

## SOLDIER BOYS WRITE LOVE LETTERS TO FRIENDS BACK HOME

MRS. MACK LEARNS OF HUSBAND'S DEATH IN FRANCE.  
August 14th 1918.  
Mrs. R. P. Mack  
Columbia S. C.

My dear Mrs. Mack:  
Having the pleasure and privilege of serving the regiment of which your husband is a member as Chaplain and appreciating the natural anxiety of the folks at home concerning their loved ones here I am taking the liberty to write you at this time to assure you that your husband is well and is playing the part of the man here in the midst of many temptations. He is well thought of by all who know him and I believe he is a clean, good man. If I may say it, you are fortunate to have a husband you can trust as I believe you can trust him.

You may rest assured that I will do anything and everything I can for him and if there is ever anything in which I can serve you in serving him I will appreciate the opportunity. Just feel free to write me at any time.  
Write to your husband as often as you can and tell everybody you know who have loved ones over here to write to them often. The mail is the biggest event in our lives here and letters from home have a wonderful effect on the spirit and conduct of the men. We feel like new and different men when we get a bright, cheerful letter from home.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,  
Cordially and sincerely,  
(John McSween, Jr.)  
Chaplain 165th Ammunition Train

MRS. CHAPMAN HEARS FROM SON SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.  
Aug. 14, 1918.

Dear Mother:  
We reached our destination yesterday, and I am feeling fine with the exception of a cold.

I hope everybody at home is well and having a nice time.  
I was really surprised when I got here and saw our quarters. Ask Mrs. Swygert about Eugene when he was here and then you will know where I am.

If the Lord is willing, when I get back I will have lots of interesting things to tell you all.  
The country is beautiful to a certain extent. The weather is cool here we wear our wool suits all the time. About all they produce here is truck and an abundance of wheat.  
Tell "Dad" I wish he could see the good roads over here every foot is cemented.

Also tell him to have a new car when I get back for I don't intend to work for a long time, ha, ha.

I had a letter from Rev. Petrea and he certainly wrote me a nice one, he assured me I would always be remembered in his prayers, and I know you shall never forget me in yours. I mention all of you in mine at all times, and expect the same in my behalf.

How is Milton and his Chapin girl getting along? Guess he is just about getting up as it is 7 a. m. there, while it is only 1 P. M. here, just note the difference in the time.  
Tell Lola and Bernice I expect they will be keeping house when I get back (that is) if all of the boys haven't been drafted.

I attended church this morning; certainly enjoyed the service but could understand but very little, and here's hoping the time will not be long before I can fill the vacant seat in my old home church.

Well, I've just eaten a real good dinner and taken in a big washing I did yesterday, you all should see me washing and fixing up my bed.

There are about fifteen of us in one house, and when we all get to talking about home and the good times we use to have, there is some time.

We are having plenty of real drills these days, drill from 7 A. M. until 5 P. M. so you see I don't have much time for play, tho, as long as I am well I don't mind it, and will do my part whole hearted hoping all the while to return with victory won.

Am looking to hear from home now every day, as I have received only a few letters, and I know there are more coming some where.  
And now write me often as it does me good to hear from home.  
May God bless you all in the prayer of your soldier boy.

FRANK.

MRS. ODOM RECEIVES LETTER FROM SON

Dear friends:  
I enlisted in the Navy on April 11, 1917 just a few days after the dear old United States declared war with Germany. For a few months all I knew or saw was cabin waters and pretty weather, but soon a change came.  
Duty called me across the seas, I was willing and ready to go, leave all that was near and dear to answer the call of duty. I am always ready and willing to serve my country, no matter where, or in what way.

In the month of November 1917 I left the dear old U. S. A. serving on board the U. S. S. Florida for foreign waters. After a few days of bitter weather we reached foreign waters. I found quite a change, not only in the weather, but in the country and in fact everything. We then rew of the U. S. S. Florida spent one of the bitterest winters ever known of and even now the month of June is as cold as winter months in some parts of the

States. But friends the bitter cold months of rain ice and snow did not discourage us. We closed our eyes, and let our memories wander across the sea to dear old U. S. A. There we saw our dear Mothers, sisters, wives sweethearts and friends and then heard Uncle Sam say, "It is not only I, you are striving day after day through these bitter months, to win this war for, but it is them that are depending on you." Then we opened our eyes, held high our heads, and went forward with our duties. After all our hardships and critical circumstances, you would be surprised to see and know how happy we are, we go about our duties willingly cheerfully and are as happy as can be. Our every thoughts are, when the war is over, the victory won, and we can fly the homeward bound pennant, back to dear U. S. A. again.

Now dear mothers, wives, and sweet hearts rest assured with continuing patience for your loved ones to return home. Give us your prayers, and assure yourselves that we will come some day. Your boys are there, and wide awake to their duty all the time, and we will, with Gods help win this war.

I will be glad for a line from anyone to cheer me on the way.  
A friend to all,  
C. A. BATES,  
U. S. S. FLORIDA,  
on foreign Service New York

### CAMP WADSWORTH.

Dear Editor:  
I love to write a letter in the old Lexington Dispatch-News back at my dear old home where I love so well. I guess you don't have much news from me but I will write a letter in the Dispatch-News for I know my friends will be glad to hear from me.

I was carried to the camp on July 15 and I certainly did regret to leave home, father and mother and I were worried about going to the camp. But I am in old Wadsworth at Spartanburg, S. C. I certainly was surprised to know that camp life was as good as I have found it. I like camp life very well but not like my dear old home very well but not like my dear old home.

Let me tell you boys there is no place like home sweet home.  
I was brought to the camp like every other boy and I could not stay at home. It was my duty to go. I love all the boys and if you can get along all right with the boys you will enjoy Camp life every well. I surely do have some fine time in camp.

But we have hard work in drilling 7 to 11 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m. But we have as good a Captain as ever lived. He is so friendly and I think everybody can get along with him.

I think we will have another payday about the last of this month and I love to hear the call of the bugle one for eats, and one for payday. I love to hear those calls but no more.

We have good things to eat and plenty of them.  
I am so sorry and my heart broken to see the boys go over the water but I hope it will not take long to win this war, and then we can come back home with joy and live in peace again. So come on boys and help get old Kaiser Bill and then the war will be over forever.

I wish I was home now I know the girls are getting lonesome for all the boys are gone to the camp but I hope we all can come back before so long, so girls don't forget me.

I hope to see you all before so long I love to get a letter from the girl back at my old home. Well I guess that is about all for this time.

Hope some one will answer my letter soon.  
From an old Magnolia school boy.

JOHN SAMUEL MEETZE  
Co. F. 57th Pioneer Inf.  
Camp Wadsworth,  
Spartanburg, S. C.

### SOLDIER BOY WRITES OF HOME AND SWEETHEART

Camp Jackson, Sept. 3 1918.  
To the Lexington Dispatch-News:  
A few lines to mother and father and friends throughout the community Cheer up boys all of you that I have left behind and we will get old Kaiser Bill and come back home and live a christian life. And we will have a better time than ever before. The girls will be sweeter, and you will prosper better. Our sweethearts will wait for us and I know mine loves me as well as any of the rest, and she is just as sweet as they get.  
J. Almont Taylor  
A soldier boy in Camp Jackson, S. C.

### JULIUS SHARPE AT JACKSONVILLE

The following letter has been received at the Dispatch-News office from Julius E. Sharpe now in the service.  
"I like it alright here. I am working in the personnel office and may stay here quite a while. This is a neat clean camp. We are right on the banks of the St. John river. My tent is not over fifty yards from the water. It's low and most too hot here Mosquitoes are fierce. They make us sleep under nets. Send me last weeks paper.  
Hope all your folks are well,  
Yours truly,  
Julius E. Sharpe,  
Co. 26 2nd Road Regiment  
Camp Joseph E. Johnson  
Jacksonville, Fla.

## MRS. SLATTER TOURS COUNTY

Accompanied by Mrs. Rucker and Bevy of Pretty Girls for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Mrs. O. L. Slatter, State organizer for the Woman's Committee of the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive, is making a whirlwind tour of Lexington county and is meeting with hearty responses everywhere.

Accompanied by Mrs. C. J. Rucker, county chairman, Misses Ruth and Mildred Rucker; Miss Annie Slatter and Miss Ruby Jones and driving Mrs. Rucker's big Cadillac, Mrs. Slatter left Swansea Tuesday morning. The party traveled more than 100 miles the first day, and made many addresses. The enthusiastic little women featured the first day's work by stopping in the cotton fields and addressing farmers. At every point patriotic songs were sung, including the popular song, "God save our splendid men, and bring them back home safe again."

Mrs. Slatter organized a new council of women at Gilbert and from there the party drove to Lexington where Mrs. Slatter addressed an enthusiastic audience in the court house. From Lexington the party drove to Chapin and were greeted by the people of that town and community in large numbers.

Mrs. Slatter and the members of her party were strikingly dressed in khaki uniforms, which added beauty and interest to the campaign.

Mrs. Rucker is to be congratulated upon the splendid effort she is making in behalf of the Fourth Liberty Loan among the women of this county.

### THIRTY COLORED REGISTRANTS LEAVE SEPT. 24.

The following list of colored registrants will leave Lexington Tuesday September 24th for Camp Jackson to enter the military service of Uncle Sam.

- William Glover.
- Ed Moore.
- Loman Taylor.
- Etherbe Wise.
- Frank Woolington.
- David Sam'l Jackson.
- Isaac Dent.
- Roper H. Smith.
- Lonnie Hendrix.
- John Henry Counts.
- John Edmund.
- Johnnie Howell.
- Jonnie Shelton Franklin.
- Davis Humbert.
- Clarence Davis.
- Julian Jeffcoat.
- Joseph L. Felder.
- Brooks Kennedy.
- Alonso Williams.
- Ephriam Jones.
- Frank Walter White.
- Paul E. Wray Ramey.
- R. Herbert Parker.
- Hassell Davenport.
- Gordon Merritt.
- Otis Porter.
- Willie Washington.
- Lester Caughman.
- John Brown.
- Leon Moses.

### TAX NOTICE.

Office of County Treasurer.  
Lexington, S. C. Sept. 18, 1918.  
Notice is hereby given that State, County and school Taxes for Lexington County will be received by me from October 15th to December 31st, inclusive, 1918.  
The various school levies will follow later.  
C. E. LEAPHART, Co. Treas.

### M. K. KAMINER HEARS FROM SONS.

Mr. M. K. Kaminer received the following cards from his two sons now in Europe:

"The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas."  
Walter L. Kaminer,  
11th Battery A. A. R. D.  
A. E. F.

"The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas."  
Homer Kaminer,  
A. E. F.

### Mrs. H. B. Oxner Hears from Son.

"The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas."  
Sammie J. Oxner,  
13th Battery A. A. R. D.  
A. E. F.

### BICKLEY ON HIS WAY.

The following card has been received at the Dispatch-News office.  
Hello Sam:  
Having some time. Send me a paper."

J. Eugene Bickley,  
Co. D. 55th Pioneer Inf.  
Camp Stuart,  
Newport News, Va.

### LUTHER SOX IN FRANCE.

Mr. J. Lem Sox has received the following card from his brother in France:  
Hello Bud:  
I am O. K. hope you are the same.  
Luther Sox,  
Co. E. 402 Tel. Brig.  
A. E. F. FRANCE

## RINGLING BROS. ANNOUNCE DATE

Gigantic Spectacle and Thousand Arenic Sensations To Invade This Locality Soon.

Word comes that Ringling Brothers mammoth circus is to exhibit afternoon and night at Columbia Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Always the leaders in introducing the newest and greatest features the famous showmen this season announce the most remarkable program of their career. There is a brand new spectacle of gigantic proportions entitled "In Days of Old." Produced on the biggest stage ever built, it tells the story of the golden age of Ivanhoe Robin Hood and King Athur. An entire trainload of scenery is carried. The cast numbers 1,250 actors and there is an entrancing ballet of 300 dancing girls. A thousand arenic sensations follow, the spectacle on the main-tent program. There are great troupes of seals, dogs and monkeys that walk on tight ropes and horseback; herds of elephants in all new tricks; international athletes in feats of amazing strength; slides for life from tent-top to the ground by men suspended by the hair, and one—the great Hillary—who "jumps the gap" with skates attached to his head. The world's greatest stars, such as May Wirth, who leaps from the ground to galloping steed with baskets tied to her feet, are presented in great number. There are twice as many clowns as before a menagerie of 1,009 splendid animals and to introduce the holiday an all new street parade three miles long.

## COUNTY FAIR IN OCTOBER

The Lexington County Fair Association will hold its annual Fair October 22, 23, 24. It is expected that the fair this year will be one of the biggest and best ever held. The management will provide interesting features for each day and the largest attendance of any fair ever held is expected. Because this is a time when it is also necessary for the people to come together and discuss the many issues that confront them during the war. An agricultural fair, such as the Lexington County Fair can do much good now if promoted along the lines of food production live stock poultry etc. and this is exactly what the management proposes to do this year. Speakers from the State Council of Defense, Food Administration and military events such as exhibition drills and aeroplane flights by officers and soldiers from Camp Jackson will be held daily.

The premium list is being revised and will be given out for distribution to exhibitors in a few days. Messrs. T. L. Harman, president, S. J. Leaphart secretary and Sim L. Hendrix general manager are sparing no efforts to make the fair a successful and beneficial event this year.

### FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.

On Monday afternoon in the Court House here, Mrs. J. S. Slatter, State Organizer for the FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN, gave a very forcible and instructive talk on this work. Telling how we could all help and why we should help to raise the amount asked in this issue. Let every man, woman, and child invest in a Bond. Look upon it as our chance to fight.

This war calls for man-power and money power, our boys are going faster and faster, our money must care for them and supply them with the necessities to win this war and bring them home soon, we hope, this is why the Govt. asks of the people of the U. S. to raise \$6,000,000,000.  
The Fourth Liberty Loan drive starts Sept. 28th.

A \$100. Bond keeps a boy 8 mon. Can you think of any investment that will pay you better? Don't let any one of us be a SLACKER or FAIL our BOYS now; REMEMBER SEPT. 28th.

Mrs. Rucker of Swansea, is County Chairman and the personnel of this district is—

- Miss Essie Efrid, Chrmn.
  - Miss Ruth Efrid, vice Chrmn.
  - Mrs. W. E. Humphries Ex. Ch.
  - Mrs. J. A. Muller, Publicity Chr.
- The handsome khaki uniforms worn by the State Chairman and the State Organizer, are the gift of the Jas. L. Tapp Co. Cola., S. C.

### REV. RISER RETURNS.

The many friends of Rev. W. H. Riser beloved pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran church will be delighted to learn that he has returned to Lexington very much improved in health and will conduct service Sunday. Much anxiety was felt over Rev. Riser's condition for a while, but good treatment under a specialist, and several weeks rest in the mountains of North Carolina have improved him wonderfully. His congregation is delighted with his return and he will be greeted Sunday morning by a full attendance.

## UNITED STATES REJECTS PEACE FEELER OF HUNS

Washington, Sept. 16.—The United States, as was fully expected has unconditionally rejected Germany's peace feeler. In doing so the government has spoken for all the cobelligerents.

Almost immediately after receiving the Austrian government's note from the minister from Sweden, Mr. Eken-gren, Secretary Lansing tonight issued this formal statement:

"I am authorized by the president to state that the following will be the reply of this government to the Austro-Hungarian note proposing an unofficial conference of belligerents:

"The government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the suggestion of the imperial Austro-Hungarian government. It has repeatedly and with entire candor stated the terms which the United States would consider and can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain.

Mr. Lansing's statement was given out within half an hour after he had received the Austrian proposal. It would have been forthcoming almost immediately upon the delivery of the Austrian note had it not been found necessary in order to avoid the possibility of grave error to make a careful comparison between the official text and that which was received in press dispatches last night from Amsterdam.

Thus emphasis was added to the declaration, if any were needed; the quickness of the reply, indicating the existence of no shadow of doubt in the mind of the administration as to what it should be. As soon as Mr. Lansing's reply can be put into form it will be handed to the Swedish minister for transmission to Austria.

The Swedish legation notified the state department early in the afternoon that it had received the note and that it would be presented as soon as it could be decoded and translated from French. This consumed several hours and it was not until 6:20 o'clock that Mr. Eken-gren appeared. He remained with the secretary only two minutes.

### WILSON HEARS PROTEST TODAY

Washington, Sept. 16.—Protest against any steps being taken by the government looking to the fixing of cotton prices are to be made tomorrow to President Wilson by committees appointed for the purpose by conferences of Southern senators and representatives last Saturday. Other engagements prevented the president from seeing them today.

This action resulted from the statement made public last week by President Wilson upholding a plan announced earlier by Chairman Baruch of the war industries board providing for appointment of a committee composed of three persons to investigate the cotton situation and to fix prices if necessary. Senators and representatives declare no authority under the law gives government officials such power.

Arrangements for the conference with the president were made by Senator Smith of South Carolina, who is chairman of the senate committee, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, in a conference with the president late today, called attention to the harm that will come from such action, and opposed any effort that is to be made to fixing the price for the present crop.

### To Confer Today.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The president today advised Senator Smith of South Carolina, Smith of Georgia and other congressmen from the South that he would see them Tuesday afternoon for a conference over the cotton price fixing situation. Since the president last week let become known that he favored "stabilizing" the price of cotton there seems to be little doubt here now that this can be done. Southern cotton planters poured into Washington today asking their representatives to protest against this action. Tomorrow's conference will probably determine the situation.  
P. H. McGowan.

### S. L. HENDRIX MOVES TO LEXINGTON

Sim L. Hendrix and family have moved into their new home on upper main street, bought from James Richardson of Columbia some months ago and all Lexington welcomes Mr. Hendrix and his interesting family to our midst. Mr. Hendrix is one of Lexington county's most progressive farmers and will prove a valuable citizen to our town. He leaves one of the best located and most productive farms in the county, but is doing so in order that he may give his children the benefit of Lexington's excellent school. Mr. Hendrix will continue to operate his farms, as they are located so near Lexington he can easily give them his personal attention while residing here.

### RED CROSS MEETING.

A very important meeting of the Lexington Branch of the Red Cross will be held on Thursday at 5 p. m. at headquarters.

### WE SERVE THE PUBLIC.

Everything in drugs and medicines, we have them. Ask Rice, he knows about it, twenty years experience.  
HARMON DRUG CO.

## GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OPENED TO DAY

The regular September term of court of general sessions convened this morning with Judge James E. Purifoy presiding. All court officials were at their places and court convened promptly at 10 o'clock. Judge Purifoy delivered a strong and impressive charge to the Grand Jury urging them to do their duty fearlessly and sincerely. The first case called was that of The State vs. George Elliot, colored charged with removing cotton seed from the seed house of Mr. J. J. Shealy a prominent merchant and cotton buyer of Pelion. The court is now engaged with the trial of this case.

### LIST OF AUGUST, 1918, REGISTRANTS.

- The following registered with the Local Board on August 24th having become 21 years of age since June 5:
- Gillie Altman, Brookland.
- Arthur Eugene Amick Chapin
- Early Anderson, Batesburg
- Herbert Anderson Batesburg
- Paul Anderson Batesburg
- Herman Wyse Boozer, Leesville
- Mike O'Bunknit Brookland.
- McRose Hudson Boyd, Brookland.
- Eddie (Manse) Cannon Pomaria.
- Henry Ollie Clark Chapin.
- William Claud Crouch Brookland.
- Erskar Davis Leesville.
- Marion Derrick, Gibert.
- Joseph Dreher Irmo.
- Oscar Dreher Irmo.
- Melvin Bryan Farr Lexington.
- George Berley Fuller Peak.
- Olen Gleaton Pelion.
- G. M. Goff Leesville.
- Elvin Caleb Gunter Leesville
- Claron Clifton Hall Steedman.
- Julian Clarendon Hall Steedman.
- William Albert Hamonds Steedman.
- John Bernard Hartley, Batesburg.
- Walter Ballenser Holley Gibert.
- Harvey Albert Hook, Lexington.
- William Nevins Hook New Brookland.
- Otis Jenkins, Leesville.
- John Henry Johnson Brookland.
- Otis Odell Kelly Leesville.
- Willie Clarence Koon, Gibert.
- Hobson Govan Lee, Lexington
- Willie (Dick) Long Leesville.
- Wilford Leon Mack, Swansea.
- William Tillman Mack, Brookland.
- Charlie Maddox, Steedman.
- Otis Matthews, Swansea.
- John Henry McFee, aBatesburg.
- Davis Rufus Oswald Gibert.
- Per Lester Oswald, IGibert.
- James William Riser, Brookland.
- Jimmie Rester Chapin.
- Willie Thomas Sharpe, Gaston.
- Henry Walter Slice, Lexington.
- Loy Gath Smith Leesville.
- Webster Matthew Steele, Lexington.
- Marion Stogner, Lexington.
- Will Strother, New Brookland.
- John Arthur Taylor, Gibert.
- Lawence Franklin Taylor, Gaston.
- Nelson Thompson, Pelion.
- Ed Toby, Pomaria.
- Henry Tucker, Irmo.
- Willie Wannamaker, Swansea.
- George Lester Whitman, Batesburg.
- Julius Eugene Wingard, Lexington.

### NEWS AND NOTES OF THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Ethel I. Brooker, Publicity Chairman, Swansea, S. C.

Just two weeks until the drive is to be launched for our fourth Liberty Loan.

Another week has passed, but I am glad to state that our workers have been busily planning and working. Our Chairman Mrs. Rucker, is just back from the State Conference in Columbia filled with enthusiasm. She has held four meetings and organized the women of several townships and this week, she and Mrs. O. L. Slatter will visit all of the unorganized townships.—It is highly important that the ladies will give them a good crowd at every appointment. Mrs. Slatter has a message for the women of our county.

Her enthusiasm is contagious and her plans and suggestions for the success of the Liberty Loan drive are well worth adopting.  
Mrs. Rucker has appointed a chairman for the colored women and it is expected that they will sell many bonds during the drive.  
Don't forget that Lexington must be one of the first communities to put the drive over.

### COURT WILL ADJOURN FRIDAY

Judge Purifoy has consented to adjourn court Friday September 20th so there will be no conflict with the meeting of the County Council of Defense which meets in the court house that day. Dr. D. M. Crosson of Leesville County Chairman was here today making arrangements for his meeting and stated that he is very much encouraged over the outlook for a large and enthusiastic meeting, and he expects all war committees and workers of the various branches to be present. Judge Purifoy will be one of the speakers for the occasion.