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RAY MORGAN FEELING FINE

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outs and deepening it we struck all kinds of German implements and equipment of warfare, and in several places parts of his once famous army. There was one place in particular that I took notice of and that was a small shell hole. A German had been laid to rest but I am afraid the Australians or whoever buried him didn't waste much time or ceremony for both his head and heels were out of the ground. Poor Fritz, it's a pity how we laugh at him and his would be peculiar tricks but he seems to always get caught at his own game. (It takes us to laugh and catch him).

Well that's quite sufficient for this time. I have received the Reporter lately quite regularly and want to thank you for being so thoughtful for I sure enjoy it. What few minutes I have to rest I can take my mind from militarism and when my rest is over it makes me that much more the alert. Time is limited so must close wishing all many happy days.

Your loving son, Ray (Morgan.)

P. S. You wouldn't know me now. I am real slender, weight, 132 lbs. Work is doing me lots of good. I never felt better in my life.

HOPES TO SWIM IN THE RHINE

Somewhere in France, August 21st, 1918.

My Dearest Mother: Your letter received and was pleased to hear that all at home are well and enjoying life.

For I am doing the same. What I mean as well as possible in No Man's Land. No doubt you have been anxiously waiting for these few lines but I have been in the trenches for over two weeks and it was impossible for me to send you any mail. And I know you would think something serious had happened to me. But don't worry, we will keep the Huns moving. So all the Downers Grove boys are on their way over here. Hope they all like it. But I am here to tell you Mother I have practically gone all over France on foot. I have been in several places but they looked like Belmont to me. I am in a very different part of the country now. It is much nicer and I like it better than where I was stationed at first. I have seen some wonderful things in my travels Mother and I would like to tell you all about it but I cannot—but—wait Mother I will not forget it before I get home.

But we came over to do the job and we will finish it before long.

No doubt you read all about the big drives in the papers. I have been swimming in the Somme River three times and my next swim will be in the Rhine I hope. How is everything around Downers Grove these days? Haven't met any of our town boys yet but would like to, it would certainly be fine to meet over here.

Have received letters from all the folks and will answer as soon as I have time. Don't worry about me Mother dear for I am fine.

Trusting that these few lines will find Dad and you Mother dear and everyone at home enjoying the best of health and whatever there is to enjoy in war time. I will close with fondest love to all at home, and Mother it won't be many months until I will be home with you. At least I hope so.

With love to everyone in dear old Downers Grove, as ever, Lovingly, James Dale Delaney.

IMAGINE CLIF AS KITCHEN KOP

(Mrs. E. W. Davenport has received a batch of letters from her son Clifford, in which he writes the following):

July 7th, I was on kitchen police again today, so I won't have time to write much. We got some of our horses to day and they certainly are big fine horses, but I guess we will have to teach them English as they don't understand it and we don't talk French.

July 24th, I am on detached service from the battery and I'm pretty busy. There are four of us here in this town going to school. I don't know how long we will be here. This is a little bigger town than where the battery is and has quite a few stores in it and a Y. M. C. A. where we can get good old U. S. A. tobacco. These towns are all so old and there is not anything that is modern. Once in a while you see a house that is electric lighted. Their houses and barns are all combined—fancy living that way. Their barns are up stairs, that is their hay and grain barns, and down stairs on one side they live and their cow barns are on the other side.

We are wearing our caps over here. We are not allowed to wear the old broad brimmed hats that we wore in the states. These caps have no peaks or fore piece and I'm brown as a nut. I received a letter from Ruth some time ago telling me about my new niece. Glad to hear she is such a good little girl. If you have any pictures of her, send me one. Thanks for the money order. Two dollars in American money is eleven francs and forty centimes in French money. I bought myself a new razor with the "kale" as I could not get any blades for the one I had. Everything we get over here is very much appreciated. We have received several issues of cigarettes from different tobacco funds back in the States. Cigarettes are one of the things that keep us going. The Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross are surely doing their share in keeping us from being homesick. The drives themselves are not so bad because we are all so excited we hardly know what we are doing, but when we are safely out of the line and back in our billets it is when the re-action sets in and we begin to realize what we have been through. That's when we kill the cigarettes. This regiment has sure been doing their share since we arrived on this side. When we were in our first trip over the top we thought it was tough, but this was much worse. Upon our being relieved we were loaded into box cars and shipped to another section of the country.

The town we are in now never saw any Yanks before until we came here, so we are quite a novelty. Must close now and get to work.

With love to all, Herb. (Edison) (This letter was written to Mrs. Oscar Reinhold from her brother.)



The only time I don't like the caps is when it rains. It, the rain, drives in to you face and you don't have the broad hat to keep it out. I hated to give up my hat, it was a Stetson I bought in Houston and sure was a good one.

DODGING SHELLS IN NO MAN'S LAND

British Expeditionary Force, August 27th, 1918.

Dear Dad: I got your letter a short time ago while up in the line. While in the line we were in one of the largest drives launched by the Allies this year. It sure was some push, I'll say. Old Jerry went back several miles and it sure was good to see him running over the hills. The Tommies had given him back quite a way when we went into the drive but they had to battle for every inch of the way. When we started down the hill with our bayonets fixed yelling like a bunch of wild Indians, Jerry thought the best thing to do was leave, and he did, with the exception of his machine gunners who remained at their guns firing at us until we were almost on top of them, then with their hands above their heads asked for mercy. It was not at all uncommon to see a whole machine gun squad dead at their guns.

The dead and wounded were laying around everywhere and most of them Huns, as our drive was a surprise to them. They had no reserve trenches, but had some good natural fortifications, as the ground over which we drove was nothing but wooded hills and stone quarries which are excellent cover for machine guns. Jerry was all set for the winter, never thinking we'd drive him out.

Toward the end of our stay in the line the smell of dead men and horses was awful. The dead were buried as fast as possible, but it was impossible in some cases, owing to the heavy shelling. The other times we were in the line were picnics compared to this stunt. We hiked for about 24 hours before we went into the line and did not get any food, as the mess kitchens could not keep up with us, we went so fast. In fact, we did not even know we were going into the drive until we came upon Jerry. At another time we went without food and water for 36 hours. If a dough-boy gets out of this war alive he surely will have something to brag about. It is no soft snap standing up all night looking over the top into No Man's Land waiting, and watchfullest Jerry should launch a counter-attack. He did not make any attack while we were in the line but sure did raise a lot of trouble by strafing our lines with his artillery. My knees grew weary dodging shells. You know after being in the line awhile we can just about tell where the shells are going to land and in order to offer a small target we fall on our stomachs and I guess I hit the dirt more times in one night than I ever did in playing football. I was standing in a trench one night when a shell burst right over my head and knocked me off my feet, and I sure thought I was wounded, but discovered I was only covered with dirt. I consider myself fortunate in being in the drive, but more fortunate in getting out with a whole hide.

I received a letter from Ruth some time ago telling me about my new niece. Glad to hear she is such a good little girl. If you have any pictures of her, send me one. Thanks for the money order. Two dollars in American money is eleven francs and forty centimes in French money. I bought myself a new razor with the "kale" as I could not get any blades for the one I had. Everything we get over here is very much appreciated. We have received several issues of cigarettes from different tobacco funds back in the States. Cigarettes are one of the things that keep us going. The Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross are surely doing their share in keeping us from being homesick. The drives themselves are not so bad because we are all so excited we hardly know what we are doing, but when we are safely out of the line and back in our billets it is when the re-action sets in and we begin to realize what we have been through. That's when we kill the cigarettes. This regiment has sure been doing their share since we arrived on this side. When we were in our first trip over the top we thought it was tough, but this was much worse. Upon our being relieved we were loaded into box cars and shipped to another section of the country.

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Old and Good Song. That very well-known ditty, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," is the remains of an old crusader's song of the twelfth century. It has come down to us with many variations and inestimable verbal appendages.

Tiger's Amazing Feat. "The strength and vitality of a full-grown tiger are amazing," asserts a wild-game hunter, in Chicago American. "I had occasion to spend the night a short time ago in a place where a tiger had performed some remarkable feats. Just at dusk one of these marauders visited the village and discovered a cow and her six month-old calf in a pen which had been excavated in the side of a hill and adjoined a house. There was no possible way to enter the enclosure except by a door opening from the main part of the dwelling or to descend from above. The tiger jumped from the roof upon the neck of the heifer and it instantly, and the inmates of the house opened the door just in time to see the animal throw the calf out wildly and leap after it himself. I measured the embankment and found its exact height was 12 1/2 feet."

Little-Known Chinese Race. Down in the extreme south of China, in the eastern outskirts of the Hainan, lies the little-known province of Yunnan. The natives of Yunnan are exceptionally interesting writes Roy Chapman Andrews in Asia. There are about thirty non-Chinese tribes in the province, some of which such as the Shans, Mosos and Lolo represent the aboriginal inhabitants of China. The Mosos formerly ruled all of northern Yunnan. At present they are scattered in remote districts where white men seldom penetrate. They are a simple, honest and delightful people, primitive and pastoral. They are looked down upon by the Chinese as barbarians. The invariable Moso costume is a brown felt cloak and a fitting cap.

LODGE & CLUB DIRECTORY

GROVE LODGE NO. 824, A. F. & A. M.—Stated meetings, second and fourth Fridays at 8 o'clock p. m. at Masonic hall, Curtis and Main streets. Fred Dowe, Sec. Geo. O. Prickett, Worshipful Master.

GROVE CHAPTER, NO. 230 R. A. M.—Stated meeting first Thursday of each month in Masonic hall at 8 o'clock p. m. Visiting Companions always welcome. H. E. Tank, E. H. P., H. F. Legenhausen, Secretary.

VESTA CHAPTER, No. 242, O. E. S.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Mrs. Minnie Olsen, Worthy Matron; W. F. Heintz, Worthy Patron; Ona Lower, Sec.

MAPLE GROVE LODGE NO. 529, K. of P. Meets first and third Wednesday nights in Zindt's hall. L. L. Chevillier, Chancellor; Commander: H. F. Legenhausen, K. of R. & S.

NAPER POST, No. 468, G. A. R.—Meets the second Saturday, 2:30 p. m. of each month in G. A. R. hall. F. A. Rogers, Commander; George L. Hughes, Senior Commander; P. Leibundguth, J. Commander; E. W. Farrer, Officer of the day; R. W. Bond, Adjutant; George B. Heart, Quartermaster; W. J. Beidelman, Chaplain; George Strauley, Officer of the day.

DOWNERS GROVE LODGE, No. 750, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic hall, corner Main and Curtis streets, Frank Story, N. G.; E. M. Brunson, Secretary.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 863, M. W. A., meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in Zindt's hall. W. H. Thomas, V. C.; R. O. Miller, Clerk.

DOWNERS GROVE CHAPTER, Daughters of the American Revolution.—Hold a monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the homes of the members. Officers of the chapter are: Regent, Mrs. Verne Frankensfeld; Mrs. Lavara Hannum, Secretary.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA—Honor Camp, No. 379, Meets the third Thursday evening of each month in Zindt's hall. Mrs. M. E. Clatter Orack; Miss Agnes Venard, Recorder.

DOWNERS GROVE WOMAN'S CLUB.—Meets every alternate Wednesday, beginning second Wednesday in October and closing last Wednesday in April. Mrs. F. F. Kelly, President; Miss Jessie Bryce, Secretary.

AMERICANS FROM ALL LANDS HELP LOAN

Folk Songs, Dances and Sports in Gala Effort of Foreign Division of Four Liberty Loan.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" sung in English by a chorus of more than thirty persons, none of whom are of the same nationality and most of whom are foreign-born; the "roll call of nations," directed by the only stoneware American, an Indian; nationalistic demonstrations of the history, sports, art and industries of the peoples of every corner of the world; unique displays of the quaint customs and habits of many races differing widely in almost every way; these and many other striking features have been taken into themselves by the woman's council of the fourth Liberty loan organization as part of their share in raising the billions for the fourth loan. To handle this work committees of foreign-speaking women have been formed in every state, county and other subdivision. The loan opens September 28 and continues until October 31.

According to Felix J. Streyckmann, federal reserve director of the foreign language division, and Mrs. Constance Howard, executive secretary of the woman's council, some idea of the stupendous task which the women of the foreign division have set out for themselves can be gained from the fact that virtually all that the members of their choruses and other participants in the pageants which are to be given have in common is that they are all Americans now.

In placing before the public the "roll call of nations," every nationality in each district, state, county, city and town will be asked to designate one person to represent that nation in the dress of his or her native land. They will also be asked to sing their native airs or relate some of the folk lore of the country which they or their ancestors left. Native dances, sports and games will also be on the program.

The food question being one of the most important before the world today, the women of the foreign language division believe that there is much to be learned from a conservation and economic standpoint from the foods used and methods of preparation employed in the kitchens of the foreign-speaking woman. To this end every nationality represented in a community is to prepare a food exhibit to show English-speaking Americans how they can save to help win the war.

That the all-American choruses, roll calls, pageants and exhibits shall have proper artistic setting, the woman's council has secured the services of Pierre Nuytens, celebrated Chicago artist, as consulting director of the council. Nuytens will also be chairman of the council's committee on production of spectacles. "There is no greater force toward the final welding of the American soul than by bringing together for patriotic purposes the foreign-speaking persons of the country," says Mrs. Howard.

WHAT LIBERTY BONDS DO

How They Keep Our "Watch Dogs" of the Navy on Guard.

The following list shows the cost of various kinds of supplies and equipment in the navy department. This list has been supplied by Paymaster General McIlwain.

Approximate Cost of Vessels Completed Prior to June 30, 1917.

Table with 2 columns: Vessel type and cost. Includes Battleship, Armored cruiser, Fuel ship, Destroyer, Submarine, etc.

Estimated Cost of Various Types of Vessels Now Under Construction.

Table with 2 columns: Vessel type and cost. Includes Battleship, Armored cruiser, Fuel ship, etc.

Cost of Various Guns, Based Upon Late Contracts.

Table with 2 columns: Gun type and cost. Includes 3-in. (23 caliber), 4-in., 5-in., 6-in., 8-in. Howitzer, etc.

Cost of Various Kinds of Ammunition.

Table with 2 columns: Ammunition type and cost. Includes 1 pounder car. ridge, 6 pounder cartridge, 3-in. shell, etc.

Issuing Price of Various Items of Clothing.

Table with 2 columns: Clothing item and price. Includes Rubber boots, pair; Blankets, each; Jerseys, each; etc.

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7-room modern house. Rent \$30.00. 6-room house with bath; near station. This property is in fair condition, will sell on easy terms with \$200 or \$300 6-room house with furnace heat, bath, cash, balance like rent. A real bargain for \$1850.

10 acres near village limits, on Main stone road, with 7-room house barn and chicken house; all kinds of fruit price \$5650. About \$1500 cash, balance easy terms.

6-room new stucco house; all modern and up-to-date in every way. Large front porch also sleeping porch. Lot 65x175. This property is well worth \$4500. Will sell for \$3800. Cash payment down \$500. Balance easy terms.

7-room house with hot water heat, bath electric lights, hard wood floors down stairs large front porch, extra deep lot, price \$4500.

6-room cottage with bath, gas, all assessments paid in full; about 6 blocks from station; price \$1700.

Lot 50x142 just outside of village limits; best of location only \$200.

5-room Bungalow, new, all modern, large front porch, extra large lot; price \$3600.

7-room house furnace heat, gas and city water, large barn; this property is in the best of condition, lot 150x131; price \$2800.

A real bargain in a lot 50x132 on paved street all assessments paid in full; good neighborhood; price only \$500.

6-room bungalow with cement basement, furnace heat, bath, electric lights garage, about 2 acres of land on main stone road, near station; price \$5500.

6-room brick bungalow, all modern, with fire place; on paved street; all special assessments paid in full; a bargain for \$3350.

If you are looking for a real bargain here it is, 2 acres with 8-room house and arge barn; one of the best locations in Downers Grove on paved st., with all assessments paid in full. The land value alone is well worth the price asked, \$4000.

8-room house, steam heat, bath, hardwood floors, garage, location one of the best on the north side, lot 100x142 on paved street, price \$4750, make offer.

1 1/2 acres with 6-room house, barn, garage, some fruit, near village limits, a bargain for \$2900.

2 acres with 7-room house, cement basement, chicken house, all buildings in best of condition, about two blocks from village limits, price \$4600.

3 acres with 6-room house, cement basement, hot water heat, hardwood floors downstairs, barn, extra large chicken house, all kinds of fruit, city gas, about one block from village limits, price \$3800. Easy terms.

5-room bungalow new, all modern east front, lot 75x125 price \$3600.

7-room house, steam heat, bath, hardwood floors down stairs, on paved street a bargain for \$3500-easy terms

7-room house, steam heat, bath, hardwood floors downstairs, lot 65x152. Price \$3600. Easy terms.

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