

# Downers Grove Reporter

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O'er The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave."



## LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

Tom Shultz Describes Scenery  
In England And France  
France, June 27, 1918

Dear Brother:

Your letter of May 27th. from Oskaloosa received this morning along with nine other letters including two from mother. It was the first mail we had received for weeks, in fact since leaving U. S. A., so you can perhaps imagine it made us feel good. Was especially glad to get yours for I was in doubt as to your address.

I sure had one dandy trip across the pond, wasn't a bit sick and enjoyed it thoroughly even if it did seem to be a long, long ride. Was in England for a short time, passing through some historic old towns and cities. It is a very pretty country, just like one large park, and the people seemed to think the Yanks were O.K. It is a dinky place though and everything is done on a much smaller scale than in the good old U. S.

I am sure you would laugh to see their railroads. We all say we are going to take one of the cars home with us for a watch charm. You hardly ever see one with a capacity of more than ten tons, not much if any larger than one of the cars used in our larger coal mines. Then too their money system is so out of date, why if one had a couple of pounds in small change he would have to get a wheelbarrow to carry it away.

Had a nice trip across the channel. Wish I could tell you all about it but you will have to wait for details. Landed at a certain French port, marched through the city to a camp located on a high hill where we rested till next evening. We then boarded "side door pullmans" and had a nice little journey of two days and nights passing through some very pretty country. Passed through the outskirts of the city where Norman Anderson spent his furlough and stopped one evening at a cute little village entirely surrounded by hills. It started to rain soon after we arrived so we pitched our little shelter tents in a hay field and went to bed, being awakened the next morning (Sunday) by the church bells ringing. Then without eating breakfast we broke camp, loaded up in motor trucks and had a fine ride high up in the hills to our present location. Am very comfortably billeted in a barn and sure consider myself lucky to have such a good place.

These French towns are very pretty when you see them from a distance, but when you get close, hold your nose. Everything is older than the hills, the streets are narrow and very dirty, in fact, everything seems to be about as inconvenient and primitive as they possibly could be. Up here you don't see many horses. The country people use oxen instead, and it certainly is a funny sight to see them coming up the road pulling a large load of hay.

Haven't seen Gale Washburn or any of the Downers Grove boys except Manly Alderson, since landing in France, but I understand they are located in one of the nearby villages. Don't suppose I will have much time to write from now on but will do the best I can and surely will be glad to hear from you. Remember me to everyone in Downers.

As ever  
Tom. (Shultz)  
Battery A, 123d. U. S. F. A.  
A. E. F. France.

Letter from Arthur G. Coe  
August 8th. 1918.

Camp Merritt, New Jersey.  
Mr. C. H. Staats,  
Dear Sir:

Will very briefly say that our outfit is preparing to leave and would like to ask if you would very kindly send the Reporter to my address over seas. I certainly have appreciated it very much. News of home events and also of the other boys in the service that cannot be obtained in any other manner are thus obtained.

Suppose Walter is getting along fine at Leavenworth. Best regards to the Reporter and its staff. In haste,  
Yours very truly,  
Pvt. Arthur G. Coe.  
Radio Mechanics Detachment,  
Aviation Section, A. E. F.  
Via Hoboken, New Jersey.

Wm. Brady Somewhere at Sea is  
Glad to Get Reporter

U. S. S. Gloucester.  
Aug. 11th. 1918

Dear Mr. Staats:

Just a few lines to let you know that I receive the Reporter regularly and also want to thank you for it, as news about the home town is always welcome. I also read those letters from the boys "over there" and they sure are interesting. I also read in the Reporter that Wilson Davis is somewhere on one of the Receiving ships New York, so I wrote to him, but so far have not received any answer. If his address has been changed I wish you would please give it to my mother so I can write to him again.

There is not much news only that I am doing patrol duty along the Atlantic Coast. I cannot think of any more news so will close for this time. Thanking you again I remain,  
Yours truly,  
William J. Brady.

### THREE FLAGS.

By George McGinnis.

The old Tricolor swings to the right,  
To the left the Union Jack,  
And a new flag comes to the smashing fight,  
To drive for the next attack;  
A flag that has guarded a stainless shield,  
A banner of stripes and stars,  
And now, when the bugle has once more pealed—  
Now, when the three start down the field—  
God pity the trench that bars.  
The old Tricolor has gained new heights,  
And so has the Union Jack;  
And the flag that comes where the shrapnel bites  
Will never be driven back;  
The flag that has never yet been furl-  
ed  
Or stopped by the driving fates;  
And now, when the cannon smoke has curled—  
Now, when the three start down the world—  
God pity the Hun who waits.  
The old Tricolor is dripping red,  
And so is the Union Jack;  
But a new flag comes to the work ahead.  
To start for the next attack;  
A flag that was never known to stop  
At the end of a testing fray.  
And now, wherever the shells may drop—  
Now, when the three go over the top—  
God pity the trench at bay.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS AID ALL IN SERVICE

Welfare Work Conducted in 45 Army and Navy Concentration Centers

Christian Science camp welfare work is now being carried on in forty-five army and navy camps in the United States under direction of the Christian Science War Relief and Camp Welfare Committee of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. There are at present about seventy men and fifteen women engaged in this work, the women serving as welfare room attendants.

Conducted at first independently, the camp welfare work has been merged with the war relief work which the Christian Scientists were doing in foreign countries before the United States entered the war. For both these purposes about one million dollars have been raised.

The aim of the Christian Science camp workers is to be as helpful as possible to all the men in the camps, whether or not they are Christian Scientists, and particularly to give assistance which may not be available at the time or place through any of the other camp welfare agencies. A feature of this phase of the work is an arrangement for keeping soldiers and sailors in close touch with their relatives.

Quick Communication  
Cooperating with the committee in Boston, there is a Christian Science camp welfare committee in each state. The committee in the home state of a soldier or sailor cooperates by mail and telegraph with the committee of the state in which he is camped or stationed to form a direct and constant link between the soldier or sailor or his relatives. Thereby the relatives are quickly made acquainted with needs of their boy in the service, and he is provided with an avenue of quick communication with home.

This linking of home and camp, combined with the personal attention of the Christian Science workers in the camps, has frequently been the means of changing a soldier's outlook from one of gloom to one of joy, and not infrequently has proved to be the means of relieving relatives of financial embarrassment, the committee in the home state making loans for use by the relatives until their boy in camp should be prepared to forward money to them.

Healings Recorded  
The net result, for which the Christian Science committees and camp workers have received many commendations, has been a noticeable raising of the morale of many men in the service and the development of a better feeling at home regarding the participation of their boys in the service.

The camp workers say there is an increased willingness among the commanding officers and surgeons to allow Christian Science treatment for those who ask for it, and many Christian Science healings have been recorded. Recently, two requests for Christian Science services in hospital wards were received by camp workers from medical nurses who had observed the beneficial effects of Christian Science treatment.

In or near numerous camps, the Christian Science committees have erected substantial buildings, with quiet places for reading and writing, and other buildings are in course of construction. A light touring car has been added to the equipment of the Christian Science camp workers at each camp to be used wherever and whenever possible in assisting the men.

### THESE WON'T PLEASE KAISER WILHELM

American Clergymen Of German Lineage Do Not Seem To Think God Is On His Side.

Here is more gloom for Kaiser Wilhelm!

German pastors of German churches in all parts of Illinois are praying every Sunday for his downfall. They refuse to accept his partnership with God.

As exhibit "A", there is Rev. W.J. Kaiser, who writes the State Council of Defense from Darmstadt, on a rural route from Lenzburg, Ill., (could the flavor be more German?) and says:

"I urged my members, as I have done frequently, to make the cause of our country their cause, and to do all in their power to bring us victory. We offer up a special prayer for victory after every sermon. God grant us victory and lasting peace."

The Kaiser might possibly misconstrue that letter, though it was unmistakably America that the Rev. Mr. Kaiser meant; but here is another from one of Kaiser Wilhelm's fellow Prussians, F. J. Schaff of Hennepin, Illinois:

"For twenty-nine years I have been waiting for this chance to do my part in helping wipe off the face of the earth that Kaiser and his brutal force. I have been lecturing in many parts of Illinois since we have been at war, and am actively engaged in every war measure. I thought I was not doing

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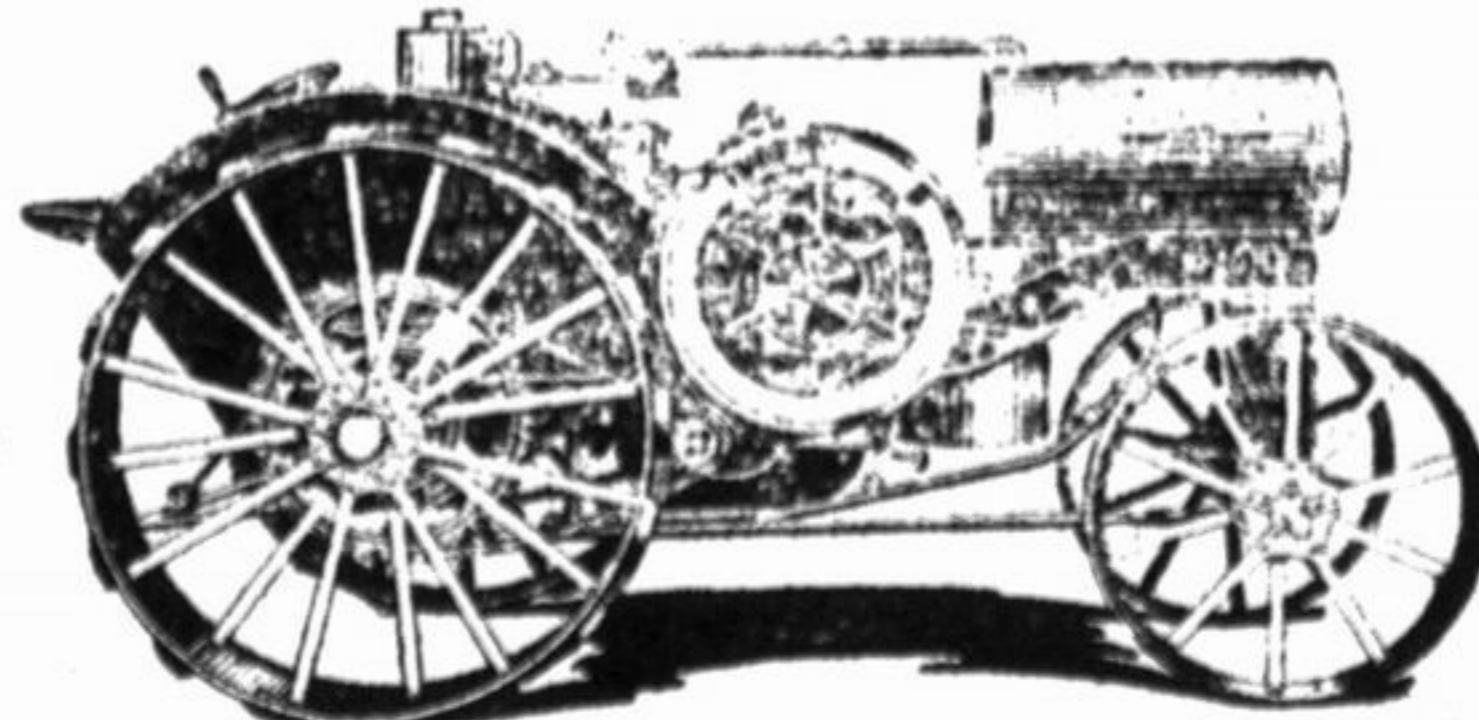
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The Titan Tractor is at work here to home and also at the front so what praise we give the Titan is not out of place.

A farmer owning a 10-20 Titan has no worries, he can do any kind of work such as threshing, silo filling, grinding, sawing wood, cutting grain, plowing, seeding and a great many other things with it and when he stops work he does not have to have a barn full of oats, corn and hay to feed out.

We will give a demonstration of plowing with a 10-20 Titan on the farm of J. Klein occupied by John Gansberg Imile south of Downers Grove on the East Grove road on THURSDAY AUGUST 22nd. COME AND SEE THE BEST OF THEM ALL.

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Great Iceland Coal Fields.  
The Iceland coal fields will supply 190,000,000 tons equal in quality to the Scottish coal.

That's All We Need.  
We could all be better, we think, if only the people around us would alter their ways and give us a chance. We hunger and thirst after righteousness—in our neighbors.