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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

L. E. POTTER APPRECIATES REPORTER

San Antonio, Texas, August 21, 1918 Mr. C. H. Staats, Downers Grove, Ill. Dear Sir,

Would have written some time ago; to express my appreciation for the regular arrival of the Downers Grove Reporter this long time past but was in hopes of getting a furlough which would make it possible to do it per sonally. However, the situation at this post just now is such that furloughs are almost an un-known quantity, and I have had to give it up for the pre-

I am in the Balloon Division of the "Air Service" which was formerly known as the Aviation Section, Signal Corps. Our camp or post is a comparatively small one. There being not more than 1400 men here during the summer. However, it is to be en larged to accomodate five and six thousand men. Over two thousand July 3, new men have come in during the past two weeks and three companies near the 4th., the weather is hot hundred men cach have gone on their way during the same time and more men are coming in every day. We are very favorably situated, being only a mile from the finest resi dence sector of San Antonio and with unusually convenient transportation to town.

tainance of camp buildings.

It is now outgoing and a real Head- drill on the guns and on the other and dropped pamphlets, will be here, al other little drives in the interim. quarters Co, is being organized and half we exercise the horses. to which all special duty men are to July 14. be transferred. This means that it will This is France's Independence day be some time before I get to go ac- and I suppose in larger places there ross, probably not before Christmas.

The entire camp is devoted to the training of men in the handling of balloons. They are captive balloons other Sunday to me. being controlled by means of steel cable and gasoline winches. The cli mate is very favorable here for this kind of work, there being little time lost because of bad weather. Four balloons are kept in the air from day break till dark and it is expected that the number will soon be doubled.

I wish to thank you for the receipt of the Reporter up to the present time and also those who have made it possible for it to be continued. The letters from the boys in the various sections of the service, both here and over there are excellent news and thoroughly appreciated as well as the GERMAN PRISONER home news

Yours very sincerely, L. E. Potter.

40th. Balloon Co. Camp John Wise, Dear Folks: San Antonio, Texas.

ONE OF THE BOYS

Friend Mr. Staats: This is some trip and the ocean was Gardner a letter and see how he is world. calm all the way across with the ex- coming. ception of one day it was a little rough. I have been receiving the Re- gauge railroad that they use behind women will do, and their prospects porter right along and am certainly the lines to haul up supplies. They glad to read the news from home. I use about a 12 pound rail, small steam

write very good. I will write again the front. This certainly simplifies

FINDS AN OLD REPORTER. GLAD? READ HIS LETTER

June 18, 1918

Dear Mother: I have not had a chance to write you for quite a while, in fact there is not much to write about, that is that we are allowed to write. We are billited here in this hamlet and it certainly reminds me of "back on the farm." But this country has the most beautiful spots I ever dreamed of. We came here in the evening and it sure about it being the greatest under

I wish I had taken French in High School instead of German, I might be able to talk enough to get by with n, all the panoply and implements of I was washing my clothes this afternoon when an old woman came up after a long time we found that she and tried to tell us something and was telling us that there was a woman down by the railroad track that would do our washing for two francs, which is about thirty-nine cents in our money

It don't seem possible that it is so enough but I have not even heard a

by our Colonel and there is to be a and every phase of air fighting is to ball game and races and at night be illustrated before the show is endwrestling and boxing. We expect to ded. Not only will American aircraft have some day out of it. They are in be shown daily - in the air -but there the midst of having over here and the are on the program flights by the Have been here sinc March 9th., work almost day and night. It looks cracks of the French, British and was made Corporal four months ago a furne to see the vomen and girls Italian air services who will use ail and have been acting in capacity of an king in the fields, I say a ten kind of machines from the little and Sergeant since that time, in charge year old boy and sirkly looking swing swift Bristols and Spads to the heavy of the camp carpenter shop and main- the seythe all fore noon, I felt like Caproni bombers. One of the identigoing out and helping them. I am in cal machines of the Italian squadren when they read the announcement The 40th company has been coast, a gun crew over here and like the under command of Gabriel D'Annun- that there is to be a drive for another dered though not authorized as such, work real well. One half the day we zio, which recently flew over Vienna Liberty Loan next month and severon the way to Chicago.

is a lot of excitement, but there isn't any here. Outside of a few flags flying it is not any different than any the soul .-- Young.

Don Hawkins got a Downers Grove Reporter yesterday. It was dated May 31, but we read it all thru and thru. it is the first bit of news outside of Floyd's letters that I have heard since I came here and it did seem good to have the home news.

July 17. I received another letter from you today and I certainly was glad to get it. The weather is very hot here now. I am drilling on the guns everyday now and also on the gas masks.

FORMER CHICAGOAN

Clifford W. Davenport.

A. E. F. August 3, 1918

Received a letter from Hazel a few days ago dated June 30th. We were away from our regular army camp at the time doing some rail-WANTS REPORTER road work. Half of the Company went one week, and half the other, and as On Board Ship. July 11, 1918. Wells and I were in different sections. we din't see each other for two weeks. I thought I would write and let I have not seen any of the other gou know that I am on my way across Downers Grove boys since we have ready to fill positions and be paid but your reason fairly shouts to you at last. We expect to land very soon. been in France. Guess I will write for their services in the business that if YOU were left in the lurch

will thank you very much if you will locomotives, flat cars and box cars send the paper to my new address. of a nine ton capacity. They use gaso-The boat is rocking and I can't line power when they get up towards the transportation problem, especial-Your friend, ly in bad weather as it takes a good Bernard F. Kearney, many trucks to haul what the train

gauge, it can be twisted around to avoid hills and run through woods without much work and in case a shell hits it, it is not much of a job to repair. Not a very large gang of us laid a mile and a half of track in a day. When we were back at the around without a gas mask. While we were there we walked a few miles and looked over an airdome and it was such an interesting sight as it was such a busy place. Squads of planes are going up and coming down , all the time. They also had a movie and vaudeville show with an orchestra that would be a credit to a show in Chicago, They showed some Engish and some American films, ad it seemed good to see some American

We were talking to some German prisoners the other day and they hardly believed we were Americanbut thought we were Australians in American uniform. One of them had lived in Chicago for 12 years and could speak perfect English but wouldn't believe we were from the U. S. A. until we mentioned several of the streets in Chicago.

It still rains most of the time, Must close now and will write again later Lelgar D. McCollum

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The flying machine part of the We are getting a big feed tomorrow show will be one of its big features. It is now in the United States and

Daily Thought.



Uncle Sam Likes

are in business offices.

ing, Stenography and General Office over" had atterly failed you Practice at the PATERSON school. By spring or summer they will be cannot stretch to cover the picture

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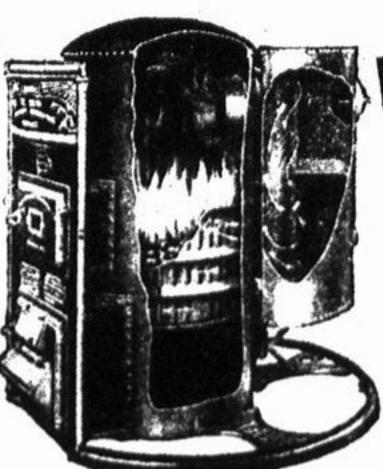
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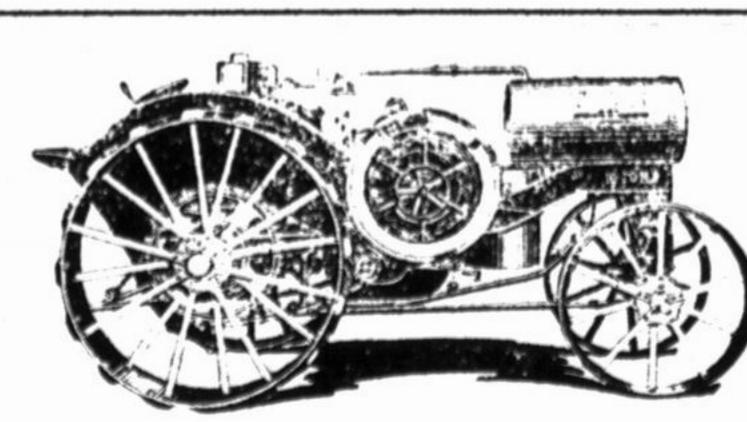
> And no matter what these powersboys who are wading into lead and gas to chase the Germans off the face of the earth.

Sit down sometime, close your eyes and try to picture yourself in the trenches waiting to go over the top. Out there in the space between you and the barbarians of Europe, known as No Man's Land, you are soon to meet a horde of savages who will kill you unless you can prove that you are their master. In a few minutes you are going over the top to face them. Imagine, if you can, what you would think of the fellows in Business Women. Mount Morris, if after you went over, He employs many thousand of them you realized that your gun was abhimself, so he knows how useful they solutely useless because you had no ammunition-and that the fellows in Sept. 3, many of Uncle Sam's am- Mount Morris who sent you to the bitious daughters are going to take trenches with enthusiastic promises up a course of training in Bookkeep- to stick by you "till hades freezes

Gentle reader, your imagination like THAT, you would not consider We should like to talk to YOU at the people back home worth fighting

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce that I have opened an office in the Lindley Build-A splendid new building will soon ing. Have had several years hospital experience and am prepared to serve the people of Downers Grove and vi



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