

Lawrence Williams	J.W. Davis
Fred Melton	John D.L. Huffman
Tomas E. Lewis	Bob Singleton
T.W. Thomas	Wayne Franklin
H.C. Everett	Rex Holton
Elmer Knight	T.W. Thompson
Oren M. Robinson	J.S. Hodges
Ernest C. Smith	U.C. Sanders (2)
A.L. Medlin	Physicians;
James S. Hodges	Dr. J.A. Harris
Frank Havens	DR. G.C. Denson
Levi Allison	Dr. Hugh Priddy
Spencer B. Lee (1)	Dr. J.G. Backstrom
Third Quots of Drafted Men	Dr. J.E. Powell. (3)
E.H. Coleman	Sam A. Neely
G.W. Allen	Everett Adams
J.T. Brown	Arthur Morgan
Buford Williams	Jno. T. Delap
Whitten McClure	Sidney Baker
Max H. Kimerer	Luther B. Bloodworth
C.W. Jackson	Isadore Weinstein
Den Hendricks	R.L. Cannon
Wright Shoffner	Edgar Delap
T.G. Kuykendall	Sidney Shackelford
C.F. Lovelsdy	Green Houston

(1) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., Sept. 21, 1917

(2) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., Oct. 3, 1917

(3) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., May 28, 1918

Leland Neely	Rev. U.S. Gordon
John Burk	Al Adams
Dr. J.G. Taylor	Rev. W.H. Mounger
Alvin Burnett	James H. McCorkle

Enlisted men with Compney Numbers:

Ottie Loyd Adams -- Private, School for Bakers and Cooks Camp

George Taylor -- Company B 530th Engineers

Lamon McPherson --- Private, 416th Reserve Lab. Bn.

Will Carson --- Private, Co. B. Div. Bn. #8 162nd Det. Bg.

Guy Bell --- Private 1st Cl. QMC Co. 308th Serv. Bn.

Ben Dinkins -- Private, 3rd train Bn. Det. Bg.

Robert M. Brinson --- Private 1st Cl. Military Police

Robert L. Brown -- Private 1st Cl. Co. D 102nd M.G. Bn.

John Hawkins --- Private, Co. D 405 Res. Lab. Bn.

Adam B. Huffman -- Private, M.G. Co. 4th Inf.

William Gardner --- Cook Inf. Unassigned, HDQ Co. 816th, P. Inf.

Jim Finley --- Cook, Co 4 329th Serv. Bn.

Sam Gladney --- 7

James Richard Connors -- Corporal, Co. A 46th Eng. 26th Co. Trans. Corps.

John A. Gentry --- Private, Co. Dev. Bn.

Hoke Ward --- Private, Co.M 815th Pioneer Inf.

King Solomon George -- Private, Co. E 64th Pioneer Inf.

Jimmie Lee Tigue --- Co. C 310th Lab. Bn.

Albert C. Roberts -- Private, 84th Co., 3rd Bn. 6th Marines

Richard Fizer --- Private, Co. B 420th Res. Lab. Bn. QMC

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Marshall Shurlock --- Private, Co. N 814th Pioneer Inf.
 William R. Rodgers --- Private, 309th Ser. Bn.
 Joe F. Sullivan --- Private, Mo. Trans. Corps Co. 531
 Jesse J. Breland --- 1st Lieutenant, R.C. . 17th Div.
 James Malcolm --- Private, Mob. Camp, Exam. Sts. NC.
 Chester Bryant Goodwin -- Private, Co. M 4th Tran. Bgt. Co. C, 329th
 Inf. 83rd Div.
 Andy Bird --- Private, Co. C 409th Lab. Bn.
 Otis B. Lancaster --- 148th Inf. 39th Div.
 Maxie Otis --- Private, 309th QMC
 David R. Crow -- Private, QMC 327th Supply Co.
 George Mullins --- Private, Co. K 162 D.B.
 James Ford --- Private, 1st Cl, Co. B 530th Eng.
 John Hawkins --- Private, Co. C 308th Lab. Bn.
 Charles F. Goldman --- Private, Bn. 4, 109th P.A.
 Arthur J. Benson --- Private, 3rd Co. 1st Bat. 20th Eng.
 Jim Green --- Private, Co. B 335th Serv. Bn.
 Buford Jennings ---
 Elijah Jones ---- Private, Co. B 309 Co Serv. Bn.
 Sandy Forte, --- Private, Co. F 816th Pioneer Inf.
 Sandy Durr --- Private, Cook, 839th Trans. Corps.
 James H. Lane --- Private, 16th Co. 4th Reg. Bn. 162nd Dte. Bg.
 Ray Wesley Nevel --- Ex. Sea. Sec. Cl. U.S.N.R.
 John Fletcher --- Private, Co. D 409th Lab. Bn.
 Sylvester Langton --- Private, Co. 317th A.M. Train
 James O. Fritchard --- Private, 162nd Dept. Bg.
 Clarence McGarrh -- Private 1st Cl. Supply Co. 155th Inf.

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Sam B. Russell --- Private, Co. C 38th Inf.
 Dewitt C. Cox ---- Private, Ba. D 137th F Co. A
 Morris A. Turner --- Private, Dept. Bg. 49th Co. 13th Re.Bn. 162nd
 D.B.
 George L. Tetum -- Private, 316th P.A. 81st Div.
 Will Wallace ---
 Frank D. Cooper --- Private, QMC, Supply Co. 314th
 William Allison --- Private, Co. D 520th Eng. Ser. Bn.
 John H. Bernard --- Private, Co. B 415th Res. Lab. QMC
 Sylvester Boyd --- Private, 343rd Lab. Bn.
 Jim Kelly --- Private, Co. E 806th Pioneer Inf.
 Ernest Dokes --- Private, 508th Eng.
 Cleburne Cotches Hitt --- Private, 13th Co. 4th Res. Bn. 162nd Det.
 Reuben Young --- Corporal, Co. 4 307th Serv. Bn.
 Willie Dixon --- Private, 806th Pioneer Inf.
 James Martin --- Private 67th Rec. Bn. 162nd Depot Bg.
 Solomon Wise --- Mississippi Sgt. Co. B. R.L. Bn.
 George Eskridge --- 8th Co. 164th Det. Bg.
 Henry Knight --- Private, Co. C 309th Lab. Bn.
 Isiah Ellis --- Private, 164th Depot Bg.
 Tommy Ambrose --- Private, Co. 165th Pioneer Inf.
 Willie Green --- Private, Co. G. Prov. Lab. Bn.
 Lewis Evan --- Corporal, M.T.C. 611th Motor Trans. Corp.
 Lemon Covington, --- Private 1st Cl. Co. D 529th Eng.
 Alex Outlaw ----- Private, 27th Rec. Depot
 Luxus Seamster --- Private, 320th Serv. Bn.
 Fred Melton --- 39th Division

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Charles Williams --- Corporal, Co. B 14th Rec. Bn.
 William Brown -- - Private, 811th Trans. Corps
 Wilson Butler --- 810th Pioneer Inf.
 Jesse Clolinger --- Private, 18th Co. 4th Rec. Bn. 162nd Dept. Bg.
 John B. Rodgers --- Camp Utility QMC
 William C. Faulkner -- Private, 4th D.B. 164th Bn.
 Anderson M. Bryant --- Private, 10th Co. 20th Eng.
 Elbert F. Savage --- Private, Co. 18th Recruits, Depot.
 Pearl Haynes --- Private, Co. D 44th Res. Lab. Bn.
 John Samuel Duse --- Apprenticed Seamen, 8th Nav. Dist.
 Lloyd William Smith -- Seamen 2nd Cl. USNRF
 John H. Harris --- Captain Medical Corps
 Zecarish T. Ballard --- Private, Co. 11 Recruits Dep.
 John S. Campbell --- Private 1st Cl. Unassigned
 Eddie Hill Veezye --- Seamen
 Levi Johnson --- Private 1st Cl., 7th Co. 2 Rec. 162nd Bn. Bg.
 Sylvester Tarentine --- Private, 808th Trans. Corps.
 Belford T. Hetchett --- Co. D 2nd Trans. Regt.
 Burley Green --- Private --- 326th Eng.
 Bernard Ferguson --- Private, Co. 11th Rec. Bn. 162nd D.E.
 Paul Peggie --- Private, Co. C 529th Eng. Serv. Bn.
 Jim Reins --- Co. D 348th Ser. Bn.
 James Henry Ferguson --- Private, 38th Div. 113th Eng. Corps Co. D
 William K. Wade --- Private, Co. F Postal Express
 Alfred Fulton --- Private, 302 Stevedore Regt.

Sam McClinton --- Private, 7th Co. 8th Reg.
 Ernest McWright --- Private, Bat. Co. D 350 F.A.
 Ed Harris --- 13th Co. 157th Dept. Bg.
 Thomas Bartlett Buford ---
 Joe Campbell --- Private, Co. C 334th Serv. Bn.
 Robert Sims --- 529th Eng.
 James Huggins --- Private, 838th Trans. Corps
 Alex Durr --- Private 1st Cl. Trans. Corps 38th
 Harry H. Dogan --- Private 1st Cl. Sanitary Det. 104th F.A. 39th Div.
 Levi McClinton --- Private, 329th Labor Bn.
 Jack Paxton --- Private, QMC Co. B 340th Serv. Bn. (1)

Records and Exploits of Individuals

TODIE BONNER, born and reared in Tallahatchie County, enlisted at Charleston, April 2, 1918, and was sent from there to Camp Pike, Arkansas, then to Camp Gordon, Georgia; Camp McClellan, Alabama, Camp Merrit, New Jersey and Hoboken, New York, from which place he sailed on August 31, landing at Glasgow, Scotland; from which place he was sent to Winchester, then to Southampton, England, and landed at La Havre, France; and from there to a rest camp where he remained two weeks. On the front line at Toul sector, and from there to Argonne Forest, where he was shot down on
 (1) Ralph T. Linsey, American Legion Post Commander, Sumner, Miss.

November 3, 1918, picked up by the Germans, placed in a house, remaining there three days without food or water or medical attention. Our boys came to his rescue on the fourth day, and he was taken to first aid, and from there to base hospital. He sailed from Brest, France, to the United States, landing at New York in March. (1)

ALEX PATTISON, JR. volunteered early in the war and served nearly two years. He was placed in the Mail Service Department for soldiers and was stationed in London, where he occupied a prominent and very responsible position, having a large force under him. Later, he was under the Food Administration, doing work in connection therewith on the Continent. He was released from service September 25, 1919. (2)

T.L. HARRISON, volunteered for service and entered training at First Officers Training Camp, Little Rock, Arkansas. Then entered aviation corps and was sent to Training School, University of Texas, Austin. After completing his training there, he went to

- (1) Democratic Herald, Charleston, Miss., May 28, 1919.
 (2) Mrs. Bessie Hawkins, Charleston, Miss.

Aviation Training School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was commissioned Second Lieutenant United States Air Service. Next from there to School of Gunnery, Fort Worth, Texas. From there he was ordered to France for duty with the American Expeditionary Force, and spent seven months in France. He was a member of the Eighth Aero Squadron having trained twelve months in the states before going over. (1)

GEORGE B. HAGER, fireman on U.S.S. Mount Vernon met death when a U-Boat disabled the liner. Although of German descent, Hager volunteered for service in the Navy as soon as war was declared. Soon after his initial voyage on the Texas, he was permanently assigned as a fireman to the Mount Vernon, formerly the Crown Prince Cecilie, a German Merchantman interned by the United States government. This was Hager's ninth trip on the Mount Vernon into the war zone. He probably met his death from the explosion in the engine room of the transport, which was about two hundred miles off the English coast, on the return trip to the states. (2)

- (1) Mrs. T.B. Harrison, Charleston, Miss.
 (2) Mrs. Jim Houston, Charleston, Miss.

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J.P. LESTER of Tutwiler, was one of the first eleven prisoners taken by the Germans in the World War. He was moved from prison camp to prison camp, finally ending up near the Russian border where there was no possible chance to escape. It was just after dark on the night of the third of November, that the Germans threw down a terrific barrage with which they cut off a short sector of the trench held by the Americans, which was in the shape of a horse-shoe. Private Lester and ten other men were caught in a toe of this shoe. He had emptied his gun and was charging the men to his left with the bayonet, when other Germans came over the top and captured him. He was wounded in the leg and in the side, but was able to walk. There were only three Americans wounded in this raid and eleven captured, although the Germans estimated that they lost one hundred of the three hundred men who were sent over to capture the "Americans and make them talk." Lester was sent to the hospital at Metz and remained there for twelve days, during which time his wounds healed. Outside of being practically starved until the Red Cross could get supplies to them, Private Lester

states that they were not treated cruelly. He gives much praise to the Red Cross, especially when they came to their aid in the Russian camp, where thousands were starving to death. Not only did the Red Cross feed the American soldiers, but many of their famished Russian comrades.

THOMAS WOODS THOMAS, Charleston, was with the Eighty-first Division, better known as the "Wildcats," as this was the division insignia, 323rd Regiment of Infantry, Co. M.A.P.O. 791, AEF, France. Thomas participated in a number battles, passing through each ordeal without a wound. Describing the fighting on the day the Armistice was signed he said, "The elements seemed like a burning Hell. The various sounds; shrapnel shells bursting all around, gas-shells had the air full of deadly gas; machine gun bullets surging from machine gun nests; airplane bombs falling from airplanes; and to hear the screams and groans of the deadly struck and wounded, and through this we were advancing when the fire ceased on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918. When the firing was over, hardly a sound was heard. What a feeling it

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brought to us. What a change. We were fatigued badly, loss of sleep, lack of food, exposure; I felt as if I would be relieved if I were to die, but we passed through it all safely, and glad to get back home. " (1)

LUTHER BLOODWORTH reached France in August, 1918, and was assigned in replacement to the Second Division, with whom he fought the sanguinary battles of Argonne Forest. He was severely wounded on the night of November 10, a fragment of a bursting shell striking him at the back of the left shoulder, tearing its way through his body and stopping just under the outer skin on his chest. Bloodworth still carries the grim trophy of his sufferings, which tore a ghastly wound through his shoulder. (2)

ALBERT HURT enlisted in December, 1917, and was sent to Norfolk, Virginia, for six weeks training, and soon after was placed on the largest ship in the service, "Leviathan." He ranked as fireman, returning to New York every three weeks, transporting soldiers across to Brest France. Walton Shives, a Charleston boy, died on this ship of influenza, and was buried in France. (3)

(1) Charlie Cox, Charleston, Miss.

(2) Luther Bloodworth, Rosebloom, Miss.

(3) Mrs. S.P. Baker, Charleston, Miss.

Citations and Medals Awarded

Lee O. Blaycock -- Victory Medal with four Battle Clasps; also Bronze Lapel Button.

Clarence W. Kihnel -- Awarded Victory Medal; Battle Clasp.

James A. Chestmen -- Victory Medal with Clasp

John G. Lewis --- Bronze Lapel Button

David T. Kihnel -- Silver Victory Button

Frank Newman --- Two Victory Buttons

Thomas Kent (colored) Victory Medal with Clasp; Bronze Lapel Button

David Ellis -- Bronze Victory Button

William Richardson --- Croix de guerre.

Men in 155th Regiment

Buford Williams --- Private, Co. B Fire and Truck Co. # 336

Walter L. Adams -- Private, Co. A

John D.L. Huffman -- Private, Co. F

Thomas G. Kuykendall --- Private, Co. B

James W. Davis --- Private, Co. E

Issac S. Clark --- Corporal, Co. E (E)

(1) World War Veteran Record Book, Chancery Clerk's Office, Charleston, Miss.

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Letters From The Front

"U.S. Base Hospital #115
A.P.O. 781. Jan. 10, 1919

"Mrs Kate R. Mays
Charleston, Mississippi

"My Dear Mother,

"Uncle Sam Having seen to it that I had a good dinner tonight, and there being an absence of officers and men from headquarters for a few minutes, I shall write you a note.

"This afternoon I took a half holiday and went across the river Allier into a little French village. The day was of the kind that has earned for France the sobriquet "Sunny France." It was a cordially welcome innovation too, for the skies have been gray and weepy for many days, and the air had been chilly. But today was one of the most charming I ever experienced. The air was crisp and the sunshine was brilliant; the pretty parks that dot Vichy, and its pleasing environs, were green and sparkling; the beautiful river Allier was stimulated by the freshets, and Frenchmen were out in large numbers fishing for the "Petit Poisson," the same

being diminutive fish about the size of the Otter Lake top-waters. These little trifles are quite a delicacy in the cafes - they seem to cook them intact. In any event, they are delicious. I saw Frenchmen who looked to be an hundred years old, stooping over, gathering tender shoots of certain nutritious weeds from which expensive salads are made; there were old men on the river banks where the driftwood accumulated, gathering the sticks from the swirling surface, placing them in stacks to be carried to their huts, there dried and used for fuel. The French are frugal people, They waste nothing. Bread crumbs are utilized; any morning you will see the urchins going up the alleys adjacent to the barracks of the prodigal Americans, fishing out bits of coal that are found in the wash can.

"And yet, these French are a wonderful people, they seem to me to have a saner, safer, sounder grasp on Life's Essentials than any other people I have seen. There is no false pride, no mock modesty, in their scheme of things.

"For the past ten days I have been right busy. The Adjutant has been to Paris, and the commanding officer has been acting

as commanding officer of the Center, so this has put me practically in charge of the hospital. I want you to know that I handled the job all right. I know you know that I do not say this braggingly, but just to let you know that I have made good on my job here. It has been a big job at times. We have had about seven thousand patients; about three thousand at one time; and we worked hard too. I worked like a Trojan at Cape May and Cape Upton. On the ship I had a respite, and lived like one of the elect. We had certain routine, but the duties were not numerous, or arduous. (The ship on which we came over was torpedoed four hours out from Liverpool, on the return trip.) Funny thing, to tell you: We wore life-preservers all the time we were out of bed and slept with them at the heads of our beds. Two or three days out from Liverpool we were warned to sleep with our clothes on. Did we ALL do it? I did not; I did not, I deliberately disrobed and put on a pair of pajamas, and slept as serenely as a man could. Next morning I peeped through the port hole, and saw a fine, formidable escort of British cruisers, black, racing Devils, heavily armed; then we sighted the Irish coast, and I laughed at the

ginks who slept with all their togs on. Maybe it was foolish, but I felt that we could land safely, and that there would be nothing untoward.

"I know sister is the best entertainer, as you say. And why? because she balks at no troublesome detail, and is not afraid to turn loose a few American dollars to buy the things needful. I wish I could be entertained by her for a few days. Verily, I am living in hopes of that. Love to all.

Your affectionate son,

Hall W. Sanders,
Master Hosp. Sgt. Med. Dept." (1)

"A.E.F. in France.
Co. B. 328 Inf. A.P.O. 42
March 4, 1919

" Mrs. Lizzie Newton
Enid, Mississippi

Dear Mother:

"I will try to write you a few lines tonight. This leaves me well, and I hope it will find you all the same. Well, mother, we have made one more move toward home. We loaded on a train Friday

(1) Tallahatchie Herald, Charleston, Miss., Feb. 12, 1919

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afternoon, and arrived at this place Monday about noon. The name of this place is Jeansette. It is a very small town, but I like here much better than Pierre-court. When we left there the ground would be frozen and frost every morning, and when we got here we found everything nice and warm, and where I am staying the front yard has several nice beds of flowers -- some in full bloom, and some with lots of buds on them.

"But the people here wear wooden shoes, and plow oxen just as they do at other places. Well, we had a nice ride of three nights and two days coming here, and the best of all, there was thirty-seven of us in one car - a side-door pullman. Well, the country don't seem to raise anything but grapes and small grain. The people are pruning their grape vines, and planting small grain, and there are some oats now nearly knee high, and there is plenty (Bucco) wine here for sale.

"Well, mother, they say we are only about fifteen miles from the seacoast now, and it will not take long to go there when we get ready to cross, but I don't know when that will be - some say

two weeks, some say a month, but I certainly hope it won't be long, for I sure am getting tired of this country. Of course, we don't have to drill very hard, but it don't suit me.

"Well, I sure wish I was there to begin farming, but I am afraid I won't get home in time to start a crop; but maybe I can get there in time to help finish one if you can get it started. Well, we still have rain here nearly every day, but I don't think it will rain today; it is cooler than usual. We had a show here Friday night, and are to have another tonight.

"We won't have far to move next time to get to the boat, as we are only about fifteen miles from Bordeaux, the place I think we sail from.

"Well, mother, I don't know any news so guess I will close. Love to all,"

From you son,
Grover." (1)

(1) Tellshatchie Herald, Charleston, Miss., Apr. 30, 1919.

Distinguished Individuals

SERGEANT WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Charleston, was cited by the War Department for exceptional bravery, and meritorious conduct in the Meuse-Argonne battle, on October 2, 1918. On this occasion, Sergeant Richardson, with his command, was subjected to an unusually heavy barrage from the German side, and the telephone station for their line of communication was destroyed. It was necessary to take back the instruments and roll of wire which, on account of the weight required the services of two men, but as another man was not available, Sergeant Richardson carried the equipment across the shell-stormed field, although he had been previously wounded in the arm. He was gassed while performing this service; shortly after this, he recovered sufficiently to return to his duties, and in the subsequent fighting, just before the Armistice was severely wounded; In addition to the citation from the War Department from our Government, Sergeant Richardson received the Croix de Guerre from the French Government for his extraordinary service. (1)

(1) Mrs. Hardy Robinson, Greenwood, Miss.

SAM H. GADE, a Charleston boy, enlisted in the Marines, April 6, 1917, when he was fifteen years old. He underwent training at Parris Island, and Quantico, earning the rank of expert rifleman, and sailed for France on August 22, 1917. For two months he was stationed in a French port unloading supply ships, then for four months served on Military Police duty in Bordeaux. This was followed by a period of intense training lasting for two months, and then on March 17, his unit took over a section of trenches in the Verdun Sector. He was gassed there and spent twelve days in hospital. He took part in the capture of Belleau Wood, fought at Chateau Thierry and was seriously wounded at Soissons, when the Americans and the French destroyed the Rheims-Soissons salient. When he recovered he was sent to Chateau Thierry, arriving there June first, where he took part in the battle in which the Marines added new glory to the annals of their corps, battling for seventeen days, without even removing their shoes at night, and fighting the picked troops of the Huns to a standstill. During the fighting there, bits of shrapnel burst two pipes in Gade's pockets, and

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tore his cartridge belt from around his waist, but he was not injured at that time. The Germans fought with determination, said the Marine, but they could not resist the smashing attacks of "the first to fight" led.

On July fifth, Gede entered a rest billet for ten days, and then was sent to Soissons. On July 19, he went over the top at nine a.m., and an hour later he was wounded, pieces of shrapnel tearing into both legs. For fifteen hours he lay on the battlefield before aid came, finally a Y.M.C.A. secretary saw the wounded man, and obtained help, carried the soldier back to a first aid station.

The advance in which he was wounded was the sixth attack in which he had participated since entering the front line trenches. He left France in October, landing in Norfolk November 3.

Gede has been an efficient officer on the Memphis Police force for the past ten years. (1)

CHARLES P. HALL advanced from rank of Lieutenant to that of Major during the World War. He refused the rank of Lieutenant

(1) Mrs. George Hackmen, Charleston, Miss.

Colonel because he preferred active service to training troops in America. He was gassed once and suffered shell-shock during the war.

DR. J.G. BACKSTROM, Tutwiler, was one of the first to volunteer from Tallahatchie County. He took his examination for service in May, 1917, and was called for duty with a commission as First Lieutenant, but was commissioned Captain before sailing for France in 1918.

Dr. Backstrom remained abroad with the army for nine months, serving in France and Germany.

Home Organizationst that did War Work

Organizations that did war work at home in Tallahatchie County were: Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Civic League, and W. Scott Eskridge Chapter U.D.C.

Record of Service During War

During the war the East Tallahatchie Red Cross met all quotas, such as roll call memberships, hospital and surgical supplies, sweaters, socks, Christmas packages, etc.

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In June Tallahatchie's quota for Red Cross donations was thirty thousand dollars, for the War Fund. The Charleston Red Cross Chapter began taking lessons in surgical dressing, under the instruction of Miss Louise Obert, Clinton, Ohio, and later Lida Williams, a Tallahatchian, had charge of this work.

In July the Glendora and Swan Lake Auxiliary contributed \$615.00 for Red Cross. On July fourth, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burke, and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Lamb were hosts and hostesses at a lawn fete in Charleston, which netted a substantial sum for the Red Cross.

The women of the county did their bit by working faithfully in the sewing and knitting rooms. In many instances sewing and knitting was done in the homes. The school children in Charleston contributed monthly to the Red Cross; in the school different classes had contests to see which could buy the largest number of Thrift Stamps.

The ladies of Sumner raised a fund of \$125.00 among themselves, not asking a contribution from a man, and sent two barrels of candy to the American soldiers in the foreign service for Christmas.

The "Idle Hour Picture Show," owned and operated by E.R. Prigmore, gave a percent of window receipts to the Red Cross.

The W. Scott Eskridge Chapter U.D.C., in conformance with the state chapter, started an "ambulance fund", the proceeds of which went to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross in France, to be named "Mississippi Division U.D.C." The U.D.C. Chapter took active part in the Red Cross work, and contributed their share to all activities in connection with the war.

The negroes of the county contributed liberally, and bought their share of Liberty Bonds.

October 17, 1917, the call was sent out to the people of the county to "Buy Liberty Bonds." Tallahatchie's proportion of the second Liberty Loan Bonds was \$157,000.00. In the second district, Webb took twenty-five thousand dollars, and Sumner and Tutwiler approximately one hundred thousand dollars. The Tallahatchie Lumber Company, Philipp, offered to give each employee of its large mills ten percent of each bond purchased. The Board of Trade, Charleston, made an active campaign, sending out a

committee of speakers each day of the week during the campaign
th the various community centers of the hill section of the
county. In addition to these committees, Mrs. L.P. Dubose, County
Chairman of the Women's Liberty Bond Committee, perfected an
organization among the ladies who worked faithfully to see that
every person understood the government's need, and had an oppor-
tunity to assist by buying bonds.

In May, 1918, 1092 patriots in the first district bought
\$120,300.00 worth of Liberty Bonds. (1)

Individuals who gave Outstanding Service

J.H. Caldwell, Sr., Mrs. Lide Williams, Mrs. C.E. Anderson,
Mrs. Sam Polk, Sr., Jake Weinstein, C.E. Anderson, J.E. Rice,
Allen Neely, A.B. Polsgrove, Bradford Dye, Mrs. L.I. Rice, Judge
E.D. Dinkins, W.B. Burke, F.M. Davidson, D.S. Henderson, Mrs. A.E.
Weinstein, Mrs. P.H. Thornton, Mrs. L.P. Dubose, Reverend J.R.G.
Hewlett, Dr. L.M. Ellis, Dr. Thompson Anderson, and J.R. Oakes. (2)

- (1) Mrs. Foree Polk, Charleston, Miss., Mrs. L.I. Rice, Charleston,
Miss.
(2) Susie Staton, Winona, Miss.

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Baker, Mrs. S.P.	Charleston, Miss.
Bloodworth, Luther	Rosebloom, Miss.
Buntin, Mrs. Anna	Charleston, Miss.
Cox, Miss Evie	Cascille, Miss.
Carothers, Mrs. Mary	Charleston, Miss.
Collins, Mrs. Elvira	Charleston, Miss.
Cox, Charlie	Charleston, Miss.
Esbridge, W. Scott	Charleston, Miss.
Early, Mrs. Will	Charleston, Miss.
Elliott, Mrs. C.R.	New Orleans, La.
Hackmen, Mrs. George	Charleston, Miss.
Harrison, Mrs. T.B.	Charleston, Miss.
Hawkins, Mrs. Bessie	Charleston, Miss.
Henry, Mrs. Lillie	Charleston, Miss.
Houston, Jim	Charleston, Miss.
Jones, Miss Alice	Charleston, Miss.
Linsey, Ralph T.	Sumner, Miss.
Laughlin, Mrs. M.H.	Grenade, Miss.
Maynard, Mrs. Lizzie Fitzgerald	Clerksdale, Miss.
Mullen, Mrs. George	Cascille, Miss.
McNulty, Mrs. Harriett	Charleston, Miss.
Polk, Mrs. Foree	Charleston, Miss.
Payne, George H.	Payne, Miss.
Robinson, Mrs. Hardy	Greenwood, Miss.
Rice, Mrs. L.I.	Charleston, Miss.
Smith, Mrs. Mary Barnes	Woodville, Miss.

Staton, Susie

Winona, Miss.

Williamson, Henriette Gooch

Charleston, Miss.

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Neely, John T.

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28, 1919.Tallahatchie Herald, Charleston,
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30, 1919World War Veterans Record Book,
Chancery Clerk's Office, Char-
leston, Miss.

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WORLD WAR

1. ARMY UNITS FROM YOUR COUNTY

Name of each unit. - None

History of each unit, emphasizing overseas engagements.

There was no unit formed in Tallahatchie County, however Col. J. A. Blount of our county organized the 1st Mississippi Field Artillery, which later became 140th Field Artillery, which was composed of Tallahatchie county boys.

The First Mississippi Field Artillery was composed of the following Batteries:

Battery A - Water Valley
Battery B - Jackson
Battery C - Greenwood
Battery D - Hattiesburg
Battery E - Mississippi College
Battery F - Meridian
Supply Co. - Scooba
Hdg. Co. - Grenada
Medical Det. Grenada

This regiment was commanded by Col. E. B. Boyd, and later by Col. W. C. O'Ferrell. The various batteries were trained at their home stations until sometime in August, 1917 when they were sent to Jackson, where they remained until about October 1st. The regiment was sent then to Camp Beaurgard, La. for training. In March 1918, a great number of the privates were sent across as replacements. The regiment left Camp Beaurgard, July 1918 for Camp Mills, N.Y. and sailed from that place to West France the latter part of August. The regiment remained at Brest ten days and was sent to Mesac, France, where it remained about three weeks; and from there it was sent to Coequadan for intensive training. The regiment completed its training on Nov.

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5th and was waiting transportation when the Armistice was signed. In November after the Armistice was signed, the Regiment was sent to Camp Du Du Valdahan, France, where it fired for three Artillery Schools; leaving there about the 15th of May for Marseilles, and sailed from Marseilles on the "Duke D' O'Osta, an Italian boat. Going by the way of Gibraltar, where the boat remained some three days. From there to New York, most of the drafted men were discharged at Camp Mills, N. Y. The regiment left Camp Mills by special train and came to Jackson, Mississippi where it was intertained by the citizens of Jackson, then later mustered out of the service at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The 140th Field Artillery was the only regiment from the state of Mississippi that went intact; other regiments organized and sent in as replacements. Hdg. Company and the Medical Detachments were made up of privates from Grenada, Tallahatchie Panola and Carroll counties. The troops who were sent over as replacements saw actual service in France. The officers of HDG. Company were: Capt. L.L. Hodges; 1st. Lieut.; J. A. Blount who was later promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to command Battery D of 140th Field Artillery. Captain L. L. Hodges, Grenada resigned early in 1918, and was succeeded by Captain Bob Smith, from Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Only one man from Hdg. Company and the Medical Detachment died in service. The 140th Field Artillery lost only seven men while overseas. Three from gun explosions; four from disease. A great number of these men in the 140 Field Artillery were later commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants. 1st Lieutenant J. A. Blount was promoted to Captain, and discharged as Major in Reserves. He was later promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in the 140 Field Artillery. The 140 Field Artillery was the best equipped regiment in the United States

being equipped with the famous French "75" milli-meter guns. *

155th Regiment information. Give all you can get about units from your county connected with this famous Regiment.

The 155th Regiment was an organized unit before the war, known as the State National Guard. It was called out in June 1916 to Mexican border, stationed at San Antonio, Texas, Camp Wilson, for about one year, coming back to Jackson to Camp Sweb Taylor, then was drafted into the regular army, moving to Camp Beauraguard, La. (Alexandra). This regiment was used as a training unit, the men being sent overseas as fast as they received sufficient training. **

11. NAMES OF ENLISTED MEN:

List by companies, battalions, regiments, and give military rank of each soldier.

Company 20-Detention camp- Joel D. Rice Howell

Company L - 7th Infantry- Clarence W. Kihnel- Private.

Company L - 36th Infantry -Talmage A. Wilson - Corporal.

Battery Co.-15th Field Artillery- Jam E Rice -Private

Company K-18th Infantry - Hubert E. Telford - Corporal

Company A.- 30th Infantry - Lee O. Blaycock - Private

Company A.-Development Battalion -John H. Gentry -Private

General Hospital #19-Casual Dept. - Henry C. Allison (cook)
Fulton E. Denman (cook)
Robert H. Dean

Battery C-320 Field Artillery - Harry R. Whitten-Private

Company M - 147 Infantry (Casual Co.)-Wright Williams-Private

Company F -114th Ammunition Train- John Sossoman - Private

Company B-110th Infantry -M.G. Bureau-Jim Laughlin -Private

Company 337 -Motor Transportation Co.- Daniel Knight-Sergeant

Company H-2nd Infantry-Replacement & - Willie Alford-Private
Training Camp

*Reference: Attorney J. A. Blount- Charleston, Mississippi

**Reference: Mr. Kent Butler-World War Veteran
Charleston, Mississippi

Company A -113th Engineers -

Carl Gray - Private

Company B- 46th Engineers -

Robert Lee Allison-Private

Company 10 -329th Infantry -

George Jenkins Lane-Private
John Richard Hall- Private

Company G -9th Infantry -

Thomas J. Zeck - Private

Company B-114th Reg. Engineers -

Foncie Duboise - Private

Company B -3d Division-164 Depot Brigade - James Moore-Private

Company 96 - A. S. C.

Carl Manuel - Private

Company 6 -Reg. Depot Brigade -

James Peacock - Private

Company 25 - 162nd Depot Brigade -

Henry C. Stone - Private

Company 8 - Recruit Depot -

Robert Young Steele, Private

Company H - 80th Infantry -

John H. Wrenn (cook)

Company HDG.-140th Field Artillery -

Ed. T. Womble
Sylvian Quarles
Matthew Rainey
Byron Albritton

James A. Blount -Captain
Sam L. Polk, Jr.- Sergeant
Dupree Etheride -Private
Fonda C. Rowland-Private
Charles S. Priddy- Private
Herbert G. Houston - Private
Jack B. Byers - Private
Tom H. Harris - Private
Glen Houston Private
Sidney Shackelford Private
Harry Dogan
Dave Dogan
Jim Byers
Edgar Delap
Hamilton Caldwell
Henry Brewer - Private

Company M-13th Reg.-U.S. Marines-

Company A -346 Ref. Infantry -

Company H - 5th Division Battelion -

James Henson - Private

Company 11- Recruit Depot -

John W. Lawrence -Private
Edgar C. Robinson -Private
Daniel Knight -Private

Aero Replacement -5 -Squada -

William Otto Moore- Sergeant

Air Service -First Pursuit Troops-

William O. Moore-Master-Elect.

Company F -2nd Troup Replacement
Training Center -

William T. Ford -Private

Company C -20th Reg. Engineers -

Reuben Davis- Private

Company 4-Company M-4th Infantry-

Johnnie M. Honard -Corporal
John H. Williams
John Burnett
Alvin Burnett
Elmore Dean

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Company E -346 Reg. Infantry - John P. Newman -Private
 School for Bakers & Cooks -Camp Pike Shufford D. Beardain-Private
 Arkansas - John L. Alexander -Private
 Company B - Company A-806 Pioneer Infantry-Richard Taylor -Private
 Company M- 310 Infantry - Dock Scallion- Private
 Company K - 327 Infantry - Tom E. Newton -Private
 Company H. -131st Infantry - Casual Det. - Pearl Henry -Private
 5th Regiment -1st Battalion - Alton Morgan-Private
 Company ASC - 56th Infantry - James W. Browning-Private
 Ldy. Sec. Sales Division -G.M. Corp- Henry O. Rodgers-Private
 Infantry Unassigned-Camp Rifle Det.- James R. Tribble- Private
 Company T- 6 B.N. Replacement Training Joshua W. Goodman -Private
 Center-
 Company 5 -Automatic Replacement Draft- Claude Wayne Hall-Private
 44th Company -11-Training Battalion -
 158 Depot Brigade Ted Wilson - Private
 Company D -325 Labor Battalion-N.A. - Jerry Simmons (colored) "
 Company D -525 Engineers - Oby Galloway -(colored) "
 U. S. Marine Corp -A.E.F. - Will Harvey -Private
 U. S. Marine Corp-6th Reg. Russell L. Crow-Private
 Company H- 51st Infantry - James E. Farned -Private
 Company A- 2nd Group-Replacement Center- Timothy M. Bounds-Private
 Company F- 2nd Division - Junior Brown-(colored) "
 Company C - 329 -Service Bureau- Joe Marshall -(colored)
 U. S. Marine Corp - Corporal
 Benj. Zealand Thigpen
 Guard Company A.S.C. - (Co. 51) Clarence W. Thomas
 Company 15-4th Record Bureau
 162 Depot Brigade Wiley Roy Terry-Private
 Company A-114th Engineers- Oran Marshall Robinson
 Private

Company F - United States Army - Thomas S. Morgan
 162nd Infantry - Frank Kincaid -Corporal
 U. S. Naval Training Station - Tom Jim Dickson-Spp.Seaman
 2nd B, & A. Demob. Group-Medical
 Detachment - William D. Kuykendall
 Motor Transport Co. 676-M.T.C. Carl Norvell -Sergeant
 Company B-Com. Center Co,A-806
 Pioneer Infantry - Richard Taylor (col.)Private
 5th Service Company Signal Corp- Daniel D. McCachren-Corporal
 Det. M. 3-Demob. Group - Malcolm Dunbar Pressgrove
 Private - Cook
 Company Det. 3 - Infantry - John G. Lewis - Sergeant
 Infantry - 11th Company -J.A.R.D. Pryor B. Newman -Private
 United States Navy - Eddie Linder Price-App.Seaman
 Schools for Bakers & Cooks-2nd Inf. James Robert Holland -Private
 Veteran Corp #317 -15 Vet. Hospital - Warner L. Henson
 1st. Battalion -5 Reg.2nd Brigade
 U.S. Marine Corp- Alton Morgan - Corporal
 U. S. Naval Reserve Corp - William Henry Osborne-Fireman
 3d Class
 Company S.A.C. 56 Infantry - J. W. Browning -Private
 Company 97 -U.S. Navy-Training
 Station -Hampden Roads, Va. Albert C. Hurt - Private
 Motor Transport- Camp Shelby - Charlie Brunson -Private
 Company F- 329 - Infantry - William Moorman - Private
 Detachment Camp Pike,Ark.- Dewitt L. Jackson-Private
 U. S. Navy -Recruiting Station- Aubrey W. Patterson
 38th Division Casual Det. - Owen W. Thompson-Private
 8th Aero Squadron -U.S. Air Service- Travis Larkin Harrison
 2nd Lieutenant
 F.C.L. F.A. Battery- A-3119F.A.- Harper Lee Allison-Private
 Medical Dept. C.D. of N.O. Thomas Oscar Cox -Private
 1st Class

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Company G. 38th Infantry -	Sam P. Jones - Private
Company 13 - 4 Rec. Bureau - 162 Depot Brigade	Marvin Trantham - Private
San. C. Casual Off. Detachment Infantry -	Van Lowrey - 2nd Lieutenant
834 Co. Trans. Corp -	John Vanburen (col.) Sergeant
Battery E-137 Field Artillery -	Alex Duke
I.M.C.A. 340 -Service Bureau -	Alex Biles (colored) Private
I. M. C. Company A-307 -Service Bureau-	Griffin Hoskins (colored) Private
9th Company-3d Rec. Bureau 162nd Depot Brigade -	Surry Kent - (colored) Private
I.M.C.Co. D- 325 Service Bureau -	Thomas Kent - (colored) "
Company D -309-Service Bureau -	Johnnie Cooper (colored) Private
R.M.A. U.S. (M.A.) Air Service Flying School -	Daniel Ellis -1st. Lieut.
Company D- 319 Service Bureau -	Walter Eskridge (colored) Private
Company D -319 Infantry -	Dexter Moorman - Private
Company 10-9th Training Bureau -	Sylvester S. Deaton -Private
Company D- 7th Infantry -	David T. Kihmel -Private
Company C. 323 M.G. Bureau	Frank Newman- Private
Company B. -7th Bureau Engineers-	Roy Amacker -Private
Company C-512 -Engineers -	Joe Frazier - Private
Company K -3d Bureau Edgewood Arsenal -	Robert L. Etheridge-Corporal
Company E. 2nd Group Regiment -	Ora C. Trotman -Sergeant
Company 10-34 Co. 9 -Bureau 153D.B.-	Julian E. Ashmore-Private
Company 18 -Recruit Dept.U.S.A.-	Morris H. Rosen-Private
Company G- 114th Ammunition Train-	Jesse James Sullivant-Private
Company M-323 Infantry -	Tom W. Thomas -Sergeant

Company 11-Rec. Battalion-162 Depot Brigade-	Jas. L. McCorkle 1st. Class Private
Company H.-324 Infantry -	Thomas V. Ott - Sergeant
F. A. HDG.Co. 320 F. A. -	Lawrence Vance -Private-1st Class
Transportation Corp-Engineers 30-	James Burke -Private
Company 4 - Unit 302 -Sales Rec. Camp -	Joseph P. Dogan-Private
8th Infantry - Replacement Camp -	Harvey A. Little- Private
Company F -131st. Infantry -	Dillard Newman -Private
Company D -525 Engineers -	Walter Loggins (col.) Private
Company 12 -3d Regiment -	Elbert F. Stringer -Sergeant 1st. Class
4th A. C. -Infantry Unassigned -	Nat Z. Trout - Private
9th- 20th Engineers -	Ernest Terrell- Private
Battalion A -82nd Div. F.A. -320 Infantry.-	Robert M. Whitten-Private
Company 51-Depot Brigade	Cal Cook - Private
Company B- 340 Service Bureau -	George Wilkes (col.) Private
606 Engineers -	James Allen Ross- Sergeant
Casual Co. 158 - Recruit Depot-	Kent Butler
Company 3 - 120 Infantry -	John T. Williams - Private
Company I - 322nd Infantry -	James H. Cheatman -Private *

Records and exploits of individuals

Willie Carden -AEF- France
William Otto Moore, Sergeant.
France- Tohl Sector - May 1918; Champagne-Marne Offensive-July
15, 1918; Aisne-Marne Offensive-July 18-18; Oise-Aisne Offensive, July
18-August 18; St. Mihiel, Sept. 12-16th; Verdun sector, Sept. 29th-Oct.
10, 1918; Meuse Argonne Oct. 15-Nov. 15, 1918.
Johnnie O'Bryant - A.E.F. France.
Reuben G. Davis-
Active service overseas Jan. 1918 -Sept. 1918 -Discharged Jan. 25, 1919.
Ollie Adams - Served in France.
Johnnie M. Honard -
France -A.E.F. Oct. 1, 1918 - Mar. 25, 1919.
Sylvian Byars - A.E.F. France
Rex Hunt - AEF France - One Year.
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Will G. Harvey, Jr. - A.E.F. - Sept. 1918 - July 1919
John Lavender - A.E.F. - 17 months in France.
John Vanburen (colored) - France - Dec. 26, 1917 - June 30, 1919.
Sam P. Jones - A.E.F. - May 1918 - Dec. 1918; St. Mihiel Sept. 20, 1918;
Argonne - Sept. 27, 1918; wounded Oct. 21, 1918.
Herbert G. Houston - France - Aug. 1st, 1918 - June 1919.
Cephas Denman - 1 Year in France - U.S. Marines.
Richard Taylor - France Sept. 14, 1918 - Mar. 3d, 1919.
Sam L. Polk - France - Sept. 1, 1918 - Mar. 24, 1919. Accidentally wounded
in France - Nov. 1918.
Harper Lee Allison - France - England - Scotland - June 26, 1918 -
May 12, 1919; Marbache Aug. 16, 1918 - Aug. 28, 1918;
St. Mihiel - Sept. 1918 - Meuse-Argonne Sept. 22, 1918.
John Sossoman - France - Aug. 18 - Dec. 1918.
Clifton Priddy - 1 year in France - A.E.F.
Hubert E. Telford - Battles - Somerville - Oct. 21, 1917; Ansaerville
Jan. 15; Cantigny Apr. 25 - May 4, 1918; Aisne-Marne
July 18, 1918; Saizerais - Aug. 1918; St. Mihiel
Sept. 1918; Meuse-Argonne Oct. 1918.
Clarence W. Kihnel - France Aug. 14, 1918 - Aug. 25, 1919.
Rex Buchanan - U.S. Navy - France.
Jam E. Rice - France June 28, 1918 - Apr. 26, 1919.
Expedition St. Mihiel, Aisne-Marne Offensive - July 27,
1918 - Aug. 11, 1918. Mr. Rice was with the famous
Rainbow Division and participated in practically all
the battles in which the American troops were engaged.
Lee O. Blaycock - France - Germany - June 11, 1918 - Aug. 20, 1919.
Champagne-Marne Offensive - July 1918; Aisne-Marne
July 18 - Vester Sector; Meuse-Argonne - Sept. Oct. 1918.
Harry R. Whitten - France June 28, 1918 - May 9, 1919.
Marbache Sector - Aug. 19, 1918 - Sept. 11, 1918.
St. Mihiel offensive - Sept. 12, 1918; Meuse Argonne
Offensive - Sept. 26, 1918.
Dexter Moorman - France - England - Oct. 3, 1918 - May 29, 1919.
Webster Buchanan - A.E.F. France.
Sylvester S. Deaton - A.E.F. Nov. 5, 1918 - Feb. 16, 1919.
Tom H. Harris - O France - Aug. 1918 - June 6, 1919.
Harry Crow - U.S. Navy - 1917-1919.
Aubrey W. Patterson - 1918 U.S. Navy Recruiting Station.
David F. Kihnel - France - June 12, 1918 - Jan. 3, 1919.
Guessed Oct. 16, 1918.
Frank Newman - France - Aug. 15, 1918 - July 1919.
Roy Amacker - France - Feb. 2, 1918 - July 2, 1919.

Halbert Harris - United States Army - one year service 1918.
Lacy Allison - United States Army - 1918.
Charles M. Brunson - United States Army - service 1918-1919.
Joe Frazier - Served in France - Apr. 7, 1918 - June 18, 1919.
William Moorman - France - Aug. 6, 1918 - Jan. 31, 1919.
Julian E. Ashmore - France - Oct. 2, 1918 - Feb. 12, 1919.
Robert Lee Allison - France - July 10, 1918 - July 3, 1919.
John Richard Hall - France - Aug. 15, 1918 - Jan. 3, 1919.
Thomas J. Zeek - France - Feb. 1918 - Nov. 1918; Battles - Veaux - July
1918; Chateau-Thierry.
Thomas Kent (colored) - France - Aug. 24, 1918 - Aug. 23, 1919.
Oby Galloway (colored) - France - July 10, 1918 - July 3, 1919.
Alex Duke - A.E.F. Oct. 6, 1918 - Dec. 23d, 1918.
Alex Biles (colored) - France - Sept. 18, 1918 - July 3, 1919.
Griffin Haskin (colored) - France - Dec. 3d, 1917 - May 27, 1919.
Carl Gray - France - Sept. 15, 1918 - June 1, 1919.
Oran Marshall Robinson - France - Aug. 22, 1918 - May 13, 1919.
Frank Kincaid - France - Aug. 22nd - 1918 - July 4, 1919.
Charles Spencer Priddy - France - Aug. 31, 1918 - June 6, 1919.
Wyn D. Kuykendall - A.E.F. - Nov. 12, 1918 - May 21, 1919.
Carl Manuel - France - England - Aug. 1918 - July 1919.
Fonda Rowland - France - Aug. 8, 1918 - June 6, 1919.
Wright Williams - France - Oct. 6, 1918 - Mar. 23, 1919.
Isaac S. Clark - France - Aug. 26, 1918 - July 16, 1919.
Jim Laughlin - France - June 18, 1918 - May 25, 1919.
Houte-Alsace - July 25 - Sept. 23, 1918.
Meuse-Argonne - Sept. 26, - Nov. 1918.
Dupree Etheridge - France - Aug. 3d, 1918 - June 6, 1919.
Pryor B. Newman - France - Aug. 15, 1918 - Mar. 19, 1919.
Nat. Z. Trout - A.E.F. - July 6, 1918 - May 5, 1919.; St. Mihiel - Sept. 1918;
Nocore Sept. 1919; Meuse & Moselle Sept. - Oct. '18.

Robert M. Whitten - A.E.F. France -
Marbache -Aug. 19-Sept.11; St. Mihiel Offensive
Sept. 12-16-1918; Meuse -Argonne - Sept. 26,
Nov. 11, 1918.

George Wilkes (colored) -France- Sept. 8, 1918 -July 3, 1919.

Pearl Henry- Meuse- Argonne - Oct. 8, 10, 1918-France.

Zealand Benj. Thigpen - France - Champagne-Argonne.

Joseph P. Dogan - France - Aug. 6, 1918 -July 27, 1919.
St. Mihiel Sector - Sept. 1918;
Meuse - Argonne - Sept. 26,1918-Nov. 1918.

Clarence W. Thomas - France - Oct. 1918 - July 11, 1919.

Dillard Newman - A.E.F. Nov. 18, 1918 - Nov. 10,1919.
Meuse - Argonne Offensive.

Jesse Sullivant - Four months service in France.

Tom W. Thomas - France -
Manhein Woods; Meuse - Argonne 1918; 11 months
service in France.

Thomas G. Kuykendall - A.E.F. one year service in France.

Lindsey R. Crow - A.E.F. 1918- 1919.
Marbache Sector - Aug. 3-17, 1918; St. Mihiel
Sector Sept. 30-Oct. 9-1918.; Champagne Sector
Nov. 1-11; Argonne-Sector.

Thomas Scott - France -Aug. 8,1918 - June 18, 1919.

James E. Farned- A.E.F. July 6,1918-June 6,1919.
Geranduer Sector - Sept 3-Oct. 12, 1918; Meuse
Argonne Offensive -Nov. 1 - Nov.11, 1918.

Lawrence Vance - A.E.F. - France-
Marbache Sector - Aug. 19-Sept. 1918.
St. Mihiel - Sept. 12-16,1918.

James Burke - France - July 10,1918 - June 29, 1919.
Meuse-Argonne -Sept. 26- Nov. 11, 1918.

Citations and Medals Awarded-

Lee O. Blaycock - Victory Medal, with 4 battle clasps; also
Bronze lapel button.

Clarence W. Kihnel -Awarded Victory medal; battle clasp.

James H. Cheatman - Victory Medal with clasp.

John G. Lewis- Bronze Lapel Button.

David T. Kihnel - Silver Victory Button.

Frank Newman - Awarded two Victory Buttons.

Thomas Kent -(colored)- Victory medal with clasp; Bronze Lapel Button.

David Ellis - Bronze Victory Button.

William Richardson - Croix de Guerre

Men in 155th Regiment.

Buford Williams -Private- Co.D-Fire & Truck Co.#336.

Walter L. Adams -Private - Co. A.

John D. L. Huffman -Private Co. F.

Thomas G. Kuykendall -Private- Co. B.

James W. Davis -Private Co. E.

Isaac S. Clark - Corporal Co. E. *

111. LETTERS FROM THE FRONT:

Select a few interesting letters from soldiers to folks at home, particularly letters showing conditions overseas.

(COPY)

U.S. Base Hospital No.115
A.P.O. 781.Jan.10,1919.

Mrs. Kate R. Mays,
Charleston, Mississippi

My Dear Mother,

Uncle Sam having seen to it that I had a good dinner tonight, and there being an absence of officers and men from headquarters for a few minutes, I shall write you a note.

This afternoon I took a half holiday and went across the river Allier into a little French village. The day was of the kind that has earned for France the sobriquet "Sunny France". It was a cordially welcome innovation, too, for the skies had been gray and weepy for many days, and the air had been chilly. But today was one of the most charming I ever experienced. The air was crisp and the sunshine was brilliant; the

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pretty parks that dot Vichy and its pleasing environs were green and sparkling; the beautiful river Allier was stimulated by the freshets and Frenchmen were out in large numbers fishing for the "Petit Pisson", the same being diminutive fish about the size of the Otter Lake top-waters. These little trifles are quite a delicacy in the cafes-they seem to cook them intact. In any event, they are delicious. I saw Frenchmen who looked to be an hundred years old, stooping over, gathering tender shoots of certain nutritious weeds from which expensive salads are made; there were old men on the river banks where the driftwood accumulated, gathering the sticks from the swirling surface, placing them in sacks to be carried to their huts, there dried and used for fuel. The French are frugal people. They waste nothing. Bread crumbs are utilized; any morning you will see little urchins going up the alleys adjacent to the barracks of the prodigal Americans, fishing out bits of coal that are found in the ash cans.

And yet, these French are a wonderful people. They seem to me to have a saner, safer, sounder grasp on Life's Essentials than any other people I have seen. There is no false pride, no mock modesty in their scheme of things.

For the past ten days I have been right busy. The Adjutant has been in Paris and the commanding officer has been acting as commanding officer of the Center, so this has put me practically in charge of the hospital. I want you to know that I handled the job all right. I know you know that I do not say this braggingly, but just to let you know that I have made good on my job here. Its been a big job at times. We have had about seven thousand patients; about three thousand at one time; and we worked hard too. I worked like a Trojan at Cape May and Camp Upton. On the

ship I had a respite, and lived like one of the elect. We had certain routine, but the duties were not numerous or arduous. (The ship on which we came over was torpedoed four hours out from Liverpool on the return trip.) Funnything, to tell yous We wore life-preservers all the time we were out of bed and slept with them at the heads of our beds. Two or three days out of Liverpool we were warned to sleep with our clothes on. Did we ALL do it? I did not; I did not, I deliberately disrobed and put on a pair of pajamas and slept as serenely as a man could. Next morning I peeped through the port hole and saw a fine, formidable escort of British cruisers, black, racing devils, heavily armed; then we sighted the Irish coast and I laughed at the ginks who slept with all their togs on. Maybe it was foolish, but I felt that we could land safely, and that there would be nothing untoward.

I know sister is the best entertainer, as you say. And why? Because she balks at no troublesome detail and is not afraid to turn loose a few American dollars to buy the things needful. I wish I could be entertained by her for a few days. Verily, I am living in hopes of that. Love to all.

Your affectionate son,

Hall W. Sanders,
Master Hosp.Sgt. Med. Dept. *

(COPY)

A.E.F. in France,
Co. B.328 Inf.A.P.O.42
March 4, 1919.

Mrs. Lizzie Newton,
Enid, Mississippi

*Reference: Tallahatchie Herald- Feb. 12, 1919.
Charleston, Mississippi

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Mother:

I will try to write you a few line tonight. This leaves me well and I hope it will find you all the same. Well, mother, we have made one more move toward home. We loaded on the train Friday afternoon and arrived at this place Monday about noon. The name of this place is Jeansette. It is a very small town, but I like here much better than Pierrecourt. When we left there the ground would be frozen and frost every morning, and when we got here we found everything nice and warm and where I am staying the front yard has several nice beds of flowers- some in full bloom and some with lots of buds on them.

But the people here wear wooden shoes and plow oxens just as they do at other places. Well, we had a nice ride of three nights and two days coming here and the best of all, there was (37) thirty-seven of us in one car (a side-door pullman). Well, the country don't seem to raise anything but grapes and small grain. The people are pruning their grapevines and planting small grain and there are some oats now nearly knee high and there is plenty (Buco) wine here for sale.

Well, mother, they say we are only about (15) fifteen miles from the sea coast now and it will not take long to go there when we get ready to cross, but I don't know when that will be - some say two weeks, some say a month, but I certainly hope it won't be long, for I sure am getting tired of this country. Of course, we don't have to drill very hard, but it don't suit me.

Well, I sure wish I was there to begin farming, but I am afraid I won't get home in time to start a crop; but maybe I can get there in time to help finish one if you can get it started. Well, we still have rain here nearly every day, but I don't think

it will rain today; it is cooler than usual. We had a show here Friday night and are to have another tonight.

We won't have far to move next time to get to the boat, as we are only about fifteen miles from Bordeaux, the place I think we will sail from.

Well, mother, I don't know any news, so guess I will close. Love to all,

From your son

Grover *

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A.E.F. Young Men's Christian
Association Headquarters,
Aix-Les-Bains,
April 24, 1919.

Mr. R. L. Cannon,
% Y.M.C.A.,
Aix-Les-Bains.

My Dear Mr. Cannon,

I feel that I would like to put in writing my most emphatic endorsement of the splendid work you have done in helping to make this great Leave Area a pronounced success. I recall that you were first assigned to our camp in Chambéry, in charge of the business end of our club there, where we entertained from 500 to 600 soldiers on leave, and where the work was very pressing as the force was comparatively small. Your work was exceedingly well done and you have the confidence and respect of all your companions as well as our soldier guests.

Soon after that camp was made a Leave Area for colored soldiers you came here and were attached to our Hotel Department where the soldiers are assigned to their quarters, and where all matters of complaint between the soldiers and the hotels are adjusted, one of our most important branches of the service. Here, too, your work has been of an excellent quality, and I feel that it was due to the

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cooperation of men like yourself, helped by the wonderful work that is being done by our women secretaries in these Leave Areas, that the Association has made so fine a record in entertaining soldiers during their leave periods in the charming French resorts of which I feel sure this, the Savoie Leave Area, heads the list.

Thanking you for your co-operation and helpfulness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Howorth, Div. Sec.

The above letter has been received by Mrs. Cannon and would show that the services rendered by Mr. Cannon in France are meeting with the pleasure of his superiors and with the men with whom he associates. It is understood that Mr. Cannon will arrive home sometime in July. *

IV. INTERVIEWS

Talks with outstanding local veterans.

Todie Bonner, born and reared in Tallahatchie County enlisted in the army at Charleston, April 2, 1918, from there to Camp Pike Arkansas, from there to Camp Gordon, Ga; from there to Camp McClellan, Ala., from there to Camp Merritt, N.J.; from there to Hoboken, N.Y., where he sailed on Aug. 31, landed at Glasco, Scotland; from there to Winchester, England; from there to Southampton; from there to LaHavre, France; from there to a rest camp and remained there two weeks; from there Toul sector on front line and from there to Argonne forest and was there shot down on Nov. 3, 1918, picked up by the Germans placed in a house, remained there three days without food or water or medical attention. Our boys came to his rescue on the fourth day, taken back to first aid and from there to Base Hospital. Sailed from Brest France to U.S.A. landed at N.Y. Mar.

*Reference: Tallahatchie Herald - May 28, 1919 - Charleston, Miss.

1st, 1919; from there to Greenhut Hospital; from there to Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg; received discharge April 4, 1919, arriving home, on April 5, physically disabled for service. Company E, 90th Division, 357th Infantry.*

William Alex Duke, born and reared in Tallahatchie County enlisted at Charleston, Aug. 9, 1918; went to Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg; placed in 138th Division of 137 Field Artillery; from there to N.Y., and sailed for France on October 6; landed at LaHavre on 20th, sleeping in what the soldier boys called "dog tents". He was pushed to the front as rapidly as possible, but the Armistice was signed (Nov. 11) before he was in actual battle, sailing home on the "George Washington" in Dec. landing in N.Y. from there to Indianapolis, Ind., receiving discharge for home. **

Sergeant Willie Richardson, of Charleston, who has been with the U.S. Army for the past three years, has been cited by the War Dept. for exceptional bravery and meritorious conduct in the Meuse-Argonne battle, on October 2nd, 1918. On this occasion, Sergeant Richardson with his command were subjected to an unusually heavy barrage from the German side and the telephone station for their line of communication was destroyed. It was necessary to take back the instruments and roll of wire which, on account of the weight, required the services of two men, but as another man was not available, Sergeant Richardson carried the equipment across the shell-stormed field, although he had been previously wounded in the arm. He was gassed while performing this service; shortly after this, he recovered sufficiently to return to his duties, and in the sub-

*Reference :- Mr. Todie Bonner, Charleston, Miss. RFD.

**Reference:- Mr. Alex Duke, Charleston, Miss. RFD.

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