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## SONS IN SERVICE

Short news items concerning the Highland Park boys in service are earnestly solicited for this column. If you have interesting letters, loan them to the Press for publication so that others may read them. We want to hear from the boys in service in this country as well as overseas. All letters loaned for this purpose will be carefully handled and promptly returned.

The following letters from Lyman Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances X. Barr, tell an interesting story. The letters have a natural sequence and, taken together, give a connected account of the movements of the 149th Field Artillery at the time:

July 21, 1918

Dear Folks:

No doubt you have read of the German drive of July 16, 17 and 18th—also you have noted how thoroughly they were stopped. Well, we helped to do it so you can see that your idea of my location was altogether wrong.

We had rather a hard week but the praise that we have received from the French has more than made up for it. I have seen some wonderful sights lately—battles in the air and balloons shot down. It was quite some lively time while it lasted but I pulled through all right and am only a little tired. Lord only knows what will happen now but we all think it is the beginning of the end.

You read of how the Prussian Guard attacked and how completely they were smashed. Our infantry held like a stone wall and in some places they did not even get through the wire. There was lots of air activity and of course there was heavy bombardment.

I received the pictures and they were certainly fine. They seem to bring me much closer to you all. Frank looks fine and is certainly big enough to handle a couple of Germans.

The morale of the Hun is very poor although he did seem to be well equipped. The attacking divisions were the flower of the German army.

Van Bergen and George Goodnow are both well, also the Stevan boys. Stuart Watson is writing some tonight and so is Colin Sandborn.

July 30, 1918.

Dear Folks:

It has been some time since I have written you but we have been most busy. As you know the Germans are being driven back and we are only two days behind them. At times we catch up with them when they make a stand, which happens to be now.

I am sitting in a little room now that held German officers not two days ago. They are shelling around outside now but one soon gets used to it. We have had many a long march lately and I am rather tired, but everyone is in good spirits, as we are gradually forcing him back. I have seen quite a few dead Boches

along the road as nobody has much time to dig graves lately. They moved out very fast, leaving guns, clothing, ammunition, helmets, machine guns and all sorts of junk.

I have seen many prisoners lately and they are all glad to be out of it. Indeed, some of them swear that after the war there will be a revolution in Germany and they intend to cut William's throat. I wish one of them would do it now.

I write very often but sometimes do not have a chance to mail the letters. Mail has just come in. I am glad of it. Here I am back again with one letter from Frank—

Dave Putnam is doing fine work in aviation. Has Mary Sedgwick left yet?

We are in a real war here and I will have some interesting things to tell when I get home. Right now I would give my life quite easily for a whole apple pie and one of our dinners. We are always hungry for good things to eat.

Write soon and often as I can not. August 18, 1918

Dear Folks:

Good news at last! We are back on rest away behind the lines and expect to stay some time, so I am perfectly safe and you need not worry about me for some time to come.

Here is a list of some of the places I have been. Our first try at the front was last February. We went in to Lorraine just east of Lunneville. We stayed until well into April when we went out for a supposed rest. We had not gotten very far when we were recalled and went back very near the same place where we stayed until July. We then loaded on the train and as the American Marines were at Chateau Thierry we naturally thought we were going there.

But the German offensive just east of Rheims was expected so they threw us in there. On July 15th at 12:07 at night the noise started. I was awakened by some shells and the talking of some members of a Polish battalion that had come off the road to escape the shelling. The Boche Infantry attacked at—

and you read of, how we helped to hold them. The attack was smashed, Rheims was saved, and the way to Paris blocked forever to the Hun. Meanwhile Marshal Foch had struck a wonderful blow at Chateau Thierry and thrown the Hun back with heavy losses.

Just as soon as it was seen that the attack east of Rheims was over, we again entrained and this time we did reach Chateau Thierry.

The Hun was already resisting but by long hikes we caught him at Fere en Tardenois and there took place the battle of the Orque River, Mercy Farm, and several others in all of which we played a good part. Once more they were driven back and we again met them at the River where after a week of action we were relieved, ending a period of seven months at the front.

I saw the battle of the— in detail of which I hope to be able to tell you in the near future.

Some of the boys have had short leaves to Paris but I was not one of the lucky. However, we all expect seven days' leave soon and we feel that we deserve it. I have not

been away from the army since I joined.

I had my first attack of rheumatism the other night and it was far from pleasant as we were on the road to our rest billets and hiked all night. I feel fine now, however, and promise to take care of myself.

Write soon. The magazines were a God-send, and also you know I can carry all the photographs you wish to send.

PVT. LYMAN BARR.

Bat. C. 149 U. S. F. A.  
A. E. F.

### DEERFIELD NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vetter and family are visiting at the home of Mr. John Rehm of Downer's Grove.

Mrs. Roy Guncel and son, LeRoy, of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. E. E. Pettis a few days of last week.

Mrs. R. V. Hutchison of Auburn, Ind., is visiting Mrs. S. P. Hutchison.

Miss Eida Horenberger entertained a few friends at a Five Hundred party Thursday evening, in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Miss Elizabeth Reichelt was the week end guest of Misses Dorothea Clover and Bernice Tucker of De Kalb.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore are visiting in New York City.

Mrs. E. Norton of Chicago was the guest of Mrs. E. Knickerbocker Wednesday.

Miss Marie Roeder of Chicago was the week end guest of Miss Mabel Horenberger.

The grammar school and all churches will continue to remain closed during the influenza epidemic. There are a number of new cases in Deerfield but no serious cases have so far been reported.

Miss Margaret McCormack of Libertyville was the guest of Miss Beatrice Carr, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Westling were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Westling of Shermerville on Sunday.

Mrs. Lincoln Pettis entertained a number of friends at her home on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. W. A. Whiting of Irving Park.

Mr. Judson De Young of St. Charles is visiting his uncle, Mr. J. A. Striker.

Mr. C. Huffmaster has returned to his home in Stewardson, Ill.

Over \$22,000 was the report of sales up to Saturday night of the Voluntary Liberty Loan Drive. Owing to the epidemic solicitors have not been out in full force this week but expect to be by the end of the week. As the quota of Deerfield is over \$44,000 we have yet over one-half to raise. Patriots should do their duty.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Pettis were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pettis of Howard, Ill.

### APPRECIATION FROM GEO. F. APPEYARD

Food Administrator Thanks Mr. R. E. McCowan, Mrs. R. E. Smith and Mr. W. F. Brand

Editor Highland Park Press, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir: I want to express a word of appreciation for your kindness in inserting in your paper from time to time rules and regulations, and at the same time ask you to express publicly the thanks of the Administration and myself to Mr. McCowan, Mrs. R. E. Smith and Mr. Brand for the splendid services they have rendered our Government during the past three months as Local Food Administrators for Highland Park and Highwood. Also to the people for the noble way in which they have co-operated with these Food Administrators, complying as they have with the rules and regulations from time to time with the result that the conservation of food in the north shore district has been tremendous, our Allies benefitting thereby.

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By Geo. T. Appleyard,  
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### SHOWING PATRIOTISM BY CLAIMING EXEMPTION

Does patriotism, like charity, begin at home? Provost Marshal General Crowder evidently thinks it does, since he is openly appealing to registrants in the new draft to ask for exemption or deferred classification whenever they are entitled to it, even though their patriotism inclines them to waive any such claims. It is evidently felt by the military authorities that the number of able-bodied men of draft age without dependents is ample for the military needs of the country, and that it is just as unpatriotic for a man whose family needs his support to neglect his home duties because of excessive patriotism as it is for a physically eligible registrant without dependents to evade the draft.

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