

## LIVE LETTER FROM CAMP LEE.

Former Princeton Man Writes Telling Something of the Activities of Life in a Great Army Training Camp. Several Boys From Johnston in Camp Lee.

To the Editor:

Having an idea that you will receive any number of news letters from Johnston County boys who are in camp at Columbia and Greenville, and having some doubts as to the same being true of the few up here I have decided to send a "short spell" just to let the folks back home know that although almost lost in a swarm of Pennsylvania Dutch, West Virginia Huns, Poles, Wops, Dagoes, and Bohemians and Old Dominion Cavaliers, there are a few Tar Heels and Johnston County boys here who are making themselves known and recognized in the camp.

I am in Ambulance Company A, one of the units of the 305th Sanitary Train which is the Medical branch of the 80th Division, National Army, now in training at this place. There are several boys from Old North Carolina in the same Company and some in the 22nd Field Hospital which is a part of the same train. Ambulance Company No. 46 which was raised in Richmond and has only been in camp four or five days, has quite a few "Down Home" boys on the roll, and Ambulance Company No. 43 which was raised at Raleigh, is composed almost entirely of Tar Heel boys. There are at least four Johnston County lads in 43 and may be more but I haven't met them if there are. Gower form Clayton, Percy Youngblood and Alger Byrd from Smithfield and Moulton, or as he was better known in Smithfield when pitching for Smithfield two years ago, "Frog" Massey, are the four that I have run across so far.

I guess that I was about the happiest boy in camp the night Company 43 came in for I was around saying hello to lots of the boys that I knew and meeting quite a number of new ones. We are getting to be rather chummy for we have much in common; first we are from the same State while all around us are strangers from other States many of them not able to speak a word of English.

The boys of 43 are a fine manly bunch of youngsters and the majority of them are College and High School men and from the best families of Eastern North Carolina, which means the best in the South, or anywhere else for that matter. It is entirely a picked crowd and I don't think that you could find a real "Bum" in the whole Company. They are learning fast and since receiving their new uniforms look like real soldiers. They are having to undergo some real hardships and do many things that some of them perhaps never had to do at home, but they go at it with a laugh and make a joke of the hardest labor, and there are many duties around camp that are not as heroic and romantic as "Going over the Top" and taking a crack at the Fritzes when the bugles sound the charge. But it is all a part of a soldier's life and helps to make them all one, and better soldiers for it teaches obedience and discipline and they are the two main things in a soldier's life.

It would doubtless seem strange to Smithfield people to see Alger Byrd wielding a shovel, cleaning up Company street or peeling "Spuds" in the kitchen; or Percy Youngblood with a handful of burnt matches and cigarette butts policing up around the barracks, but stranger things than that are seen every day up here. The Banker's son and College Graduate work side by side and drill in the same squad with the boy from the farm and neither complains, "For you are in the Army now," and that explains everything. It is wonderful to see the pride that the boys take in seeing how much like a real soldier they can walk and act, heads up, shoulders back and the easy swing 30-inch Army step.

We have clean comfortable barracks and every barracks has its bath house and splendid showers to get under when the day's work is done. And then for a good wholesome Army supper and, an hour or two of loafing, smoking, reading, singing or writing to the folks back home and then "taps" at ten and lights out and no noise if you please, or the Top Sergeant will have your name on extra detail tomorrow.

The camp is built in the shape of a horseshoe and is about eight miles long, and at present we have about twenty thousand men here and are expecting about thirty thousand more within the next fifteen days. This is already a very busy place, from morning till night, the sound of the instructors yelling "Squads Rights," "Right Dress," "Forward March," "Attention" and "Detachment Halt," is heard all over the camp.

This is historic ground, for it is just below here that General Magruder had Butler's Army of Yanks bottled up during the Civil War, the old breastworks are still standing, silent

reminders of what war means. And just above is the scene of so much hard fighting between Lee's and Grant's armies in '64 and '65. The Crater is one especial point that draws large crowds of sightseers, and the museum on the grounds contains many relics of that bloody struggle.

Yesterday evening Moulton Massey, Mike McCann, an Irish Yankee from Indiana, and I went for a stroll. We rambled through the woods looking for grapes, but with little success, and finally reached Prince George Court House. It seemed rather strange to walk up on a court house and County Jail out in the country with no town near. We went around the jail and talked to some of the Negro prisoners, asked one what he was in for and he said sixty days for fighting, and when we suggested that the Army was the place for a man who wanted to fight, he replied, "Lawd, Boss, I wishes I was there right now." After talking to them awhile we gave them part of our apples and grapes and were amply repaid by the way they said "Thanky, White Folks." Then after inspecting the Confederate Monument erected by the Prince George U. D. C., we started back on the five-mile hike to camp, where we arrived just in time for supper.

The Army is one great school and those who are willing to learn have a great chance of promotion, some of the boys who have only been in two or three months are Sergeants and Corporals, places it would have taken them years to have reached in peace times and many of them are first Sergeants of their Companies. Some of the drafted men who show ability are also coming in for a share of promotion and some of them are made Sergeants in less than a week after arriving. But one and all are going at the business in hand with a vim and determination that will not make the Kaiser's chance look any brighter when we do reach France.

Regards to all the folks back home.

ROBERT H. WELLS,

Sergeant Ambulance Company A,  
305th Sanitary Train, Camp Lee,  
Petersburg, Va., Oct. 7, 1917.

## NEW HOPE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Richardson, of near Kenly, spent a few days this week with Mrs. Richardson's mother, Mrs. Annie B. Sanders.

Messrs. Warren and Nathan Masengill have returned from an extended visit to Asheville and other points. Miss Bessie Sanders has returned home after spending some time in Smithfield.

Mr. H. E. Upchurch, of Four Oaks, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Upchurch.

Miss Ina Massengill is visiting relatives in Fayetteville.

Mr. Rufus Sanders, Sr., made a business trip to Maxton last week.

Mr. Marvin Sanders spent Sunday in Fayetteville.

Master Roy Strickland returned home Monday, after spending some time with relatives in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jernigan and children, of near Dunn, spent the week-end with Mrs. Jernigan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Upchurch.

Mrs. H. E. Upchurch and children returned to their home in Four Oaks, after visiting relatives in the community.

Several of the young people from our community attended the Primitive Baptist Association at Old Union Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Lee visited relatives in Wayne County last week.

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## Let's Raise Our Own Wheat.

We can help ourselves, help the town folks and help Uncle Sam win the war by growing our own wheat here in Johnston County. There is little to hinder this course, nature helping us.

You farmers know where wheat will grow and do fairly well on your farm, what seed to use, when to sow and where it can be milled, here. If you want additional information on the subject write to or see the County Agent at the Court House in Smithfield. He will give you first-hand methods or send you the latest publication on, "The Growing of Wheat in Eastern North Carolina," by R. W. Freeman, District Agent.

A. M. JOHNSON,  
County Agent.

## GEORGE POU OF SMITHFIELD SAILS FOR FRENCH FRONT

Washington, Oct. 4.—Just before sailing from an American port for France, George R. Pou, of Smithfield, a private in the national army, sent this note to the Washington correspondent of the Daily News:

"Au revoir, I'll see you again after the stars and stripes have been placed in Berlin and the kaiser is behind the American lines as a prisoner of war. Send me the Daily News now and then."—Correspondence Greensboro Daily News.

## COTTON NEAR HIGHEST LEVEL.

Market Prices Soar Above 26 Cents. Basis on Low Official Crop Condition Estimate.

It has been a disconcerting week for those who thought that it might bring lower cotton prices, for the market has again risen in striking fashion and has registered an extreme gain of fully \$33 on the average in less than three weeks. This about cancels all of the loss that was sustained during the interval from early August to around mid-September, and at the top levels of 26 cents and better for all active deliveries beyond October on Wednesday the option list was not far from the record figures attained on the boom of last June. The reaction from the week's highest quotations reached \$5 in futures, but Friday ended with an advance of more than \$8 over last Saturday's closing.

For the explanation of the week's further and startling rise in prices, it is not necessary to look beyond the Government's condition report. All had expected that it would prove bullish, but apparently no one had imagined that the estimate would be as low as 66.4 per cent and the market soared when the Washington figures became known. Accompanying the upturn, came renewed talk of 30 cents for the option list, and it was remarked that the idea that the weight of the bales would tell on prices seemed to have been forgotten, at least for the moment. But the opinion that a decline will inevitably follow when the crop really gets in motion was again heard on the Exchange even while the market was advancing rapidly, and some people have perished in the belief that the recent rise has not been justified. What the future will bring, time alone can give the answer; but some observers have wondered if continued and aggressive bullish speculation is likely under existing conditions in money.—Dun's Review.

## BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. 25 and 75 cent bottles. Sold by Creech Drug Co.—Adv.

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Walter Eason, Dan Eason, Stella Radford and her husband, Rufus Radford; Hugh Eason, Enoch Eason, Ora Eason, India Eason, and Emmett Eason Heirs at-Law of Elijah Eason, and the last three being Minors appeared by their Guardian Ad Litem, A. M. Noble, Ex-Parte.

By virtue of the judgment of the Superior Court rendered in the above entitled matter the Undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale on the 8th day of November, 1917, at the Court House door in Johnston County, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tracts of land:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a stake Benjamin Eason's corner, and runs N. 102 to a stake on the Smithfield road; thence N. 57 1/2 W. 125 to a sweet gum on Mill Swamp; thence down said stream to Neuse River; thence down Neuse River to the Slaughter Branch, C. Radford's corner; thence up said branch and a North prong of the same to a stake; thence South 2 E. 60 to a black gum C. Radford's corner; thence N. 70 E. 36 to a stake, Benjamin Eason's corner; thence East 52 to the beginning, containing 104 1/2 acres. See Book "E" 87, Registry of Johnston County. This farm is between Selma and Smithfield. A good farm within 3 miles of Smithfield and 2 miles of Selma, on public road—sand-clay.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a stake in the building line of Anderson street as extended, in the Town of Selma, N. C., at the corner of Ethel Mill Lot; thence South 36 degrees W. 140 feet to a stake on the edge of a 20 foot space set apart as an alley; thence Westerly with said alley and parallel with Anderson street 50 feet to a stake; thence North 36 degrees East 140 feet to a stake in the building line in said Anderson street; thence easterly with said street 50 feet to the point of beginning and being Lot No. 1 in Block "B" of D. H. Graves property, West of Selma, and lying partly in the corporate limits and it is that same lot of land described in deeds from D. H. Graves et als to J. L. Fulghum and by J. L. Fulghum and wife to J. D. Eason, Jr. See A. 10. 532, Registry of Johnston County. Walter Eason and Van Eason have \$100.00 in this land from date of deed, and will sign deed to convey his interest.

THIRD TRACT: Lot No. 7 described and contained in a map of the Radfords' lands made by Francis Deaton, C. E., said map being recorded in Registry of Johnston County in Z. 12. 502 to which reference is hereby made for meets and bounds, dimensions on the N. 58 S. 137; 6 South 55.75 W. 143. 7. See Book 1-14, Van Eason has \$78.00 in this lot from date of deed, and will sign deed to convey his interest.

Terms of sale: 2-3 cash and 1-3 on 1 and 2 years time to suit purchaser. 10 per cent cash deposit on day of sale and sale remains open 20 days. J. W. JONES, Commissioner.

## FARMING

## Men Listen

Do you realize what the present prices for Farm Products mean? Do you realize that Farming has become about the most profitable business in which one can engage? Do you not know that, with the prevailing prices for everything that is grown in Mother Earth, you can pay for a farm in two or three years, or perhaps less? Don't you know, too, that the price of land is bound to go up? It is the prevailing opinion that cotton and tobacco will remain as high, or higher, for the next four or five years.

## If You Don't buy and Pay For a Farm During Times Like These When Will You Ever Own One?

If you have a few hundred dollars to pay down on a place we can arrange the balance on such terms that you would not be called on to pay out much, if any, more each year than the annual rent would be.

## We Offer the Following:

271 acres 5 miles West of Four Oaks. Three-horse crop open. This farm is well fixed up with buildings, having three good dwellings, two tobacco barns and all other necessary buildings. We can offer you a bargain in this tract of land. It belongs to J. D. Lassiter.

228 acres 4 miles West of Smithfield. This is the Gillis Hood tract, and has about 100 acres of good cleared land. We can sell it at a low price and on easy terms.

38 acres adjoining the corporate limits of Smithfield. This farm is practically in town, and will, in all probability, within a few years, be covered with nice dwellings. Here is an opportunity to make a fortune on a small investment.

469 acres 8 miles South of Smithfield with about an 8-horse crop cleared. This is part of the B. E. Gardner farm. It has one almost new nine-room dwelling, nine tenant houses, cotton gin, tobacco barns and other buildings. It can be bought at a low price and on long terms.

63 acres within two miles of Wendell, N. C. This is one of the nicest farms we have ever seen. It has about 35 acres of beautiful cleared land and there is not one acre unfit for cultivation on the whole place. It has a beautiful eight-room dwelling, a good tenant house, three tobacco barns and a very large pack house all in the best of shape.

140 acres about 4 miles North of Wilson's Mills. This farm has only about 10 acres of cleared land and no buildings but the land is very fine and we can offer it at a ridiculously low price. This is one share of the old Daniel Eason farm.

194 acres within two miles of Cary, N. C., and 10 miles from Raleigh. Here is the cheapest farm we have ever seen. There are about 50 or 60 acres cleared and the land is very strong. It has two dwellings, one tobacco barn and other necessary buildings. We can sell you this farm at \$25 per acre on good terms.

42 acres 5 miles North from Selma. About 30 acres cleared. Nice dwelling and one tenant house. This is an exceedingly nice little farm and you will be pleased with it.

We also have several other small farms, and we are continually adding more to our list.

## Don't Fail to See Us If You Want to Sell

PLEASE NOTE--If you have a farm you wish to rent, or, if you wish to rent a place from someone, and will leave your name and address with us we will try and put you in touch with the man who can fill your bill. This service will cost you nothing.

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