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FROM ONE WHO IS IN THE SERVICE

To the people and friends of Jackson County:—I wrote a letter to the Journal some time ago and I guess that those of you, my friends, who saw it have decided that I wrote it just to inform you that I was out of the state of the Long Leaf Pine and so far away that I never expected to come back. That was not my purpose in writing. I wanted you to know that though far away and expecting to sail for the scenes of war, I was yet thinking of you people and was on my way, by choice, to fight for you.

I did not get homesick or take the blues, as many boys do; in fact I believe I have been more cheerful and had more "pep" since I have been wearing my old Uncle's uniform than ever before. I suppose a good reason for that is that it takes more cheerfulness and individual effort to make life in the army as enjoyable as civilian life. So far as I have been able to determine from personal contact and a somewhat careful study of the men in the camps where I have been, the men, as a whole, I believe, enjoy life even more than civilians. However, I have not come in contact with any branch of the service except the aviation. Nevertheless, I can assure you this: that as long as your soldier boy is in the U. S. he does not need pitying, crying, or "taking-on" about him, unless it is about the life or sweetheart he is leaving behind, or something equally as touching, if such a thing is possible, which I doubt! As I have previously mentioned, a fellow can have nice, enjoyable, honourable, upright and wholesome pastimes and entertainments.—Pshaw! I am getting my thoughts so badly mixed trying to get them all into one short letter in a few minutes' time that it will be confusing and hard to see the right connections, if there are any. So, at this place in my letter, I have decided to write a few letters, articles, or whatever you wish to do them, on army life as I have experienced and observed it. I shall try to make my views impartial, and it is, neither optimistic nor pessimistic. My purpose in this is to tell the anxious friends, wives, parents and sweethearts of those in the service a fair view of the things that the soldiers are most apt to neglect in writing home and may even fail to see. It is a strange, somewhat sad fact that so many people, both in the army and in civilian life, figuratively speaking, lean their backs upon the sun and shut their eyes, then grumble, growl, cry and complain about the darkness, when if they would only turn their eyes and look in the proper direction the sun would be shining in their faces.

I am sure glad to get back to the land of the Sky and meet some of my old friends and schoolmates, and, fortunately, I find in Charlotte boarded the train at the Aviation Camp at Waco, Texas and got out for Camp Greene on the morning of May 23rd and arrived on the evening of the 27th. I am sure did have a lovely trip, and which I expect to say more in my next letter.

Any soldier or other person agrees with me, or has anything to say about my nature to say about my nature, I would like to see it in print in the Journal, or in a personal letter if they prefer. If any one has questions to ask I will be glad to answer them, if I can, provided, of course, that I can do so without disclosing military secrets or information.

I hope more of the Jackson county people will write to the Journal, and I think it would be a mighty

nice thing for more of our friends back at home to spend more of their evenings writing to their local paper, giving the little affairs, picnic reports, e. c. These things interest your soldier readers very much and it is about the hardest thing for us to keep up with through personal correspondence.

My spare time for writing has about expired for today and that means I shall "ring off" hoping that this Ms. will get to the Journal in time for this week's edition, provided, of course, that it is lucky enough to miss the editor's trash basket. If this one gets through "O. K.-ly" I will try to have another "Chinese Puzzle" prepared for next week.

Yours truly,
Corporal Wm. O. Parker.
613 Aero Squadron, Aviation Camp,
Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

FROM A FORMER JACKSON CO. BOY

Mr. Thomas S. Fortner and Family,
Dear Brother, Sister and Nephew:
—Will answer your letter of the 13th of March.

Was glad to hear from you. This leaves me well and feeling fine; hope you are all the same. Just got a letter from home today. Every body was well.

We are having fine weather out here; the leaves are coming out. If I come to the eastern camps I will let you know at once. Would have been glad to have been with you on Easter Sunday, but you know how it is.

As you know we are in the war and it is up to us to play the game and play it hard and try to beat the Germans at their own game.

Uncle Sam is making sharpshooters out of his men. We have been doing nothing for the last two months but work on the range and there is only one man who made a better record than I did, and that was Jerry Reece. We will go on the range again the first of May, and then those who qualify will get their badges. Jerry and I have more than made our record by 35 to 40 points. I think we will get to be Snipers; we are going to try for it.

There are many things I would like to tell you, but it is not wise to write it. If I could see you I would tell you all about it.

I think we will get the Kaiser all right. I am pretty sure there will be a change in the war this summer.

Yes, I and 28 others of our company were left, and you can't imagine how sad it was to see the boys start for the western front and leave us here. There were many sad partings between us, but I think they will see us before next Christmas, for as long as we are all together we can do the work much better, as we were trained together. But we are all as made of stone, for "Together we stand, divided we fall." We have the power and the jazz and the people at our back and we must win this war. For we are foundation pillars on which freedom must be gained for the boys and girls just on the eve of manhood and womanhood; also for those who are beyond the war age. It isn't a question of win if we can, but we must win, and we are going to. We have offered all that we can—our life's blood to paint the battlefield with the brave and good—and may our blood which we are offering to lay on the altar of the great and powerful Ruler, which, if we trust in Him, will be washed away and painted as white as snow.

Yes, it will be a great day when the flag of pure white will rise from the leeward side of Europe and the bells of victory go ringing from Maine to Florida and from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

I gave all the boys your regards

and there were three cheers and an exclamation that there was another Fortner who was a true American and they said that their whole souls were filled with the joy of sympathy for all, and they were ready to die on the field to make the old U. S. a good, peaceful home for all who were left behind. I doubt if you can find a better hearted bunch of men anywhere than the Washington boys.

I will close as there is no news to write at present.

Give my best love and wishes to Cordeia and Ambrose and tell them I will come to see them if I get out of this great work all right. Just as soon as I am loose I coming to North Carolina, for a 90 days' visit.

Give all the people my regards and may we all meet in peace soon.

Lovingly your brother,
JOHN H. FORTNER.
Co. A 361st Inf., Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wn.
April 13, 1918.

—w. s. s.—

WHEAT GROWERS IN FAVORED POSITION

Raleigh, June 28:—With the coming in of the new wheat crop, North Carolina farmers who were patriotic and wise enough to raise their own wheat will be allowed to have an entire season's supply of flour ground.

The only condition to this privilege, according to State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, is that while wheat is still in poor milling condition, a supply sufficient to last until October 1st. shall be ground.

On and after October 1st the requirements of a farmer for his household and for tenants or other tenants or dependents whom he customarily supplies until the next harvest may be ground.

All wheat producers as well as other consumers are requested to continue to observe the present conservation program of the Food Administration which calls for the use of as much corn meal and other cereal substitutes as of wheat flour.

The maximum measure of consumption of flour from new crop wheat for wheat producers will be 12 pounds per person per month instead of the present requested voluntary rationing of 6 lbs.

On account of the short wheat crop last year and of the absolute necessity from a military standpoint of supplying our armies and the armies and civilian population of our Allies with at least a partial ration of wheat flour, the Food Administration was compelled to make drastic rules and regulations governing the distribution and grinding of wheat of the 1917 crop even to the extent of limited the supplies which farmers might have ground from their own wheat.

About 3 months ago the Foods Administration at Washington issued milling rules which prohibited all wheat mills from delivering more than a 30 days supply of flour to any one including wheat growers. Food Administrator Page granted an exception to this rule insofar as N. C. was concerned so that farmers living more than three mile from a mill could secure their supplies up to 30 days. Thus, after all, North Carolina farmers have suffered little or no inconvenience.

—w. s. s.—

BAD KIDNEYS LAID HIM UP.
A slight kidney impairment may lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. Don't neglect it. Frank Miller Bingham, Utah, writes: "Was troubled with my kidneys so bad I could not work. Tried many kinds of medicine which did me no good. Then I tried Foley Kidney Pills; now feeling as good as I ever did before." Sold by Sylva Pharmacy. adv.

53 LEFT TUESDAY FOR CAMP JACKSON

Below is a list of the men who left Tuesday for Camp Jackson:

Charlie Norris, R. C. Henderson, Harley Bowers Pressley, Samuel Houston Mathis, Anly Adams, W. H. Cunningham, Lawrence Henson, Rufus Robinson, Melvin S. Burch, John Bryson Lewis, Homer Womack, Loranzo Woodard, John Aiken, Benj. Franklin Higdon, Ed Moore, Blaine Nicholson, Robinson Brown, Richmond Deitz, Ceyman Clayton, Oscar Ensley, Homer Sutton, Wm. Oda Robinson, Felix Eugene Parker, Andy L. Cope, Chas. Eugene Guffy, Garfield Nicholson, Dorrence M. Tallent, Hurshal Barnes, Grover Watson, Lexton Lusk, Thomas Coggins, Sam Woodard, Oscar Robinson, Archalius Wm. Higson, Lambert Melton, Geo. R. Wilkey, Wm. Harry Kellar, Jas. Wm. Robinson, Robt. Barnes, David C. Gribble, D. V. Alexander, Wm. Donaldson Ashe, Oscar Woodard, Jesse Brown, Geo. Ed Mathis, Burder B. Loug, Clyde Bailey, Norman Hall, Walter Burch McConnell, Robt. Crow, Will Fox, Andrew Weaver Moody, Hansel Howell Taylor.

—w. s. s.—

GENERAL PERSHING INSISTS THAT LETTERS BE WRITTEN HOME

"Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battle field, but consists in doing everything in one's power to help win the war," says an order issued by Gen. Pershing, a copy of which has been received by the War Department.

"To write home frequently and regularly to keep in constant touch with family and friends is one of the soldier's most important duties. Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large companies it is not possible for officers to write letters for their men, and every man must do it for himself."

—w. s. s.—

NOTICE

All good citizens are hereby requested to report to the undersigned all REGISTRANTS of Jackson county, placed in deferred classification, who are not continuously engaged in some USEFUL OCCUPATION. All such derelicts will be recommended to the Local Exemption Board for reclassification. These registrants must work or fight.

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD
GOVERNMENT APPEAL AGENT
Sylva, N. C.

—w. s. s.—

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Ridley, of Atlanta, Ga. deeply sympathize with them in the death of their daughter, Miss Tina and the extreme illness of two other daughters, Misses Eunice and Flora. Mrs. Ridley and daughters lived here for a year and won a large circle of friends during that time.

—w. s. s.—

NOTICE

The Board of Road Trustees of Hamburg Township, Jackson County, N. C., will, on Monday, July 29, 1918, at the Register's Office at the Court House in Sylva, receive bids, either public or private, or both, for the sale of an issue of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS of Hamburg Township Road bonds. Thirty bonds of par value of Five Hundred Dollars each, dated June 1, 1918, and maturing June 1, 1943, six per cent interest annually. Purchaser to bear expense of printing bonds. Advanced sealed bids may be filed with J. R. Long, Register of Deeds. Bids will be canvassed at the above time and place.

This June 24, 1918.
M. T. WILSON, Chairman,
LAWRENCE McGUIRE, Secretary.

AUSTRIAN FORCES FLEEING IN DISORDER

The defeat of the Austrian armies on the western bank of the Piave river is complete. Admission is made by the Austrian war office that the troops of Emperor Charles have been forced to evacuate the Montello plateau, over which they had hoped to press their way and gain the Venetian plains, and "some sectors" of the positions they attained last week on the bank of the river between the plateau and the point where the stream empties into the Adriatic.

Bad weather, and the rising of the Piave under the heavy rainfalls are assigned as the reasons of the withdrawal of the Austrians. But the Rome war office asserts that it was the impetuous attacks of the Italians that brought about the failure of an operation which was started with the intention of crushing the armies of General Diaz and force the Italians, like the Russians, to accept a Teutonic allied peace.

All along the river the Italians have pressed back the invaders of their territory until only small units remain on the western bank and across the stream King Victor Emmanuel's men are keeping well on the heels of the retreating enemy who is fleeing in disorder. Again the cavalry has been thrown into the fighting and is sorely harassing the enemy, while machine guns from the ground and from aircraft, some of the latter operated by American aviators, are working havoc among the fleeing Austrian columns.

—w. s. s.—

OF INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE OF JACKSON

To the people of Jackson County and the patrons of Jackson Co. Fair:—I have had several people to suggest that we do not allow any Carnival Company to come to the Fair this fall, but that we allow the people of the County to furnish the amusements and credit the proceeds of the amusement, which would have gone to the show people, to the Red Cross work. I want to ask the people of the different sections to consider this matter and let me have expressions through the mails and the paper so that I may know how to proceed in this matter. If it is the desire of the people to put on the amusements at the Fair, and some one will suggest a meeting date to be held in Sylva at once, we may discuss plans for this work. I must have an expression at once regarding this matter, as I am already receiving inquiries from show people for propositions.

A. J. DILLS, Secretary.
Jackson Co. Fair, Sylva, N. C.
—w. s. s.—

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The examination for teachers will be held at Cullowhee, Tuesday and Wednesday July 9 and 10, beginning promptly at 9:00 A. M. Tuesday.

Teachers who are expecting to take the examination on the Reading Circle work in lieu of attending a summer school for the renewal of certificates, will please be present at the first of the examination.

The first teachers' meeting will be held at Cullowhee Tuesday and Wednesday the 23rd and 24th of July.

Every teacher who expects to teach in the public schools of Jackson County this year, and who is not away attending summer school must be present continuously, including session Tuesday night.

The signing of your contract will depend upon your attendance at this meeting.
J. N. WILSON, Superintendent

CANADA

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space for a few dots from Canada.

The farmers are very much interested in their crops; trying to produce everything they can, so as to help win the war. Canada went "over the top" in the Red Cross drive, and is going "over the top" in the War Savings Stamps drive if there is any chance.

Mrs. G. O. Coward and son of Eagle Lake, Fla., are visiting relatives in Canada now.

Messrs. J. R. Matthews Jr., and Edgar J. Queen left some days ago for Newport News Va., where they will spend the summer months.

Mr. Ira Brown attended the ice cream supper at East Lenoire last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brown of Rose-dale, Tenn., have just returned home after visiting relatives in Canada for the past two weeks.

Messrs. Griffin and Edgar Robinson were attracted to Canada Sunday.

Messrs. Claude and Robinson Brown left Monday for Jacksonville Fla.

Many thanks for the space I have taken.
A CANADIAN.

—w. s. s.—

Dept. Of Farm Demonstration.

Farmers desiring to purchase lime soon from the State plant should do so at once, as the price advances on July 1st. The freight rate to Sylva is 90c per ton in minimum car load of 30 tons.

The lime offered for sale by the State is much more soluble than any commercial lime on the market in this State. Hence, the State lime is much more valuable, because it becomes available for the use of plants more quickly.

It should be borne in mind that even the purest and best ground lime is rather slowly available in the absence of an excessive amount of organic matter. Consequently the lime sold from the State plant is more desirable.

Orders for lime should be sent to Mr. James L. Burgess, Raleigh, N. C.
J. M. McCLUNG, Co. Agent.

—w. s. s.—

NOTICE

All persons who have threshing machines and intend to operate them in Jackson County this season are requested to meet in Sylva on Friday June 28th and organize a "Grain Threshing Committee."

A. J. DILLS,
County Food Administrator.

—w. s. s.—

OFFICERS TAKE STILL

Deputy Sheriff Eldon Moody and Town Marshal Ed Reed captured a large blockade still on North Fork creek last Monday and also destroyed about two hundred gallons of beer. It was a sixty gallon copper still, and the officers say that from all indications it had been running for several months.

—w. s. s.—

RHEUMATIC AND KIDNEY ILLS

Troubled with rheumatism, kidney or bladder affections? You need Foley Kidney Pills. Mrs. Frank P. Wood, R. F. D. 2, Morrill Maine, writes: "I found relief as soon as I began taking Foley Kidney Pills. My husband also received benefit from them. He was lame could not stoop over; now feels no pain." Sold by Sylva Pharmacy adv

—w. s. s.—

Germany is now trying to lay the blame of the war at Russia's door but they need not undertake any such thing. No American will believe anything that may come from Germany.