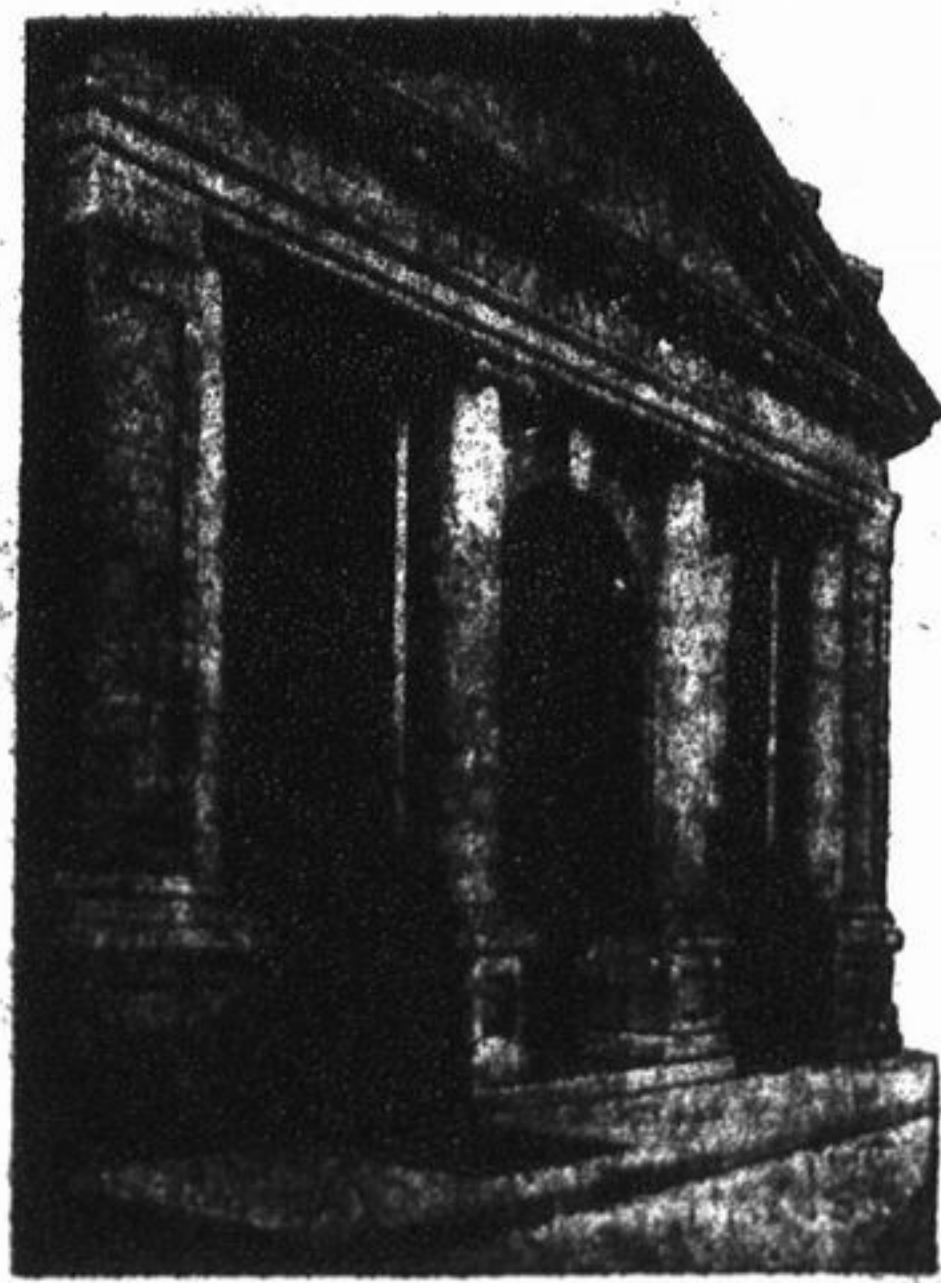


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## Come to Us for Advice

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Yellow Split Peas, 5 lb.	60c
Fruited Wheat Breakfast Food, pkg.	21c
" Oats	21c
Dried Apples, pound pkg.	21c
Old Style Wet Mince Meat, per jar.	25c
Flums, large can,	16c
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## ALEX BURNS, HERO, CITED IN FRENCH AND U. S. ORDERS

Mr. James M. Burns Has Received Letters From Colonel Telling of Sons Bravery

The following letter from Colonel Henry J. Bailey, commander of the 149th Field Artillery, is self explanatory. It was received with copies of general orders, also published with, by Mr. Burns this week.

March 14, 1918  
My Dear Mr. Burns;  
I regret very much indeed to have to announce to you the death of your son, Alexander B. Burns from wounds received in action. He died at three o'clock the morning of March 10, 1918 in the military hospital of \_\_\_\_\_ just outside of \_\_\_\_\_. He was wounded at 9:30 p. m. the evening of March 8th, while repairing the battery telephone line under a heavy shell and shrapnel bombardment. His bravery at this time attracted the attention not only of his own officers but also that of a French officer serving with the battery.  
His conduct on a previous occasion was equally gallant. I enclose a copy of my order of March 7th, calling attention to his splendid behavior, and a copy of the order announcing his death. The commanding officer of the French Field Artillery regiment along side which we are serving at the present time, on the strength of reports received from the French officer with the battery, has recommended him for the French war cross which I am quite sure will be finally awarded. Whenever it is I will see it to you.  
I was near the battery at the time your son was wounded and saw him within a few minutes after he was hit. At that time he was conscious and though his wounds were being dressed, seemed quite cheerful and said that he was not suffering very much. He had about twenty-four shrapnel wounds in his legs and back. While they were deep wounds, I did not see any signs of their being serious and so was of the opinion that he would pull through nicely. Our doctor, who is very careful and who dressed him, was less hopeful than I but expressed the opinion after he had redressed the wounds that he would live. He was carried quickly in a motor ambulance to the \_\_\_\_\_ military hospital where they have excellent doctors and all the latest means of taking care of even the worst wounds.  
Unfortunately the shock was apparently too great. He was buried at \_\_\_\_\_ at noon, Monday, March 11th, his funeral being attended by the Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment and all the officers and enlisted men of the regiment who belong to the horse echelon of the 2nd battalion stationed at \_\_\_\_\_. He was given a complete military funeral, the regimental band and the proper escort to fire the last three volleys and sound taps over his grave being present. I sent his brother in but as it is a long distance he unfortunately got there late. I would have gone personally as would his Captain, had it not been for the fact that the enemy was so active in this sector at that time that we did not feel we could leave our posts of command.  
I will send you an exact sketch showing the position of his grave so that at any time it may be identified.  
I am extremely sorry to lose your son as both he and his brother are excellent soldiers. Both the regiment and myself extend to you the deepest sympathy and hope the fact that your son died from wounds received in action and was the first man in this regiment to gain a decoration may tend to lessen your grief.

Headquarters 149th Field Artillery  
March 7, 1918  
General Orders  
No. 5.  
1. Now that several batteries of the regiment have been in action a number of times, and that the regiment has suffered its first loss in the persons of First Lieutenant Louis J. Jordan, U. S. Reserve Corps, killed, Private Louis Holmes, severely wounded and Private Kenneth Thorsen and Otto M. Swandland slightly wounded, all on the late afternoon of March 5,

## LIBERTY LOAN FLYING SQUADS COVERING TOWN

First Prospects Bright as Bond Committees Make Their First Report to Chairman

Sixty-two representative men of the village made a house-to-house canvass this week in an endeavor to find out just where every Downers Grove resident stood in relation to the Liberty Loan. Incidentally they sold many of the third issue to those who were ready to buy.

Working under the direction of the Downers Grove Liberty Loan Committee they have compiled a list of nearly every Downers Grove resident, showing war facts of interest to the committee. Among the questions filled out were bought? 1st, 2nd and 3rd loans and where on the third, will not buy and why? what are they doing to help the government in the war?

When this card index system is completed the committee will have a line on almost every wage earner in the village, their financial standing and what they are doing in relation to their means.  
Downers Grove's quota on this loan is \$90,000. From reports turned in to the committee last night the chances are favorable that we will go over the top on our amount—BUT—it will take the combined efforts of the entire village and farming community to do this. That was clearly seen as each team reported.  
Mr. Curtis, chairman for this district, wishes members of the flying squadrons who have not yet reported to do so at once to either him or E. H. Huntington, chairman of the local committee.

Members of the committee have turned in many subscriptions on which the initial payment was not made. People subscribing said they would pay this at either the Farmers & Merchants or the First National Banks. They wish to impress on these folks that their bonds do not count in the Downers Grove total until this first payment has been made and it should be made as quickly as possible.  
Carl J. Staiger, committee on fraternal organizations is getting busy with the different societies and reported that the outlook for selling is good. The local campaign is being handled in the right way. Members of the flying squadron are impressing on the minds of our residents that Downers Grove must not fall behind on their quota and that every individual must buy or present a very good reason for not doing so. They are not insisting on purchases where circumstances show that it would be a hardship to invest. This is the only fair way and a little thought on the matter will bring it to everyone in this same light.

On the first two issues many bonds were sold to local people by the Burlington and were not credited to us. We have been assured by those in charge of the selling campaign in the "Q" office that we would receive proper credit on this loan. If we do it will help greatly in filling our quota and with the starting total of \$90,000 staring us in the face every helping hand is welcome. Burlington people can safely buy at the office and rest assured that we will be credited. All others, however, should first make sure that our district will get proper credit before investing anywhere but at home.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at the First National bank next Tuesday night at which time bond salesmen are expected to have a full report on their entire district.  
Members of the flying squadron are

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| A.C. Miskelly   | P. Beckman     |
| G.E. Bell       | C.E. Graves    |
| Stanley Brown   | Walter Chesman |
| W.B. Towles     | Hulbert Jones  |
| John Bolsby     | R. Knoblauch   |
| Fred Buschman   | King Bush      |
| R.E. Rasmussen  | Lester Barr    |
| B.M. Carpenter  | W.S. Ellis     |
| U.E. Singletary | E.L. Dickerson |
| T.A. Verdenius  | G.O. Prickett  |
| J.M. Perkin     | J.B. Jenkins   |
| Walter Lyman    | T. Tizard      |
| Guy L. Bush     | A.F. Brevalier |
| Dr. Barber      | Ed. Huntington |
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## An Appeal To Coal Consumers!

The State Fuel Administrator has urged every consumer in the State to load his bins during the Summer with his next Winter's supply.

This will take a great burden off the railroads during the winter months when they operate under difficulties. See full particulars in another part of this issue.

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