

May 6, 1919.

My dear Mr. Gray:-

What is evident to all of America can be no secret from you:- that no books have been so popular among the men in camps and overseas as your novels.

Several hundred of our men have been deprived of the pleasure of reading your stories. These are the war blind. We desire to enlist your interest in putting at least one of your stories into Braille for these men.

Braille printing is, as you doubtless know, an expensive matter, and no funds are available, except those given by philanthropists, for embossing books for adult readers. In preparing a Braille book the text is first stereographed on metal plates, and from these metal plates as many paper copies may be made as desired, and at a small cost.

We beg of you to defray the cost of putting one of your novels into "brass". If you will do so, the Library War Service undertakes to print and present as many copies as needed for the use of the war blind. The cost of embossing is not a small one. A thousand words done into Braille cost about \$6.25. We have in mind "The U.P. Trail" which would cost approximately \$584.00

We would have you know, however, that once in "brass", your book is available, not only to the war blind, but to the civil blind in the country, some twelve thousand in all. Libraries for the blind, schools for the blind, etc., have funds from which they may buy copies of any works embossed in metal.

My dear Mr. Gray, please consider the appeal we make to you and let us hear from you in the near future.

Very truly

In Charge of Work for the Blind.

Mr. Zane Grey,
Middletown, New York.