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Jno. M. Newton,

Agent.
GRAHAM, VIRGINIA

"77" could hold me a light.

We landed in France June 18th, but didn't go to the front till in August. Our first trip was without an accident. Going up you would have thought we were veterans, till we got up to where the artillery was placed, then a salvo was fired by a battery concealed in the bushes. You have seen young mules at a threshing machine with the whistle being blown, but we soon got over that and got so we would tell our shells from Jerry's by the whistling sound. That trip gave us something to talk about and all were anxious to go back again, and it was only about a week till we got our wish and after that nobody ever said they wanted to go to the trenches again. I went in with the Captain and first sergeant in the morning. Jerry spotted us and gave us a warm reception all the way. Just as we reached the place that was to be company headquarters a shell struck in the trench and wounded two and shocked a Lieutenant. This was the first casualty in our company.

Our company came in that evening and relieved the New Zealand troops and at last we were holding a section of trenches in front of Jerry. All went well till four o'clock next morning when he gave us a specimen of one of his barrages. I didn't expect to ever see day-light. I was lying down, a shell struck at my feet. The concussion was so great that my ears rang. It only lasted about 30 minutes and not a man was hurt, but I think some of them will get gray about ten years sooner. We were relieved there and came to the American sector; didn't see any more fighting till Sept. 26th and then on till the armistice was signed we did our part, and did it so well the 80th ranks with the best divisions over here.

Love to all, J. R. Y.
J. R. Young, Co. I, 317th Infantry, to his parents.

Savoisy, France, Feb. 10.
Dear Dad:
I am well and getting on all right, and hope all are well at home. Will write another chapter of the story I started.

We had been keeping ourselves in the woods for all most a month, no fires at night and doing all our marching at night previous to Sept. 26, so that Jerry wouldn't know where the drive was being made. The 160th brigade had taken over the front line near the village of Bethincourt, which was something more than a pile of stones. We, the 159th brigade, commanded by Gen. Jamerson, moved up in support on the night of the 25th, unrolled our packs and wrapped up in or blankets to wait for the day-light to follow up to 160th, that was going over the top about 5 a. m.

About eleven o'clock that night we were awakened by the roll of artillery on our left, and in a few minutes the guns were flashing all around us, we were among our own artillery. The drive was on a forty-mile front. I can't describe it, but don't believe there ever was a heavier bombardment at day-light. We began to move forward, the front line met with very little resistance till about twelve o'clock when they had advanced too far for the light artillery to continue the barrage, and Jerry was being driven back from before Verdun, something the French said couldn't be done. On the 25th we relieved part of the 317th Infantry and held the line for 24 hours, when we were relieved by the 33rd division and came back in support again. Here five boys with myself made us a shelter by covering a trench with sheet iron and making a bed out of blankets that Jerry had left behind. We didn't know it at the time, but they were so lousy you could almost see the blankets moving, but I spent three of the happiest days I've spent in the army, got lost of mail and for the first time began to see signs of an early peace. This didn't last long for one night we were issued emergency rations, for we had eaten what we started with and the 120-rounds of extra ammunition. We knew we were in for another drive, this time in our front. We were the supporting battalion, but on the fifth of October went into fill a gap between the 1st and 2nd battalion, but we were soon ordered to fill back to get out of a heavy artillery fire, but not till we had had eight men killed and about 35 wounded. Most of the wounds were slight.

I was not with the company at this time, but was messenger, and had a good chance to see what was taking place. On the fourth a boy who had been my bunk mate since coming to France was gassed, but never quit his job till next day and not then till I saw an officer and got him relieved, but since we came to this village he has joined the company again.

We were relieved by the 160th again, but went back in the lines for twelve more hours and then our division was relieved by the fifth. We came back to a rest camp after being 17 days under shell fire and sometime rifle fire. Here we were re-equipped, and rested up for the last drive that started the first of November and ended with the signing of the armistice. Will tell you about it in the next letter.

Love to all, J. R. Y.
P. S.--Tell mama if I ever get ink enough, will write her a story entitled, "What the Y has done for me."

Ancy la France, Feb. 10.
Dear Pearl:
As I have finished my task for today, I shall write a few letters. I had a letter from you recently, also one from Dad. Well, we are still in sunny France. (Alas! rainy France!)

I cannot see any prospect of the division coming home soon. There is a possibility of us being put in with the army of occupation yet I get thoroughly disgusted at times with conditions over here. You folks get so much "bull" from the papers about the great times we are having. They make the people of the States think we are on a pleasure trip. I suppose its very fine for the troops in Paris and other cities where all the amusements are, but its pretty tough for the unlucky guys in other areas. Do not expect us home any time soon, for the war isn't over yet. We are still fighting principalities and propaganda. We must be content regardless of the many unpleasant and discouraging ordeals which army life affords.

I can never hear from Jack. He should be home as most all other such units have gone.

Our division had a horse show recently or rather the corps. Our division carried off all the prizes with their excellent horses.

Write me often.
You brother, J. R. S.
J. R. Saunders to his sister, Mrs. J. D. Farmer.

Gedbrange, Luxembourg, Feb. 12, 1919.

Dear cousin,
Will try and answer your letter received yesterday and sure was glad to hear from you and to know that every one were well and enjoying life. These few lines leaves me well and enjoying myself very well. You asked me if I was enjoying myself better since hostilities ceased. Yes, I am having a very good time and am well satisfied. Altho I get a little "bluu" sometimes. But what's the use of looking at the dark side of life. We come in contact with dark times, but it's not very hard to be pleasant when life rolls along like a song, but "the man worth while is the one who can smile when everything goes dead wrong. That's a good inspiration to me.

You asked me what division I was in. I'm in the 33rd. I was in two battles, but not in as much as many of the boys. Bu I saw as much as I care to see and more. I was sorry to hear of Wiley Neel's death and of Sam Whitehead's and Bill Turley wounded. I wish now that I had sent you some souvenirs of "Jerry's" when I was where I could get them, but at that time I thought I would likely be back in the U. S. soon. I have one of the Boche's belts I am keeping for a souvenir. Are they having any dances around there now?
I don't think from the way you write that you get all the letters that I write. Speaking of the big shells, when the fighting was going on they came whistling thru the air the noise reminding you of a street car. The ones that busted in the air were the ones that got my nerves. I will close now. Write soon. Your cousin,
AVERY M. CRABTREE.
To E. S. Patrick, Tannersville, Va.

(Other interesting soldiers letters received for this week will appear in the next issue of the News.--Ed.)



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Report of condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF POCAHONTAS,
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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown on b and c),	\$254,874.09
Overdrafts, unsecured,	430.76
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value),	\$35,000.00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged,	45,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2, 4, and 4 1/4 per cent, unpledged,	72,090.00
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank Stock,	6,700.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, (60 per cent of sub.),	2,100.00
Value of banking house,	6,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank,	23,323.97
Items with Federal Reserve Bank in process of collection (not available as reserve),	3,600.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks,	90,268.09
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 17),	186.54
Total of items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18,	\$93,954.63
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items,	3,310.05
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer,	1,150.00
War savings certificates and thrift stamps actually owned,	28.00
TOTAL,	\$644,561.50

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in,	\$35,000.00
Surplus fund,	35,000.00
Undivided profits,	\$10,726.11
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid,	3,066.28
Circulating notes outstanding,	35,000.00
Net amounts due to national banks,	66.06
Net amounts due to banks, bankers and trust companies, (other than included in items 31 or 32),	194.96
Certified checks outstanding,	97.82
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding,	654.27
Total of items 32, 33, 34 and 35,	\$1,013.11
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
Individual deposits subject to check,	182,638.22
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve, items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41,	\$182,638.22
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed),	248,250.34
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, items 42, 43, 44 and 45,	248,250.34
TOTAL,	\$644,561.50

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JAS. H. McNEER, Cashier.
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Correct--Attest:
W. R. GRAHAM,
L. E. WARD,
H. W. HICKS, Directors.

SOLDIERS LETTERS

My Dear Mother:

Almost seven months now since the regiment of Virginia boys boarded the transport Finland, bade farewell to the old State and sailed away on the 13th day of June, 1918, and on the 27th we landed in France. The name of the place is St. Nazarie and when we landed we were some proud bunch of boys. We then went to a camp and stayed three days, and then we were loaded on a French train and road 48 hours and got off and hiked about eight miles, which we call miles, and in the village we landed in D. Co. made their home for about three weeks and then our division was moved up and became one of the divisions of the first American army on the Verdun and Metz sector. We were in a little village near the front and I was taken sick with the flu and was sent back to a hospital which was about a hundred miles behind the lines. I stayed at the hospital 187 days and then I joined the outfit in Verdun. I certainly am glad to belong to the 116th Regiment. We boys played the part. I am well and hope you all are well, so write me real often.

CORP. RAWLEY TOTTEN.
To his parents, Tazewell, Va.
Savoisy France, Feb. 8.

Dear Dad:
Just got two letters from home on yesterday and wrote mama's yesterday, so will write you today. The snow is gone and we are having some more rainy weather. Don't think it ever gets as cold here as it does at home, but just as disagreeable. Guess by the time you get this you and Rob will have made a good start plowing. If I were in your place I wouldn't try to put out too big a crop unless you can get some one to help, for I don't know when I will get home and besides I wasn't much good when I was there, and don't expect old Rex would bark at me now, I'll be so lazy.

Well, I promised to tell you some of my experiences, but it would be lots easier to tell somebody else, as I've told you before my job was company signaller, but when we were in action there was very little signaling done, so I was "runner" and if I happened to be headed in the right direction nothing smaller than

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