

Letter from Son in France

France, July 10, 1918.
My Dear Papa:
It is due course in time to write again but I am so blue just now that I know I should wait a while until I am in better spirits but I don't always have the time when I want to write.
Why am I blue? Lots of mail came today and I didn't get a line. Some of the fellows get ten or fifteen letters. And just think how long it has been since I've had news of you, another thing that makes me blue is that I have been taken away from my platoon and will not see it again until I join the Regiment on the front, and circumstances that I am unable to relate here determine whether or not I will ever be in command of it again. But sometimes I feel that if I don't have chance to train them I don't care to lead them over the top. I am Assistant Regimental Intelligence Officer and have a staff job, but not one of the "swivel chair" kind. It has to do with the gaining of information on which all the movements of the Regiment are based. We worked from 8-30 to 11-45 a. m. from 1-30 to 4-30 p. m. from 8-00 to 10-30 usually 11-00 daily except Sunday afternoon. I rode to a nearby town 12 kilometers this afternoon on a bicycle to attend to some personal business and to get some smokes for my men.
I realize every day what a blessing the Y. M. C. A. is to the army. I hardly see how we could get along without them. They have arranged with the Government so that they sell us smokes, matches, sweets and a few other necessities cheaper than we can buy them in the States. And they furnished amusements for the men at least twice a week. In well established places the Y. M. C. A. has a regular circuit of famous actors who are giving their service to the cause. So if it ever comes in your way to help them by a word or gift don't fail to do it.
After working all day I received orders to be ready to leave that night at 12-30 this village which is 24 miles from the place we were. Not being able to secure transportation we had to walk. We began our journey at the set time in the rain and it rained most of the way but we reached here in the middle of the morning as we had planned. We stopped in a little town about thirteen kilometers from here where there are American troops and they gave us a hot breakfast which you know was very welcome. After resting there an hour and a half and doctoring the men's feet, blisters, broken arches, etc. (I was doctor) we came here in good shape. But you can bet your life that none of us had any trouble sleeping that night.
I am not on the front yet some days we can hear the roar of the cannon and see the flare of the shells at night. I failed to say that this is a Divisional Intelligence School and I am supposed to be here as a student but owing to the scarcity of the front instructors I have done more instructing than being instructed. But we have several very good instructors who have been almost a year and they have been thru the mill several times. One of the best we have is a Lieutenant from Fayetteville. He was in the last drive and has been cited for bravery three times. Right here don't forget that he is a North Carolinian as well as an American.
I am as well as I can be and am gaining every day. Don't ever have any worries for me, for you know that Uncle Sam is going to take the best possible care of me. Certainly would like to get a letter from home. Lots of love to you all.
Your devoted son,
Roy.
2nd Lt. LeRoy Anderson,
52nd Infantry.
A. E. F.

Memorial Service Last Sunday

On Sunday afternoon a large gathering of people of the town and county met at the graded school building in memory of John Walton Hassell who was killed in France on July 18th, last.
The 4th Company of N. C. Reserve Militia marched in a body to the school building in honor of the dead hero.
The congregation sang the national hymn "The Star Spangled Banner," after which prayer was led by Rev. A. J. Manning. The beautiful and appropriate song "The Sons of God go Forth to War" was sung; then Rev. C. H. Jordan of the Episcopal Church preached a most appropriate sermon, after which the hymn "Jesus Calls us o'er the Tumult" was sung.
Messrs. R. J. Peel, A. R. Dunning and Clayton Moore each made short talks, commanding the young man who had so bravely gone to his death in defence of his country and home, unselfishly laying down his own life that others might be saved; that only a few years ago he was a boy on our streets and in our schools and that with sacred memory he should be held by those for whom he died.
Lieutenant John W. Hassell was born in Williamston on November 1st, 1886. His father, Cushing B. Hassell died when the son was less than 2 years old leaving him with his mother, Mrs. Ella W. Hassell, and a sister Miss Clyde V. Hassell, who is known to the people of this community as the splendid head operator of the Williamston Telephone Co., and his aunt, Miss Hattie Thrower, all of whom are left to mourn his departure. He attended the Williamston grammar and high schools but before finishing the grades he began working at the Office of the Enterprise on evenings and Saturdays. At the age of 18 he went to Enfield and worked there in a newspaper office, than to Richmond where he worked in the book and job office of the Everett-Waddy Co., and from there he went to Knoxville, Tenn. where he worked until 1908 when he returned home and associated himself in a partnership with W. C. Manning in the newspaper and job office of The Enterprise. After several years he again grasped the Western idea and went again to Tennessee where he remained until his country called its strongest sons, and after registering in his home county for service he made application for entrance in the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe entering August 27th, 1917. He was assigned to duty at Camp Green and was sent over seas on April 29th, and was killed in action on July, 18th, at which time he was Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Co. of the 68th U. S. Infantry.
While no statement has been received as to the manner or place in which he was killed, one thing is known—he died at his post. Lieutenant Hassell is the first son of Martin County to die on the battlefield of Europe and his name will be inscribed upon a proper tablet in the court house that his memory may be held by future ages.

Leaves The Newspaper Field

Miss Hattie Thrower has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co. to do clerical work in the Williamston office. For nine years she had been connected with the Enterprise, doing principally editorial work and bookkeeping.
Miss Thrower, is a woman of great intellect, has kept in close touch with the newspaper interest of the country and took great interest in the welfare and uplift of the community. She has won the respect and love of all the customers of the office, and it is with genuine regret we give her up.

Court to Convene Monday

The Sept. term of Court will convene Monday, Sept. 16, Judge George W. Connor of Wilson, presiding. No civil calendar has been made and it is understood that no civil cases will be tried.
This is very commendable in the Court and lawyers as people have no time to law now. Litigants, jurors and witness are too busy helping win the war to stop and engage in court trials, besides many people will need the help of the lawyers of the county to advise and filled the questionnaires of the registrants of the county.
The criminal docket will be light as there are not many cases in court. Following is the jury for the first week: J. D. Bailey, J. F. Holliday, W. J. Harrington, Joseph Lanier, L. G. Godard, J. H. Riddick, C. C. Coltrain, W. W. Roberson, W. R. Griffin, E. H. Manning, W. S. Peel, John D. Mizell, J. F. Britton, Charles Rogerson, J. H. Terry, R. L. Perry, J. O. Manning, W. H. Edwards, G. L. Keel, J. B. Ayers, J. O. Peel, H. O. Daniel, T. W. Roberson, J. Dawson Roberson, J. T. Taylor, B. H. Roberson, John D. Parker, W. T. Price, W. A. Everett, J. S. Roberson, O. T. Everett, H. L. Taylor, F. M. Harrell, F. M. Price, T. E. Johnson, E. L. Glover.

\$314.22 Given for the Red Cross.

The Williamston ladies of the Red Cross desire to thank the farmers who contributed their tobacco last week. Each farmer was asked to give one half stick and the request was met with every courtesy. We desire to thank the warehousemen, the buyers and graders and all the men and women who assisted in making our sale such a success.
The committee of ladies will be on the warehouse floors each day and meet the farmers. The war is still on and must be won. The Red Cross is doing its utmost to relieve the suffering of our boys "Over There." If you can't go across come across" with one half stick tobacco. The tobacco sold for \$302.72 and \$11.50 was given in cash. Many thanks farmer friends and tobacco friends! Keep up the good work.

Write The Boys

The Soldier boys should receive more letters. People should write regularly for a great many letters go astray and for a loved one to receive one letter it may mean that the folks at home have to write three or more.
We note from a letter from Mr. Robert A. Moore to his father Mr. Augustus Moore, of Williams Township that the spirit of the soldier is fine. He says he likes the French people very much and is learning to speak their language. Mr. Moore emphasizes this fact, "You may think I am with a bad bunch of boys, but you must remember that the most of them are the best of men, we have religious services two or three times a week and the Y. M. C. A., so with all this I am sure that I can keep just as clean and good as I could at home. I want you to attend Church too and tell Mr. Lee that I am still holding fast and would like to hear him preach. I cannot tell you much about the war, I expect you know more about it than I do."
Your Son
Robt. A. Moore.
Co. F. 54 Inf. A. E. F.

Loans To Our Allies

An additional credit of \$400,000,000 was made by the United States Treasury to Great Britain on August 30. This brings the total of credits to Great Britain to \$3,725,000,000. The total available to all of the entente allies now amounts to \$7,092,040,000.

Registration - 18 to 45

Thursday, Sept. 12th was Registration day for all men in the United States between 18 and 45, inclusive. One and a third more men were expected to register than in June 1917, for all men between 21 and 31.
Martin County's quota was 1,983 but 2,000 registered. Mr. Leslie Fowden and Mayor B. F. Godwin were the Registrars for Williamston Township, and they reported the average number of registrants equal to that of last year.
This Registration brings the war much closer to us. Men have registered, gone and died now and the seriousness of the necessity of calling a greater army despite the optimistic turn of events at the front, makes us realize the horror of the war. Many homes will be affected greatly by this draft and the youth of the country and the business men of age and experience leaving, will touch industry and labor, other than war work, heavily.

To Work In Mesopotamia

Friends in Williamston and Martin County will be interested to learn that the Rev. W. R. Burrell has been assigned to work in Mesopotamia. It will be remembered that he volunteered for the work in the Army—Y. M. C. A. and was accepted for overseas duty. More than a month ago he left home and went to New York for instruction before going over, and has recently sailed from Montreal, Canada. He was instructed to dress in civilian clothes until he gets to his destination, where he will wear the uniform of the British Army, as he will be with the forces of England in Mesopotamia. While doing civilian work, he will wear citizen's clothes.
The location of his field pleased him greatly, and in every line written to his people at home, there is joy unbounded because he can go to assist those who are suffering from the horrors of war. If any friend desires to send a letter to him, it should be addressed: W. R. Burrell, Army Y. M. C. A., care General Post-office, Bombay, India.

Red Cross workers

Those working in the Red Cross rooms August 21st, and 24th, Sept. 3rd and 6th were:
Mrs. R. S. Critcher, Mrs. Lawrence Peele, Mrs. H. M. Eure, Mrs. W. R. Burrell, Mrs. W. C. Manning, Mrs. B. H. Knight, Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Mrs. Geo. Harrison, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, Mrs. J. G. Staton, Mrs. A. T. Crawford, Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Jr. Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Mrs. J. L. Hassell, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. Jim Andrews, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mrs. Warren Biggs, Mrs. W. Hodges, Mrs. Hugh York, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Misses Ethel Britt, Vella Andrews, Helen L. Maynard, Annie Lamb and Virginia Herrick.

Americans In France And Americans At Home

In speaking of the American soldiers in France, Premier Clemenceau said in the House of Deputies:
"The French general tell me the victory was peculiarly American in its conception and execution. I am much impressed with the magnificent discipline, daring and bravery of the American troops."
David Lloyd-George, Prime Minister of England, in speaking of our soldiers said:
"We know that when they appear in the battle line they will fight in a way worthy of the great traditions of their great country. This is in itself a source of support, sustenance, and encouragement to all those who with anxious hearts are watching the conflict going on in France."
The English and French Prime Ministers have only expressed the opinion of the world of the Americans in France. Our soldiers' part in this great drive against the Germans is worthy of our great Nation. On September 28 begins the campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan, the drive toward victory which it is the part of the Americans at home to make a triumph and success. If we do our part as well as our soldiers do theirs, our response will be worthy of our great country and of our soldiers and sailors. And every good American will do his or her best to make it so.

School Announcement

The Williamston Graded and High School will open on Monday Sept. 16, 1918. All pupils to be present at 9 A. M. on that day. New pupils are requested to be vaccinated or bring certificate showing that they have been successfully vaccinated within the past three years.
Pupils taking school work during the summer are requested to bring certificate showing work done. If the work has been satisfactory, credit will be given.
Parents will please accompany pupils entering first grade.
The following teachers have been secured for the coming year.
First grade—Miss Mildred McDaniel, Kinston, N. C.
Second grade—Miss Elizabeth Quinerly, Greenville, N. C.
Third grade—Miss Pattie Thorne, Airlie, N. C.
Fourth grade—Miss Flossie Tilley, Hillsboro, N. C.
Fifth grade—Mrs. W. R. Burrell, Williamston, N. C.
Sixth and Seventh grades—Miss Ursula Vinson, Ahsokie, N. C.
High School—Mrs. W. H. Harrell, Williamston, N. C., Miss Jessie Hodges, Washington, N. C., E. E. Bundy, Williamston, N. C.
Domestic Science—Miss Esther Gluyas, Williamston, N. C.
Music—Miss Georgia Pearsall, Red Springs, N. C.
On Monday night beginning at 8:30 a reception will be given in the school auditorium, to the teachers and parents in the honor of the teachers of the Williamston school. Supt. A. J. Manning, Supt. of Martin County will deliver an address to the parents and all are requested to be present. Come out and welcome the teachers to our city. Refreshments will be served.
The Williamston Graded and High School has secured Miss Georgia Pearsall to teach music during the coming year. Miss Pearsall has been a pupil of Gustav L. Beck, a noted musician of New York City. She is also a graduate of the Flora McDonald Conservatory of Music, Red Springs, N. C., and had several years experience in teaching music. Williamston is very fortunate to secure the services of Miss Pearsall, and we are sure she will give entire satisfaction. All people desiring to take music are requested to meet Miss Pearsall in the Graded School auditorium on Monday, Sept. 16th at eleven A. M.
E. E. Bundy, Supt.

ONE PAINTED CANTEN AT CAMP JACKSON

Well Kept Grounds and Rustic Fence Surrounds Trading Establishment.

(Columbia State)
At Camp Jackson at the base hospital, off the beaten paths of traffic may be found a canteen that is in the vernacular of the soldier, some canteen.
One is first attracted to this busy center of commercial activity by the well kept grounds and the rustic fence, which improve the exterior appearance to a wonderful degree. Looking at the building from the roadway one can not fail to see the six by 46 foot sign that fits in the exterior arrangement in a very pronounced way. This is the only government building in the camp that is painted, and is of a beautiful green tint, blending perfectly with the greensward of the board lawn.
Entering the canteen one is agreeably surprised at the entire convenient arrangement of the various departments and the interior decorations cause pleasant surprises at the taste displayed in their placing. The United States flag is attractively swung in the very center and appropriate pictures adorn the walls, and potted plants lend their attractiveness and color to the scene in a most pleasing manner. The mahogany fixtures and balustrade counters, behind which white uniform salespeople strive to please in every way possible, makes of one's purchasing trip a trip of pleasure.
Passing on down the aisle one is impressed with the real care visible on every hand in the real working out of details that add so much to the real worth of the inner-view.
To the right are tobaccos of all kinds, including an extensive line of cigars and cigarettes. Just below this is the ladies' ready to wear department, in charge of a lady who owing to the variety of stock on hand, doesn't have to apologize for not having what is desired in this line by the nurses of the base hospital.
The next section is occupied by an expert stage artist from a well known men's clothing house, and from a large supply the officer may select his uniform from the products of the very best woolen mills which supply the market today.
Other conveniences to be found in this canteen are first class barbershops, cool drink stand, toilet articles, magazines, stationery and good music.
As to the personnel from Captain Peel, exchange officer; Francis Holloway, exchange officer; Francis Holloway, exchange officer; John B. Stacey, assistant exchange sergeant; Nathan G. Herr, sergeant and floor manager, to the very last member of the staff, efficiency is their motor.
To see their real business like methods employed in the base hospital canteen is worth a trip to anyone who admires progressiveness and the spirit of service that permeates the entire staff in charge.
The abundance of ceiling fans insure comfort, and the hospitality of the sales people will cause many pleasant memories of that long to be remembered day in the history of the base hospital when the canteen had its grand opening August 31st. There were by count an average of 83 people entering the canteen every ten minutes.
Land Sale
Dr. James S. Rhodes sold the Roebuck Farm which is a part of the old Slade place five miles from Williamston at auction on Wednesday. The Atlantic Realty Co. conducted the sale. Enthusiasm ran high, bids soared and sales were fast. A brass band, prizes and a dinner added to the success of the day.

Williamston Personal

A. T. Crawford went to Williamston Tuesday.
William Ellison spent Sunday in Washington.
L. H. Bailey, of Scotland Neck was in town Tuesday.
Silas Lucas, of Wilson spent Wednesday in town.
Mrs. W. A. Ellison is visiting in Belhaven this week.
Mark Bullock, of Rocky Mount was in town Wednesday.
Mrs. C. H. Godwin has returned from a visit to Fortress Monroe.
Mrs. Jessie Hopkins left Tuesday morning for Clifton Forge, Va.
Miss Mary Louise Carstarphen left Tuesday afternoon for Ayden.
Capt. Julius S. Peel is at home a few days from Camp Jackson S. C.
J. D. Ray, of Scotland Neck, was in town this week on business.
Hubert Warren and Frank Saunders motored to Durham Saturday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Critcher and child, of Lexington are visiting relatives here this week.
Miss Leslie Wells, of Rocky Mount, is the guest of Miss Martha Simmons Mizell on Main Street.
P. E. Davenport, of Plymouth, Food Inspector for the first District, was in town Tuesday.
Herbert Peele, of Charleston, S. C. is visiting his mother Mrs. Mary E. Peele on Houghton Street.
Misses Ruth and Vivian Newell, of Palmyra spent a few days here this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.
Robert Brown, formerly with Theo. Roberson and Co., of this town, now of Greenville, is in town this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biggs and little daughter, of Washington, are visiting Mrs. S. R. Biggs this week.
Mrs. P. C. Bedham and little daughter, of Edenton, are the guests of Mrs. Rome Biggs Jr., this week.
Miss Louise Robertson has returned from a visit to Ahsokie.
Miss Pearl Meadows left Tuesday morning for Oxford, where she will enter school. Her sister Mrs. C. B. Baker accompanied her.
Jack W. Biggs left Saturday for Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. to report for military duty.
The store of Rutenberg and Adler will be closed Monday as Sept. 15th is the Jewish Atonement Day.
Charles Biggs writes that he has finished his training at Paris Island and is stationed at the Torpedo Base, Newport, R. I. preparatory to sail with a Marine Corps.
Thursday saw the early Fall Style in hats in. At the two shops, Harrison Bros and Mrs. Claus Robersons attractive and chic models were shown. Prices are very reasonable this season compared with the extreme high prices of other wearing apparel.
For Rent or Lease
Would rent or lease my "Jenkins Farm" situated conveniently near Oak City, N. C., very desirable locality, fine farm, fertile and easy of cultivation, good dwelling and all necessary out-buildings and conveniences, finest tobacco lands, 125 acres, about 60 acres now under cultivation, an excellent opportunity for a good man. Must be seen and examined to be appreciate, easy terms. Particulars upon application.
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