

MAJOR BARKSDALE GETS O. K. FROM THE Q. M. TIMES

Editorial in Soldier Paper Rings with Praises of Laurens County Boy, Who Has Won to Rank of Major.

The editorial below, taken from The Q. M. Times, the newspaper gotten out by the men of the 51st Division, now in France, will be read with interest by friends of Maj. Barksdale all over the county. As is well known, Maj. Barksdale is the son of the late A. B. Barksdale and was for a number of years secretary of the Lydia Cotton Mills, at Clinton, from which place he entered the first officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and came out with a commission as second lieutenant. Since that time he has steadily risen in the service until he has attained his present rank of Major. The editorial is as follows:

OUR NEW CHIEF!

The entire detachment units in sincere and whole-hearted congratulations to our new Chief, Major James McCarley Barksdale, the Division Quartermaster. It has been our pleasure and good fortune to have worked under Major Barksdale for almost a year, and we can say without hesitation that no company or detachment of men in the United States Army enjoys the esteem and admiration of his personnel, both commissioned and enlisted, than Major Barksdale. He is a man who makes friends and his sterling qualities command the highest respect of those with whom he is associated.

Unlike some men whom we have come in contact with, Major Barksdale has always had and exercised a keen interest in our welfare and we, in turn, shall endeavor to show our appreciation of his efforts for us by serving him whole-heartedly and with the thought always in mind to give him and the organization which he commands, our best efforts.

Major Barksdale is a South Carolinian and is a native of the little town of Clinton, we believe. We have watched the career of many officers in this division, and when it comes to rapid promotion, we claim the Major has eclipsed all officers whom we have observed. Scarcely more than a year ago the Major wore the gold bar, and now, within less than a year, by dint of effort, unsurpassed energy and adaptability to duty and a task well done, a gold leaf scintillates its sparkling rays from his shoulder strap, which, in itself, is a recognition of his capacity and ability as an officer. It is no small task to attain to the rank of Major, especially when officers, just

from civilian life, have to break the crust from the lower strata to the upper by sheer force of intellect.

Major Barksdale has been with the Division Quartermaster's office since its organization, and though young in the Army, he handles his work with the skill, dexterity and efficiency of men who have grown gray in the service of Uncle Sam. Now, since the responsibility of Division Quartermaster has been entrusted to his leadership, we shall endeavor to make his office even more efficient than it has been in the past.

FIRST AMERICANS BACK REACH GRAVESEND BAY

Mauretania Brings Big Body of Pershing's Fighters From Overseas, "Phone Mother I'm Here." Among First Requests.

New York, Dec. 1.—The British steamer Mauretania, returning to the United States with the first large body of American overseas troops anchored in Gravesend Bay at 7:40 o'clock tonight. She was met by navy and army tugs. She will probably remain at her anchorage until early tomorrow morning, when she is expected to dock at Hoboken.

The navy tug, it was reported, had been ordered to meet the Mauretania to bring ashore Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, who was returning from England as a passenger. The army tug, it was said, had orders to bring ashore an army officer of high rank.

Aboard the Mauretania, as announced recently by General March, chief of staff, are several thousand members of the air service who were stationed in England. The ship also carries a number of casuals.

When the transport docks at Hoboken relatives and friends of those aboard will not be allowed on the pier, according to a recent announcement of Brigadier-General G. P. McManus, embarkation officer at this port, who added that to safeguard public health, the soldiers would be taken directly to demobilization camps for physical examination. Barracks at Camp Mills have been prepared for their reception.

Late today, however, Mayor Hylan telegraphed Secretary Baker asking that troops aboard the Mauretania be permitted to parade up Fifth Avenue tomorrow. Permission also was asked to give a dinner tomorrow night in honor of returning officers.

"The mayor pointed out that the people of the city of New York are most anxious to welcome the troops" and that "the mayor's committee of welcome and city officials have been

waiting all day to meet the Mauretania at Ambrose channel."

Battery Park was crowded all day with persons eager to catch a glimpse of the vessel bringing back to these shores the vanguard of the great army which America sent overseas. Despite reports that the transport would not reach port until early tomorrow, the crowds stuck to their posts until darkness.

New York, Dec. 1.—It was announced tonight that when the Mauretania and other home-coming transports reach their docks they will be met by a corps of Knights of Columbus secretaries who will distribute among the troops thousands of "I am safe and sound" cards which the men can address to their relatives and friends. Later the secretaries will collect and mail the cards, which are already stamped.

EKOM NEWS.

Ekum, Dec. 2.—The sun is shining again this morning, after the snow, sleet and rain of yesterday.

We are glad to report the sick of our community improving.

The school at this place has been suspended on account of influenza.

Everybody is rejoicing over the ending of the war and hope it will not be long until all of our boys will be landed back in their dear old homeland.

Mr. Jeff Brissej, who has accepted a position with the Dixie Grocery Co., spent Saturday night and Sunday with homefolks here.

Mr. L. C. Culbertson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cooper spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burts, of the Woodrow Wilson section.

Mr. Carl Culbertson and family, and Miss Lidle Culbertson spent Sunday with Mrs. Lou Culbertson and daughter.

Mr. Sam Cook and family visited their brother, Mr. D. Cook and family, Sunday.

Misses Lonie Cooper and Laurence Culbertson were in Laurens, shopping, Friday.

Mr. Homer Culbertson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Jane Culbertson and family.

Mrs. Jane Culbertson and Master Jack Hamilton spent Saturday with Mrs. J. W. Fowler near Mt. Pleasant. We were very sorry indeed to hear of the death of Mr. Elerbe McDaniel, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

NOTICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER

The Books of the County Treasurer will be open for the collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year, 1918, at the Treasurer's office from October 15th to December 31st, 1918. After December 31st one per cent will be added. After January 31st, two per cent will be added, and after February 28th, seven per cent will be added till the 15th day of March, 1919, when the books will be closed.

All persons owning property in more than one township are requested to call for receipts in each of the several townships in which the property is located. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may be attached.

All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years of age are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers, who are exempt at 50 years of age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.50 in lieu of road duty. All men now in military service are exempt from road tax.

The Tax Levy is as follows:

State Tax	8 1/2 mills
Ordinary County Tax	4 mills
Road and Bridge	1 mill
Railroad Bond	1 mill
Road Bonds	1/4 mill
Jail Bonds	1/2 mill
Constitutional School Tax	3 mills
Total	21 mills

Special School—Laurens Township

Laurens No. 11	10 mills
Trinity Ridge No. 1	8 mills
Maddens No. 2	4 mills
Narnie No. 3	5 mills
Bailey No. 4	4 mills
Mills No. 5	4 mills
Oak Grove No. 6	2 mills
Ora No. 12	8 mills

Special Schools—Youngs Township

Youngs No. 3	4 mills
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Youngs No. 4	11 1/2 mills
Youngs No. 5	4 mills
Fountain Inn No. 3B	14 mills
Lanford No. 10	6 1/2 mills
Ora No. 12	8 mills
Youngs No. 1	3 mills
Central No. 6	2 mills
Youngs No. 7	8 mills

Special Schools—Dials Township

Green Pond No. 1	7 mills
Dials No. 2	8 1/2 mills
Shiloh No. 3	4 mills
Gray Court-Owings No. 5	12 1/2 mills
Barksdale No. 6	5 mills
Dials Church No. 7	4 mills
Fountain Inn No. 3B	11 mills
Merna No. 8	2 mills
Dials No. 1	4 mills

Special Schools—Sullivan Township

Bethel No. 2	5 mills
Beaufort No. 1	3 mills
Harvey Springs No. 3	4 mills
Harvey Tavern No. 1	3 mills
Harvey No. 7	4 mills
Harvey Township No. 1	3 mills
Merna No. 8	2 mills

Special Schools—Waterloo Township

Waterloo No. 11	4 mills
Mt. Callaghan No. 1	6 mills
Bethlehem No. 2	4 mills

Ekum No. 3	8 mills
Centerpoint No. 4	4 mills
Oakville No. 5	8 mills
Mt. Pleasant No. 6	4 mills
Mt. Olive No. 7	8 1/2 mills

Special Schools—Cross Hill Township

Cross Hill No. 13	8 mills
Cross Hill No. 1	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 2	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 4	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 5	2 mills
Cross Hill No. 3	2 mills

Special Schools—Hunt Township

Mountville No. 10	11 mills
Hunter No. 2	4 mills
Hunter No. 3	6 mills
Clinton No. 5	11 mills
Hunter No. 4	4 mills
Hunter No. 1	2 mills
Hunter No. 6	4 mills

Special Schools—Jacks Township

Oak No. 6	3 mills
Harrisville No. 3	3 mills
Shady Grove No. 2	3 mills

Jacks No. 3	5 mills
Jacks No. 4	3 mills

Special Schools, Scattertown Township

Scattertown Church No. 3	3 mills
Scattertown No. 1	2 mills
Scattertown No. 10	2 mills
Scattertown No. 11	2 mills
Scattertown No. 12	2 mills
Scattertown No. 2	1 mill
Scattertown No. 1	1 mill

Personal notice to all persons who are liable to pay a poll tax as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December.

ROSE B. YOUNG,
County Treasurer.

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Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LARBY'S RUBINE CREAM is better than ordinary ointment and does not cause the commonest skin itching in hand. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. V. O'NEAL, INC.

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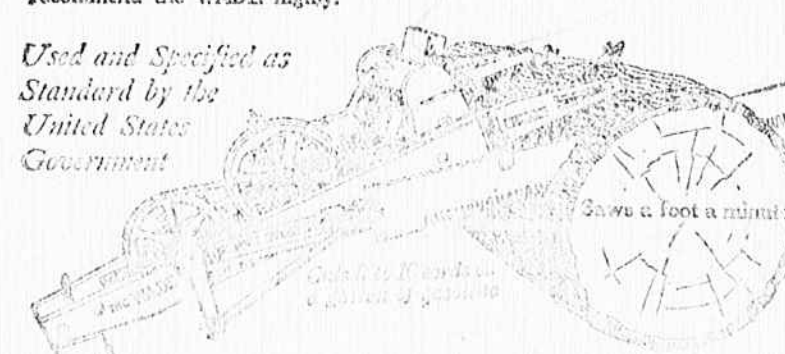
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\$40.00 to \$45.00 Coats at	\$29.99 to \$34.98
\$35.00 Coats at	\$24.98 and \$27.98
\$30.00 Coats at	\$22.98
\$25.00 Coats at	\$19.98
Misses' \$18.50 Coats at	\$14.98
Misses' \$16.50 Coats at	\$12.98
Misses' \$15.00 Coats at	\$11.98
Misses' \$12.50 Coats at	\$9.99

Serge and Silk Dresses

\$35.00 Dresses	\$24.99
\$25.00 Dresses	\$18.98
\$18.50 Dresses	\$14.98

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Ladies' Phoenix Silk Hose	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00
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Men's Mackinaws	\$16.50
Boy's Mackinaws	\$6.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50
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