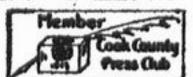
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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOCAL BOYS

"Somewhere In France' March 15, 1918.

Dear Mr. Staats:

Just'a few minutes ago I finished reading completely the last Reporter which I have received and wondered if you realize how much we appreciate it. The only way we have of recalling and again anticipating "the days of real sport" is by mail and the Reporter ranks with my first class mail and I read it just as thoroughly, believe me. I enjoy reading the social and military life of Co. H, I. R. M and if they show as much pep as your articles point out I wish they could be over here and instill some into us. After being in this country for seven or eight months it has become a pretty tough life and all we hope for now is to get friend Bill by the neck and come back where we can get up and go to bed without

At present I have the honor of being blessed with a month of guard; duty and last night I put in walking Dwight and Harry, the post and trying to get a little sleep during my few hours off. Yesterday morning we went on a short hike only about fourteen miles and after doing my hiking on a truck for six months my gun kept getting heavier and heavier until my back began to bend and my knees weaken. This hapmened on the going trip and from our direction I figured that we would end up in about the prettiest little town I have had a chance to visit and that we would be allowed to fall out for while and rest. We were going fine, just the way I had it doped out and were just at the edge of town when, "squads left about" and back to camp we had to hike with only ten minutes to rest on the way. Our guide coming back was a fellow abend six feet and a half in length and he marely stepped it off which kept us little fellows running about two thirds of the time. In the afternoon Gen. Pershing was to have been here but he did not look me up so I

did not see him. two trips, each about ninety miles, ing friend and keep a good share for know this in order to properly adjust blong wenderful reads and thru mighty pretty country and as both days were bright and warm I really 'anjoyed them and they helped a lot to break the monotony of our regular duties. Scattered along the roads practically all the way are large vil-Ins, country homes, owned by the very best people of France and altho they are surrounded by either a high stone wall or hedge, every now and then we could look thru. They are very well kept and have large grounds with a massive old fashioned mansion set back near the rear. I re- here, but every one of us are more every Sunday if we desire, which Parade which was the best we've had member one that I now have in mind than anxious to get out of here and nearly everybody does believe me. had several large rosebushes in bloom on our way over, and I think the pros-

CHARLES H.

Hawkins

we have it on you as far as weather will be forwarded to me until I send goes if nothing else. Today is clear you a new address. Thanking you in and the sun is shining brightly, we advance and hoping that everyone in have been on duty this morning with the "Best Town on the Globe" is O. no overcoats and at present, about 2 K. I am, o'clock, it is warm enough to leave our blouses at our bunks. The nightare cold however and our blankets Truck Co. B, 108 U. S. Supply Train, still feel mighty good.

The bugle calls again, as usual.

Mr. Jim Perkin.

Downers Grove, Dear Friend:

not just remember if I have written globe is certainly getting to b. well you since we received our Xmas boxes represented. or not but I feel pretty sure that I did. We have so many things to do and so little time to do them all in we hardly know what we do or don't. Dear Bro. Walt: At any rate you can see I have had I am starting this letter today with you on my mind. Jim words can no intention of finishing it until Sunnever express to you and the people day at least. I honestly believe that of D. G. what you have all done for outside of the men at the front, we us boys, and we all thank you many, are the busiest unit in the army. From

ing some wonderful experiences and and lecture periods, and about an I guess they would give anything to hour and a half of drill. At 7 p. m. hadn't done that I surely would never

springlike very different from what study until 9. So you see we have Ha. He's a heller. you people at home have been having, very little time to ourselves except I received boxes number four and Our winter has been indeed very mild from Saturday noon to Sunday night five. Sure are great and many, many but quite damp This dampness of at ten. Of course this is all for a thanks. The shoes and hose, everycourse makes us subject to colds etc., purpose. This is only supposed to be thing is just great. Glove never could but the army hardening process has an eleven weeks course. The Carne- be better. You can't imagine how put us in such a condition that we gie Institute of Technology has been much joy and thankfulness ran thru

had the old Cole here as the French anics. There is another bunch taking Ha. But I guess you understand, the hospital getting a sprained ankle us now the theory of electricity, and hose, etc, in my bag while I was in Burns boys have not been in Camp by constructing wireless stations, and things came in the "knick of time." are on the go most of the time. Our tus on aeroplanes and also the base the thanks I've got, time is limited so will have to close, stations. We are also continuing the Last week I was lucky and made Give my best regards to any inquir- study of telegraphy, as we have to yourself and Mrs. Perkin.

> I remain, your friend, Gilbert R. Lacey.

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As I haven't written for some time to our knees nearly. and fruit trees in blossom. I think pects are pretty good for an early

Hawkins

start. I am, and I know the rest of the fellows are, getting rather impatient, when some of the D. G. boys are already in the fight, and I assure you that the call to break camp cannot come too soon, although we'd like to get back to D. G. for a few days before we go over.

Since you heard from me last, I B, 108 Supply Train, and certainly am well satisfied. The only thing I lack is the Reporter, nearly the most looked for piece of mail of any of the D. G. boys in the service. I certainly would appreciate it very much if you would forward me a copy of the Re- you an estimate now. porter, as from now on I will be separated from the rest of the D. G. boys in the 33rd Division and I don't want supposed to leave here soon for the trucks, as the ones we have in this camp will not be used "over there," So I may be able to get to D. G. be- Peninsular Stoves fore leaving for the point of embarkation. For the present you can send

Yours truly.

Corporal J. Richard Hawkins. Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

P. S. Since writing this, and while Bob Carpenter. waiting for pay day and star ps, went over to see Billy Shannabrook, March 12, 1918. who just arrived from Camp Grant He is the same old Billy, and it certainly was more than a treat to see him. I've been told that Ballard It has now been over a month since Miles and Stephen Sacksteder are received your welcome letter. I do here too, so the best little town on the

> Pittsburg, Pa., April 10, 1918.

first call at 5:25 a. m. to 9 p. m. our We are still '--- Sam, George, schedule keeps our noses to the grind

During that time we have seven yet or not. They are miss- hours of class work, viz: recitation we march over to the Schenley high have been able to hear any more The weather here is beautiful and school about four blocks away, for "Bosch" shells whistle over my head, turned over to the Government for me when I got these boxes. Gil and G. Nash is still around wishing he this course to make us Radio Mech- I are sure tickled too, no not to death. reads can't be beat and we would like some course also. I don't know the to try them out. Fred Edwards is in exact nature of it. They are giving packed my high shoes, trench cap,

We have moved twice Our duties after finishing, I under- good under my old "tin derby," since Grant wrote you so you see we stand, will be on the wireless apparaand repair the radio outfits.

It is very interesting work all the Dear Dad: way through.

fellows here too. Our barracks are Have some good news. Yesterday we Via New York. very good. We are in the ball-room had a Band Contest here at camp and

quite hard all day making slush up ing and playing.

I thought I'd drop you a line and let I don't like Pittsburg as a town and the band leader and myself are you know that Downers Grove's rep- very well, altho the people treat us the youngest band leaders of any. resentatives in Camp Logan are still fine. We can go out to dinner nearly Today we had another Divisional

> Well Walt I managed to finish after all as we didn't drill tonight on ac- excellent showing. count of the bad weather. I'm going mess now. Tell all the boys hello oma paper but it kind of gives us

Yours sincerely. Arthur G. Coe.

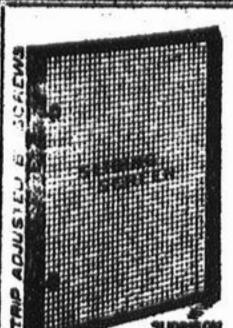
The following two letters are from Grant is "over there" and his brother for the judges were officers and showat Camp Lewis, Washington.

(?) France, 3-16-18 Dear Folks:

It is nearly a week since my last letter, but I can't help it. At the end of about two weeks I expect to write several letters and will try and write School. you oftener until we return to the front which will be in a few weeks fine after we get to our rest camp.

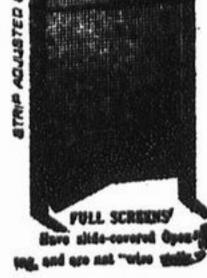
Wednesday night I had a fine chance to write, left here about six and got back about six, a. m. and believe me

we had some work while out. I got my horse back from the Wednesday, and as I worked at the to put a "twist" on to groom. If I the Constitution.



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fixed up. Haven't heard but guess dynamos and motors etc Later we the hospital and sent it all away with he is getting along alright. The will get the practical application of it the others, so you can see all these That's a dandy cap and sure feels

Will write later, Love to all and all

Your boy, Grant

Camp Lewis, 4-11-18

About time for you to drop me a There is certainly a fine bunch of line Dad as your month is up. Ha. of the Masonic Temple which has we "364th" walked away with first prize. Ten bands contested so you It turned cold last night and snowed see we had to be good. It was march-

> We sure feel proud I can tell you so far. About 30,000 men. The boys sure march swell now and made a

Am enclosing a clipping from Tacrub as usual for they don't like us California boys any too well.

The 362nd regiment hand is made up mostly of Tacoma boys and they naturally are very much disappointed Grant and Forrest Nash, sons of Mr. in not getting first place. But we and Mrs. J. W. Nash, to their parents, give them the ha, ha, just the same, ed no partiallity.

> Our regiment is going on a fifteen mile hike tomorrow but the band isn't going for we are ordered to play s concert for the Officers Training

Everything is O. K. and am feeling

Love to all,

Forrest

Star for Every State. It is literally true that there is a star "mange ward" and drove him all night in our flag for every state. The law of 1912 that gave the stars their present arrangement provided that the stars, gun position all day Thursday, my if you start at the upper left-hand corhorses were not cleaned until Friday. ner and read each of the six rows from That one (he is a mean cuss) I had left to right, shall correspond to each



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