

**Sample of World War I Letter used in  
upcoming County Project.**

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My dear mother;

This has been a very busy day, but tis Sunday, so I 'm not letting the day go by without writing you all some sort of an epistle. I owe so many letters that I hardly know where to begin to get caught up with my correspondence.

I was taken out of the diet kitchen and sent to an officers' ward this a.m. as we had a convoy of patients come in early in the morning. It certainly seems as though the Americans must be doing things up at the front. My, how I wish you could hear some of the stories these boys tell! I 'm sure folks back home would more fully appreciate the horrors of this war and do their utmost for the cause if they could talk to these boys. They are all so optimistic now. You see, we get the news as it is in a few days when these convoys come in.

One boy said today that if the Allies continued to mow down the enemy as they are doing just now the war would end this summer. He also said that some of the German soldiers were as young as thirteen and fourteen years old.

Do you remember Eddie Fuller, of Earl Street? He is a stepson of Judge Burr. Well he is a patient on the floor where I am on duty, He has made a remarkable record. He has been over here a year and has been on every one of the fronts. He belongs to the marines. The poor boy was shot through the jaw with shrapnel, which entered on the right side and came out the left, leaving some

pieces in his windpipe and a little in his jaw. He has been in two other hospitals and has had a tube in his windpipe, similar to those which the municipal children had and best of all is that he has a Croix de Guerre. Palmer Adams just happened to find him as he was passing through the ward. Ask Mr. Smith whether he has a star for him on the Honor Roll, as he is worthy of more than all the rest of the Honor Roll put together. You can bet I 'll try to be nice to the poor kid. Just think! he is only twenty now-and the things that he has been through! though he will come out all right in time.

Budden the East Burlington man, is now almost well.

How do you like the way my new pen writes? Just paid 30 francs for it (or \$6.00 American). I broke the pen in my old one by dropping it on the floor. Isn't it wonderful to be well and strong, especially when one's work is to help make others strong? Surely we all have much to thank our dear Lord for in this way. Just think! I haven't lost a day in five years, and I 've just been thinking you can't get sick this summer as it will not be convenient for me to get any vacation in time to do the housework.

Love and good night,

Isabelle Kee

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