



## Richmond County Soldiers

Have you noticed the splendid window display at Watson-King grocery? There are a number of pictures of soldiers arranged.

A. G. Williams, who volunteered in May, 1917, when but 19 years old, landed in France in May. Letters from him to his mother at Robelert states that he is well. He is in Co. L, 119th Infantry, American Exp. Forces, France.

Musician John Hall, of Carthage, 119th Infantry Band, played a solo for the King of Belgium, June 23rd. Our American troops on the Chateau-Thierry section have been playing a different tune during the past few days for the Kaiser.

While a troop train from Texas, loaded with colored soldiers, was standing at Hamlet, last Saturday, one soldier stabbed another in the back, and then jumped through the window of the coach and fled. However he was caught, and carried northward on the train, under guard.

Messrs. Bruce Benton and Frank L. Pickett are still in New York. They, with over 1,000 other Y. M. C. A. men have been waiting embarkation for several weeks. They had not sailed the first of the week, and it may be a week or more yet before they start across.

Victor Sedberry Townsend and W. C. Leak, Jr., successfully passed the physical examination at the Navy enrolling office at Wilmington, and have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to report. They will likely be ordered into the Naval service within thirty days.

On an average the soldiers who come from the city and rural sections are about equal in health. Statistics show that out of 315,000 registrants in the draft, the rejection of country boys for physical defects was 27 out of every hundred, and that of the city boys was 28 out of every hundred.

"Why don't you put more about the Navy boys in this column," inquired a friend.

Bless your heart, the editor will—if you or your folks take enough interest to inform him of your navy boys. The editor is no mind-reader. We want items about ALL the boys who are in Uncle Sam's service, whether in army, navy, marines or aviation.

Since the first day of July, SIXTY-FIVE (65) NEW subscribers have been added to the Post-Dispatch list—a pretty good number, and the month is not yet ended. The names of these new subscribers can be found on page 2.

Is your son's name on this list? Wouldn't your soldier-boy or soldier-relative be interested in the news of "back home"? Start the paper to him for three or six months.

Hereafter no applicant under the age of 18 will be enlisted in the navy or army until he has proven to the complete satisfaction of the recruiting officer that he has reached the age of 18 years. Many lads from a patriotic sense swear falsely to their ages in order to enlist, and this is to be deplored. The proof required now is (a) birth certificate, baptismal record, or school certificate, or case (a) is not available, (b) affidavit of parent or of guardian with legal evidence of guardianship.

You can bank on a Richmond county lad enjoying "sweets," no matter where he may be. One of our soldier-boys, while at Camp Upton, a few days ago meandered into little old New York; with a girl friend, he was sitting side by side in Battery Park.

"I wonder," he whispered as he glanced out across the beautiful bay and saw the Statue of Liberty in the shadowy gloom, "why they have it light so small."  
"Perhaps," replied the girl, blushing, "the smaller the light the greater the Liberty."

Little did Germany think several years ago when she was building such large and splendid passenger ships that they later would be used in carrying across hundreds of thousands of American troops, and yet our chief transports were formally German ships. The number of German ships seized in American docks at the outbreak of the war was 109, and their quick repair stands as a miracle of American engineering. Every one of the ships had been ingeniously and badly damaged, so badly, in fact, that it was thought 18 months would be required to repair them. Yet all the ships were repaired and in service in eight months after war was declared. Sixteen of the largest are troop ships, with a total capacity of almost 60 thousand officers and men. Allowing three voyages every two months, these ships alone can take 1,080,000 soldiers "over there" in a year.

Let us hope the world will get a dove in its worn, knitted sock, this Christmas.

Let the editor have the address of your soldier or sailor, and send in items of interest concerning them.

Started the Post-Dispatch to that army or navy boy of yours yet? It will make him feel good, reading the home news. Subscribe for him.

Joseph Edmond Young, who will be 19 Jan. 25th, went to Charlotte Monday morning to take a shot at enlisting in the Navy.

The clash of accoutrements in our camps sounds the death knell to Prussian militarism, and America's abundant wheat harvest will give it the coup de grace.

Relatives at home have received letters from Preston Pegues. He sailed for France June 26th, and landed safely. He is in an artillery supply train.

Walter Lee Speight, who was transferred from the Richmond county exemption board to the Raleigh board and inducted and sent to Camp Jackson June 26th, was given an honorable discharge July 18th on physical grounds.

The Russian Czar has a remarkable way of coming to life. He is dead one day, and alive the next, according to press reports. We suspect that the reports of his death (like that of Mark Twain) were greatly exaggerated.

John F. and Frank S. Morse came to their home in this county last week on an eight days' furlough. They joined the army four years ago, and have been in service in the Philippines. At present they are stationed at Fremont, California, the former in Co. L, 13th inf. These boys say they have always had plenty of Uncle Sam's table, have waxed fat, and are "rearing" to go across.

David C. McNeill spent Monday night with his father, N. A. McNeill, near Robelert. He left Tuesday for Red Springs to see his wife, who has been critically ill. He stayed there until Wednesday morning when he left for New York, to rejoin his company, which had left Camp Hancock Monday for a port of embarkation. McNeill had been given a four days' furlough. He says to tell his friends goodbye, and that he expects to go across, do the best he can and return in due season.

The University is to send 69 additional men for sixty days intensive training at Plattsburg, N. Y., making a total of 116 men there from the University. Among these additional 69 men are T. G. Gibson, of Gibson, and W. H. Williamson, of Carthage. They must report at Plattsburg Aug. 10th. They will be under temporary enlistment for sixty days, with a private's pay. At the end of the sixty days they will be discharged to resume their work at the University where they will act as assistants to the military instructors sent there by the government. One faculty member for each one hundred students is also sent to the camp.

Earnest S. Young, a son of Mr. Claude Young, of R'ham, came last Saturday and will leave Friday for his ship, the "Louisiana." He, while but a lad of 19, volunteered to "sail the deep, blue sea" Dec. 27th, 1916. The gladness of the Christmas season was still upon him—and, by the way, his navy life has not caused him to lose any of that happy spirit. He is now a 3rd class coxswain, and he is a first-class gun pointer for one of the twelve-inch guns. The Louisiana was built in 1902, and though not as new and as large as some of the more modern dreadnoughts, still it is "some baby," and the 1100-odd men on board are just as anxious to meet some of the Kaiser's vessels as are the men on the newest dreadnoughts.

Robert Stansill and Henry Dockery spent Sunday here. David Easterling spent Sunday at Hamlet and at McColl. Of course these young men know nothing as to their future movements, but the guess of their friends is that they will be northward bound from Camp Jackson before the end of this week, for a port of embarkation. Robert and Easterling are in the personnel of the artillery, and Henry Dockery is in the trench mortars; all this belongs to the 81st division. Doubtless before this is read, all three of them will have gone north.

The government is discouraging the buying of platinum rings and anything else that contains platinum. Platinum is very necessary in making nitric acid. With the aid of platinum from one ordinary wedding ring about 100 pounds of nitric acid can be made. This 100 pounds converted into high explosives will send a number of 3-inch shells against the Hun and be a help in bringing our boys back home. There is a shortage in the supply of platinum. Russia has a corner in the world's supply—and Germany has a corner on Russia at present. Explosives cannot be made without sulphuric and nitric acids; the manufacture of these acids requires the use of platinum; airplanes must have platinum for important instruments in their construction; platinum is absolutely essential in the manufacture of special pyrometers; pyrometers are necessary in all steel treatments; and no guns can be made without the use of pyrometers. And so remember when you ladies buy platinum rings, platinum pins, platinum mesh-bags or platinum cigarette cases, you are simply putting a scotch into the wheel of war progress.

Easy to buy, convenient to handle, no red tape—get a WAR SAVINGS STAMP today.

The address of Eli Herbert Shanide, who enlisted May 21st, is "Headquarters Co. 604th Engineers, Camp Glen Burnie, Maryland."

Frank B. Phillips and Emmett Smith entered the service at the Charleston Navy Yard July 9th. Phillips is in Co. 5, Section 1, 4th regiment.

A colored man, Albricht McLean, who was recently carried to Camp Greene, has been given an honorable discharge on account of physical disability.

Phil Little, of Charlotte, but formerly of Richmond county, left ten days ago for Austin, Texas, to enter an aviation camp. He has volunteered for the air service.

William Head spent Sunday here at home. He has been in the hospital corps at the Charleston Naval Training Station for over a month. He looked natty in his navy clothes.

Mr. H. L. Guthrie received a letter from Benjamin Garner, of Moore county, Tuesday, stating that he was Monday sent to a military camp by the Moore county exemption board. Garner is six feet, three inches, and weighs 225 pounds.

THE COMPANY AND REGIMENT address of the Richmond county boys who were at Camp Sevier and who in the past few days were transferred with the 81st division to Camp Upton, N. Y., is still the same, only direct mail to Camp Upton, N. Y., instead of Camp Sevier.

Send the Canteen workers some melons for the troop train soldiers. Watermelons and cantaloupes are wanted, and every melon counts. Leave them at Everett Hardware store. One melon gives a lot of pleasure and "inward" satisfaction to half a dozen soldiers.

Wade G. Terry, of the 118th Ambulance Company, 105th Sanitary Train, American Exp. Forces, arrived in France the middle of June. His folks received a letter from him July 14th in which he stated that he was well, enjoying his new life and was "powerful" impressed with the number of good looking French girls he saw. Wade was sent to Camp Jackson Easter Sunday.

A letter was received by relatives on July 13th from G. P. Fogleman, stating that he had landed safely overseas. He left here March 6th for Camp Jackson, staying there two months and then going to Camp Merritt, N. J., from which place he embarked. His address is "Private George P. Fogleman, Truck Co. 6, 1st Corps Artillery Park, A. P. O. 703, American Exp. Forces, France, via New York."

Oren Johnson and Tommie Rogers passed from Sevier northward bound Saturday night at 9:30. A number of Richmond county boys passed on troop trains Sunday night: Cole Nichols, Watt Parsons, Watt Davis, William Stackback, Jim Little, Jim Cagle and George A. O'Quinn passed. At 11 o'clock Sunday night Benson Hertz Copeland and Mason Minor Hinson passed.

By the time the Post-Dispatch is published, the entire 81st division will have left Camp Sevier. It is estimated there are at least 160 Richmond county boys in this division, most of them being of the "124" increment who were sent to camp May 25th. They are bound for a port of embarkation, and will likely sail within the next ten days.

While many of the troop trains from Sevier passed through Rockingham over the S. A. L., many more were routed over the Southern by Charlotte. William Harry Entwistle and James Covington went by way of the Southern Sunday night.

Lt. Claude Poole, brother of Mrs. F. J. Garrett, passed through the city Tuesday afternoon, from Chattanooga, en route to port of embarkation. Wm. D. Lovett passed Monday night.

We doubt if there is a single person now who is at all cognizant of the Canteen work, who will deery the good, that is being done by this branch of the Red Cross work. A single visit to a troop train and the pleasure and comfort afforded the men by the Canteen service would banish any illusion as to the needlessness of the Canteen.

Last Saturday a soldier from Springfield, Ohio, on a troop train, became ill while en route and was left at Hamlet in the hospital. The Rockingham ladies who were serving the Canteen there that day immediately visited the hospital, provided the soldier with new pajamas, tooth brush, and other conveniences, and since then have regularly visited him each day and have seen to it that this lonesome soldier from the Buckeye State lacks for no comfort. And what our Canteen is doing for this soldier, possibly some Canteen somewhere else may have to do for YOUR soldier-boy. Yes, help the Canteen.

George Phillips, formerly night operator for the Seaboard at Hamlet, writes that Uncle Sam "took him over" at Charleston Monday and that he is now in the Naval Radio School at Charleston. He expects to be an expert wireless operator soon.

## MORE MEN TO CAMP

Six White Men Sent to Camp Hancock Last Monday. Seventeen Colored Men To Go To Camp Greene July 30th. 31 White Men to Camp Wadsworth Second Week in August. New Registrants Examined.

The following six white men were sent by the Richmond county exemption board Monday, July 22nd, on the 7:35 p. m. train to Camp Hancock, near Augusta, Ga. The six were inducted at four o'clock, presented with bibles by Rev. Z. V. Roberson and were then carried to Morgan's Studio where a picture was made of them, for next week's Post-Dispatch. Hubert Timothy Prosser was placed in charge of the squad; Mr. Prosser was for several years the land and industrial agent for the S. A. L. Ry.

The six were:  
199 Talmadge Morrison  
602 Wm. Connie Mathis  
619 James Thomas Lovin  
675 Wm. T. Maner  
798 Hubert Timothy Prosser  
876 Wm. F. Holmes

On next Tuesday, July 30th, 17 colored men will be sent to Camp Greene. The following colored men are ordered to report here at 8:30 o'clock, p. m. and from that number 16 will be selected. They will leave on the 10:07 a. m. train, arrive at Charlotte at 12:40 and at Camp Greene at one o'clock. Anson county will send 36 men to Camp Greene on this same train. The men called are:

- 1436 Hampton Miller
- 406 Jim Neal
- 1002 Thomas Belton
- 533 Solomon Webster
- 2260 Walter Ewing
- 2169 Wash Hunter
- 1193 Henry Leach
- 1942 Henry Richard McRae
- 765 Jollie Collins
- 2129 John Allen
- 2156 Pearl Ingram
- 1532 John Robert Hines
- 2105 Wm. Henderson
- 290 James Paramore
- 399 James Lindsay
- 370 Edward Johnson
- 1124 Oscar Carter
- 2149 John Poe
- 1948 Oscar Chambers
- 737 Alex Mobley
- 876 Isaac Bonds
- 188 Henry Drake

During the five-day period beginning August 5th, 31 white men will be sent from this county to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. The board has about 22 men in the first registration available for this call, and will have to get only 9 from the new registration. The names will be given next issue. In this call Anson is to furnish 10, Moore 23, Montgomery 16, Stanly 23, Chath-

am 12, Randolph 29.

107 of the 153 newly registered men underwent physical examination here Monday and Tuesday. 107 had been classified in Class one. 51 were examined Monday and 56 Tuesday. The percentage of those passing the examination was splendid, about 95 per cent successfully undergoing the required examination.

Four colored men will be sent from this county to the A. & T. College at Greensboro August 15th.

From the following six white men three will be sent to Syracuse, N. Y., July 30th, to act as watchmen, etc at ports of embarkation.

A telegram to the local board this afternoon stated that schedule for these men would be forwarded tomorrow.

- 51 Wm. K. McNeill
- 309 Wm. F. Baldwin
- 631 Pet Yates
- 70 Frank T. Dawkins
- 874 Nathan E. Levy
- 888-1-2 Harry T. Odum

## Mayor's Court.

Arthur Dunlap, who has been working at Newport News, came for a visit a few days ago, and was arrested Saturday on the charge of gambling on May 6th. Mayor McNeil Monday required him to give bond in the sum of \$50 for appearance at next term of criminal court.

Arch White was tried Monday for operating a jitney in the city without license. The charge is that he carried some passengers from the city to Ellerbe July 4th. Mayor McNeil fined him \$10, but his attorney gave notice of appeal to superior court.

## Merchants Meeting.

A special meeting of the merchants of Richmond County, will be held at the court house in Rockingham, on Wednesday, July 31st, at 8:30 P. M. for the purpose of discussing the situation regarding certain food commodities.

Mr. Paul J. Leonard, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association will also address this meeting in the interest of the War Savings division of the N. C. Merchants Association. All merchants of the county are urged to attend this meeting. The public is also cordially invited. Be sure to attend this meeting.

W. N. EVERETT,  
County Food Administrator.  
E. A. ALLEN,  
Township Food Administrator.

Regardless of cost, straw hats are being closed out.  
W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

Attention is called to the tailoring announcement in this issue of W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

## War Saving Stamps.

The amount of War Savings Stamps sold at the Rockingham postoffice up until today amounts to \$51,630.00.

## Superior Court.

The next term of Superior court for Richmond county will convene Sept. 2. It is for trial of civil cases only. The next criminal term begins Sept. 23rd. The jury list will be drawn August 5th.

## Bound to Court

State vs Tom McEachern was heard before Squire Guthrie in the courthouse Monday. The large crowd of interested colored people necessitated hearing the case there instead of in Mr. Guthrie's office.

McEachern, colored, is charged with serving a poisoned liquid to Philmore McRae last August, while conducting a restaurant near the depot here. After partaking of the alleged poisoned liquid, McRae crossed the railroad and gave some of it to a colored woman, Ella Little, who died from the effects. This happened last year, but the evidence could only recently be secured. McEachern now lives at Hamlet. He was represented by H. F. Seawell, W. R. Jones and H. S. Boggan. Bynum & Thomas prosecuted for the State. Mr. Guthrie found probable cause for manslaughter, and bound him over to court under a \$500 bond, which he gave.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week to:

- Norman Little and Ethel Allen, colored, issued 20th.
- William Leak, Jr., and Winnie Little, colored, issued 20th.
- Raife Baldwin and Lula Baldwin, col., issued 22nd.
- John Alexander-Gale & Miriam Murray, white, issued 22nd.

## Road Work.

The convict force No. 1 completed the Hamlet-Rockingham road Monday, and Tuesday began work on the street-extension road from Hamlet corporate limits to the highway. This will require a week's work, and then the force will work the Ledbetter-Hamlet road.

The force now numbers 26 men. A prisoner named Pankey was brought to the force from Laurinburg recorder's court Friday for a four months' term for larceny.

Ladies' voile and percale waists 48c and 98c.  
W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

**"Tomorrow" "The only thing in the world that never arrives."**

"Yesterday is utterly over with—Time is the only thing in this life which can be completely destroyed. To-day is yours but tomorrow belongs to the man behind. Never in all the million years of its history has this secretive old universe displayed such riches, so many generous opportunities as NOW—Wake your self, shake your self and DO. The most terrific Century of all is here. Share It!"

Start TO-DAY to have money in the Bank. We will help you in more ways than one.

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