This essay is based on a selection of the artifacts and documents in the World War I Kit from the Potsdam Museum. Analyze each carefully noting details that will help you address the Historical Context and Task below.

**Historical Context:**
When Europe erupted into war in 1914, the US tried to stay neutral. However, events unfolded which drew the nation into the conflict. In 1917, the United States mobilized to make the world “safe for democracy.” As a result, Americans in St. Lawrence County were affected by the Great War both at home and abroad.

**Task:**
Using your broad knowledge of social studies, the information from the artifacts and the accompanying scaffolding questions, write a well developed essay that addresses the task below.

Discuss four ways Americans in St. Lawrence County were affected by World War I.
1. Identify the year of enlistment for which the program was published. ________

2. List two songs the public was invited to sing along with. ____________________________
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3. Explain why the citizens of Potsdam, NY would attend this event. ___________________________________________________________________
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Letter from Private Guy D. Brown, Potsdam, 1918

“I will send you a list of the boys killed, wounded and gassed. These are just what I know of from Sunday’s list, but when I get back to the company, I will send you a list of them all.

There were three Collins brothers in my company. Sunday morning when we went over the top Pete was killed. Sunday night, when the battle was still on, “Spike” and Joe, his brothers, went out over the top and hunted around. They found his body and buried it. We went over the top at 6:10 a.m. and I was wounded in the right arm and elbow, but not seriously. I am in the hospital now.

1. Name the author of this letter AND his hometown. ____________________________________________________

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2. List 2 new techniques of war the author makes reference to in the letter. __________________________________

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3. Contrast the severity of the author’s injuries to that of Pete Collin’s. ________________________________

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1. To whom is the letter addressed in the Greeting?

2. Explain why the Liberty Loan Committee addressed the letter that way.

3. Describe what the Committee is requesting in the letter.

4. List two reasons the Committee gives in urging Americans to subscribe to bonds or Liberty Loans.
1. Name three organizations represented on the Liberty Stamps above.
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2. Describe two ways these organizations helped the war effort.
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3. Explain what is meant by the slogan on the stamp that says, “Morale is winning the war.”
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1. Based on these artifacts, list two roles women played in World War I. 

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2. Explain what the words on the stamp mean: "For Every Fighter, a Woman Worker."

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COURIER & FREEMAN POTSDAM
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY. N. Y
WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 4. 1918

POTSDAM MEN
DIE IN FRANCE

ROY GRAVES, FRANK BARCLAY
AND LEON LA FAY
ARE DEAD.

George Goodhart Writes Word of Graves' Death.
Official Telegram Coming Sunday, News of Barclay’s Death Reached Here Thursday.

News has been received the past week of the death of three Potsdam men with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Roy Graves, Company D, 17th Regt, was killed in action, October 12. Frank Barclay 23rd Engineers, died of burns Nov 3rd. Leon LaFay, Company D, 107 Regt. died Nov. 9th. LaFay had been in a hospital, wounded, for some time.

1. Name the newspaper that reported the deaths of three Potsdam men in 1918.________________________________________________________

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2. Identify the country where they died. ________________________________________________________________

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3. Explain how each of the men died. __________________________________________________________________

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1. Name the piece of equipment that was being used by Mr. Hoyer, that brought him to the attention of the police.

2. Explain why Mr. Hoyer was under suspicion.