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## LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

FRITZ SACKSTEDER IN RADIO SECTION HDQRS. 149TH F. A.

Bolingen, Germany, March 6, 1919. Editor, Downers Grove Reporter, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Staats:

It seems about ten years since I have seen the dear old town. It is in fact eighteen months since I was last there. We are all hoping that it will not be long before we are back again, but as to that it is really hard to say as we don't always get to run this man's army the way we would like to. But though things may have changed a good deal back there in appearance, I feel pretty well up to date on what has been going on there, thanks to your great care in seeing that we get the "D. G. Rip." I expect that you have either decided that I didn't appreciate it or else that I was dead. Neither one is right, I am not dead though sometimes I have wished I were, but there never was anything that I appreciated more than an issue of the old "Home Town Blatt", sometimes they came along regularly and sometimes I would get a half a dozen at once. But it did not make any difference just so I got them and I did.

At present so far as I know all the Downers Grove boys are in good health and the last time I saw them they sure were looking fine and fit. Gil Lacey is on a fourteen day leave at present. I don't know about the other boys. You see I am not with my battery any more, I have been in the H. Q. Co. since we left our first training camp on this side of the water. However, I manage to see some of the boys every week or so. My work has been in connection with the Liaison end of the artillery work. Without Liaison or communication artillery would be as helpless as a blind bull. I was in charge of one of the Battalion radio stations from the time the regiment went to the front until the end of the war. This kept me right up with the batteries, and as I was with the first battalion I was always pretty close to C Battery where most of the boys are, but that is all ancient history by now and I don't like to talk about it.

At present we are located in a little German town having a grand total of sixty-two houses, that is the way to tell the size of a town here, I don't know how many people there are but I should say between 250 and 300, so you see what a wonderful metropolis we are living in. The excitement of living in such a large place is beginning to tell on my nerves. Why there is so much to do here that I can never get to bed before eight o'clock, and I am getting so tired of eating at the banquet table and going to grand opera. Battery C is in another small town about two kilometers away and I am afraid the boys over there are suffering from too much excitement as well. But all joking aside I do manage to keep myself fairly busy. During the day I spend most of my time over here in the Radio Station. There is always something to do. We put out a Radio Bulletin every day which contains the latest news that we pick up from nearly every nation in Europe and sometimes we are able to hear some of the American stations along the coast. Then in the evening I help instruct in a school for illiterates which is conducted for the benefit of some foreigners whom we caught from a replacement ship. I am hoping within the next few weeks to either go away for a thorough or else to go to the new A. R. F. University

which has been built some where back in France.

The German people around here have always treated us very well, though at the last town we were in we had some trouble with them. The trouble didn't last very long though when one of the Germans found himself about half way down to the company guardhouse. After that they couldn't do enough for us. The trouble with these people is that they have always had such harsh treatment that when they are treated like human beings, as we Americans do, they think that we are afraid of them. But let me tell you it don't take them long to change their minds when they see the way an American handles himself in a fight. You see they are used to any kind of fighting except that kind which comes like a shower of hail from a pair of big, bony fists. And that is the way the U. S. does things over here and I tell you it makes you proud to be an American. It is dinner time now and I must close. Give my regards to everybody and we hope to be home soon. Yours, Frederick H. Sacksteder.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY DAILY ATTENDANCE NEARLY A HUNDRED

The Downers Grove Public Library reports an average daily attendance for the past month of ninety to a hundred. The Sunday afternoon attendance averages as high as fifty on some occasions.

This indicates a most encouraging growth in interest on the part of the community in this institution. The Board is anxious to keep up with the demand for books and will appreciate the help of the citizens in the way of contributions to the forthcoming sale of the White Elephant variety which will take place during the latter part of April. Articles can be contributed any time that you wish to get rid of them. They will be called for if you telephone 235-R, that you have them ready.

Up to the present time our Library constitutes our nearest approach to a community house. It is always available for committee meeting of various kinds, rehearsals for village entertainments and general welfare work. It is the duty and should be the pleasure of all residents to support it heartily. An early opportunity is afforded to contribute and aid in the White Elephant Sale at Dick's Theatre building.

With reference to the magazines, kept on the reading tables attention of Camp Fire girls and others is called to the fact that the current numbers of "Wohelo" the official Camp Fire magazine is now to be found among the many others available.

The Public Library is indebted to Mrs. E. Morgan, of Lyman Avenue for the books listed below:

Christian Certainties of Belief	Julian Smyth
Religion and Life	Julian Smyth
The Religion and Philosophy of Swedenborg	Theophilus Parsons
Nature of Spirit and Man as a Spiritual Being	Rev. C. Giles
Who is Jesus?	W. B. Murray
Rejected of Men	Howard Pyle
Life of Emmanuel Swedenborg	George Trowbridge
The Bible That was Lost and is Found	John Bigelow
Symbol—Psychology	Rev. A. Roeder
Symbol—Stories	Rev. A. Roeder

Doughboys overseas are still hungry for good books, according to Carl B. Roden, public librarian, who has issued a call for 100,000 works of fiction within the month. In addition to appeals from Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, looking after book needs of Americans abroad, reconstruction hospitals are making for large supplies of good reading. A request from Fort Sherman for 6,000 volumes only brought 800. The American Library Association

ciation war service is spending all its funds for educational and technical books, Fiction books must come from private donors. The books for soldiers are being collected and sent from a dispatch office at 70 East Randolph Street.

The Library will be glad to receive and forward as many books as the patrons care to give to the soldiers and sailors Library.

Following is some new fiction recently placed on the shelves at the Library:

Cross Currents	Eleanore Porter
The Way of an Eagle	E. M. Dell
A Court of Inquiry	Grace Richmond
The Prestons	M. H. Vorse
The Close-up	Margaret Turnbull
The Desert of Wheat	Zane Grey
The Sky-Pilot in No-man's Land	Ralph Connor
The Curious Quest	E. P. Oppenheim
Cinderella's Granddaughter	B. B. Gilchrist
Watermead	Archibald Marshall
The Graftons	Archibald Marshall
The Sapphire Signet	A. B. Seaman
Three Sides of Paradise-green	A. H. Seaman
Helen of Troy and Rose	Phyllis Bottomo
In the Heart of a Fool	W. A. White

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, will be the visiting preacher in Grace Church, Hinsdale, on March 28th and in Christ Church, Gary, Ind., on April 1st.

Everyone is singing "Mickey," dancing to "Mickey" and waiting to see "Mickey." The whole world will adore "Mickey"—the picture which everyone will see at the Dicke Theatre March 28th and 29th.

Miss Mary Jane Marchant, of Waukegan, was a week end guest at the H. S. Sherman home on Saratoga Avenue and attended the Vesta Jr. dance at Library Hall with Walter Sherman, of the Great Lakes.

The many friends of the Rev. Wilbur Dean Elliot, formerly of Downers Grove, will have the opportunity of meeting him again on Wednesday evening, April 2nd, when he preaches at the 8 o'clock Lenten Service in St. Andrew's Church.

The next meeting of the Tahigua Camp Fire Girls will be held at the home of Mrs. B. E. Balczynski, Tuesday after school, April 1st. It is necessary that every girl bringing to that Camp be present as a vital question is to be settled.

The eighty acre farm located just south of Downers Grove and known as the Lucas Farm, has been purchased by B. L. Clark, of Chicago, who will move out about the first of April. The farm is to be re-named the "Edgefield Farm."

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Staats, Mrs. Hazel and Elton Staats, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Winter and daughters Lois and Rose Arlene visited with Mr. Winter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Doyin and family, of Cicero, Sunday.

Barnard's Perpetual Green mixed lawn seed, 30 cents a pound. Fancy Kentucky Blue Grass, 35 cents per pound. Pine Tree mixed lawn seed, 20 cents a pound. Less 2 cents per pound in 5 lb lots at Mertz & Mochels.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wright and family have moved to LaGrange. They made many friends here who are sorry to have them leave. They sold their property on Middaugh avenue to Mr. Hogren who has been occupying the Gesner place in Linscott.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard, of Cicero, died last week after a few days illness. Death was due to Spanish Influenza which

usually does not effect babies so young Mrs. Willard was formerly Miss Marie Marchand, of Downers Grove.

Read the story of "The Two Brides" which appears on another page of this paper. We believe you will enjoy this little story and we are positive that you will see the picture at the Dicke Theatre, Thursday, April 3d.

For the tenth consecutive year the teachers of the Downers Grove Public Schools helped Professor Butler celebrate his birthday. Last Thursday evening a bunco party at his home was the feature of the celebration.

"Batching It, Made Easy"—Lessons given in unscientific cooking and general housekeeping by experienced instructors. Classes every evening at 7:30 at Bachelor's Paradise, Linscott and Franklin. I. Brandenburg and F. Bahrs.

The weekly meeting of the Tahigua Camp Fire Girls was held at the home of Miss Lillian Schlauder, Tuesday afternoon, March 25th. As it was Miss Schlauder's birthday a little lunch was served by the hostess, after which the girls left wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood, Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, will speak in the Congress Park School at 2:30 p. m. on April first. The Parent-Teacher Association extends a cordial invitation to all who are interested, to attend this meeting. It is an opportunity to hear a splendid woman tell of her splendid work.

C. P. O. Clifford Siebert started at his old job in the "Q" offices Monday. He returned last week from the east coast where he has been holding down the job of Chief Petty Officer in Uncle Sam's Navy. His wife, formerly Miss Corrine Bertolin, was (and is) one happy girl at his discharge from active service.

The Tahigua Camp Fire Girls, chaperoned by their guardian, Mrs. B. E. Balczynski, attended the Saturday matinee at the Olympic Theatre to see "Penrod." Those in the party were: Mrs. Balczynski, the Misses Katherine Davis, Vance Gesner, Margaret Hitchcock, Elma Kelley, Fanny Radell, Lillian Schlauder and Dorothy Towsley.

Carl Lower was released from active duty with the Navy at Bunkin Island, Boston Harbour, Mass., on Monday afternoon and reached home Wednesday afternoon. He sailed July 20th, 1918 and received his training at the Great Lakes. From there he was transferred to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and was in fact seen on his first trip across when the armistice was signed.

Mr. R. C. Briger was pleasantly surprised by a number of friends last Saturday evening on his birthday anniversary, the evening was spent in playing Bunco. Mrs. Conkey carrying off 1st prize, Master Howard Balczynski 2nd prize and Mrs. George MacDougall 3d prize. The evening

passed all too quickly and the guests departed in a happy mood.

The farmers around Downers Grove have suffered the loss of quite a few calves in the last week, E. Schuetz losing two. Besides losing the calves they have lost their tempers and if they should happen to catch the thief he won't be able to enjoy any veal for some time to come. The thieves have been busy in every direction from here and are not confining themselves to any locality.

The regular monthly business meeting and social of the Congregational Philathea Class will be held Friday evening, April 4th at the home of Mrs. Helen Downer, corner Maple and Washington Streets. This is to be an experience social where each lady is to tell her experience in earning a dollar to help pay for the new Sunday School song books. A large attendance is desired, all members and friends being cordially invited to be present.

Ladies—Call on Mrs. Emrich, 75 N. Forest Ave. for made to order tailored suits. A full line of ready to wear suits, coats, capes and raincoats in cloth and silk—also costumes in silk, georgette, linen, voile, etc. Separate skirts and blouse waists in all up-to-date materials and styles. Silk and saten materials in best materials. Orders taken for the celebrated Barclay corset. Try it and you'll wear no other. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. If adv.

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Mends Granite Ware. The government suggests we economize on kitchen utensils. To mend a hole in granite ware work a piece of putty until perfectly soft, then take a piece of the putty large enough to cover the hole and put one piece on either side of the metal, pressing together inside and out, smoothing down the edges. Place the vessel in a slow oven and bake until the putty is a deep brown. For containing water the vessel will be as good as new.



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- Embezzled—
- Left town—
- Had a baby—
- Sold a farm—
- Had a party—
- Came to town—
- Been arrested—
- Had twins or colic—
- Sold a cow or lost an auto—
- Laid in a stock of whisky—
- Stolen a car or his friend's wife—
- Committed suicide, or murder—
- Fallen from an airplane or—
- Fallen into a coal hole or—
- Fallen into a legacy?

## That's News!

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