

### Downers Grove Reporter

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AMERICA FIRST!

### XMAS BOXES RECEIVED BY LOCAL BOYS

They Write From "Somewhere Over There" Thanking Folks for Remembering Them

Following are the first thanks from the Downers Grove boys over there for the Christmas boxes over local people. They were sent early in November and evidently appreciated. Contributions for these boxes were given by nearly everyone in town.

"Somewhere in France" December 30.

Dear Friend: I was not in camp on Christmas day and after being away for about two days we finally were able to get back into this part of the country to get our mail. The box from you people was waiting for me and I surely appreciate everything, for you don't know how handy they all are and the jelly and peanut butter taste awfully good when we don't have anything such as that in our regular "menu". I presume you know that Grant and the fellows have been here and we had a great time while they were. They all had the healthy army appearance and seemed to be enjoying the life. I have heard from them since they left and I guess they are all working pretty hard now.

It is now pretty cold here and it keeps us hustling to keep warm but we are all going to survive and be home in the spring.

Be sure to thank everyone who assisted in fixing up the box for us. Alfred (Straube) is not with me now but I will see that he is well taken care of.

Many thanks, Bob Carpenter

Dear Friends: I received the excellent box Xmas at 12:30 p. m. and was so glad to get it, I cannot in any way begin to express my thanks. I thank you many times for that delicious cake, it sure was grand.

I am working hard and like to work and when I think of all my friends I am working for it helps a great deal. I enjoy hearing from anyone and would be very glad to hear from any of you in Downers Grove.

Night before last I finished my guard duty and went to bed about 6 p. m. and rested and enjoyed a good smoke from the old pipe because the smokes had sent have not yet arrived and I am out, but enjoy my good old "sugar barrel" I got in N. Y.

You cannot imagine how much all of us (D. G.) enjoyed your kindness and also are very thankful to you for your trouble. It surely took a great deal of time I know and I'll bet you were tired of it before you finished. Everything came in great order and all but Towsey's box has been divided and enjoyable to all at the present for we are making it last as long as possible. Ha! Ha! His will come soon for we are still getting mail.

I suppose you all had a great time when the flags were raised. I sure would like to have seen that but I am "many miles from there now". The papers are as "banky" as usual about us. I am sure I did not see England at all and some other things I never saw and I was always awake, I tell you.

Must close for this time. Thanks very much for everything. Your very true friend, Grant (Nash).

(Extracts from letter of Gilbert Lacey dated Dec. 17th, 1917.)

This is our coldest day and tonight I think it will freeze a little. We have three small stoves which keep us quite comfortable. We received the Downers Grove Reporter tonight dated Nov. 2, and it seemed good to read Downers Grove news once more. Several copies have missed us and sup-

pose they have been lost, but we hope to get them each week now.

We are very busy all the time and I am feeling fine and do not have much time to write letters.

It seems that our cats are getting better all the time and we are all getting fat. We are all well and happy. Best regards to everyone.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day

Well Christmas is over and I must admit that I had a much better time than I ever expected. We had one great big dinner, ate from tables and had them decorated with holly, mistletoe and candles.

I believe I ate more than ever before and there was everything that one could wish for. I received all the boxes my folks sent me and just in time. Most of the boys have received the boxes sent to us from Downers Grove folks by J. W. Nash and S. J. Perkin but I have not as yet. There are a lot of things still coming so expect it will come later.

Today was very mild, it rained a little this morning but the sun came out later and it was a pretty nice day after all.

I don't think Bob Carpenter was any more glad to see us than we were to see him.

I wish you could have seen us fellows opening up our boxes, etc. I never had so much fun in all my life and will remember that Christmas as long as I live. If war will be like this, I must say I like it.

From your friend, Gilbert R. Lacey

December 26, 1917

Dear Friends: I received the box from Downers Grove yesterday (Xmas at 12:30 noon which I wish to thank my many kind friends for, it certainly helps to know you have not forgotten us although we are thousands of miles apart.

We had some feed Christmas: turkey, potatoes, gravy, cauliflower, jam, dressing, biscuits, butter, cocoa, salad, dates, nuts, candy, pie and cigars for our after dinner smokes. Some class, I am smoking one of them now. The band played and it was a great day. Major Redden ate with us and the Chaplain, 1st Lieut. McCullom as well as our own officers. We gave cheers for all.

We put a rabbit in a box and presented it to the major from Bat. C. and he started off with it under his arm.

Sacksteder and Hall also received their boxes, and there are hundreds of them that have not yet been distributed, so I am sure we will all get them. We surely do enjoy reading the Reporter if it is a month old when we get it, it is new to us.

Thanking you all again, I am, Your friend, Grant Nash Jan. 1, 1918

Dear Friends:

First a little laugh—just finished my "sewing" put a button on my pants and darned three socks. The button is on as good as a tailor from Michigan avenue could have done it—but when I got to those socks—the first two I forgot the threads underneath, "don't you know" but discovered them on the third heel and then got along fairly well. That is the first time I have sewed.

Think of me just took a bath and sat by the red-hot stove on Fred Grant's cot in my overcoat and pair of sheep lined moccasins. Guess that is comfort while drawing threads.

I can't get over that "Rainbow" I drive, some horse. I had him in a ditch the other day but no one would cover him with dirt so I still have the old fool. We were going like H— and had a counter march and was ordered to drive over two high knolls so I did and found a ditch between them covered with grass, so I am sure couldn't help it, but I am sore because no one was there with the shovel. We don't have to get up until six this week but work later so I hope to have more time to sleep. We have mud here and plenty of it, the snow is gone and all that's left is plenty of mud and water. Hello to everyone from, Grant Nash

### LITTLE THRIFTERS

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try, and your country will pile up interest for you. Buy War Savings Stamps.

Millions of "war babies" are waiting to be adopted—baby bonds. Buy War Savings Stamps.

### AMERICAN FLAG PRESENTED CO. H, BY LOCAL D. A. R.

Presentation Made at Home of H. S. Paine last Sunday by Dr. J. F. Jenness.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Co. H, Second I. R. M. with a beautiful American flag last Sunday afternoon at the home of H. S. Paine, on West Maple avenue.

Every member of the company who was present at drill crowded into the house and marched past the members of Naper Post, G. A. R., who were present in a body.

Mrs. Lavina Hannum, regent of the local chapter, made a short introductory talk, explaining the reasons for the gathering. She then called on Dr. J. F. Jenness of the Methodist church to make the presentation.

Dr. Jenness in a ten minute talk filled with the American spirit of the times traced a short history of the flag and what it stands for at the present day. He brought home the great truths of patriotism, loyalty and democracy. In concluding he said, "It is fitting that the daughters of the American Revolution should present this flag to our Reserve Militia, the things which the forefathers of these women stood for are the vital principles of today."

Captain B. E. Balczynski after accepting the banner thanked the D. A. R. in the name of the local reserve militia and volunteer training corps. He assured them that Company H, men are working hard and would continue to do so and in the event of a call by the Governor, would respond as one man.

As a final to the formal part of the program everyone present heartily joined in singing the song that never grows old, "The Star Spangled Banner."

As is usually the case where G. A. R. men gather together, an argument was waxing hot as to the respective merits of the infantry and cavalry, when providentially hot coffee and doughnuts were passed around. Both the "boys in blue" and the boys in khaki, old and young appreciated the lunch.

This was the first public chance that members of the local unit have had of showing off their marching and they were quick to take advantage of it. After lunch, "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile," was one of the many songs that were given with a will. Then, "Attention! Squads, Left Front into Line, Double Time," and the boys were marching down Main street with the flag at their head showing it to the village. Company H is proud of that flag, not only because it is the emblem of their country, but because it is the company flag. Their thanks to the ladies of the D. A. R. was given in three rousing cheers just before they left the Paine home.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO K. C. WAR CAMP FUND

The committee having in charge the campaign for subscriptions to the Knights of Columbus war camp fund, desires hereby to express hearty appreciation and sincere thanks on behalf of the membership of Nazareth Council for the splendid co-operation and generous contributions received from residents of Downers Grove.

The amount realized to date is \$2,820.36 with \$200.00 additional pledged, making a total of over \$3,000.00 subscribed. Cash received from the various suburbs is as follows:

- LaGrange \$1,939.46; Berwyn 426.25; Riverside 82.00; Lyons 40.15; Hollywood 7.55; Brookfield 54.00; Congress Park 25.00; Hinsdale 106.75; Downers Grove 139.20.

All can rest assured that all of this money will go for the purpose of keeping our fighting men physically fit and clean in soul and body.

G. J. Denney and Thomas Kelly were the local committee that did the collecting here.

### CARD OF THANKS

May the friends who so lovingly gave their help and sympathy to us through the illness and after the death of our mother, Mrs. Harriet C. Shaw, accept our deepest gratitude for their many acts and words of kindness. The Family.

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We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the kindness and sympathy show us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother. Sol. Gerwig and family

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### CORONOR HOPF OUT FOR LEGISLATURE

Dr. W. V. Hopf, coronor of DuPage county and widely known throughout this and Will county, is out for the legislature. Dr. Hopf, after consultation with friends, authorized the announcement of his candidacy.

This gives DuPage county two republican candidates, W. W. Reed of Glen Ellyn having made an announcement two weeks ago.

At the present time this county is not represented in the legislature by a resident assemblyman. All three of the present members of the lower house, as well as the state senator live in Will county, and all of them near Joliet.

William R. McCabe, a Joliet newspaper man, has made an enviable record for himself. James R. Bentley, living in New Lenox, near Joliet, the other republican assemblyman, also has done well his first term. Michael Henneby, of Wilmington, is the democratic member from this district. —Wheaton Progressive.

### AUCTION SALES

Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer

Henry Hogrefe will sell at public auction, 3 miles southeast of Downers Grove, 1 mile south of Gregg, Thursday Feb. 14, 1918, at ten o'clock: 21 head of high grade Holstein milk cows, 2 bulls, 6 head of horses, 10 hogs, chickens, 25 tons of Timothy hay in barn, and farm implements.

John Schultz will sell on the D. H. Uhlhorn farm, 1 mile north of Downers Grove, Feb. 25, 1918, at 12:30 o'clock: 11 head of cattle, 4 horses, hay in barn, corn in shock, and farm implements.

John Gansberg will sell 2 miles south of Hinsdale, Feb. 26, 1918: 29 milk cows, 1 bull, 2 good horses, 10 hogs, 5 tons hay, 150 shocks corn, and farm implements.

### The Unspeakable Turk.

This expression came into general use during the Bulgarian agitation of 1876, on its appearance in a published letter of Carlyle's to George Howard, M. P., dated November 24: "The unspeakable Turk should be immediately struck out of the question, and the country left to honest European guidance." It was not the first time, however, that Carlyle had made use of it. In 1831, nearly fifty years before, in "The Westminster Review," No. 29, in an article on the "Nibelungen Lied," he makes mention of "that unspeakable Turk, King Munchausen."

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