

# LETTERS FROM "OVER THERE"

## Binford People Receive Interesting Letters From Private Gustav Swenson.

A. D. Shaw and Aug. Evers have received the following letters from Gustav Swenson, written "Somewhere in France," and have kindly permitted The Times to print them. Gust now has a position in the motor truck company.

Somewhere in France.

Feb. 9, 1918.

Dear Bert:-

Well, I suppose you wonder what is the matter that I haven't written before. Am still alive and feel fine. Hope this finds you the same.

Yes, we are in sunny France now. We go to school in the forenoon and use the pick and shovel in the afternoon. Good exercise, eh? You bet!

Well how is everybody in Binford getting along? Fine, I hope. Received a letter from Aug. Evers today. It was the first one for a long time. That makes the second time I have received mail since coming here. Our mail must be all bawled up, the way it seems.

The weather is fine here. Don't know what winter is. Have had some rain but nothing to speak of.

Saw Torger about a month ago and he is just the same as ever, busy cooking as usual. Said he was going to write but was busy till late in the evening, so I should tell you hello for him.

Like this country fairly well and think I will like it better later on. Pretty country around here.

Am in the Motor truck company in our company, just what I have been wanting all the time.

Well Bert, there isn't much to write about so will close hoping to hear from you. Tell everybody hello from me and will write oftener.

With regards to all from your friend.

Pvt. Gustav W. Swenson.

Feb. 17, 1918.

Dear Friend:-

Received your most welcome letter last week and was very glad to hear from you. Well we arrived in France some time ago and were feeling fine. We don't know what winter is here. The weather has been fine all the time, except for a few days when it rained and was very sloppy.

I like it pretty well here. We have school in the forenoon and have exercise with the pick and shovel in the afternoon.

We had church here at the Y. M. C. A. and it is over so I will finish writing this. The orchestra is playing and it reminds me of Binford again at some dance. Had movies last Wednesday night and also Friday night and it was pretty good. Suppose you were at the New Years dance? The last one I was at was at Long Beach, N. Y. on Thanksgiving day.

Herman Olsén and I took a walk

over to another town and took in the sights. We always take a walk on Sundays to see the sights. Lots of fine scenery around here.

Did you ever see wild pigs? I saw five the other day. Some of the fellows caught them out in the woods and took them to town with them. Gee! they are cute. They were young ones, about three weeks old, I imagine. They are brown and have stripes down the back like a badger. A Frenchman has one in his store too. Would like to have one myself but don't know where to keep it. Will take one back with me if there is any chance.

Have been going to write to every body but a person can't write what he wants to in order to make it very interesting, but will try anyway.

How is the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodge coming along. Fine and dandy, I hope. Greet them all from me at the next meeting.

Well its time to go back to our place of rest so will close hoping to hear from you soon. With best regards to all from your friend.

Pvt. Gustav W. Swenson,

162d Field Hospital,

116th Sanitary Train.

A. E. F. Via New York.

France.

### War Stamps Sales.

Report of sales of War Savings stamps and Thrift stamps in Griggs county from Feb. 15th to March 1. The first column of figures represent the war savings stamps and the second column the thrift stamps:

Postoffice, Cooperstown...	47	909
First Nat Bk, Cooperstown	61	57
State Bank, Cooperstown...	81	58
A. Larson & Co, Cooper	0	8
Postoffice, Mose	1	16
First State Bank, Binford	20	11
N. P. depot, Binford	0	16
C. F. Ringlee & Sons, Binf'd	0	1
Postoffice, Binford	54	118
National Bank, Binford	1	29
Postoffice, Jessie	2	45
State Bank, Jessie	10	7
Postoffice, Hannaford	27	59
Postoffice, Revere	33	719
N. P. depot, Walum	0	6
Postoffice, Walum	5	4
Postoffice, Sutton	8	45
Postoffice, Karnak	5	35

Total

Total bought from P. O.

Net total

Previously reported

Total sales to date

Total sales to date by towns are as follows, in dollars and cents: Cooperstown \$2336.13; Binford \$591.67; Jessie \$323.35; Revere \$316.04; Hannaford \$248.22; Sutton \$138.61; Karnak \$54.29; Walum \$44.80; Mose \$22.51.

T. E. Sweger,

County Chairman.

### Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, at School No. 1 (Sec. 2) in the township of Addie, an election will be held for township officers

Polls open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Oscar L. Olson,

Township Clerk.