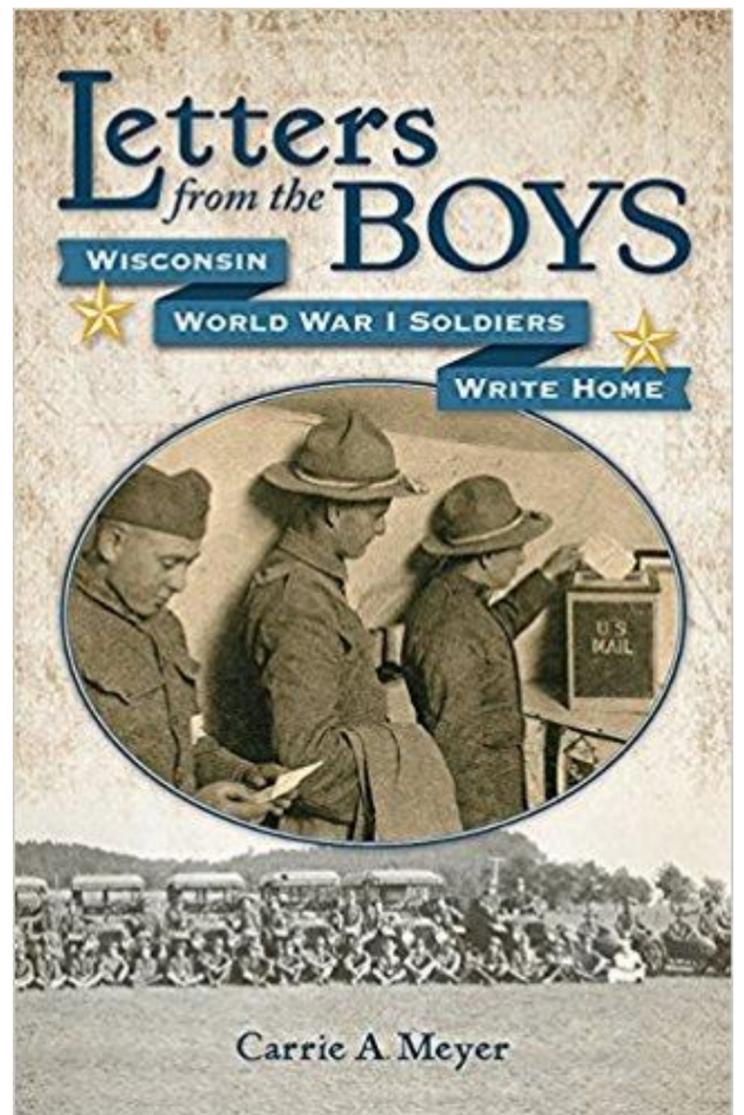


Letters from the Boys: Wisconsin World War I Soldiers Write Home

In 1918 a flood of American troops arrived in Europe and turned the tide of World War I in favor of the Allies. Carrie Meyer combed through three Green County, WI newspapers to recover stories hidden in letters several Wisconsin boys wrote while caught up in these events half a world away. From the terror of going “over the top” attacking an entrenched enemy, to pleasant afternoons enjoyed with French families miles away from the front, Meyer weaves a story representative and unique, touching and humorous, and reminds us that armies are made of individuals who seek to do their part and return to their families.



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“All of the soldiers who fought in France have passed from the scene, but Carrie Meyer has put a truly human face on the doughboys who went to war a hundred years ago.”

--Richard L. Pifer, author of *The Great War Comes to Wisconsin*