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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

WILLIAM HEAL WITH THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION

March 21, 1919, Leimbach, Germany. Mr. J. C. White, Dear Friend:

Received newspapers for which I wish to thank you as papers from home are of great interest and have several friends from Chicago who wish to see them.

Am feeling fine and hope you are all well. This afternoon I heard that Henry Andorf died and was gassed on the line. He was with our division but a different regiment. Do not know if there is any truth in it or not.

We had a Divisional Review Tuesday at Buchet. We had a two day's hike each way and just came back yesterday. It was cold and snowed and we slept in our pup tents but you can sleep anywhere after being up in the line. General Pershing inspected us and then we marched by the reviewing stand. We gathered around the stand in massed formation and he made a speech and also awarded some D. S. medals. He said that our brigade was the snappiest one he had ever inspected so we are having the rest of the week for ourselves.

Leimbach is located in a valley in the Eifel Mountains and the scenery is very pretty around here and the hills are full of wild game such as deer and wild boar. The people here seem to have plenty to eat but the majority of the people are farmers so probably that accounts for it.

I think it will be some time before I get home as I am in a regular army division and hear they are going to hold the regular divisions here.

Yours sincerely, Private W. A. Heal, 47th Inf. Co. 1, A. E. F., APO No. 746, Via N. Y.

AN ECHO OF THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FETE

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shumaker, of No. Highland Avenue, we are able to present to our readers the appended letter expressing the feelings of a lonely "guy" at Christmas time—a time when every human being longs to share with his fellows the joys of the Holy season. The lateness of this publication is due to the fact that the letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker at the time they were touring the South, from where they have recently returned.

Administration Bldg., Detail Office, Discharge Department, Great Lakes, Illinois, Jan. 15th, 1919. Dear Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker: In stopping a minute to let memories of the recent holidays review themselves I have jotted down the happenings and just to show you some of the kindnesses you good people of Downers Grove have shown, I'll tell you of what I am thinking.

Being a stranger in this section of the country and not being able to go home for the holidays or my New Year's furlough I was puzzled and somewhat blue. As good fortune plucked it, I noticed an article in our Great Lakes Bulletin inspiring twenty-five goes to be entertained by the ladies of Downers Grove. I said to my pal, "Here's where we shine." As you will see we did. On arriving at the Union Station my pal and I decided to go with Mr. Shumaker, who was waiting for the bus at two o'clock. We talked with him and then, although not knowing what was

ahead of us. Are we two men sorry for it? I should say not. We were then taken to a Mr. and Mrs. F. Gardner's home in Chicago where we were guests of a Christmas Eve dinner and tree party which proved to be a very pleasant event.

From there Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker guided us to their home "The Alfin" in Downers Grove. The rest of the fellows went on up from the station and there met by a number of ladies who amusingly chose their guests, as I have been told since.

I am sure from what I have heard, that all of the boys were most excellently entertained by the good people. Christmas night we were invited to the "Municipal Christmas Tree" and from there to the dance the young ladies planned for us in the Library Hall.

As for my New Year's furlough, I was most delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker, Mr. and Mrs. Waples, and Mr. and Mrs. Sellers.

New Year's Eve the Sellers family gave a sleigh ride party which was followed by a party at their home. Gob Charles Cook, who was being entertained by the Waples family, and myself were among the guests. We all enjoyed a very pleasant evening in dancing and playing games until the break of the New Year.

In behalf of the honored few, I wish to heartily thank all the good people of Downers Grove, especially the families mentioned in this letter, for their kindnesses that I have had the pleasure to enjoy.

With best regards to all, I remain, Most sincerely yours, Delbert Harold Ostrander, U. S. N.

LOCAL BOYS REPORTING HOME FAST

The boys are coming home fast. The past week has seen many reporting to their homes, greeting friends and loved ones after serving their country in the army, the navy and the marine corps.

Last Sunday morning Fred Edwards, of Battery C, 149th F. A., stepped off the 9:15 train to find a crowd awaiting him. Co. H. had been notified of his coming and were lined up on Main street to do him honor. He spent the day here with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Lew F. Edwards, of N. Forest avenue and is now at Camp Grant awaiting discharge.

Wounded in the left arm in the Argonne on October 30th, twelve days before the armistice was signed, Albert Sheridan returned home last Thursday. He was called February 23, 1918 and was sent to Camp Grant. From there he was transferred to the engineer replacement depot at Washington Barracks, D. C., sailing for France on June 14th.

On June 28th he landed at Brest and after a period of training camps was made a member of the 7th Engineers. He saw active service in Alsace, St. Michel, the Argonne and Vosges mountains. His regiment did their work mostly on roads and with the barbed wire.

It was while returning from mending roads the evening of October 30th that a shrapnel shell burst near the party and a fragment entered his upper left arm.

He was taken to base hospital No. 28 at Limoges and sailed March 16th landing in New York on the 25th. Sheridan was discharged at Camp Grant and arrived home last Thursday.

Cecil Miley, of the Marines, landed here Sunday morning with one of those little white papers called an honorable discharge, in his pocket. He was glad to get back and said so. The famous marine training he has received at Paris Island has given him that "finished soldier" appearance and he's as hard as nails.

Robert Carpenter arrived home last Friday night after 30 months' service.

overseas, having been discharged at Camp Grant that day.

He enlisted July 17, 1917 and was immediately sent to Atlanta, Ga., where he stayed four days. On the 28th he sailed with his regiment, the 17th Engineers from New York as third Class English passengers, having poor food, poor accommodations and everything else on the way over.

When he sailed it was with one half a uniform and no gun the only drilling he received before reaching France was on board ship.

The outfit landed at Liverpool, England and proceeded to London where they staged a parade being the first armed troops of a foreign country to march in the English capital for hundreds of years and the first American troops ever to do so.

They landed at LaHarve on August 17th and were sent to the southern French coast where they built warehouses, freight yards and any old job that came along.

Bob got into the Engineering Motor Transport service and saw a great part of France, making long trips by auto truck. He saw Paris when an American soldier was still a novelty.

He says that he is surely glad to get home again and that America is the only country on earth worth while and that those countries are so far behind the times that it will take them a hundred years to catch up to where we are now.

Alfred Handchug is another member of this outfit who returned at the same time Carpenter did. He had practically the same experience and is also glad to get home.

Tom Poe, a member of the old 8th Illinois, the colored regiment which gathered unto themselves much fame in France, returned home here yesterday.

It was while attacking the Hindenburg line in September that he was taken ill with the flu and removed to a hospital where he was when his regiment sailed for home.

He landed in Newport News, one of a casual company on March 25th and was discharged at Camp Grant Tuesday.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Hear the wonderful tone of the Brunswick Phonograph. Plays all records correctly without extra attachment. For demonstration, call G. A. Camp, phone 48-R. 3-14-2p

The Akiguhopi Camp Fire Girls took a hike to Hinsdale on Tuesday, April 8th stopping half way to make a fire and cook their lunch. After reaching Hinsdale some of the girls visited friends and the rest came home on the train. Mrs. Balczynski, guardian of the girls chaperoned the party.

Pansies. Now is the time for transplanting. Large assortment in colors, of good, healthy plants. Phone 136-J. C. V. Wolf, Florist adv.

The Camp Fire Girls of Camp No. 3 have adopted the name "Ta-ta-Pochon" for their club. Under the direction of Mrs. A. F. Brevillier, officers have been elected and there is a membership of fourteen girls. Several meetings have been held and the next one will be Friday, April 18, at the home of Mrs. Brevillier.

Fancy onion sets and early seed potatoes at Lehmann & Michel's adv.

Miss R. Vjal, teacher of South Gregg School entertained Miss Julia Meadel and Miss Mabel Cooper at her home south of Western Springs Friday evening. From there the young folks motored to LaGrange and attended the Annual Play given by the Senior Class of the Lyons Township High School.

Large variety of garden seeds in bulk at Lehmann & Michel's adv.

Mr. W. H. Beidelman is to take the Rebekah Degree, the Woman's branch of the I. O. O. F. on April 25th. This gives Mr. Beidelman all the degrees of the Oddfellows, he already taken the Camp and Canton, the latter the uniform degree, besides all the degrees in the local order.

All kinds of vegetable and flower seed, 3 cents per pkg. at Lehmann & Michel's adv.

We have remarked before that the Dicke Theatre had booked some extra fine pictures. They would naturally be fine with such actors as the following: Fred Stone, Saturday, April 19th, Ethel Clayton Tuesday, April 22, Elsie Ferguson, April 24, Marguerite Clark, Saturday, April 26. adv.

The Rev. J. B. Haslam, secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Diocese of Chicago, and a member of the Committee appointed by Mayor Thompson to investigate the censorship of "movies" will deliver an address upon the subject at a special service in St. Andrew's Church at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, April 24th.

Rev. E. K. Schwab was called home to Highland Park by a telegram last Friday night to meet his two brothers, who have been honorably discharged, Sgt. Paul J. Schwab, of the 159th Inf. who saw three months service in France and Corp. Chas. W. Schwab who was in the Chemical Warfare Service for six months in Zanesville, Ohio.

Shall we be so thoughtless as to pick a great big handful of wild flowers in our woods only to bring them out and throw them away? It isn't fair. It kills off the flowers in the woods. It keeps the flowers from others who would enjoy them and keep them. Better to pick just the few that you can and will keep and enjoy and leave the rest to gladden the woods. I am guilty myself. I am giving you an idea which has come home to me, and which I will follow out myself after this.

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THE BOYS THANK WELCOME ORCHESTRA FOR "LELAND"

The following letter was found on the "Leland" piano by the boys who have been in service. It was at their last meeting held in the G. A. R. Hall, that the piano was found surprising them very agreeably.

The resolution under the letter expresses in a small way their gratitude for the gift.

To the Veterans of The World War Greetings—

I am just enough of a Veteran to be eligible to this organization of which I am very desirous of becoming a member.

Perhaps it isn't my fault that I am here—because the Welcome Orchestra and H. P. Jones, who is an Honorary Member and "Intelligence

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Officer"—found me—and they, with the help of the "Barbara Fritchie" Chorus, Boy Scouts and Mrs. Feasley, gave a Concert to which all the people came, and finally Charlie Baker loaded me on his big truck and brought me here. I have come to stay until you want me moved to some other place and I hope you will use me to help have good times together. With best wishes I am, yours truly, Leland. Downers Grove, Illinois, April 7, 1919.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, At our last meeting we were much surprised to find in our midst a mysterious but cheerful stranger, answering to the name of "Leland" whose character was vouched for by the Welcome Orchestra, the Barbara Fritchie Chorus, the Boy Scouts, Mr. H. P. Jones, Mrs. Feasley and Charlie Baker,

WHEREAS, "Leland" has proven to be of a very congenial nature and seems disposed to share in all of our good times, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Veterans of the World War appreciate, most sincerely, this magnificent expression of the deep interest taken in our organization by the people of Downers Grove and that we are especially grateful to those who have

so generously made this gift possible.

Committee on Resolutions, Harvey A. Drew, Emerson David, Chester Hall.

LADIES TO TRY THEIR AIM AT RIFLE SHOOT

The wives and lady friends of members of Co. H, are invited to attend a shoot to be held Thursday, April 24th at 7:45 p. m. at the high school gym.

Members of the rifle team will show those who have not used a rifle how to shoot. There will be plenty of prizes.

MICHAEL REDMOND

Michael Redmond, a brother of Mrs. James Venard, died March 14 at Sycamore, Ill.

He was born in County Wexford, Ireland in 1836 coming to America in 1865 settling in Malta, Ill. In 1870 he moved to Sycamore where he has since resided.

He leaves three daughters, a son and his sister Mrs. Venard, to mourn his loss.



Direction of Billiard Campbell.

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 19th.

Bessie Barriscale in "A Trick of Fate"

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