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BOYS CONTINUE TO WRITE LETTERS FROM "OVER THERE"

Schoumelle, Luxemburg, Feb. 12th, 1919

Dear Mother and Family:
Will this evening write you a few lines to let you all hear from me. I am well at present and hope this letter will reach you all the same. I am in a little village in Luxemburg now but cannot tell yet how long we will be here some think we won't be here not more than 2 weeks and then to some place in France and then from there to the States, but some think we will go back farther in Germany to do guard duty, but don't know for sure yet where we will get to, and if we do come back in France they say we will be on our way home but it will be sometime in April or May before we get home and if we go back in Germany they say we will be over here yet for 6 months longer. I will try to let you know all about it as soon as I find out about it the ground is still covered with snow.
It seems like the snow doesn't get away very fast here it is so cold.
We don't do very much drilling now as there is too much snow but we take some little hikes and a little exercise in the morning but in the evening we are supposed to have games and plays and exercise but we are not doing anything this evening. I have got a good place to stay at, I and seven others are staying in a house with an old woman and her son and she is sure good to us she put me in one of my friends in her feather bed and the rest of the boys are sleeping on the floor and some are sleeping in some buildings around her and not got a very good place, she is good to us soldiers she keeps us a good fire while we are in here. We left Trier on Feb.

General headquarters for the whole American Expeditionary Force.
General Pershing's office is on the next floor above the room where I work. I sent Kenneth a post card of the building that I work in, there is an x at the side of a window on the first story, at the middle door. It is one of the rooms where I work. Half of the lower floor is occupied by the Printing department. I have seen about 12 decorations from that window one was given Gen. Pershing by the President of France, and one by Gen. Bliss for the President of the U. S. All of the decorations were very nice.
The King of England was here today and inspected the guard at Guard Mont, which they have every day. Out in the yard before the building at 11 o'clock through the week and at 1 o'clock on Sundays. The G. H. Q. band plays every day for the Guard Mont, and plays 2 hours after dinner also if it is not raining. It is the best band in the A. E. F. Believe me they have some fine music. We have a large Auditorium in which they give entertainments every night. Basketball, Shoe moving Picture, loving and so on. I saw moving pictures and boxing last night. They have a school here for the boys, several of them are going, but I am not on account of my eyes, as they have two hours of the time at night and two in the day. Only have school every other day, just three times a week. So you see we don't have time to get lonesome with all this amusement around. I work eight and a half hours a day, work from eight in the morning, until four-thirty in the P. M. We have plenty of work to do, just about the same as it was when the war was on, but I think we will soon catch up.



TILLMAN MEETZE AND FRIENDS IN FRANCE

We came here on trucks. It was sure cold on the trucks coming here. The place we are at now is Schoumelle, Luxemburg. I wrote a letter a few days ago and also received her letter and was glad to hear from all as I have not heard from home in a long time, and I have not heard from Julia in quite a while the last letter I got from her she said that she didn't know if I would get it or not, she said she knew that I was on my way home and would not get it at all, so I wrote and told her that I may be over here several months yet. I have been home when I was at Trier. I want you all to let me know how much you all got from me since I been over here. I have sent \$140.70 and if father hasn't got all of it yet, I want to trace it up. Will close for this time hope to hear from you all soon.
Tillman Meetze.

hope so anyway. Hallman has had the flu, but is over it now, but still in the hospital, he's not in the home Co. with me any more, he was transferred to Trier, or No. 1 to the Co that is now on guard duty here. I received a card from my father today, he said he was fine and having a good time. Tell him I got his letter, or father would have answered it, for I answer every letter I get and write more than I get, I will write her next week if I have time. Oh, yeh, we have plenty to eat all the time. Why is it you keep asking me that? I don't think Hass. Amick has any right to complain for I think all those who were back there all the time had the good part of this, and the ones that came over here had the tough part. It looks like the people back there are trying to take the ups on us, they voted it dry and are trying to do away with the tobacco but we will soon be back, and 2-4 of us will vote wet, if not all, for you can hear them all talking about what the people are doing back there. So Carrie is married again, this must be the time for all the old maids bachelors, grass widows and grass widowers to get married, perhaps it would be a good chance for me ha ha! Well as I have told you all the news will close, write soon and often.
From your son,
F. W. YODLER, L. ADDY

Chammond, France Feb. 19, 1919.
Dear Mother:
I rec'd your letter of Jan. 26 a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you all, and that you all were well, this leaves me fine and hope it will find you all the same.
We are having some rainy weather but not so cold as it was last Sunday it was ten below zero. You know that was some cold weather to what it usually is here, but I think the cold weather is about over for the winter, hope so dry way. I think I will be back home by next winter, or hope so anyway. You asked me what division I was in, I am not in any division and haven't been since, I left Camp Jackson. I am in Headquarters Bata-

of thick with the floor made of heavy plank just as many a building of yore in the States. But within our little billet here are only fifteen of the Cough boys, which represent five different States of our great nation and fair representatives they are too. I think from South Carolina there are only three, and all of which happen to be Lexingtonians, (H. O. Lindler, W. E. Langford and Jessie L. Keisler). This is not a very uncommon thing for these three to be together, for since the date of drafting (May 25th 1918) they have been almost as one.
On the Thursday morning of Feb. 20th, on our first call of the day, or revillie; which is nothing more nor less than that of the timekeeper's check on his men in the mornings as they enter the shops for the days work, just so we had all been checked upon and all found to be present, when the highest non-commissioned officer of the company, (First Sergeant) announced that there would be a regimental horse show about twelve or fifteen kiloes distant on that date, and all that wished to go may do so.
Just at this time the rain was falling freely with the clouds thickening and all indications of still a more heavy rain to follow.
Very soon all but a comparatively few had given up all hopes of going to the show on account of the inclement weather, when we learned that the show had been called off until the next day. Shortly after it had been called off the clouds began to look broken and very soon the sky was cloudless with the beautiful sun shining as in a beautiful spring day in old Lexington county.
We then began to build our hopes on the following day being just as the present one had turned out to be. Just here I might add that our drills for the day became as one pleasant game, all new vigor and pep put into it until all was carried out very perfectly, and on the evening after the boys work had been finished, all preparations began for the next days pleasures and joys. All began by taking a fresh shave, cleaning and oiling the shoes, trying on new trousers which the most of us happened to have, with a new pair of leggings and with the fingers renewing the creases in the trousers. All being dolled up to our best, when the discussion arose as to whether we should wear our very best or not, one after the other recalling the many fairs that he had gone to at home and spoiling many a good garment by the enormous clouds of dust. The one would say that he wasn't going to wear his best and the other saying that he was which was finally settled by the suggestion of the one who was just a bit older and a very wise old North Carolinian he is too, (Swift Harrison) by telling us that we would all be dressed uniform and that he would judge the weather in the morning and tell us whether we should wear our best or not. However, there was one thing that he settled just then and that was that we should all wear caps and our usual hob-nailed shoes.
This was a very restless night for one and all, but more especially for some such as Langford and Keisler as above named, wanted to sit up all night and use their knowledge in the predictions of the next days weather. And all being so uneasy that they might not get up in time for the show on the following morning placed all of their wearing appparels in a neat pile nearby his bunk. This I might say, (To be plain and tell the truth) was more to keep from getting up and putting on the other fellows clothes and in this way getting the worst end of the bargain.
Well the two above named men set up very late on this night not retiring until about nine o'clock, but before retiring occasionally they would call out that all signs were good for a fair day on the morrow. Well of course this was very worrisome to a fellow who had been in just about long enough to have been in slumberland two or three times, so the old chief, (Swift) ordered them to bed, which was promptly obeyed, but due to the restless condition of the boys on account of the thoughts of tomorrow they scarcely took time to pull off their shoes before they were in their little bunks, and had joined us all in our pleasant dreams of home, our best girl and the old fair ground.
On the following morning we were aroun dat the usual hour y the bugles and his famous old call for revillie. And as on the morning previous, the first sergeant made the announcement of the show, which it seems that he was under the impression tat but few

THE SHOW
First lets start at the beginning so that all points may be made clear. Our little billet of a barn loft which is within a huge stone building, the walls of which are about 16 to 18 inch

would attend as he said that if any wished to they might do so.
Well we wished to go which we did but we got there very much surprised to find the girls as a rule in the States, the horris wheel, like shows etc., but we did see plenty of horses and mules, and some very nice ones they were too.
The day was very pleasantly spent amusing ourselves by looking on at the horses, mules, carts water wagons and ordinary wagons but the buggies and road-carts were missing.
However there were quite a few saddles and horse-back riders present but no racing although the hurdling was great.
The last was not the feast, was the slow mule race, which above everything else was enjoyed to the utmost and after which the cash prizes were awarded to the teamster who had the best and neatest looking horse, mule horse and cart, or mule and wagon.
The day was well spent and one above any that we have ever spent at the State or County fairs in the States shall it be remembered.
HARRY O. LINDLER

CHAPIN BANK HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR
Stockholders Meet and Hear Glad News—Six Per Cent Dividend and Neat Surplus Added.
At a recent meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Chapin a six per cent dividend was declared and \$500.00 was carried to the surplus account. The deposits were found to be about three times what they were three years ago.
This bank is due other banks nothing while other banks owe this bank \$25,000. It is in a very prosperous condition and offers its patrons every thing that is consistent with good sound banking principles.
The Bank of Chapin has bonded officers, burglar insurance, fireproof vault, burglar-proof safe, efficient Board of Directors and capable obliging and painstaking officers.
The Board of Directors elected are: J. S. Wessinger, P. M. Frick, W. A. Clark, H. C. Shealy, W. B. Williams, S. J. Clark, Harry D. Wessinger and J. L. Cromer.
The Officers are:—J. L. Cremer, President; S. J. Clark, Vice President; Harry D. Wessinger, Cashier; Mrs. Murray L. Wessinger, Asst. Cashier.

THE FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN.
(By Miss Ethel I. Brooker, Publicity Chairman).
We should feel proud of the fact that at the Conference of State chairmen of the Fifth Federal Reserve District held on March 21st in Richmond, South Carolina was congratulated on having the most complete organization to date for the Fifth Loan drive and now that we are in the lead we must be the first to put the Victory Loan over.
The work of organization in this county is moving forward rapidly. Miss Essie Kirtland of Lexington whose splendid work she has done in previous drives is using her same method of organizing by districts in her township.
On Monday afternoon, March 24, Mrs. Rucker, publicity chairman, called a meeting of the women of Bull Swamp township. Mrs. E. E. Craft who had served as chairman so efficiently for several drives, tendered her resignation and the following officers were elected, Chairman, Mrs. M. L. Brogden, Vice chairman, Mrs. B. E. Craft, Secretary, Mrs. L. O. Rast, publicity chairman, Mrs. Fletcher Senn and district chairman Mrs. L. E. Rast. Work in this township is already being pushed by the Chairman, Mrs. Brogden who is visiting the School districts. Miss Lilla King has been appointed Chairman of the Mack's school child sending in the best slogan choose her helpers.
Mrs. L. D. Cullum of Batesburg has taken up the work in her township and with the county chairmans help has laid splendid plans for the campaign.
Mrs. Munsell has telegraphed Mrs. Rucker of the prize offered to any school child sending in the best slogan for the drive. Please enter the contest and send in to Mrs. Rucker at once.
Below is printed the notice of a German contract will be given in every county in the State as a prize for the best Victory Loan slogan and every school child is invited to enter the contest, inaugurated by the Woman's Liberty Loan committee at the recent conference of county chairmen and compete for the valuable trophies.
All county and publicity chairmen will unite in stimulating the interest of school children in the Victory Loan campaign and the slogans adopted will be given the widest possible publicity. Judges in each county will be appointed and slogans must be sent in not later than April 12. The slogan awarded the prize will be adopted by the county and the best five sent to State headquarters. The State executive committee will select the best of the slogans and adopt this as the State slogan.
J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, heartily endorses this slogan contest as a valuable feature of the Victory Loan educational campaign and all school superintendents and teachers are urged to cooperate to insure its success.

MISS CROUCH INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK
Miss Jennie Crouch, a young lady of Batesburg, was painfully injured in an automobile accident here Monday and the car in which she was riding was completely wrecked. Miss Crouch together with her brother, W. E. Crouch and two other persons were on their way to attend the big parade in Columbia and was going down the long hill at the Lexington Manufacturing Company, when another car driven by J. A. Darro suddenly came into the highway from the mill grounds. The two machines crashed together, the impact throwing Miss Crouch out of the machine. She received a severe laceration across the forehead, and was rushed to the office of Dr. G. F. Roberts, where her wounds were dressed. None of the other occupants of the cars were hurt.

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Ellis Elders, one of the white youths were arrested in Batesburg, with four other boys last January, charged with entering a store in that town, was arrested Sunday by Sheriff Miller and carried to the State penitentiary for safe keeping.
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COMMON PLEAS COURT IN SESSION

News of Justice Grind Slowly—Interesting Cases Being Heard.
Court convened Monday March 24, Judge T. J. Maudlin, presiding, and all other court officials in their places.
First case called for trial was J. S. Wessinger vs. J. W. Wessinger; this was an action brought for an account claimed to be due plaintiff. Jury returned verdict for ninety three dollars and ninety cents in favor of plain tiff.
Next case called, Cayce Land Co., et al vs. Southern Ry. Co resulted in a verdict of \$536.00 for plaintiff.
Next case called was In-Re The Will of John W. Woods, deceased. This was an action brought by the widow of John W. Woods, contesting the last will and testament of Mr. Woods. This was a long drawn out and hard fought case resulting in the following verdict. Is the paper writing herin propounded for probate, the last will and testament of John W. Wood? Verdict —No.
Second Week, Monday, March 31st
First case called was Elbert L. Rikard vs. Middleburg Mills. Court adjourned at 2:00 o'clock p. m. so as to allow jurors and others to see the parade in Columbia of the 30th Division.
Court convened Tuesday morning at 10:30 a. m. By consent attorney John J. James, was allowed to take a consent verdict in case of A. G. Rhodes & Son vs. Mrs. Julia Rawl, verdict for \$210.00.
The next case called was a consent verdict, case being A. G. Rhodes and son vs. J. D. Rawl verdict for \$83.58. The same jury that was used in case of Rikard vs. Middleburg Mills were used in the above two cases, witnesses for plaintiff in both cases was B. B. Hopkins. In the case of Elbert L. Rikard vs. Middleburg Mills a verdict of \$1850 for plaintiff was rendered. The court is now engaged in trial of R. H. Stephen's vs. Fire Insurance Co.

CHICKEN STEW AT ST. JOHNS.
There will be an old fashioned chicken stew and other interesting and entertaining amusements at St. John's school house next Saturday night, April 5. This entertainment is given by the Ladies' Improvement League and the proceeds will go into the school benefit fund. The public is cordially invited.

\$100 REWARD, \$400
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all stages. It is Catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address F. J. CHENEY & CO, Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

A CORRECTION.
In our advertisement of Govern ment horses for sale which appeared in last week's issue of The Dispatch News, the name of Mr. B. Rubin appears as agent. I wish to make the correction now. Mr. Rubin, however, is manager in charge and will be glad to continue to serve the public.
Philip Epstein.

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