boys of the World War, at Masonic Hall Saturday evening, February 15, at 8 o'clock.

This form of invitation is adopted to prevent the possibility of any of our soldier or sailor boys being overlooked.

Chas. F. Knoblauch, W. M.
F. E. Dowe, Secretary.

The Boy Scout moving picture program held at the Dicke Theatre last Friday evening was enthusiastically and largely attended, especially by the younger folks of the village: it was a good way of setting before our people the spirit and work of the Boy Scouts of North America.

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