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## LETTER FROM DAN

Over Here,  
August 5, 1918.

Dear Everett:—Perhaps you have never heard of a flea-bug. He is a flea and he aint a bug; but he has many of the characteristics of both. He inhabits parts of France and Belgium, and all the Americans that inhabit those parts. He jumps like a flea, flies like a bug, crawls like a "cootie" and bites like the devil. He is legion. His principal sport is to torment innocent and offending Americans by putting in use all of his three means of locomotion, using as a speedway, the person of numerous of the aforesaid Americans, who, along in the middle of a summer day, have hied themselves to some shady place (not so much to be in the shade, but to avoid interruption by some officer who might have an entirely divergent opinion as to the proper way of spending a summer afternoon) for the purpose of meditating and sleeping (mostly sleeping). His redeeming feature is that, unlike the majority of the other inhabitants of this continent, he is no respecter of persons or personages. He is black in color and black in heart. He is long and slender, as a willow maiden, and sharp at one end, as is sometimes the case with the tongue of the beforementioned maiden. He is neutral in the present dispute, or rather, he fights on both sides (as well as other places). He helps the hun to keep the allies entertained in a most unpleasing manner; but at the same time he is another reason why it is desirable to speedily lick the Kaiser so that we may be rid of two pestiferous parasites at once. He is certainly the direct cause of many cussings that are heaped upon the head of the Chief Hun, for he puts ire in those who are not Irish and guile in the guileless. For, you see, everything that is unpleasant in this business is taken by each Sammie as a direct affront to himself from the Kaiser, for isn't the German Emperor, and what he represents, responsible for our being here?

If tonight you should be awakened from your slumbers by the Pzzzzzz PLOP of a Betsy-bug sailing around in your room, and finally butting into the wall, or the head of your bed, just imagine that you are somewhere over here, and that there is a hun air raid in progress, for it will be a miniature example of that very thing. I have never heard two sounds that listen to more alike than one of Jerry's Bzzzz and a Betsy bug, the PLOP of Betsy as she hits the head of the bed, you can imagine is the bursting of a bomb in the distance. The first you hear is the Bzzzzzz Bzzzzzz Bzzzzzz, of Jerry's engine in the distance, then the shafts of light back and forth across the heavens, as the gunners search him out among the stars, then Blom bling, Blom bling, Blom bling, zip, zip, zip, when they catch him in the light, and then when he gets closer you can hear plipplippipp of some machine gun opening up on friend Jerry, and later, if you happen to be anywhere in the neighborhood of the hun's objective, you are mighty apt to hear a noise very similar to that which proceeds from the mica mines back in Jackson when the boys have gotten down eight or ten holes and shoot for glass.

There is but one sure way of catching Jerry at this game that he is playing to cheat you out of your night's sleep and that is, when you feel a moonlight night coming on, get to bed early and get to sleep before Jerry pays his visit, then, if he don't set too darned close to be comfortable, you won't know a thing about it until mess next morning, when you hear the lads bragging,

each about what a narrow escape he had the night before.

The other evening I was walking along the street of a certain town somewhere east of the Atlantic, within hearing of the larger guns, and turning a corner came into the inevitable square, where in the good old days, before the bottom fell out from under the false civilization we had builded, the farmers were wont to gather of market days and dispose of the fruits of their honest labors. A strangely familiar sound greeted my ears, and coming closer I discovered, in the center of an interested group of astonished inhabitants, and soldiers from the four quarters of the globe, a brass band from somewhere on the sunny side of the Mississippi line playing "Merapiss Ploos." Next came "Liberty Bell, It's Time To Ring Again", followed by "Dixie", which brought forth a volume of the imitable Rebel Yell, from various and sundry of us who hale from the favored clime. The spectators were startled, but knowing that we are a friendly, if somewhat peculiar bunch of strangers from over the seas, they joined in with a chorus of grins, and a generous sprinkling of hand-clappings. The band closed their impromptu concert with "The Star-Spangled Banner, as every civilian, big, little, old and young removed his hat, and every soldier wearing an allied uniform came to salute.

The boys are all well and are going fine. The mails from home are coming regularly now, bringing numerous letters from Over There, as well as a few copies of the Journal.

Give my best regards to all the folks in Jackson, and keep things moving along until we get this job over here off the press and come back over an ocean in which there won't be any submarines to dodge.

DAN.

## OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE

Every man between the ages of 18 to 45 (both inclusive), except those previously registered, must register for the Selective Service Draft. Exact date of registration to be announced by Official Proclamation. Be ready, find out when to register, and where to register. Registration will take place early in September. Failure to register is one year imprisonment and no man can exonerate himself by the payment of a fine. Register promptly!

E. H. CROWDER,  
Provost Marshal General,  
War Department, U. S. A.

## AMERICANS BUSY

Washington, Sept. 4.—American troops in close pursuit of the Germans retiring north of the Vesle have captured the villages of Bazoches, Perles, Fismette and Daslieux, taking prisoners and machine guns, General Pershing reported in his communique for today, received tonight at the war department.

The American forces, General Pershing said, have reached the general line of Vauxcercere-Blanzy-Le-Grand Hameau. American aviators also have successfully bombed the railroad yards at Longuyon, Domary-Daroucourt and Conflans.

## NEW REGISTRATION.

All men who have arrived at the age of 18 and who have not arrived at the age of 46, and who have not heretofore registered, will appear at the usual place of voting in their precinct on September 12th, 1918, and register under the new draft law.

COLEMAN C. COWAN, Chairman.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS DISCONTINUANCE OF NEWSPAPERS TO SUBSCRIBERS NOT PAID IN ADVANCE

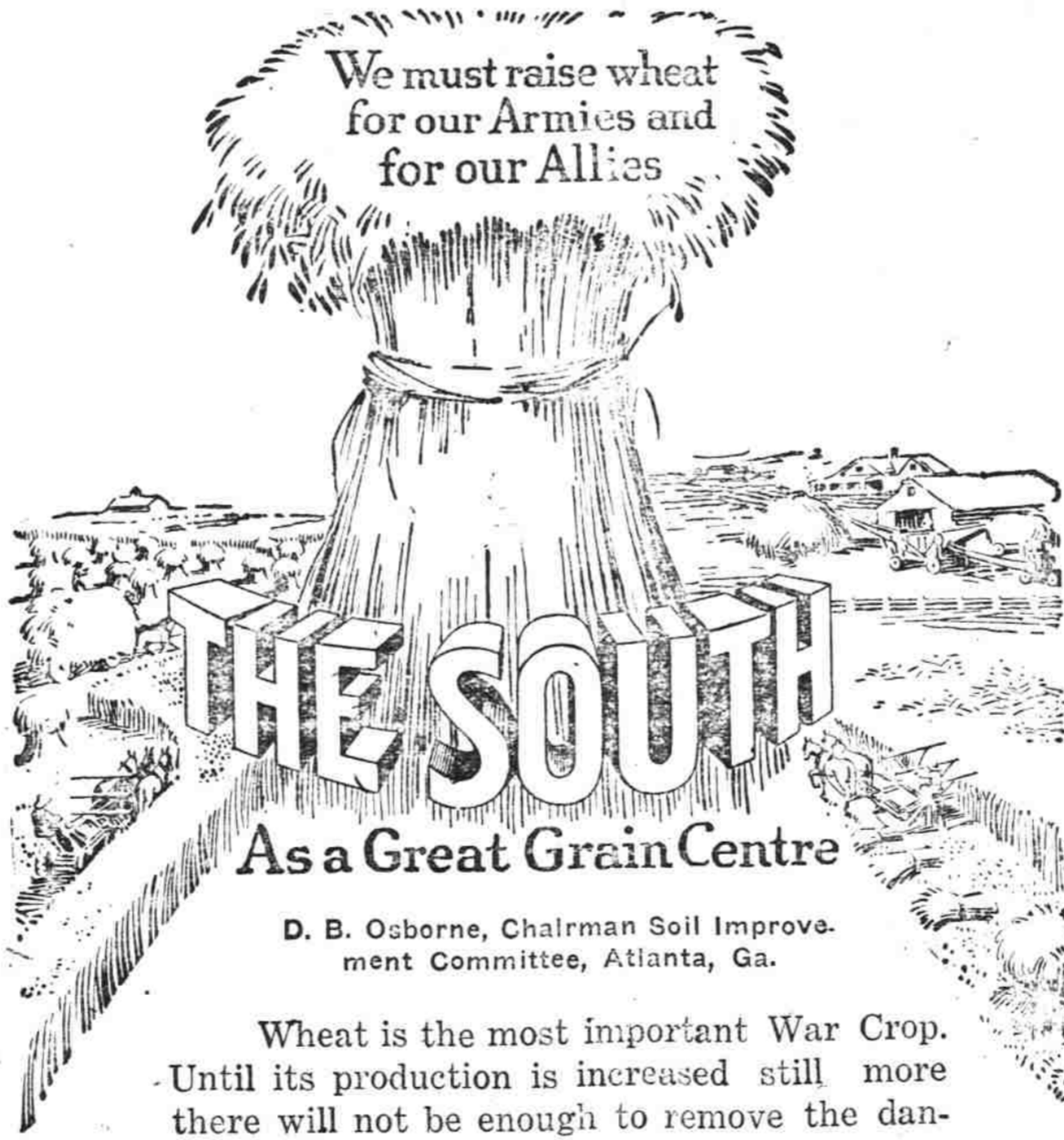
Owing to the serious shortage newsprint paper, the Government War Industries Board has issued an order to newspapers to discontinue at once sending papers to any but paid-in-advance subscribers, not later than October 1st.

As a matter of business, no subscriber ought to be in arrears to his home paper. You either want the paper or you don't. If you do, it should be paid for in advance each year, just as the government will now require. If you do not, then the arrearage should be paid and your copy ordered discontinued. The government order is only common sense after all.

The consumption of print paper, the War Industries Board says must be reduced at least 15 per cent, or there will be a paper famine.

The Government orders relating to weekly newspapers and which must be complied with, are

- 1st - To discontinue any free copies
- Second - To discontinue sending papers after date of expiration of subscription, unless the subscription is renewed and paid for. This ruling to be effective October 1st, 1918.



Wheat is the most important War Crop. Until its production is increased still more there will not be enough to remove the danger of a Food Shortage from the Front.

Of twelve most important Food Crops, the entire country gained in planted acreage in 1917 over acreage of 1914—26,124,000 acres.

Of this gain the Southern States increased 14,965,000 acres or 57 per cent of the whole.

Of the individual crops the South gained:

In Wheat—1,976,000 acres, or 56 per cent of the whole.  
In Corn—6,582,000 acres, or 41 per cent of the whole.  
In Other Food Crops—6,407,000 acres, or 37 per cent of the whole.

Of the Fall wheat acreage of 1918 there was an increase of 3,067,000 acres, of which the South gained 2,332,000 acres, or 76 per cent.

But we can do still better in 1919.

Let's back up Our Boys in France. It is no less our duty to furnish them and our allies food than it is their duty to fight. We are raising this fall an ample cotton crop to clothe and provide edible fats and oils for our boys. Let us raise a big grain crop next spring to help feed them.

It can be done. The labor requirements are comparatively small, and the acre yields may be increased with good seed, a well prepared seed bed and a liberal application of proper fertilizers.

## CASUALTY LIST FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Below we give the list of casualties for the past week:

September 1. Wounded severely: Private Stephen H. Cortwright, Fairfield.

September 2. Killed in action: J. Leslie Stillman, Andrews; Bidwell Loafon, Long Shoals; Paul Stallings, Belvidere. Wounded severely: Lennie C. Tucker, Monroe; Eugene W. Strayhorn, University. Wounded degree undetermined: William T. Williams, Murphy; Malcolm Lander Melver, Jonesboro; W. Kirby Hunt, Bostie.

September 3. Killed in action: Roland Harrel, Aulander; Robert C. Williamson, Winston-Salem; Died of wounds: Melvin McDeere; Monroe. Died of Disease: Jesse Caspers, Roscoe. Wounded severely: Chas. F. Ritchie, New London; Howard Roberson, Knightdale; Chas. M. Williams, Charlotte; Fred L. Webb, Marble; Ralph L. Clark, Swannanoa; Warren A. McKeen, Eleese; Virgil F. Miller, Siloam; Eustace W. Yates, Merry Oaks.

September 4. Killed in action: Private Jonathan Tayloe, Windsor. Died of wounds: Private Lola L. Ownby, Fletcher. Wounded severely: Corporal Lester R. Wall, East Bend; Privates George Holder, Winston-Salem; Joe M. Parker, Stem; James F. Shoemaker, New Hope; James L. Cushing, Rosemary; Walter L. Jones, Franklinville; George Houck, Baldwin; Clarence L. Waters, Winston-Salem. Wounded, degree undetermined: Lieut. Robert Bailey Kephart, Charlotte; James P. Hicks, Canton. Missing in action: Corporal James E. Swangune, Asheville.

## TO ALL MERCHANTS

All dealers are required by the Food Administrator to take stock of the flour and cereal substitutes on hand the first of September and to keep a record of all flour and substitute purchases, and to keep these records so that the Food Administrator or Inspector may inspect them at any time.

E. E. BROWN,  
County Food Administrator.

## SIX LBS. FLOUR PER PERSON PER MONTH

Below is a ruling I received from Food Administrator Page, to which I wish to call special attention. The rule reads as follows:

The voluntary ration of six pounds of wheat flour per person per month is still effective. Household consumers are expected to confine their consumption of wheat flour to this figure and, under the new conservation of the Food Administration, to mix with all flour used for baking bread, biscuits, cakes, or other products 20 per cent of corn flour, corn meal or other cereal substitutes. The 50-50 rule was changed not to increase the consumption of flour, but to give the patriotic housewife greater latitude and discretion in the use of flour.

The removal of the specific restrictions regarding the quantities of flour that may be sold to consumers leaves in effect only the general provision of the Food Control Act, which provides that a consumer may have on hand or under contract "reasonable requirements for a reasonable period." For the time being this office will regard not exceeding sixty days as a reasonable period and of course the calculation would be on a basis of the voluntary ration of six pounds of flour per person per month.

Very truly yours,  
E. E. Brown,  
Co. Food Administrator.

## APPLICATIONS FOR FARM FURLOUGHS

We have many applications for farm furloughs and a great many persons are coming to our office making inquiries about the same. All applications which we have recommended have been turned down at the Camp under Sec. 6, of the regulations, on the ground that the services of the men are much needed in the army. The application as to the most deserving case we know of in the County has been so denied at Camp. We make this statement as a great deal of good time is being wasted by parties coming long distances to confer with the Board about this class of furloughs.

A further harmful idea has gained prevalence: That if a farm furlough can be obtained for a soldier, that it will delay the time when he will have to go to France. This is a serious mistake. Under the army regulations a man can only join one Company. When his Company is ordered to go to France, every man in the Company has to go and every day he is kept away from the training camp, he loses that much opportunity for valuable training in the art of defense and self-preservation.

Coleman C. Cowan,  
Chairman.

## NOTICE—READ.

The Registration will be held in the old Post Office room next to M. Buchanan's Hardware store, Sept. 12th, for Sylva township.

W. JACK MORRIS,  
Chief Registrar.

## PUPILS' STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The same rules and regulations governing the Pupils' Stock Judging Contest at the Jackson County Fair last year will govern this year.

We expect the Government man in charge of this work to be here next week to make arrangements for the Contest.

A. J. DILLS

We have just been informed by E. L. McKee County Chairman for Jackson County, of Fourth Liberty Loan, that a speaker of national fame will deliver an address on the opening day of the Fair. We expect to have an exhibit of war relics from the battle field of France and a bunch of soldiers from Government Hospital No. 18 at Waynesville, on Sept. 24th.

A telegram just received from Central States Shows says that they will be on hand for opening day of Fair.

Parade will be led by Brass Band. Balloon ascension each day of the coming Fair.

Everybody should exhibit at the coming Fair.

The Food Administration will have an exhibit at the Fair.