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## EMERGENCY CALL

To Be Answered Now. Keep Your Own Name and Bloomfield On The Order Roll.

November, 9, 1918  
TO EVERY CITIZEN OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP:

Who is responsible for the magnificent responses of Bloomfield on the last Liberty Loan? Is it your War Board? No, indeed—it is the public who, with patriotism and good sense responded instantly to our simple call for Voluntary Action. We had planned a great meeting here, to celebrate year Honor Flag, and to discuss further War Plans, but the flu prevents that, and we must now give you our short message, confidently expecting your quick and sure response.

Fighting "over there" may soon stop, but war work and expense will long continue—be sure of that. You must still back up Our Boys, whether they are fighting and dying, or wearily poling demoralized Europe. The President says that certain organizations have done wonders in keeping up the morale of Our Boys, to the confusion and despair of the seasoned Hun soldiers. A great War Fund is now being raised throughout this country to keep this necessary work going, and the money will be distributed in the same broad-minded spirit that has

characterized these organizations, which aid and comfort all Our Boys, impartially, and also individually offer to every soldier the particular ministrations that his belief or home training have made familiar.

Bloomfield's quota of this War Fund is \$15,000.00.

You are entitled to know that your money placed in this Fund will be devoted, in fair proportions, to the following organizations: Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, Salvation Army, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association. Other worthy agencies aiding Our Boys will be helped, where practicable. The Red Cross at present has its own fund, to which you were asked to contribute last spring. You are now asked to give to the War Fund at least \$5.00, adding \$2.50 more for every thousand of your assessed valuation "exceeding \$2000.00. You will see that this means giving only \$2.50 for each \$1000.00 of Bloomfield's assessed land valuations of many millions of dollars. And if you own no land, give \$5.00, and more in proportion to your other property or earnings.

Please make all payments to Walter F. Johnson, Treasurer, Birmingham Mich.

Remember, this is an EMERGENCY CALL, to be answered NOW, in patriotism, and with love for Our Boys, whatever their beliefs or station. Keep your own name and Bloomfield on the HONOR ROLL.

Yours for "Over the Top."  
WAR BOARD OF BLOOMFIELD TWP.

## FINE DESCRIPTION

Of People, Scenery and Customs "Over There," as Narrated in Walter V. Allison's Letter.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.  
September 23, 1918.

MR. ROBERT J. ALLISON,  
Rochester, Mich.

Dear Brother and Family:

Well, folks, I don't remember of writing you a line since we arrived on this side, so am thinking it's time I did so.

It rained yesterday afternoon and last night, and is still at it. The French people say this is their rainy season.

We had a fine trip all the way. I gained a whole lot of real experience, too. The water was exceptionally calm and smooth. After landing in England we passed through Birmingham and several other cities and towns on the railroad journey to the place where we embarked for France. Well, we crossed the Channel O. K. then went on another railroad journey. While on the train we passed right near Paris, but not close enough for us to see a great deal of the city.

There is an awfully big difference between the people in England and here in France. We were treated well in both places, but it seems as though the people here are more like the Americans in manners and customs than they are in England, even if they don't speak English.

Sure looks funny to see the folks travel around here with wooden shoes on, and the masters of trades and boys wearing pinifores (the same kind the little girls at home wear). Thought I had heavy shoes to wear, but both of mine wouldn't weigh as much as one of their wooden shoes.

France, at least what I've seen of it, sure is a beautiful place, at least the natural scenery is beautiful. Crops look about the same here as at home, the only difference is that I haven't seen any corn yet.

Everyone here is well and eager to get into the trenches, and I guess we'll be there now in a short time, according to all reports, too. Also, from hearsay, I guess the boys who are there now are giving the Huns about all they want and a little more.

One thing they have got in the place where we are now is fine drinking water; seems like there is a fountain of flowing water an every corner here. It's very hilly around here. Guess that has something to do with the water supply. This is also one of France's best wine producing sections; champagne twelve francs (\$2.40) per bottle; (can you imagine it?) wine, rouge red, one franc—20 cents—per quart; wine blanc (white) one and one half francs, 30 cents per quart. These are sour wines, of course, for it's next to impossible for them to get sugar, except for table use. I haven't seen a piece of candy, chocolate included, since we landed, so, Bob, if they allow the folks at home to send us a box at Christmas time, don't forget to send chocolate, either Hershey's or Baker's sweet chocolate; no use of sending anything, though, unless you are sure they will allow it.

Just received my first mail since landing, day before yesterday. Got one letter from Bella dated August 17. That was the only word I received from the folks at home. I got one from Mabel Balmer, too. You probably won't hear from me very often now.

Phone 38

Phone 65

# PEACE!

After more than four years of strife and bloodshed the Black Eagle of Germany has lowered his crest and surrendered to the forces of right. The White Dove of Peace dominates the troubled world—the work of reconstruction is now before us. Each of us, in his chosen field of labor, must do "his bit." We intend, with better facilities soon to be ours, to supply you with a better and broader range of choice in eatables, better service, and courteous treatment. We feel too good to write a stock advertisement. COME AND REJOICE WITH US.

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## SAY IT WITH FLOWERS!

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## And Let Doying Furnish the Flowers!

Carnations Roses Asters Potted Plants  
My facilities for handling the flower trade is now as good as the best. TRY OUR SERVICE.

H. P. DOYING, Florist

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for we don't have a chance to write as we did in the States.  
Goodbye. Love to all.  
From your brother,  
WALTER V. ALLISON,  
Co. C, 313th Fld. Sig. Bn.,  
A. E. F.  
American P. O. No. 795.

Fireless Cooker is Norwegian.  
The fireless cooker originated in Norway and was brought to public attention for the first time at the Paris exposition in 1887.

Daily Thought.  
Trust that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything.—Eterne.

How a Salesman Suffered.  
R. J. Porter, Sterling, Colorado, writes: "I suffered with a painful, weak back. As a traveling salesman I had to stoop frequently to pick up my grips, and the pain when I straightened up was awful. I was induced to try Foley Kidney Pills. Relief was immediate. Say, they are great." Prompt and tonic. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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All are invited.

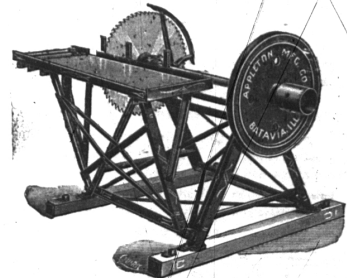
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BIRMINGHAM

Brownell Street

Phone 273

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradner, of St. Johns, Mich., were guests of L. N. Baker and family over Sunday.  
Mrs. Abbie Carter is enjoying a several days' visit among her many Detroit relatives and friends.