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## WRITES DAD MOM'S LETTER

(From C. R. Bryson to his father)  
Menil La Tour, France, Nov. 23, 1918.  
Dearest Dad:

As tomorrow is designated as "Dad's Christmas Letter Day," I am going to write mine tonight while I have a little spare time and not wait until tomorrow, for then I may not have the time to spare. As you will notice I have headed my letter Menil La Tour, France, we can now tell you where we are located, and the above mentioned place is the present location of our company, and has been for the past few weeks. Our postoffice number is A. P. O. 747, (American Postoffice), however my mail can be sent as it has been in the past, but it isn't necessary. We can now put our address on the outside of the envelope, as you will not see I have it now.

I will try and tell you of some of the things and some of the places that I have visited, passed through, etc. We landed at Brest, France, remained there just a little over a week, sleeping in Pup Tents, two men to a tent, and just imagine it raining every day and every night, and you sleeping in a small tent, on the ground at that. Well, I am just glad that we do not have to do that any more. We left Brest one Sunday morning, hiked to the railroad station, which was something like four miles away. There we loaded on the train in box cars, traveled three days and nights, landed at a place by the name of Gondrecourt. There we hiked out to a place called Abainville, at which place we found the 3rd Battalion of the 21st Engineers. They had just arrived a few days before. In this battalion there were quite a few Dallas boys that I knew. Just imagine how tickled I was to see them on this side of the pond. At noon that same day, we loaded on flat cars on the narrow gauge railway and traveled most of the evening, arriving at a place called Mauveges. Here we were located for a few days, then we loaded on flat cars again and traveled to the little village of Menil La Tour. It is only a little ways from Toul, no doubt you have read of this place in the papers, for it has been pretty hard hit, and besides it was a place coveted by the Germans but failed to fall prey to them as they desired it to. Toul is the place that I mentioned in one of my former letters about a friend and myself spending the night there, and having quite a nice time.

We are not very far from Nancy, another coveted place, but just like Toul, it failed to fall into the German hands. Verdun is also not many miles away, as is the famous city of Metz. I intend to visit Metz the very first chance I have. Some of our boys have been there and speak of it as being a nice city, and I am sure that it is, for it was prized very highly by the Germans, and I know that they surely did hate to give it up to our victorious troops, but just the same it had to be done and was done.

You will remember that Metz was where so many of the Allied prisoners were located, and had not the Germans come to terms when they did there is no doubt but that the city of Metz would have been taken by our troops within a few days at most.

We are up on the very front lines alright enough. I have been up to see the sights when the shells were flying around in the air pretty thick, not being satisfied with just hearing the sound and seeing the places where the large shells hit and tore up the ground, I decided to remain until after nightfall and see some real sights, and you can take it from me, it was a sight, one that I will never forget as long as I live. You could see the red glare of the star shells in the air, and see the flashes of the large guns as they boomed out their message of destruction to the enemy, and then at night things were usually a little more lively than in the day time, and that night was a night when one of the heaviest barrages was put over. After I was there for a few hours I was ready to return to my quarters, for I could still hear the guns roar and see the guns flash.

I have been in No Man's Land since the armistice was signed and it is awful. One of the boys said in his letter to his father that, "It would take a year to whip the Kaiser and 39 years to roll up the barbed wire." That is about the facts too if one man was to undertake the job of rolling up the wire. No wonder wire is so high in the States, for it is all over on this side of the pond.

I went through a German dugout a day or two ago and it is wonderful. I can readily understand now why the Germans were so hard to drive out of

## WANTS COPIES OF NEWS

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 17, 1918.  
Mr. John Wesley,  
Margaret, Texas.  
Dear Sir:

Upon a recent visit to McKinney, Texas, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. P. Brown, who informed me that he had just received a copy of your local paper, containing an account of the capture of Cynthia Ann Parker, written by you.

I am a son of General Sul. Ross, and would be very much pleased to receive several copies of this paper.

Trusting that my request does not come too late, and also expressing a desire that I might someday have the pleasure of meeting you, I am,

Yours very truly,  
N. P. ROSS.

## Good Creek News

(Last Week)

We had a fine rain last week.

Ed. McDaniel was in Crowell Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Wilna Eallins spent Sunday in the Davis home.

Miss Wilna Eallins entertained a bunch of our young folks Saturday night.

Mary Scott spent Sunday and Monday with Rose and Ten Simmons at Crowell.

Vernon Dunn came home Tuesday from Jim Gribble's farm where he has been working.

Austin Hanks is grubbing the school yard free of charge, just to get to talk to the teacher.

Miss Opal Davis came home last week from Electra. She will take Christmas with homefolks and friends. She has been going to school at that place.

Mrs. Clint Leonard received a letter from her folks bringing the sad news of the death of her brother, Herma Bradford. Herma once lived here on Good Creek.

Dow Hudlow, Miss Myrtle Cooper, Gordon Cooper and Miss Pearl Gililand from Crowell were at Miss Oline Hanks Sunday afternoon. Oline went back to Crowell with them.

Get-Me.

their homes under the earth, for just think of seven stories under ground. That was just the size of it, concrete, cemented and all fixed up inside. Why, it is said that in some of them, there were barber shops, saloons, pool halls, etc, just like a regular city, but now they are out of luck, for all their trouble is worthless. They surely did not intend to give up this section of the country for they buried their dead here and have erected large tomb stones, fences, etc., just as though they intended them to remain for eternity but they wrecked most of it with their own guns.

A friend and myself went up to the front a few mornings ago on a speeder on the railroad. The morning was fine, the sun shining bright, but going about forty miles per, it was a little chilly to me. Only had one little incident that is worth mentioning and that was the time the speeder jumped the track. The Sergeant and driver jumped but I remained seated, for I did not see anything to jump for. Was not at all excited at the time, but later on I was just a little bit.

I am still working in the office and like the work just fine. I think that it will not be long until we are all back home and all I've got to say is, "that will be some happy day." I did think perhaps we might be home by Christmas, but now I do not think so very strong. I am anxious to return now that the war is all over, the fun is ended, so what do I want to remain on this side of the pond for? I would like to be there right now, but that is out of the question.

While on our way from Brest to the place above mentioned we passed through several noted cities, some of them were, Rennes, Versailles, (near Paris,) Troyes, Melun, and several others I do not remember.

I am well and am getting fatter every day. I hope that you are all doing fine and are enjoying good health when my letter reaches you. I hope this reaches you before Christmas, but if not, just remember it is "Dad's Christmas Letter" anyway.

I am going to bring each one of you some kind of souvenir when I come home. Must go to bed now. Love and best wishes to all, from your soldier son.

C. R. BRYSON,

Co. L, 21st Engineers, A. E. F.

Letters received from Ross Kenner by his mother written on November 8, 21 and 23, say he is well and expects to be home about April. He was at Metz when writing.

## CHRISTIANS, AWAKE!

By John Byrom

Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn,  
Whereon the Savior of Mankind was born.  
Rise to adore the mystery of love  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Savior's birth  
To you and all the nations upon the earth;  
This day has God fulfilled His promised word,  
This day is born a Savior Christ the Lord."

He spake; and straightway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire.  
The praises of redeeming love they sang,  
And Heaven's whole orb with Alleluia rang:  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
Peace upon earth, and unto men good will.

To Bethlehem straight the enlighten'd shepherds ran.

To see the wonder God had wrought for man;  
And found, with Joseph and the Blessed maid,  
Her son, the Savior, in a manger laid.  
Then to their flocks, still praising God, return,  
And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

O may we keep and ponder in our mind  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind.  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
From His poor manger, to His bitter cross;  
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,  
To sing, redeem'd, a glad triumphal song;  
He that was born upon this joyful day,  
Around us all, His glory shall display;  
Saved by His love, incessant, we shall sing  
Eternal praise to Heav'n's Almighty King.

## ENTERING THE NEW YEAR

Before printing another issue of the paper 1918 shall have become one of the years of history and we shall have entered into a new one.

Of course, a year is only a division of time for the sake of convenience. There has never been any sloping place in the cycles of time, but it has continued to roll by without a jar and really we find ourselves not passing from one point to another but merely going with its sweeping tide.

But the holidays, including Christmas and New Year, are mileposts, which serve to give us our bearings, and during those holidays we do well to stop and locate ourselves.

So, as we take a sweeping view of the old year soon to close, we find it one crammed and packed full of the most interesting history of all time. It has not been one of achievements, as one would ordinarily understand the term, at least not a year of construction, but of destruction, making a world application. That is true of life and of material wealth. So great has it all been that figures representing them stagger the imagination and are beyond human conception. So we find ourselves viewing the wreckage of a year of life's activities.

But we must not stop at this point. In human affairs destructive work is the preparatory work to the constructive. The oaks of the forest must be hewn down before the land can be cultivated. So must monster evils be overpowered to make way for the good. Dangerous ideas giving shape to national life and threatening the very existence of the pure and the good must be overcome. This has been done, and after all the destruction of the year 1918, though appalling, it becomes the greatest achievement of history.

With the approach of the new year the world finds itself somewhat exhausted over the task of clearing the grounds, but the work has been well done, and it now faces a future of development, the possibility of which is beyond human conception. And each locality being a portion of the world it must and will share in this great development. Then the picture changes as one turns from the scenes of destruction to behold the possibilities of the future.

But let it be said that after all that whatever the future has to offer it will be a reward for worthy effort. It will have little to offer the weakling, the faithless, the coward. The closing year has tried men for future service in all lines of worthy endeavor and these are they who must count as real factors in future constructive work. If we make an application of this to community life it is true in national life. To speak more definitely, we would say there must be less selfishness and more of the Christ

## LIEUT. HENLEY GOODE WRITES

PROF. T. A. TAGGART

Le Mans, France, Nov. 27, 1918.

Dear Mr. Taggart:

Am taking advantage of the first opportunity I have had in about two months to write you. Since August 20, 1918, I had not had one half of a day's rest until I was evacuated from front line duty in the Argonne Forest November 5th with pharyngitis and dysentery; however, I am well again now and on my way to rejoin the now world famous 6 Reg. of Marines and take up the watch on the Rhine to protect Northern France from another incursion by the Huns.

A word about my division, brigade, regiment, and then, if I have time, I'll try to tell you something of my personal experiences. My division, the 2nd of the Third Annex Army, has, since its successful attack at Chateau Thierry in June, been rated a shock division and used as such. It has participated in every major American drive, such as Chateau Thierry, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Verdun, besides serving with various French armies.

Moreover, it has been the initial attacking force in all these campaigns and has never failed to take and hold more ground than was mapped out for it; a word from General will show the kind of troops he commands: "I desire to add to my telephone message, the assurance of my deep appreciation and profound admiration for the manner in which the 2nd Division executed the mission allotted to it on November 1st.

"The Division's brilliant advance of more than nine kilometers, (15, to be more accurate) destroying the last stronghold of the Hindenburg line, capturing Frega Stellany, and going more than nine kilometers against not only the permanent, but the relieving forces in their front, may justly be regarded as one of the most remarkable achievements made by any troops in this war. For the first time, perhaps, in our experience the losses inflicted by your division upon the enemy in the offensive greatly exceeded the casualties of the division. The reports indicate moreover that on a single day the division has captured more artillery and machine guns than usually falls to the lot of a command during several days of hard fighting. These results must be attributed to the great dash and speed of the troops and the irresistible force with which they struck and overcame the enemy."

"The division has more than justified the distinguished confidence placed in it by the Commander-in-Chief when it was selected to take the lead in the advance from which such great results are effected". (And you will recall that nine days later, November 11, 1918, the armistice was signed. We were after his railroad communications between Metz and Southeast Belgium, and we got them.) "It is an honor to command such troops, and they have richly deserved a place in history and in the affection of their countrymen which is not exceeded or perhaps paralleled in the life of our nation. I desire that you convey these sentiments to the officers and soldiers of the 2nd Division, and that you assure them of my abiding wishes for their continued success in the campaigns that lie before them."

From C. P. Summerall, Major General, commanding 5th Army Corps to Major General John A. Le Jeune, commanding 2nd Division. Personally, this was the easiest fight I have been in. The battle of Blanc Mont Ridge was the most severe. For ten days, October 1 to October 10 we were in the front line and very close to the Germans too. We took Blanc Mont Ridge October 2nd and held it but it cost a lot and was probably as strong a position as the Germans could construct, being a high ridge, a signal station for artillery miles to the rear, they held it tenaciously. General Le Jeune of the Marine Corps, who is a very close student of military history, wrote us that the speed with which we took the Ridge and the tenacity with which we held it, once we had it, were unsurpassed in the annals of war. It was defended by trenches, barbed wire entanglements, dugouts thirty feet in depth and concrete pill boxes above the ground. In other words, beneath the ridge was an underground village that no artillery could destroy, and above it were concrete strongholds that nothing but direct hits from our heaviest guns would destroy; in fact, these strong fortifications were scarcely damaged by our artillery—our infantry went right up to the dugout doors and forced the occupants to surrender or annihilated them with hand grenades. For 45 hours my depleted company with Lt. C. B. Cates and myself first and second in command respectively held more than 400 yards of the Ridge against over sixty machine guns and trench mortars, and heavy artillery

## YEAR'S RAINFALL REACHES 20 INCHES

It hardly seems reasonable that we have had more than 20 inches of rainfall this year, and yet that is the record by the Government gauge at the First State Bank. We have not the record of the last rain which came Sunday night, the water having been frozen so that the gauge could not be read, but it is estimated to be one inch. So that is included in the aggregate as given below. By months it runs as follows:

January	1.50
February	.58
March	1.27
April	1.11
May	.19
June	2.82
July	.47
August	.37
September	2.91
October	4.97
November	1.95
December	2.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.68</b>

## NEWS EXTENDS GREETINGS

This will be the last issue of the News until next year, and we feel much of the same spirit as shown by the advertisers in expressions of appreciation for the past year's business. If we should never get any more business, we thank our friends just the same for what they have done in co-operating with the News in its efforts to give you a representative paper through the past year. We have no complaint to make because of the struggles that have been ours. Everybody has had them and for that very reason there should be, and doubtless is, a deeper sympathy among all the business men for each other than would have otherwise been. The News has felt it to be its duty to reflect through its columns the true spirit of our people and often under very depressing conditions it has grimly fought its way out and then breathed a sigh of relief that another paper was off the press and the world fairly well maintained.

But we are now facing a new year and new conditions, and if it shall be ours to reap any of the benefits of improved conditions, with everyone else we shall be only the better prepared to appreciate it by reason of having endured the passing stringency. Better times are just ahead of the people of this country. They are all realizing this now and within the next year we shall be disappointed if all worthy interests do not reach more than normal proportions. Yet, no conditions ever come when a lack of co-operation can rightfully exist. We all owe it to each other, no one excepted, to co-operate to the end of making our country and our town the best in everything, and doing so we share misfortunes alike and enjoy blessings alike.

The News extends its readers greetings of the season and sincerely hopes that it may find during the New Year its opportunities for real service greatly enlarged.

## SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY

The public school which has been suspended since November 11, on account of the influenza epidemic in our midst will reopen Monday 30. It is sincerely hoped that the remainder of the term will proceed to the close without another interruption.

A. N. Smallwood and wife are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Smallwood's father, E. G. Campsey. They have been living at Waurika, Okla., but are going to move to Matador after Christmas.

fire, gas and every weapon they could bring into action—I don't know how I lived through it; our casualties were such that I shall not name the percent—the prayers of my mother and grandmother were surely answered or I should not be writing you now. To be more specific, a hand grenade fight that a corporal, a sergeant and myself had on October 1st was rather close range, and quite exciting. I'd like to draw a diagram of the trench here and tell you just how it took place but shall have to wait until I can see you to do such as that. After 10 days of such fighting who do you think relieved us—a Texas Division from Camp Bowie, and among them that I saw and talked with were these boys from Crowell: Buddy Bomar, Roy Bratcher, Charles Evans, S. D. Simpson, Elbert Scales, Virgil White, Frank Kirkman and several others. Must close.

Your friend,  
H. M. GOODE,  
1st Lt., U. S. Marines, 95 Co. 6

## The New Year

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### KEPT PLEDGE TO SEND BREAD

American Nation Maintained Allied Loaf Through Self-Denial at Home Table.

### AVERTED EUROPEAN DESPAIR.

With Military Demands Upon Ocean Shipping Relieved, World is Able to Return to Normal White Wheat Bread.

Since the advent of the latest wheat crop the only limitation upon American exports to Europe has been the shortage of shipping. Between July 1 and October 10 we shipped 65,980,205 bushels. If this rate should continue until the end of the fiscal year we will have furnished the Allies with more than 237,500,000 bushels of wheat and flour in terms of wheat.

The result of increased production and conservation efforts in the United States has been that with the cessation of hostilities we are able to return to a normal wheat diet. Supplies that have accumulated in Australia, Argentina and other hitherto inaccessible markets may be tapped by ships released from transport service, and European demand for American wheat probably will not exceed our normal surplus. There is wheat enough available to have a white loaf at the common table.

But last year the tale was different. Only by the greatest possible saving and sacrifice were we able to keep a steady stream of wheat and flour moving across the sea. We found ourselves at the beginning of the harvest year with an unusually short crop. Even the most optimistic statisticians figured that we had a bare surplus of 20,000,000 bushels. And yet Europe was facing the probability of a bread famine—and in Europe bread is by far the most important article in the diet.

All of this surplus had left the country early in the fall. By the first of the year we had managed to ship a little more than 50,000,000 bushels by practicing the utmost economy at home—by wheatless days, wheatless meals, heavy substitution of other cereals and by sacrifice at almost every meal throughout the country.

In January the late Lord Rhonda, then British Food Controller, cabled that only if we sent an additional 75,000,000 bushels before July 1 could he take the responsibility of assuring his people that they would be fed.

The response of the American people was 85,000,000 bushels safely delivered overseas between January 1 and July 1. Out of a harvest which gave us only 20,000,000 bushels surplus we actually shipped 141,000,000 bushels.

Thus did America fulfill her pledge that the Allied bread ration could be maintained, and already the American people are demonstrating that, with an awakened war conscience, last year's figures will be bettered.

Our exports since this country entered the war have justified a statement made by the Food Administration shortly after its conception, outlining the principles and policies that would govern the solution of this country's food problems.

"The whole foundation of democracy," declared the Food Administration, "lies in the individual initiative of its people and their willingness to serve the interests of the nation with complete self-effacement in the time of emergency. Democracy can yield to discipline, and we can solve this food problem for our own people and for the Allies in this way. To have done so will have been a greater service than our immediate objective, for we have demonstrated the righteousness of our faith and our ability to defend ourselves without being Prussianized."

Sending to Europe 141,000,000 bushels of wheat from a surplus of apparently nothing was the outstanding exploit of the American food army in the critical year of the war.

### GREATEST OPPORTUNITY WOMEN EVER HAD.

It was given to the women of this country to perform the greatest service in the winning of the war vouchsafed to any women in the history of the wars of the world—to feed the warriors and the war sufferers. By the arts of peace, the practice of simple, homely virtues the womanhood of a whole nation served humanity in its profoundest struggle for peace and freedom.

### FIRST CALL TO FOOD ARMY.

This co-operation and service I ask of all in full confidence that America will render more for flag and freedom than king or ridden people surrender at compulsion.—Herbert Hoover, August 10, 1917.

A year ago voluntary food control was a daring adventure in democracy; during the year an established proof of democratic efficiency.

### SUGAR SHOWED OUR BACKBONE

American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience.

### STAND WITH THE ALLIES.

By Reducing Consumption People of the United States Averted a Famine at Home in Spite of Low Supplies.

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to follow the injunctions of the Government.

Our normal consumption of sugar in the four-month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month, a total of 1,600,000 for the quarter year.

In July, when our sugar stringency began to reach its height, consumption was reduced to 290,000 tons. In August only 325,000 tons went into distribution and in September only 270,000 tons. In October the distribution fell to 230,000 tons.

If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would have been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would no longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar. By it we have been able to bridge over the period of stringency until the new beet and Louisiana cane sugar crops were in sight.

Now the nation is in a position so that if we choose we may return to our normal home use of sugar, and Europe, with the release of ships to go far afield, can maintain its recent restricted rations. If, however, those nations are to increase their use of sugar very considerably it must be by our continued sharing with them through limiting our own consumption.

### AMERICAN SPIRIT RELIED ON TO WIN.

In the light of succeeding events it is interesting to recall the confidence with which the United States Food Administrator viewed the gloomy outlook in July of 1917, when this country had been in the war for less than four months and the Germans were steadily sending the western front nearer and nearer to Paris.

"Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today," he declared in a public statement, "no American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself in these United States."

### LOYALTY IN LITTLE THINGS LAST PROOF OF PATRIOTISM

Americans without murmuring cut their sugar allowance from four pounds a month to three and then as long as need be to two pounds for loyalty's sake.

### Food Will Win the World.

America earned the gratitude of allied nations during war by sharing food. America under peace may win the world's good will by saving to share.



### DEMOCRACY VS. AUTOCRACY.

"There is no royal road to food conservation. We can only accomplish this by the voluntary action of our whole people, each element in proportion to its needs. It is a matter of equality of burden."

The truth of this statement, made by the United States Food Administrator soon after we entered the war, has been borne out by the history of our exports. Autocratic food control in the hands of our enemies has broken down, while democratic food sharing has maintained the health and strength of this country and of the Allies.

## In Order to Enjoy

the Christmas Holidays you should bring your car to us and have repaired. We can put it in good shape to enjoy life in. We offer your good service and satisfaction.

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## GREETINGS

WHATEVER increase of our business we have enjoyed since it was established this year we believe is due to the first-class service we have at all times tried to render, and with the coming of the New Year we hope to extend that service to the good and happiness of all. May the New Year's measure of blessings be full for you. We ask the privilege of contributing our bit to make it so.

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### THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at tongue! If coated, clean little stomach, liver, bowels

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little gives today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember these are "Anti-Tart" sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup. 51

Fat Cattle Wanted  
I will buy your fat cattle at the best market price. Call, phone or write me if you have any to sell.—J. W. Bell, Crowell, Texas.

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## SHE KEPT THEM ON THE JOB

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### PERSONS NOTIFIED BY PROCLAMATION TO PAY W. S. S.

Notifying all persons pledged to purchase War Savings Stamps that their pledges mature this month, the Government has issued an official proclamation calling for the prompt settlement of these obligations between December 23 and December 31. The last day for the liquidation of pledges, the proclamation sets forth, is December 31.

That there may be no misunderstanding incident to this final call for settlement, the Government is now having a location penalty cards sent to all pledgers and instructions have been given that notices of the call be displayed in all public places. The non-receipt of a notification card does not relieve a pledger from the obligation he is under to complete his pledge by December 31, the last day of grace, it is pointed out.

Relative to the purchase of War Savings Stamps, attention is called by the Government to the fact that they may be obtained through any agent although that agent may not hold the pledger's commitment. They may be purchased at banks, post-offices and numerous commercial establishments.

Possession of the stamps will be accepted as prima facie evidence that a pledger has paid his War Savings pledge.

Cream 60 cents per pound at Ring-

### INSTRUCTIONS TO LIQUIDATE W. S. S. PLEDGES SENT OUT

Instructions to bring about the prompt fulfillment of War Savings Stamp Pledges have been sent out from Washington by Secretary McAdoo and the Government's official proclamation calling for the prompt liquidation of these obligations to the Treasury Department has been issued.

All War Savings Stamp Pledges are automatically due this month and their payment is called for before December 31, which is the last day of grace.

Instructions incident to the call have been given all officers of the War Savings Section.

War Savings Stamps may be obtained from any postoffice, banks and most business establishments.

Each War Savings Stamp costs \$4.23 cents this month. On January 1, 1923, each War Savings Stamp will be redeemed by the Government for \$5.00. War Savings Stamps increase constantly in value and this increase is guaranteed by the United States Government.

More people are using electric lights all the time. Get in line and use the best.—D. P. Yoder.

Cleaning and pressing.—Arnold Rucker, Phone 199.

## PROVED SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Voluntary Basis of Food Saving  
Showed Heart of America  
Beat True for Freedom.

To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must be attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the Allied armies and the civil populace.

Upon this spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe's fate in the months to come. In the past year we have carried out an export program, the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the new demands that have come, with the liberation of nations freed from German oppression, our exports must be almost doubled. Instead of 11,829,000 tons, we must ship twenty million tons of food to Europe in the coming year—as much as can be pushed through our ports.

If the Allies had not been fed by America, it would have been impossible for them to maintain their defense against Germany.

Meeting this world need on a purely voluntary basis, the American people have conclusively proved that democracy is a success and that in time of need it will rise to its own defense.

If there were no other accomplishment to its credit the very fact that it has shown the strength of democracy has in itself more than justified the existence of the Food Administration in the eyes of the world.

Less than four months after the United States declared war the United States Food Administrator expressed his determination to meet America's food problem on a basis of voluntary action and reiterated his confidence that awakened democracy would prove irresistible.

"Many thinking Americans," said Mr. Hoover, "and the whole world have been watching anxiously the last four months in the fear that democratic America could not organize to meet autocratic Germany. Germany has been confident that it could not be done. Contrary proof is immediately at our door, and our people have already demonstrated their ability to mobilize, organize, endure and prepare voluntarily and efficiently in many directions and upon the mere word of inspiration aside from the remarkable assemblage of our Army and finances."

The history of the Food Administration has clearly shown that the trust of those who put their faith in democracy has not been misplaced.

Wanted to buy 15 good coming two year old mules.—M. S. Henry & Co.

## Greetings of the Season

The Christmas Holidays will soon be over and we shall go into another year. We greet our customers with wishes for a most prosperous New Year throughout. And in this connection we wish to express our hearty appreciation of the business with which you have favored us during the closing year and pledge to you our continued efforts to merit your patronage, with good service and honest dealing. Let us enter the new year with a renewed spirit of helpfulness and make it one of mutual profit. Again wishing you, one and all, the greatest prosperity possible, we are,

Yours for faithful service.

## Fergeson Brothers

The *Rexall* Store

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



To our friends and patrons who have favored us with their business throughout the past year we wish to say that on this occasion we feel called upon to extend them our sincere appreciation.

The continued growth and success of this institution has always depended to a great extent upon the co-operation of the public and it is with grateful feelings that we wish you one and all

**A Merry Christmas**

AND A

**Prosperous New Year**

**J. H. SELF & SON**

### CABINET MEMBER TELLS WHY W. S. S. MUST BE BOUGHT

Declaring that the reputation and patriotism of Texas are at stake and stressing the Government's need of money to complete its necessary war program and bring the soldiers and sailors back home, A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General of the United States, former Congressman from Texas, and member of President Wilson's cabinet, has addressed an appeal to every Texan urging that he liquidate his War Savings Stamp pledge at once and continue to purchase these Government securities.

"I wish I could say personally to every Texan that the expense of the war is not ended and will not be for some time to come, therefore, the necessity continues for every person to deny himself and save in every possible way in order to lend his savings to the Government by investing in War Savings Stamps." Postmaster General Burleson says to the people of his home State of Texas. "In doing this he not only renders a patriotic service, but at the same time he acquires habits of thrift and economy which will redound to his lasting benefit, and puts his money in what is undoubtedly the best paying Government security which has been offered during this war."

"I am sure that our State will take her proper place in War Savings Stamp sales for 1918, and while I realize fully the terrific drought conditions from which over forty per cent of Texas has suffered have materially affected the investment in Government securities, I believe that her quota of \$91,000,000.00 will be readily absorbed if every one of our citizens realizes that the reputation and patriotism of Texas are at stake and every individual must do his part."

"It gives me satisfaction to know that in the sale of War Savings Stamps you are having the loyal co-operation and support of the Postal employees of Texas, and I am sure that you can rely upon their continued and effective activity."

All pledges for investment in War Savings Stamps have automatically come due this month and the official call for their immediate payment has been made by the Government. War Savings Stamp pledges must be met before December 31.

Meet me at Fergeson Bros.

### FEAR FRENCH TANKS

Machines Spread Terror in Ranks of Foe.

Armed Car Helps 15 Yanks to Capture 700 Huns in Recent Drive.

With the American Armies.—Greater laurels daily are being won by the French light tanks which are co-operating with the American forces in pushing the Germans back toward the Rhine.

Among the many individual feats of the tanks and their drivers which have come to light, one of the most interesting is that of Brigadier Cellier, who has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor for his work in a light tank which enabled 15 American soldiers to capture 700 Germans.

Several hundred of these tanks led the counter-offensive from the Villers-Cotterets forest in July, which marked what appears to have been the turning point of the war. They broke through the enemy's lines, destroying his machine guns, overcoming strong centers of resistance and spreading panic and demoralization in the German ranks.

Where the infantry was preceded by the "chars d'assaut," as the French call them, the advance was three miles a day.

It was these same French light tanks which preceded the Americans in their advance upon Juvigny and Terny on the Soissons plateau. One of them, manned by a lieutenant, killed more than 200 Germans on the plateau.

Documents that have come into the hands of the French staff show that the Germans are greatly worried by the light tanks and are studiously coaching their men in methods of defense against them.

The light cars have the advantage of greater speed and of being more easily handled than the heavier tanks. They require a crew of only two men, a driver and a gunner, and carry one one-and-a-half-inch gun and a machine gun.

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Owl Drug Store CROWELL, TEXAS

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS  
KIMSEY & KLEPPER, OWNERS AND PUBLISHERS

Entered at the Post Office at Crowell, Texas, as second class matter.  
Crowell, Texas, December 27, 1918

As we are soon to start into the new year let's not let the "mully-grubs" get us. We don't think there is much danger, but let's be on the lookout. Sometimes we get caught off our guard. Let's go into the new year a booster, each one of us, for our country. Why, just stop and think for a moment. The greatest people in the world are right here in West Texas. Think of what they have done in the face of the horrible drouth a few months ago. When Uncle Sam was calling them, their answer was so prompt and patriotic that people in more favored portions of the State and other states were struck with wonder and admiration. It was true in the Liberty bond campaigns, in the war work campaign and in the Red Cross campaign. When some folks were wanting to know what great sin we had committed that such calamity had been sent and when some people in the east were blessing at the hearts and dripping at the eyes over our sins, West Texas was coming with its quota on every campaign and letting the drouth take care of itself. No other people on earth could have done it. What is the answer? It is the West Texas spirit, and the God who visited our "calamity" upon us knows who was able to stand the test. This is not said in a spirit of boastfulness. It is said from the viewpoint of an observer who intrudes when he says "we". And how about it today? Why the "calamity" has changed to a blessing. This country is a garden and is attracting the attention of people far and wide. She's coming to the front much faster than it went to the bad a short while ago. Coming closer home, let's each be a booster for Foard County and start in with the new year so we will lose no time.

Suppose we start in with the new year, get out of ourselves and try to help everybody else to be happy and cause our country to develop. Suppose we make a pledge like this and then live up to it: As a merchant we will sell goods at a fair profit. As a buyer we'll quit sending our money to the mail order house. We'll keep it at home and try to help build home institutions. We'll read good books and good papers (such as the Foard County News and others.) As a common laborer we'll do an honest day's work. As an employer we'll cheerfully pay all an employee is worth. As a newspaper we'll say something good about everybody or else say nothing. As a competitor in business we'll treat the other fellow square. We'll all boost our country and brag on each other until we as well as outsiders will finally get to believing it, and after a while everybody will know that we have the best country and the best people on earth. All this will cost nothing and get us further along than anything we can do. It's a fact. Come to Foard County.

The News wishes each of its readers a very happy Christmas and another year of life that will mean more to you and others than any year of your life. We could wish you no more. We might say we wish you no obstacles to overcome, and yet a life of such ease and comfort might be the worst thing that could happen to you, so we can say with all sincerity that if obstacles must come your way—and they will—that you will profit by overcoming all of them.

This is the first time in several years since one saw green-growing turnips at Christmas times. But the winter weather so far has been unusually mild and of even temperature, owing to so much rain. The wet winters are the mild ones.

The News is coming out three days ahead of time this week because it's Christmas, but don't get scared; it will not happen again. Christmas comes but once a year.

Although eggs are selling at 50 cents per dozen, it's not always a sign of prosperity to see them strewn down a fellow's shirt bosom.

Some predict worse diseases to follow the Spanish influenza, but we do not know what it could be unless it is Russian Bolshevism.

Since dad has to pay the expense of Santa's annual visits he is perfectly willing that only one trip be made a year.

It is better to have a pig in the back yard than a wolf at the front door.

YANKEE NURSES  
SHOW METTLE

Girls Behind the Men Behind the Guns Are Doing Great Work.

OVER 12,000 NOW THERE

They Know They Have a Man-Sized Job and They Are Tackling It in a Man's Way—Morale Is Perfect.

London.—America has poured a veritable army of her womanhood into war-torn Europe. To date over 12,000 American nurses have been sent over. Within the year there will be right here on the ground more than 24,000 of these American "girls behind the men behind the guns."

This is the estimate of Miss Carrie M. Hall of Boston, head of all American Red Cross nurses in Great Britain.

Of the 12,000 now here, between 600 and 700 are working in Great Britain in the dozen or more American hospitals that have sprung into being within the past six months. The remainder are staffing hospitals behind the lines in France.

With the arrival of American soldiers at Vladivostok came a contingent of nurses from the American Red Cross unit at Tokio, Japan. As hostilities and American casualties begin there more United States army regular nurses probably will be sent to Russia.

All Highly Trained. All women sent over so far are highly trained graduate nurses, bacteriologists, dietitians and college trained hygiene experts. The war department in Washington has ruled that only these trained women may be sent over for the time being, at least.

For this reason General Pershing's recent call for 5,000 girl workers with the American army in France will be filled by British instead of American girls. England's women's army, the "Waves" (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) is now conducting a nationwide recruiting campaign here for these British girl volunteers for duty as clerks, chauffeurs, typists, orderlies, telephoneists, etc., with the American army.

Practically every troop convoy from the United States brings scores more of these women experts. From peace loving American homes that have not yet felt the grim hand of war these blue-clothed Yankee girls, like their big brothers, are plunging into this maelstrom of war with a determination and efficiency that has won for them already the unstinted praise of all the allies.

They know they're got a man-sized job before them, stripped of all the so-called glamour of war, and they're tackling it in a man's way. Up in the field and base hospitals under shell fire and valiantly braving air raid terrors, they're "carrying on" untiringly, night and day, working unceasingly to save the lives of our boys.

Miss Hall, who was one of the first American nurses to arrive in France immediately after the United States decided to jump into this job of winding up the watch on the Rhine, was witness of the sterling quality of American womanhood in this war under fire.

Morale Is Perfect.

"I was one of the first to come over with the Harvard Base hospital unit. No sooner were we landed than we were attached to the British and hurried up near the first line to staff a little tented hospital city near Camiers. There were two other American field hospitals near us.

"It was a bright moonlight night. Our tents were shown up like a silver city. At midnight the alarm sounded. We leaped from our beds. There was no panic. The hum of the Boche machines was plainly audible. Suddenly five deafening explosions told us they had gotten our camp. It only lasted about five minutes, but in that short time their five bombs dropped in a straight line had nearly demolished our camp.

"Tents containing American wounded were ripped to shreds, temporary hospital buildings mowed down like a pack of cards. Six soldier patients were killed and a score or more injured. The morale of the nurses and doctors was wonderful. Forgetting self, they plunged into the work of rescue.

"One girl, Eva Parmalee of Boston was on duty in one of the tents most badly hit. One bomb fell so near her clothing was ripped and torn by bits of flying debris and pieces of sand lodged in the flesh of her face. Undaunted, she carried on through it all, rushing here and there aiding wounded and assisting in the work of rescue. Not until it was all over did she notice the state of her clothes or the bits of sand in her face."

Emmit Blakemore is here from Hillsboro.

W.S.S. PLEDGES  
MUST BE PAID  
BEFORE DEC. 31

Pledges made to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps are due for payment now. Liquidation must be made before December 31, 1918.

War Savings Stamp pledges are binding obligations upon the persons who made them. All necessary steps to assure their liquidation will be taken.

War Savings Stamps may be purchased from postoffices, banks, United States mail carriers and designated agencies.

War Savings Stamps are not subject to taxation.

Republication of the Official Government Call.

Before December 31 every W. S. S. pledger has been called upon to meet the obligation he assumed to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps. While December 31 is the last day of grace for the liquidation of W. S. S. pledges, the Government is requesting that every pledged person pay his pledge before Christmas.

The price of each War Savings Stamp is \$4.23. On January 1, 1923 the Government will redeem every War Savings Stamp, paying the owner \$5.00 for it. These Government securities yield 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly. War Savings Stamps worth \$100.00 can be purchased this month (December) for \$84.60. War Savings Stamps worth \$1000.00 can be purchased for \$846.

Money lent to the Government through the purchase of War Savings Stamps is used to feed and clothe soldiers and sailors and bring them to their homes in the United States. In other words, War Savings Stamps mean tickets home for the fighting men.

Through the mails, by proclamation and public notice the Government is now calling for the final settlement of these pledges.

McADOO CALLS FOR  
PROMPT SETTLEMENT  
OF W.S.S. PLEDGES

Relative to the payment of War Savings Stamp pledges, which are binding obligations to the United States Treasury Department, Secretary William G. McAdoo has instructed Louis Lipsitz, State Director of the War Savings Committee, to immediately take all necessary steps to assure the prompt liquidation of all War Savings pledges, for which the last day of payment is December 31.

Following the delivery of his annual report to Congress, graphically pointing out the imperative need of continued saving and lending to the Government in War Savings Stamps, Secretary McAdoo issued his instructions concerning the immediate payment of War Savings pledges.

The official communication follows:

Washington, D. C.—I most earnestly urge upon you that your organization make every possible effort to the end that pledges for the purchase of War Savings Stamps be fulfilled before the close of the year.

"The Government's monetary requirements were never greater nor more pressing than they are today. Expenditures for November were greater than in any similar period. These expenditures growing out of the war must be met by borrowing from the people and their magnificent response heretofore to the Government's requirements make me confident that they will not fail to continue their support to the end that all payments resulting from war necessities will be promptly met.

"Much remains to be done. Our brave troops must be maintained and paid until their work is fully accomplished and they are returned to their homes. This is not a time for us to relax our efforts, and the Treasury Department is making plans for larger and even more important work during the coming year. Please make every effort to bring this statement before the people in your district and to urge upon them the continued holding of their War Savings Certificates, the fulfillment of their pledges and additional purchases as their means permit."

(Signed) W. G. McAdoo

W.S.S.  
Pay Your Pledge

GREETINGS

To every man, woman and child in Foard County, we wish you a very Happy Xmas and that 1919 will be the most prosperous year that you ever enjoyed.

This closed our tenth year of business in the county, and many of you have been our customers all this time, and have watched the business grow from a very small business to one of the very best Hardware and Implement businesses in West Texas.

You have appreciated our efforts to give you the very best goods at the lowest prices possible and the very best service in the way of delivering them to you, and these are the things that have made our business succeed as it has.

And let us assure you that we appreciate every one of you, and we are expecting to make 1919 that we have ever had.

Yours for health, happiness and prosperity,

M. S. Henry & Company  
Successors to  
Allee-Henry & Company

NOTICE

To all farmers and consumers of hay, corn and oats: I can furnish half freight rates which means a big saving to you. Phone W. T. Gibbons, Odell, Texas, for delivered prices. Wholesale dealers, U. S. Food Administration license No. G71096. 35

Mrs. W. R. Womack received a message Saturday morning that her mother, Mrs. Clark, was seriously ill. The message was delayed so that she could not catch the Saturday morning train, so she left on the south-bound train Sunday morning for Moran.

LET US SHOW YOU  
The Southern Marble and Stone Co.'s  
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They are Texas' largest monument manufacturers and can supply you with any design or quality of either marble or granite you may want. W. O. W. monuments a specialty. All work guaranteed both as to quality and workmanship. J. B. HENDERSON, Agent Crowell, Texas

Greetins of the Season

We extend Happy Greetings and Best Wishes to one and all, whether you are a customer of this store or not. If you are not a customer we beg the privilege of showing you that it will be to your advantage to buy here during the coming year. Our business has grown wonderfully, notwithstanding the hard year, and we attribute this to the fair dealing and honest values we have given our customers. We invite you to make this store your headquarters for Groceries.

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We are pleased to meet you at the  
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EXPRESS THANKS IN  
W.S.S. THANKSGIVING

If every person in Texas shows his appreciation of victory and the way the American soldiers have kept their fighting pledge by investing in a War Savings Stamp Thanksgiving Day, the Government will be lent \$2,500,000, or nearly half the amount the Government is required to spend every day to take care of the boys in France and meet current expenses. The investment in a Thrift Stamp Thanksgiving Day by every person in the State will pay the Government's expenses for a little over four hours.

How are you going to express your appreciation of peace on Thanksgiving? The purchase of a War Savings Stamp is the best way.

## For Service

No institution has a right to exist whose aim is not that of service. More than ever in history has this fact been impressed upon the minds of mankind since the war broke out and has been fought to a successful close. We have all had the privilege of learning this truth: that service is or ought to be the aim of all human endeavor. As we are about to enter a new year we want you to know that it will find us ready to continue that service which with your co-operation has made this institution what it is today. We extend to you compliments of the season and wishes for a greater year than ever for us all.

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County Depository. Let Our Bank Be Your Bank. Crowell, Texas

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

**Overlands—B. W. Self.**  
R. M. Fox of Morris, Okla., sends in \$1.50 for the News a year.  
Monthly installments will pay for installing electric lights.—D. P. Yoder.  
Cream 60c a pound, rabbits \$1.00 per dozen. Also furs bought at Ringgold's.  
Judge Robert Cole was in Fort Worth the latter part of last week on business.  
Time and money saved by having broken castings, auto frames, etc., welded by D. P. Yoder.  
Miss Buna Stovall left Monday afternoon for Chico to visit her mother. She will return Friday.  
O. W. Driver was here from Benjamin Saturday looking after some cattle he has in this county.  
C. B. Williams and family are here from Memphis spending the holidays with relatives and many friends.

Mr. Hicks, the blind piano tuner, was here Saturday from Abilene.  
Misses Alice Hampton and Fay Barry were in town this week visiting friends.  
Mrs. A. C. Gettys was here Sunday from Vernon visiting Mrs. J. W. Allison.  
Wanted—A good milch cow, must be reasonably young, a good milker and gentle.—D. P. Yoder.  
Will Irwin came in Friday from Camp Travis. Will had a very severe attack of influenza recently.  
W. P. Ely of Foard City makes a deal with the News whereby the News will continue to visit him for the next year.  
Mrs. W. O. Brown is here from Dallas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, and sister, Mrs. A. N. Vernon.  
Mrs. A. E. Propps and little daughter, Gene, are here from Benjamin to spend the holidays in the home of Mrs. Propps' mother, Mrs. Fannie Thacker.

### Fire Insurance.—Leo Spencer.

If you want your storage battery repaired and the work guaranteed see D. P. Yoder.

Miss Sattis Whitfield is at home Denton where she has been attending school at C. I. A.

The Ever-Ready storage battery is guaranteed to last 18 months. For sale by D. P. Yoder.

Miss Ruby Matthews returned Monday from Plano where she made an extended visit with relatives.

George Wells came in Sunday morning from Camp Mabry bearing an honorable discharge from the service.

F. D. Hendrix was here from Quanah Friday. Mr. Hendrix is an old timer and resided in this county for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Leener left Monday afternoon for Farmersville, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mrs. C. W. Thompson and children left Sunday for Pilot Point, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Thompson's parents.

Paul Clifford came in Monday from Camp Bowie on a furlough to spend Christmas with his mother and other relatives and friends in this county.

Miss Una Self returned Saturday morning from Waco where she was a student at the Baylor University, and will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mrs. M. O'Connell and little daughter, Elizabeth, left Monday afternoon for Burkburnett to visit Mr. O'Connell and Bryan, who are working in the oil fields there.

H. H. Hallmark arrived Sunday from Burkburnett where he has been working in the oil fields for several weeks. He says the influenza has been raging recently very badly.

Clyde McKown came in Monday morning from Yoakum, Texas, to spend the holidays with relatives here. He is selling the Davis Sewing Machine and is doing a good business.

Mrs. Floy Check came in last Saturday morning from Dallas to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ida Check. She is taking a business course at the Metropolitan Business College.

Bax Johnson came in Friday morning from Dallas where he has been attending school at the Powell Training School. He will spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson.

Miss Litha Crews returned Saturday morning from Fort Worth to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks and friends. She is attending school at the Polytechnic College in Fort Worth.

Wade Fox came in Monday morning from Norman Ok., where he is a student in the University of Oklahoma. He will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fox, and many friends.

# GRATEFUL

While the year's business has been cut short by the long drouth, there is much for which we are thankful. Among such things is the splendid patronage we have received at your hands, and you might have cause think we are ungrateful if we did give expression to our feelings. Let us say that we appreciate every nickel you have spent at our store. And as we face the New Year let us hope that its material blessings may be more generously showered upon us all and that we may be mutually benefitted thereby.

Please accept this sincere expression and our hearties wishes for the most prosperous year of your life through 1919.

1892 **R.B. Edwards Co.** 1918  
The Oldest and Largest

Use electric lights, the safest, brightest and cleanest light obtainable.—D. P. Yoder.

T. L. Neely and children of Chillicothe are spending the holidays with the Patton families.

Mrs. John Hays and little son, Bain, left Monday afternoon for Burkburnett to spend Christmas with Mr. Hays.

The friends of A. E. Propps in Crowell will be glad to know that the Commissioners' Court of Knox county has recently appointed him Clerk of that county.

Miss Maye Klepper came in Sunday morning from Dallas where she has had a position with the Texas Co., since completing her stenographic course at Metropolitan Business College. She will be here until Sunday.

Miss Lela Womack left with the Bost family Saturday for California and will visit her sister, Mrs. J. R. Hutchison, near Chino, for an indefinite time. She only recently recovered from a severe attack of influenza.

A large per cent of our readers have renewed and are renewing for another year. We want to assure each and every one that we appreciate your co-operation in making the Foard County News one of the best papers in West Texas.

Ford Car for Sale—1916 model with 30x3 1/2 wheels all around, good tires with Gates Half Sole Tires applied, shock absorbers, extra tire carrier, pump, jack, mud chains. See me at the General Auto Supply filling station.—W. L. Finn.

Evans Mitchell came in Sunday from the Hicks Aviation Field at Dallas on a ten-day furlough, which he will spend in Crowell with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mitchell, and other relatives. He is connected with the mechanical department.

Lieut. Justin Anderson and wife are here spending the holidays with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Hart. Lieut. Anderson is a chaplain in the army and stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Their home is at Anson, Texas.

The News acknowledges receipt of a year's subscription to the News from W. S. Fisher of Calexico, Cal. Mr. Fisher moved away from Foard County to that country some years ago and is doing well down there. Naturally he wants the News and naturally we want to send it to him.

Miss Eva Hallmark arrived Sunday from Fort Worth where she has been working for the Texas Anchor Wire Co., for some months. She took a business course about a year ago and has held a position for this company for some time. She will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. F. Hallmark, and family.

For Sale—A 4-horse gasoline engine in good running condition. Has always had good care. The reason we are offering this for sale is because the insurance rates are forcing us to put in motors. We are installing a motor for the big press this week and the engine is released from service. We will sell it cheap for cash. See us at the Foard County News.

Mrs. A. S. Hart and little son, Jim Allee, left Sunday morning for their home in Rockwood. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hart's mother, Mrs. J. M. Allee.

Claude Bost and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bost, left Saturday on the afternoon train for San Pedro, Cal., where they will be stationed indefinitely. Claude came in more than a month ago on account of his father's illness, but deciding to take his father and mother back with him he was forced to wait until Mr. Bost was able to make the trip. Claude is on the police force in San Pedro and has been making his home in California for about 6 years. He is anxious to get back home.

# GREETINGS

We should be grateful for the blessings that have come our way, let them be much or little. Conditions have cut short all businesses during the past year, but the coming of the new one finds us still here to serve you, a fact made possible by you patronage. We therefore extend our hearty appreciation, together with compliments of the season. May the New Year be all that you could wish it to be.

## The Owl Drug Store

T. P. REEDER, Proprietor

WE earnestly wish that you may have in the year

1919

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Second--Happiness  
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Part of your business solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed or work done over.

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**ONLY NEEDS TO BE ROUSED**

Under Certain Conditions, Tiger Can Probably Be Awakened in Each Individual.

"They tell us," said Mr. Blinksome, "that we all have a tiger in us, that we are all of us savages under our skin; kept from revealing our true natures only by the restraining force of custom and the law."

"In a general way I have always believed this to be true, and yet I have always supposed there must be exceptions. You take, for instance, a certain mild-mannered neighbor of ours whom we have known for many years, a man in all circumstances kind, gentle, forbearing; seeing good in everyone and willing to make excuses for everybody. There was one person who I knew had no tiger.

"Our mild-mannered neighbor dropped in to see us yesterday, just after I had read something in the paper, and I picked the paper up again and read this thing to him. It was an account of something that the Germans had just done.

"It was a circumstantial, careful, exact and apparently truthful statement, and yet the thing described was something so contrary to all civilized usages that it seemed incredible, and I said to him:

"You don't believe that, do you?"

"At that our mild-mannered neighbor fired up. Fired up? He flamed up.

"Believe it?" he said. "I believe every word of it," and then he proceeded to tell me what he would do to the Germans if he could.

"Had he a tiger in him? Well?"

"So now I am inclined to think that we all have a tiger in us, that there is no exception; only with some of us it takes one thing and with some another thing to make the tiger waken."

**Why Torpedoed Ships Sink.**

The committee appointed by the Council of the Institution of Naval Architects to inquire into the effects of explosions of mines and torpedoes upon the structure of merchant ships find that there are three principal causes of loss. First, the existence of a forward reserve bunker partitioned off from the cargo hold by a non-watertight bulkhead. A second cause of loss is the failure to close the watertight door in the engine room bulkhead leading to the shaft tunnel. A third danger lies in the main drain pipes, leading from the bilge pumps to the different compartments, and passing through all watertight bulkheads, which are generally fractured in torpedoed compartments. There should be non-return valves on the end of these pipes. The committee recommends that bulkheads should be protected as far as possible from flying splinters, at least temporarily, by using timber or other suitable material as a splinter-screen.—Scientific American.

**Bacon and Beef.**

American bacon will be used to stretch out British beef supplies. The scheme of rationing, which already is in operation in London and the surrounding countries, is to be extended at once, and after this only two of the four weekly coupons will be available for the purchase of butcher's meat.

The object is to diminish the demand for home grown cattle during the months when these can be fattened on grass. The new order limits the purchase of beef, mutton and pork to 20 cents a head weekly, but does not affect diners in restaurants and hotels, who are permitted to exchange coupons for meat meals.

Children over six will be entitled after April 14 to a full adult ration of meat. All coupons are cashable for bacon and poultry.

**PEACE DOES NOT STOP EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT**

ALL MUST CONTINUE TO BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AS WELL AS PAY W.S.S. PLEDGES ALREADY MADE.

The Government has made public the following facts which will be of timely interest to persons who are pledged to the Treasury Department to invest in War Savings Stamps:

1. The signing of the armistice and resultant peace does not mean that the Government's war expenses have stopped. Every day for months to come, the Government will have to spend an average of \$10,000,000 a day, or \$1,500,000,000 a month, to take care of its soldiers and sailors and meet other expenses entailed by the war. It will probably be necessary to take care of soldiers and sailors for another year at least, as a year is the least time in which demobilization can be made.

2. Every person must be provident of expenditure and as economical as he was during the period of actual war, because every one must still continue to lend all the money he can to the Government.

3. Every person must be provident must be met punctually and before maturity, if possible. All War Savings Stamp Pledges are binding personal obligations and the payment of every one is expected by the Government, which will take all necessary steps toward collection.

4. So great will expenses be for the next year that the Government points out the necessity and duty of every person investing in more War Savings Stamps than he pledged.

5. All reports that the ending of the war has done away with the necessity of lending all available savings to the Government are false. All must continue to lend the Government money, and the cashing of War Savings Stamps already bought, save in cases of dire necessity, will be considered as withdrawal of faith and lack of support of the Government.

**AMMUNITION BILL IS CUT BY PEACE, OTHER EXPENSES GOING ON**

So far as costs incident to the war are concerned, the only expense that peace will save the Government is that of ammunition. All other costs, the feeding and taking care of soldiers and sailors, the completion of army and navy contracts already let, will continue to go on for months and the Government looks to every loyal American to help pay these necessary expenses by saving his money and investing regularly in War Savings Stamps.

The expense that peace has cut out of that of ammunition—powder and lead, is small compared to the other costs. The United States Government will have to spend in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000 every twenty-four hours in taking care of its fighting men and meeting the expenses of the war.

The Government calls upon every one to continue steadfastly in the practice of personal economy and to purchase War Savings Stamps to the limit of his ability that these expenses and costs may be met.

"American soldiers and sailors have kept their pledge," it is pointed out. "Every civilian must keep his pledge to invest in War Savings Stamps. Such pledges are binding personal obligations and all necessary steps to assure their liquidation will be taken."

**EXPRESS YOUR THANKS IN W.S.S.**

Peace has come. The war is over. You say you are thankful. How, then, are you going to show your thankfulness and appreciation?

Are you content to express your gratification in a few shouts, a lot of patriotic talking?

If you are really thankful, if you appreciate victory, if you are really worth the big fight that the boys from home have put up for you, then show it like an American should.

Go down to the postoffice or the bank and buy those War Savings Stamps you pledged. The boys have kept their pledge. Be sure you don't delay in keeping yours.

Express your appreciation in War Savings Stamps.

The Government has to spend about \$5,000,000 daily to take care of those fighting boys of ours and if you appreciate victory and the work these fighters have done you will have to show it by lending to your Government which is now calling upon you. Get those War Savings Stamps.

**MUST DISCHARGE W. S. S. PLEDGES BEFORE DEC. 31**

All pledges to the United States Treasury Department to invest in War Savings Stamps automatically become due for payment this month and the official proclamation issued by the Government calls for their prompt payment before December 31.

The Secretary of the Treasury Department has issued instructions calling for the fulfillment of every pledge, and all officers of the War Savings Section have been instructed to take all necessary steps to see that W. S. S. pledges are liquidated. Every pledger is made responsible for the discharge of his pledge. War Savings Stamps may be obtained from postoffices, banks and most commercial establishments.

Great care is being taken by the Government that the widest possible publicity be given to the fact that the official proclamation has been issued. To this end the newspapers are cooperating, notices have been posted by the Government in all public places and to each pledger will be sent a personal notification to make arrangements to meet his pledge promptly. The failure of a pledger to receive a notification card will not relieve him of responsibility in the Government's eyes.

The coming of peace does not relieve one from meeting his War Savings Stamp Pledge. All necessary steps to assure their payment will be taken.

**The Hopeless Amateur.**

"It requires patience to be a successful gardener."

"Yes. But you can overdo it. I planted some seeds two years ago and I've waited all this time without a murmur for them to come up and do something. I'm going to give them one more summer and then if they don't make good I'm going to dig up the whole patch and start over."

**Belligerent Pacifism.**

"Are your constituents in favor of war?"

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "An' they think it's the business of this country to take up arms and eliminate any nation that insists on having war."

**A Sure Case.**

Mrs. A.—Can your husband claim exemption?

Mrs. B.—Well, I don't see how he can be strong enough to fight abroad when he is too weak at home to take up a carpet.

**GREETINGS**

To make a long story short, we just want to tell the public that the Herring-Showers Lumber Co. appreciates every dollar's worth of business you have given them, and wishes for every one enjoyments of the season and a

**Great New Year**  
May the new year find you continuing to make this your place to buy your LUMBER.

**Herring-Showers Lumber Co.**  
Successors to  
**C. T. HERRING LUMBER CO.**  
R. J. ROBERTS, Manager

**GOVERNMENT IS CALLING FOR W.S.S. PLEDGE PAYMENTS**

The official call for the payment of War Savings Stamp Pledges due on or before November 30 has been issued by the Government. All persons who have pledged themselves to buy War Savings Stamps are advised that the November portion of their pledge is payable at once, and that the Government desires the December portion paid now if possible. Whenever possible a reminder card calling attention to this fact will be sent to pledged persons at the direction of the Government, but the non-receipt of a reminder card does not indicate that the pledge is not due and that the Government is not expecting prompt payment.

The signing of the armistice does not affect the validity of War Savings Stamp Pledges. These pledges, it is pointed out, are binding obligations made by the individual, they bear his

name and are used for payment by authorized agents of the United States Treasury Department.

Nor does peace relieve the Government of its expense or all loyal Americans of the duty of being economical and investing as heavily as possible in War Savings Stamps in addition to the amount already pledged and recorded by the Government.

For the next year the Government's expenses will average approximately \$9,000,000 every twenty-four hours. This represents taking care of United States soldiers in Europe and camp and meeting obligations incurred during the period of hostilities. Every person will be required by patriotic duty and the needs of the time to observe the same rules of personal economy and saving that were practiced during the period of actual fighting.

**Rhetorical Emphasis.**  
"Don't you think there is too much tendency to profanity in conversation?"  
"Yes. And it's going to be worse. I see the Government is going to start censoring the radio. And that's just the beginning."



**AT** this season of the year our thoughts turn to those whose friendly business has enabled us to surpass all previous records, and to enter 1919 better prepared to serve than ever before. Gladly do we call the long roll and wish for each friend a Christmas of Gladness and a New Year of Happiness and of unparalleled Prosperity.

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**Foard County News**  
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# An Engine for Sale

Insurance rates have made it necessary that we discard gasoline power, so we have just install another motor, which does away with our engine. This engine is now for sale. It is a 4-horse Fuller & Johnson and is in good condition. Has never given any trouble. It is offered at a bargain for cash. See it at the News office.

## FOARD COUNTY NEWS

### Do That Cheering When You Have Bought W.S.S.



The boys have kept their pledge. They have won the war.

Have you kept your War Savings Stamp Pledge? Have you won the right to call yourself an American and meet these boys when they come home?

Don't spend your time in cheering. Build up the number of War Savings Stamps you have.

Don't wear the flag, or just wave it. Serve it by paying off that War Savings Stamp Pledge of yours.

Don't take out your gratitude for victory in talking. Show it by hitting the line hard with your dollars and making it possible for the Government to pay the \$50,000,000 it will cost every day for months to come to take care of these soldier boys and sailor laddies.

If you are an American of the right sort, now is the time to prove it by the right sort of Americanism. Help your Government take care of its fighters by lending your money in War Savings Stamps.

### MUST CONTINUE TO BUY W.S.S. TO TAKE CARE OF FIGHTERS

If the public has an idea that the coming of peace has eliminated expenses of the Government and that there no longer exists the necessity to save and economize and lend money to the Government by investing in War Savings Stamps, then the public is mistaken. It is pointed out by the Government in an official statement.

Whether or not another gun is fired, the Government will be at an expense of about \$50,000,000 every day or \$1,500,000,000 every month, to take care of its 2,764,000 men in France, Russia, Italy and in training camps. This expense will last for many months.

It will take a year at the least to demobilize the army. Secretary of War Baker points out, and United States soldiers and sailors will probably remain for months on necessary police duty in Europe.

The following figures are given by the Government to show just a tiny part of the expense it must bear in just taking care of American soldiers:

The cost of bread alone for the army for one month amounts to \$5,646,000.

Subsistence for the army for just five days costs \$7,528,000.

Bacon alone for one month amounts to \$8,410,000.

Clothing, including blackouts, adds \$712,540,810 to the list. This does not include the cost of shoes, which comes to \$127,140,260.

These are just a few of the items, all of them absolutely necessary for the soldiers, which have to come out of that \$50,000,000 a day.

The Government must have the money to take care of these men. They gave up everything to go to France to fight and risk their lives to gain peace. They have won peace. Are the people of Texas going to let these soldiers go hungry, cold and without clothing now?

That War Savings Stamp Pledge is a binding obligation. Every unpaid War Savings Pledge, bearing the signed agreement of the pledgor, is held for collection by a designated agent of the United States Treasury Department.

All necessary steps to bring about the liquidation of these pledges will be taken, but in addition to paying their pledges, the Government points out that it requires the assistance of all to meet the heavy expenses that are upon it and everyone is urged to buy War Savings Stamps regularly and as often as possible, and in addition to those already pledged.

War Savings Stamps now mean food and clothing for United States soldiers. They must have these things.

Stop! Look! Loosen! Buy those U. S. Government War Savings Stamps you pledged yourself to get.

### Wishes For a Prosperous 1919

MANY of the boys have been and are being discharged from Uncle Sam's service and are returning to their homes to take their places in the industrial world. It happens to be my pleasure to be numbered as one of those, but notwithstanding the short period of my business relations with you before going into the service, I appreciated all the business you gave and crave your friendship and solicit your future patronage when you need vulcanizing done. May the New Year be full of prosperity for you, and in your prosperity I shall at least rejoice and gladly share whatever of it your favor may grant. Again extending happy greetings of the season, I am,

Yours for service,

LEE ALLAN BEVERLY



### Keep Those You Have And Buy More W.S.S.



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...perity is our wish to all our  
...friends and customers.

## SELF MOTOR CO.

#### Woman Champion Maker of Flies.

The title of world's champion artificial fly maker is proudly claimed for Miss Alice Sherwin Coleman of New York, who for more than a decade has been making flies for anglers. Some idea of her reputation among the disciples of Izaak Walton may be gathered from the fact that she and her assistants make \$400,000 worth of flies for fishing enthusiasts every year.

Miss Coleman makes 300 different varieties of flies regularly summer and winter, special orders bringing the number up to 1,500 varieties altogether; for such is Miss Coleman's reputation that exacting fishermen in the wilds of America sometimes catch strange flies that hover over particular streams and send them alive in a ventilated bottle so that she may study and reproduce them accurately.

CITY PRO

# Appreciation

This store extends its highest appreciation to its customers for the liberal patronage you have given us during the year now closing. Wishing that we may have the privilege of selling you your supplies through the New Year, and wishing you the greatest prosperity possible, we remain,

Yours for Groceries,

## Edwards & Allison

The People's Cash Grocery Store  
FRANK CREWS, Mgr.

### GUARD SHOT ONCE

And He Admits That the Mules Did the Rest.

Things Happened So Rapidly That Holdup Men Really Didn't Have a Chance to Take Aim, While Team Made a Record.

Even today in the Sierra Nevadas where little mining camps send out gold dust by stage to be carried from the nearest railway station to the San Francisco mint a shotgun messenger rides with the driver if there is a gold shipment in the box. The barrel of the gun is shortened for the sake of convenience in handling in close quarters, and its efficiency for its particular work is not lessened, as it is used only to quiet a robber who has suddenly appeared close by the side of the treasure stage with the laconic command, "Throw down the box!"

The messenger, as he is called where he is known, never guard or gun man, carries his gun across his knees where danger seems light, or lightly in his hands passing through bad spots. His job is to shoot anyone so careless as to step out from behind a tree or rock to the side of the stage, and shoot before the intruder gets the drop. Mountain folk who want to take a stage between stations make themselves conspicuous in the middle of the road before the stage rolls into sight. That is the safe way.

If a messenger fails to see a robber before the latter has him covered the box is thrown down—usually. There was one instance where the rule was not followed, which old stage drivers in the Sierra Nevadas tell about today. On a stage out from Bodie was a shipment of bullion consigned to the Carson mint. The messenger was alert, his sawed-off shotgun lightly balanced in his hands passing the danger spots, or resting on his knees where the cover seemed to be too thin to conceal a robber by the side of the road.

On one good stretch the messenger gripped his gun between his knees while both hands sought in the pockets of his heavy coat for the makings. The unexpected happened; out of a patch of straggly sage brush two men leaped, one to the side of the off leader mule, one to the off side of the stage. They had the drop on both messenger and driver.

"Throw down the box!" commanded the man at the fore wheel of the stage. The messenger thought one-quarter of a second—he was precise in telling that part of the story—and then without laying to invite a bullet by moving his gun or hand, he pulled the trigger of the right barrel. So many things happened in the remaining three-quarters of the first second after the command that they make a long and lovely story as one listens to an old driver tell it today.

The object of the story is that the shot shrouded the ears of the leaders, and generally speaking those mules did the rest. The six mules bounded ahead, started and indignant. The robber at the bridle was kicked in rapid succession by the off leader, off swing and off wheeler, so his pistol aim was not good, and the robber at the stage wheel was run over by the rear wheels, and his aim was not good. The six mules, the driver has sworn to this, did the next mile in four min-

# Compliments of the Season

To our friends and customers of 1918, and also to those whom we hope to hold in the same relation during the New Year, 1919, we extend the compliments of the season, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To those who saw fit to favor us in any way in the past year, or past years, we wish to say that we are grateful and hope we have indeed been counted worthy and merited the confidence you placed in us. To those who will be our customers in the New Year, we will endeavor to supply your wants in our line at reasonable prices, and will try in every way to make satisfied customers of you, by giving value received for your money, and giving you the very best service possible.

Our 1918 business has been very much below the average year, yet we have many things for which to be thankful. We are still able to keep our doors open for business for another year. Our patrons and customers have been loyal to us and we are thankful. We have had our share in doing our full capacity in buying War Savings Stamps, Bonds, etc., and also giving to the worthy Red Cross and United War Work quotas. It has hit us hard, but we have gotten by so far, and stand ready to keep at it until Uncle Sam says, "it is enough," and the War has not only been won, but until the world has been made safe for decent people to live in, based on JUSTICE and FAIRNESS to all NATIONS with whom we live and deal. Let us all stand by our great President and by each other for a greater United States.

## W. R. Womack Furniture

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### REJOICES OVER THE END OF THE TROUBLE

Mrs. McKenzie Tells How She Had Suffered Since She Was A Child—Declares Tanlac Has Restored Her Health.

"I am thirty-four pounds heavier than I was when I began taking Tanlac and I just can't express the joy I feel in my wonderful recovery," said Mrs. Emma McKenzie, 64 East Second street, Fergusson, Texas. "Even since I was a child, I had been afflicted with catarrh. About two years ago my stomach began to get out of order and every thing I ate would sour and form gas that burned and distressed me until I hardly got any sleep or rest day nor night. My kidneys worried me constantly and my back hurt until I couldn't straighten up without it hurting me until I would cry out loud with pain. My feet and ankles were swollen and gave me a lot of trouble and I was in a mighty bad shape every way. My friends recommended Tanlac to

me and I began to take it and have improved since the very start. My stomach is entirely relieved of all that gassy upset condition and I can eat anything I want without trouble. The kidney disorders have disappeared, the catarrh does not bother me like it did and I am feeling so strong that I just want to tell everybody about my recovery and how much Tanlac has done for me."

Tanlac is sold in Crowell by the Owl Drug Store and in Thalia by Long Bros.

The first real cold spell of the winter came Sunday night when the northern temperatures began to change the rain drops to flakes of snow. Early Monday morning the ground was white. It had grown into a snow storm, but by 10 a. m. the clouds had lifted, but came later in the day. Monday night was the coldest of the winter. The pastures are under snow and stockmen are forced to feed.

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## MONEY TO LOAN ON FARMS, RANCHES AND REVENUE BEARING Counties. Lowest rate of interest. Attractive terms as to No delay in closing loans. Write, phone or wire us about

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### COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left armpit and down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days. I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go. I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me. One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when on the second bottle. I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health. I will always praise and recommend Cardui." Try Cardui today.

Meet me at Fergusson Bros.

### FORMER CROWELL BOY IN GRAND FLEET

Early Norwood was with the Grand Fleet when the German fighting ships surrendered. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood of Vernon, and is on the battleship Texas. His letter describing the movements of the Grand Fleet is written on the Texas, in the Firth of Forth, Scotland, and was dated November 23. He says, in part: "We have the German fleet interned here in the Firth until they have been inspected, after which they will be taken to Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands at the extreme northern end of Scotland."

"When we left New York on January 30, we zigzagged across the old pond in the face of a big storm, looking for subs, raiders and mines. Finally after eleven days of misery we anchored in Scapa Flow off the Orkney Islands, where we found four more American ships. Since then I have certainly been on the go."

"We are attached to the Grand Fleet as the Sixth Battle Squadron, and it has been the Fleet's duty to police this North Sea. Here are a few of the things we have done—convoys merchant ships to Norway several times, laid mine fields, swept up and destroyed German mines, destroyed submarines (not many, but a few,) chased German cruisers back into their bases, have steamed close to Heligoland to notice the Germans out, have been up to the Skagerrock, which is the playground of the German navy and is heavily mined."

Made Scores of Trips  
"We have made scores of trips up

and down the North Sea at maneuvers, have cruised up to Iceland, Faroe Islands, Shetland Islands, up and down the coasts of Scotland and England. Ashore I have crossed the continent lengthwise.

"On the map you will see Edinburgh, Scotland, as being on the Firth of Forth, but it is about 30-minutes ride from the Firth proper. It is a great town historically, having many old and famous castles, the most famous of which is the castle of Queen Mary of Scots. It has many old homes of famous men."

"The 'Bonnie Lassies' have natural red cheeks and sky blue eyes about which we used to read, but for some reason they have very poor teeth. The girls of England are different. They have a clear complexion and good teeth—some of them, and one can understand them better when they talk. It is impossible for me to grasp this Scottish brogue."

Men Scarce in Scotland  
"Once we went to New Castle-on-Tyne to have repairs made and all one saw even in the navy yards was old or very young men. This part of the country was sure stripped of men."

"We had a great celebration here November 11. All kinds of lights were shown, flags were flying, bands playing, cheering, whistles, and sirens all going at once. It is reported that the noise was heard over a radius of a hundred miles."

"Then, we were fortunate enough to go out with the British and take over the ships of the German fleet. They were powerful looking ships. One was armed with 15-inch guns, while ours are only 14-inch. Had they decided to fight we all feel sure they would have put up a tough scrap, do-

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I wish you, one and all  
**A Merry Christmas and a New Year**  
Brimfull of joy and prosperity.  
I solicit your business during the year 1919.  
**LEO SPENCER, Insurance**