

Mrs. L. A. Wilson 283-3384

try in our tents. Seven Bradshaw and George Pearce had been discharged; both had rheumatism. They will have to refund their bounty and their clothes. I am afraid Steven and his family will be left in a destitute condition. He has lost his health as well as his bounty, clothes, and time. We have a very bad chance about getting anything cooked fit to eat in this wet weather. I was very sorry to hear of the trick which Cantwell (a horse) played with you and Mother. I have known him to attempt to start before, but never thought he was afraid of an umbrella. Don't think I would be afraid to drive him, but think I would get a kirk bit for him. Mother wanted to know whether we have any preaching. We have an Episcopalian preacher for a chaplain and there is a Baptist minister in the regiment employed by two of the companies. They both preached last Sunday, but I did not hear either of them. Joe (brother) and I got a permit to go over to the 51st regiment and heard a pretty good sermon from their chaplain. I think our regiment is a tolerable orderly set of fellows.

Has been but one of two in the guard house since we have been here. John M. is here but he can't get any liquor so he is pretty quiet. Write to me, John, and let me know how Mother is and whether the rain has injured the crops or not, and how Lightfoot and Colt are getting along. Please see that my hands keep the water courses open so that no water will stand on the ground. Sunday morning, June 8th, Joe H. rested little better last night than he has yet. The Col. had the long roll beat last night. You ought to have been there to hear the racket that was kicked up. Yours ever, W. D. Carr

Turnpike Road Between Richmond and Petersburg July 4th 1862

Mrs. L. Carr--Dear Mother, I thought when I left Wilmington I would write as soon as we got stationed at camp, but for several days I thought I was tired and postponed it until Wed. (26 June), but I was on guard before I got my letter finished. We had to leave camp that night about 10 o'clock. Have

been marching nearly every day since. We crossed the James river in sight of Richmond last Sunday on the way to the Darfield. Sun. night we stayed in a field some 6 or 8 miles off. Mon. evening we went down near the river. Our artillery and cavalry were in front. They came in contact with a Yankee battery in the road. They exchanged a few rounds with them, and the gun boats commenced shelling them and got them confused, so they ran back like a flock of sheep with a pack of dogs after them. Our brigade was posted along a lane, and when they came running back we got pretty badly mixed. So we had to go back to the woods about two hundred yards and fall in rank again, and took our position again until about 9 o'clock we had our orders to fall back about 3 or 4 miles. Tuesday we went back nearly to the same place and took our position to the right of the plantation as skirmishers. Had to lie on our guns that night and was not allowed to sleep any. I think from the firing we were within a mile or so of the fight. The fight lasted until about 12 when the firing ceased. Our forces char-

ged a battery three times that night, but could not hold it. Next morning the battery was found with the guns spiked and the Yankees had withdrawn and crossed the river. Supposed they were on their way to Norfolk. I don't know anything about how many our loss is or that of the enemy, but it must be great. I saw Jesse Quinn. He was wounded in three of his toes. He told me Gen. Branch's brigade consisted of 5,000 men, but it had only about 1,500 fit for duty. When they went in the fight on Monday he did not know how many they lost there. We heard Isaac Strickland was killed. We heard that cousin Ned was in Richmond, but have not seen him. We got our butter, cause Ned gave it to Geo. (George) Cooper. Maj. Kenan came to us today from Richmond. He said you were all well. Glad to hear it. I don't know where we will go when we leave here. We are all well, but very much weary. We had to march night before last until midnight through the mud about three inches deep. Give my respects to Mack. Tell him I will try and write to him soon. Give my love to Aunt Dolly. Excuse

this imperfect letter. It is the best I can do under the circumstances.

Yours affectionately, W. D. Carr
Pvt. Byrd
On Leave

Private Roger Byrd has returned from a years tour of duty in Vietnam and is spending a thirty day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Byrd, Route 1, Rose Hill. Roger will report to Fort Bragg at the end of his leave for his last year of service.

With Our Boys
Richard K. Turner

U. S. ARMY, GERMANY (AHTNC)--Army Private First Class Richard K. Turner, 20, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Turner, and wife, Jeanne, live on Route 1, Albertson, N. C., arrived in Germany Aug. 19 and has been assigned with the 517th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, as a mechanic.

Bride-Elect
A tea honoring Miss Connie Jo Wells was given Saturday at the home of Mrs. Gerald Carr in Rose Hill. Hostess for the tea were Mrs. Carr and Mrs. W. C. Adams. Mrs. Adams greeted guests at the door and Mrs. Carr invited guests into the livingroom which was decorated with yellow and gold mums and introduced friends to Miss Wells and her mother, Mrs. Hugh Wells. Mrs. Helen Waller presided at the registry. Receiving and serving in the dining room were, Madames Hunter Wells, Don Wells, Alford Wells and Miss Daly Carr. Punch, cheese biscuits, orange blossoms, chicken salad puffs, nuts and mints were served on the refreshment table which was over laid with a cutwork cloth centered with an arrangement of gold and yellow flowers. Good-bys were said to Mrs. Jean Wells. Miss Wells, daughter of Mrs. Hugh Wells and the late Mr. Wells, will marry Joseph Roland Flory on Saturday, November 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington, N. C.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Cagle of Robbins announce the engagement of their daughter Janice Lee to Bobby Teachey, son of Mr. James C. Teachey of Rose Hill and Mrs. Rebecca Jones of Jacksonville, Fla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Elise High School in Robbins and Fayetteville Technical Institute Class of Nursing. She is now on the staff of Dr. David E. Drake in Fayetteville. Her fiance is a graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School and attended East Carolina University. He is presently employed as a sales representative for Bass Air Conditioning, Fayetteville.

An open church ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 30, at 4 o'clock in the Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Robbins.

Letters From A Confederate Soldier

The Duplin Times this week begins the first of a series of letters from a Confederate Soldier from Duplin County that were written home from his various camps and battlefields. These letters, mostly to his mother and a few to his farm manager and brothers, present a most revealing picture of what our soldiers felt and faced during their ordeal, and especially revealed the soldiers concern for his home folk and effort to keep things going while he was absent.

These letters are from William Dickson Carr who lived between Rose Hill and Kenansville in the Maxwell Creek Area. He was one of three sons of a widowed mother, Linda Dickson Carr and a grandson of the Joseph Carr, who came from Ireland to settle in North Carolina, and from whom the numerous Carrs with a Duplin County background descended.

Of Linda Dickson Carr's sons none survived the confederate battlefield.

The letters of this series were given to Norman Carr by the late Henley Carr, with whose family the mother lived in her latest days. She formerly lived at the home of Norman Carr's grandfather, Gibson Carr for some years after she could no longer keep house alone. It is said that the mother set a place at the table for her sons as long as she kept the home going, in the hopes that one of the boys would be alive and get home.

In order to make clear to our readers the background of this confederate soldier we quote from the book on the history of the Carr family of Duplin County.

"William Carr, Jr., married Linda Dickson, a daughter of James Dickson, and a niece of William Dickson, who was one of the foremost men in Eastern North Carolina during Revolutionary times. William Carr was one of the most useful and influential men in his county. He died at middle age, leaving a widow and three little boys, the others of eight children having died while quite young. The boys, 'Dick', 'Joe', and 'Johnnie' were just old enough for active service at the beginning of the late Civil War. Their father and all the other children had been taken away (killed) and they lived alone with their mother on the original plantation owned by Joseph Carr of Ireland, when the call to arms was made, they responded to the call and volunteered their services to the Confederate Cause, leaving their devoted mother all alone on the plantation, after being her properly provided for and protected by friends and trusted slaves. They believed their first duty was to the Confederacy and to make gallant soldiers, some of

them surviving to return home. 'Dick' was a member of Co. 'A' 43rd Reg., and was killed in the battle of Petersburg on April 2nd, 1865; 'Joe' was 1st Corporal in same Company and fell at Winchester Sept. 19th, 1864. 'Johnnie' was member of Co. 'B' Third Reg., and was killed at Chancellorsville, May 3rd, 1863."

The original letters are faded but are readable with effort. They were copied by Norman Carr's granddaughter, Linda Harris Forwer of Raleigh, who has preserved them in the original and made copies for her grandfather. Mr. Carr, of Route 2, Rose Hill, has graciously loaned them to Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Duplin Times Correspondent, for the benefit and appreciation of our readers.

This is a valuable and unique service to historians, to descendants of the "Boys in Grey", to the present generation of Duplin and lest we forget to the memory of our gallant confederates.

The first letter we have was written June 7, 1862 and the last one on January 29th, 1865, three months before he was killed and just before Gen. Lee's surrender. There are often long gaps between the dates of the letters and Dick Carr wrote of ten but we cannot find the missing letters.

Many Duplin soldiers are mentioned some of whom were pictured in our "Good Old Days" feature on the Confederates and we are sure that many readers will know of the Duplin boys that are mentioned in these letters.

They follow in order:

Camp Davis, N. C. June 7th, 1862

Dear Brother

(to Johnnie, His brother)

Dear Brother, As today is a rainy day, and I am out of letters, I will drop you a line or so and let you know how we are getting along. Joe H. is quite sick with Diarrhea. Has been sick 5 or 6 days though I think he is slightly better today. The rest of our boys are all well now, I haven't been sick since I left home. Joe W. has been troubled with colic twice. Sent for Dr. Brewer the 10th time before day. I rather vexed the Dr. to be woke up, so he talked rather rough to Joe. Threatened "wearing him out" and "finishing" him if he did not hush, and used several other rough expressions. Cap. Kenan gave him a talk about it, and he has been more attentive and less brutal to the sick of our company. We have had very hard fighting several days. This is about the only battle and it is about impossible to keep

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