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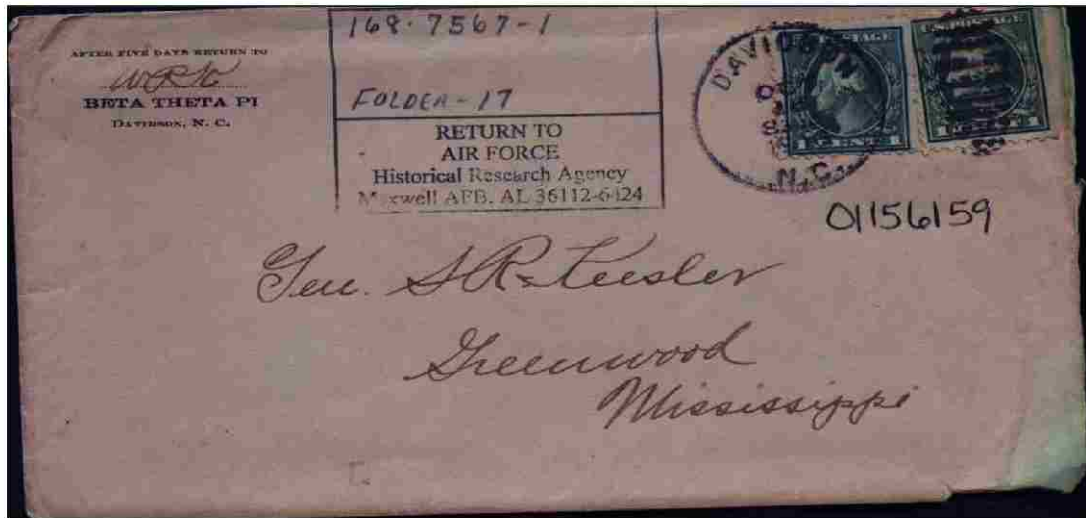
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THE DAVIDSON CHAPTER
THE PHI ALPHA OF
BETA THETA PI.
DAVIDSON, N. C.

Sunday.

Dear Father

The whole campus is talking about the showing we made against La. Tech. and every one is saying "Look out N.C." I hope we can beat them. We been unable to get any particulars about the game except that we were beat 9 to 0. A safety & a touch down. We got very poor reports by quarters here and every one is disputing everyone else. One paper had that we scored a touch down but we penalized for off side playing. I hope so. Sam made a thirty five yard run against them and started the whole game with Black & Walker Bos. It was a great showing against the best team in the south. The write up of the Atlanta papers will sure help Sam get the "All South Atlantic" quarterback, maybe the "All Southern". Here hoping he gets one of them.

Everything is going A.K. in school. We have just finished our first recieve. Came out very well I think in them all. Last week I had a very strenuous "Fresh Lab." It was about the testing of impure water. The question they asked were as unheard of as any anyone could think of. Kept me busy looking them up and answering them.

My own work is very interesting now. On
 looking how much alive in a dime, how
 much gold & copper. You have to be very careful
 and accurate.

In Jan, 5th day they brought up three
 as a cotton gin on a plantation that is sold
 the property of one who sold it or the buyer. We
 had a great dispute over it. Cause we made
 Real & Personal Property. I can't find the straight
 answer yet.

The Tennis Tournament ended Sat after-
 noon. Saunders & Formica won out but had to
 fight hard against Walter & Spence. That is Sam's
 room mate. It was beautiful tennis.

Class basketball has started. The basketball
 the junior 19416 Friday. We play the Soph. tomorrow
 and should win but can't always tell.

This afternoon I went out to Egg Lake
 a distance of six miles. It is a nice lake and
 the view & scenery is worth the walk. See "Down-
 here" west along and he had quite a good
 time climbing trees & rocks. We got mixed up
 in time and got back to eat for dinner. Then
 I was glad I had brought several cans of soup
 with me from the heat. We had quite a party
 in my room. We had soup & crackers and
 water. There it was easy as to tomorrow.

I got the for Mamma sent me cause
 all OK. The things come in mighty

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well especially the sheets. I was needing them badly. Thank you all for them, the shirt & sock & etc. The underwear was too large. 40 is the right size but not such long lengths. Those swallowed me. My room mate picked one up and wanted to know where I had gotten such new fashioned night shirts. I'm sending them back. Wade should know my size better!

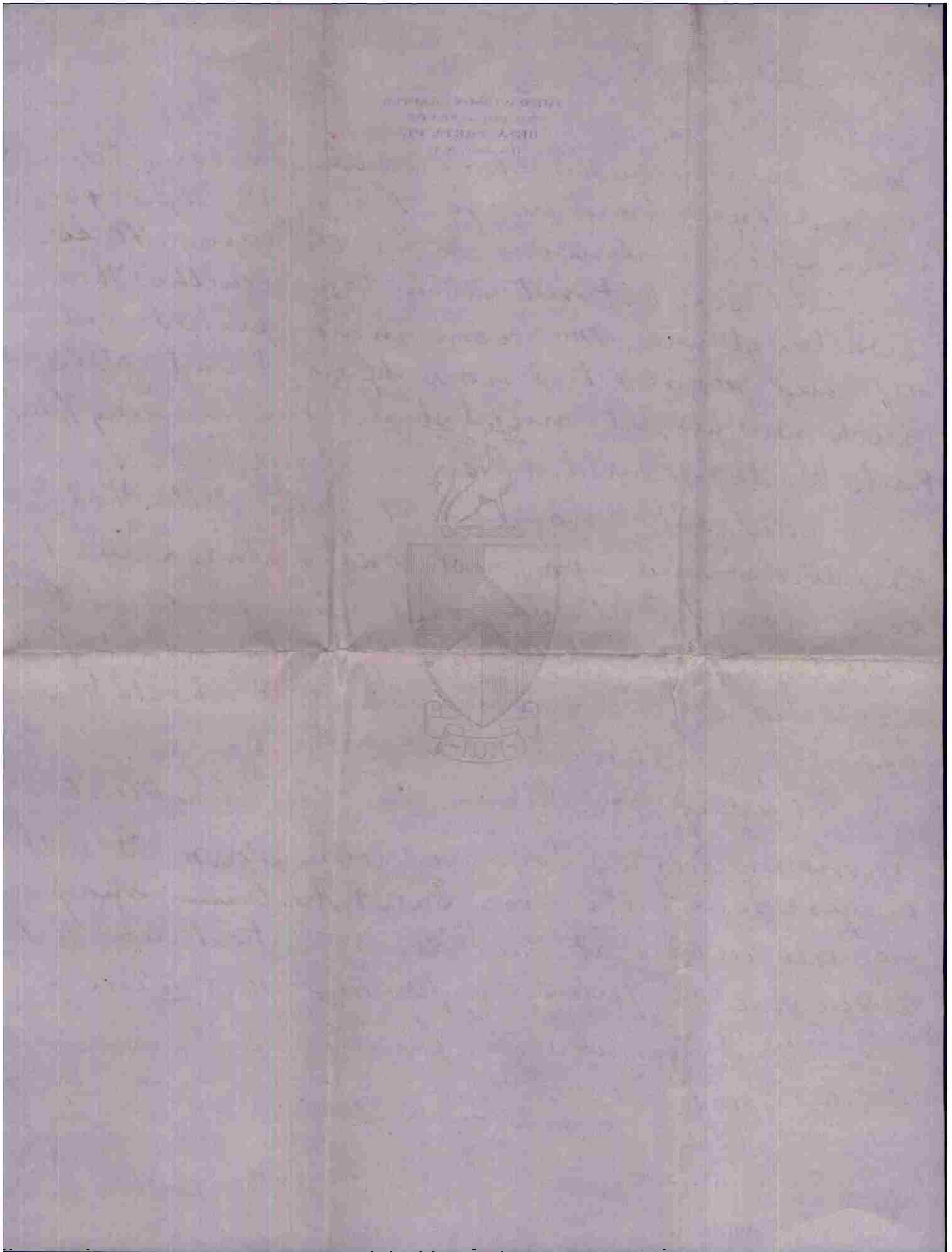
I did not know until your letter that the Davidsonian was not coming home. Same I saw about a flight away and you should get the next papers. It is better this year than last. I'll also send the Magazine home. It should be good as "Doc" generally makes things go.

Ringing Bros. Circus is in Charlotte tomorrow. A lot of boys are going down. It will be as good as usual I guess. Sam & the team may stop over and see it. They deserve a treat like that. Believe me the fellows are proud of that "team".

Must stop now and fix up my room for it late. Love to all.

Your affectionate son

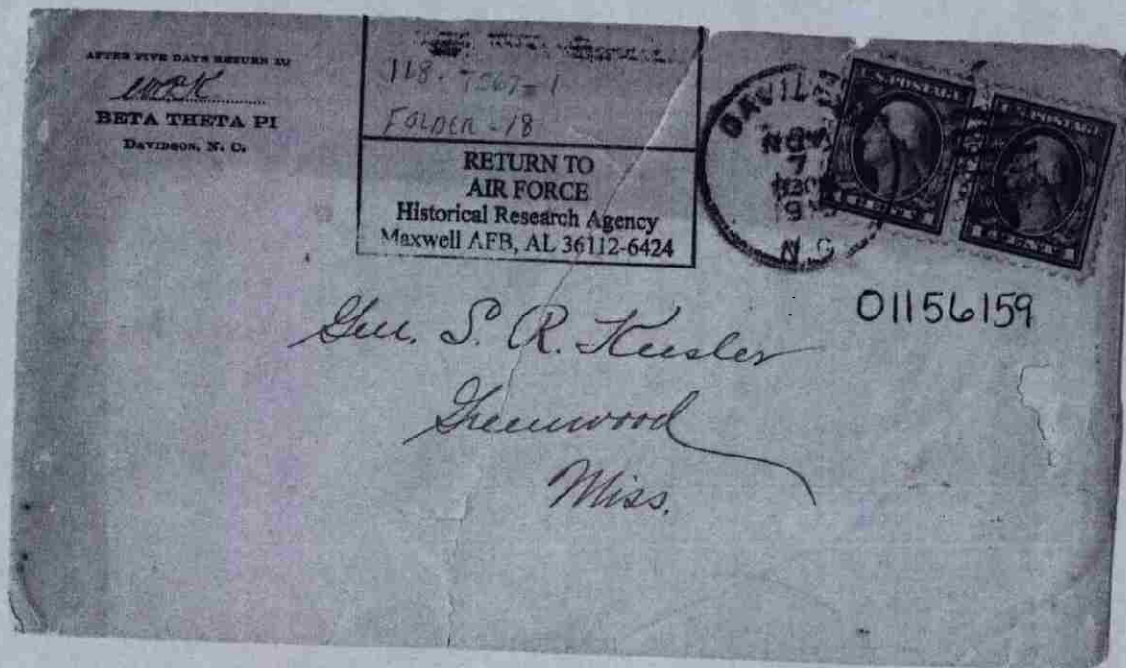
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Monday

Dear Father,

We just come in from a basketball game with the Soph. They beat us 23 to 18 in a very hard fought game. Our team just could get together we did not have the same team work we had had. We could shoot or pass straight so they walked away with us. It will do our team good for we were a little confident over the result of the game.

The large score in the Furman game (46 to 14) was a surprise to us. They sure did have us going the first half from what Sam says. But we came back and made up for lost time in the third quarter scoring from touchdowns. Sam had quite a time running back punts, he ran for over fifty yards on two of them. Our weak spot is our tackles. We need a good one. Furman made all her gains over tackle. A N.C., Wofford & Clemson man was at the game getting dope on our plays. I hope they didn't get any. Coach was at the N.C. & V.P.I. game. We are all looking forward to the game in Winston with a great deal of

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please. The whole student body expects to go
 that team than any other. Sam, Billy Sayad, White
 Steve Walker are to play their last time against
 them and they are sure advising to refuse not
 all pass defects.
 tomorrow night we are not expecting to go
 to had write all the returns are in. We have made
 an arrangement to have a wine pot in the chapel
 and get the returns there. If Wilson is elected
 then we will have a holiday tomorrow or rather
 the day after. The whole school is talking nothing
 else. All the professors mention it two or three
 times on class. Dr. J. M. McConnell can be
 led from the lesson by the near mention
 of Wilson. Sunday night over at the Chautauque
 we had quite a political see. As evening
 the way the different states are going. As I think
 is an interesting talker and we had an enjoyable
 evening. Tonight it was mostly an uncommenced
 that we had won the Anti-Slavery Scholarship
 Cup for another year. We had had an idea
 that we had won it but tonight we heard for sure.
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 sure they had won it. One of them was particularly

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We had quite a visit from our district Chief Sat and Sunday. I believe he was very well satisfied at the condition of affairs here. We are planning to have our District Reunion here in Jan. Hope the plans come thru.

We are still working hard for the note on the Hall. So far we have a little over \$400.00 on the next payment which comes in February. I thought maybe you would like to know.

Plans for Senior Speaking are being made. We have been asked to hand in our

Subject of our speech. I think we speak three times
in the subject of Cotton & Chemistry. Showing the way of
either as an experience, as a substitute for leather, as a
celluloid & many other uses. It is very interesting and
we live with my work. Sam has not decided yet
what he will speak on.

The game made me very sore and stiff
and it is getting late in the evening.
Give my love to all.
Your affectionate son
William

Postmarked Nov 7, 1916
 The Davidson Chapter
 The Phi Alpha of
 Beta Theta Pi,
 Davidson, N.C.
 To: Gen S.R. Keesler
 Greenwood Miss

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Tomorrow night we are not expecting to go to bed until all the returns are in. We have made an arrangement to have a wire put in the chapel and get the returns there. If Wilson is elected there we will have a holiday tomorrow or rather the day after. The whole school is talking nothing else. All the professors mention it two or three times in class. Dr. J.M. McConnell can be led from the lesson by the mere mention of Wilson. Sunday night over at the Arbuckle's we had quite a political bee. Discussing the way the different states are going. Dr. Arbuckle is an interesting talker and we had an enjoyable evening.

Tonight it was unofficially announced that we had won the Inter-fraternity Scholarship Cup for another year. We had had an idea that we had won it but tonight we heard for sure. It sure did hurt the A.K.O.'s for they were so sure they had won it. One of them was particularly hurt and said so very slighting things and some of our fellows were kinda sore about it. Don't think anything will come of it. One thing it does show that men who make an average of 85 to 90 will pass the men who have a few honor men and then a few who make nothing. They had five honor roll men and did not have one. We had some men who average around 92 & 93 tho. We are happy and doing our best to keep up the good work. Our average was 83+ pretty good for the average of seventeen men.

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Your affectionate son

William

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Sunday.

Dear Father,

Every body is taking home and Xmas now. Several of the boys have already left. Sam starts tomorrow. The rest of us Thursdays. Our exams have been fairly easy so far. With me my hardest came on the first day. It was my German. I believe I passed it. My average on my reviews is 79 and my dailies are fair. I think I'll get thru easily enough.

Sat. Went to Charlotte to do a little shopping. I got an over coat. A grey one and it is right nice looking. Paid \$25 for it. It should last quite a while. I got a loose fitting one and not one of these form fitters. Also got a present for Elizabeth. I did not see any of the folks as I had only a few hours and was on the go the whole time.

We got your telegram Sat and have acted upon it. The latter part of it is very appealing to me. I'd been wanting to go this whole fall but never could find any dogs. Buck Letzer goes nearly every day and has real good luck.

The last two or three days have been with
 me. The other morning we got up to find that it
 had rained during the night and that frozen laundry
 the ground a about 4 in and as thick as glass.
 Boop running out of the building going to chapel
 got some hand tools. One fellow hurting himself
 any badly.
 I saw Dr. Ambrose about my pay. At which
 about fifty dollars for both times. Not as much as I
 expected but it will help.
~~There is absolutely nothing doing here. Only~~
 work for exams. I'll drop you a card later on
 in the week.
 Love to all your loving son
 William

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The Phi Alpha of
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To: Gen S.R. Keesler
Greenwood Miss

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The last two or three days have been bitter cold ones. The other morning we got up to find that it had rained during the night and then frozen leaving the ground a sheet of ice and as slick as glass. Boys running out of the building going to chapel got some hard falls, one fellow hurting himself very badly.

I saw Dr Arbuckle about my pay. It will be about fifty dollars for both terms. Not as much as I expected but it will help.

There is absolutely nothing doing here. Only work for exams. I'll drop you a card later on the week.

Love to all
Your loving son
William

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7th & 8th ate supper together last night -
at Jefferson Hotel. very good supper.

I understand we can buy some
articles from P. M. in Charleston. The officers
in this Co. made out a list I and were
going to send a man down to purchase
them. - but Capt. Clark, P. M. is "big" - won't
let him go. However we hope to get
it yet. I am going to buy a cat, mutton, mutton
bones, standards. shoes, shirts, etc. - 47th with -
also am going to get some articles for
use. if we can ever get a man down
there.
I think we'll get "Customs" on
memorandum Receipts - also many

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Dear Father,

Camp Jackson, S.C.,
Sunday night.

You'll see the account I gave
you in the letter - and are that instead
of being shipped - The officer was tired - &&
we really should have beaten them.
But took after a game doesn't alter
the score. I hope to play in the game
Wednesday with the 100 Camp team - at
least some of it. I haven't practiced
with them in about a week. Believe me
there are some good men out for the
team to. A lot of 200 lb. men - That's
is out. The paper has a list of them.

get glasses from 9 mks 33⁵⁰ nothing definite
 there's a rumor that this was in a report
 Division - but I don't believe it.
 We start in the morning on our so
 somewhere. We hope to progress much
 faster than with our Spanish friends. They
 don't seem to have given the men more
 than now much instruction at all.
 Most of them were in the Puffin Co.
 at means from the ground up again.
 at want but as the.
 we have nearly frozen all day long.
 the quick changes in the weather but we had.
 we are having steam heat put in -
 also hot water in bathroom since the
 nearly some of these days.
 "Daisy" McKim tells me he's going to the
 Officer's dining table which will be here. He
 ought to have gone all right. He's been 15th Regt.
 at the 2nd 10th Regt. and since it has been
 here. Hope you are all well. your friends are,
 with love, your friends are,
 Daisy.

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them. I am going to stay left half today on the Regimental team as 318 machine gun. I think they've lost us - because we lost team work.

We are studying every night from 7 to 9 - about the new trench warfare. Confidential Route. The following morning from 11 to 12 we wrote to our Co. Commander. It is quite Confidential. The orders for me at least - cover nearly a hour. Every one must know exactly what he is to do.

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Almost another.

Saturday Morning

your letter, Father's too, and the postage received. I was mighty glad to get them. The post free which Father sent happened to be a lowest class, however we can use it for the Co. I am sorry if you didn't find the post office. I thought I put the pass in the postbag ^{there} and the post office ^{office} - which had no ~~office~~ on them - were among my belongings. I thought my lie I left them at Shantock. I was going to have used ~~office~~ but my

We have 50 men in. For Atlanta
 Camp. Fine looking young men.
 Much better than the 4th men.
 The whole Division was over the
 day before yesterday for a riding from Day. Some
 speeches were made. etc. That's about
 whether it has any fruit or not.
 I am going to put 1000 in bank.
 Service. men seems in thinking
 from current for the Day in last
 report.
 Has mistaken to-day - and did
 not come up to our service. Cleanliness.
 on 8 day probably. but we did not
 to happen again. Which there was
 duty - men trouble. As the men
 not so duty after all.
 must go to dinner -
 Love to you all.
 Yours J.

Saturday Morning

Your letter, father's two, and the package received. I was mighty glad to get them. The foot ball which father sent happened to be a basket ball, however we can use it for the Co. I am sorry you didn't find the pads & shoes. I thought I put the pads in the packing trunk and the foot ball shoes - which had no spikes on them - were among my belongings. I thought. May be I left them at Montreat. I was going to have new spikes put on them.

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The whole Division was assembled day before yesterday for a Liberty Loan Rally. Several speeches were made, etc. I don't know whether it bore any fruit or not.

I am going to put \$700⁰⁰ in bonds.

Our Co. was second in Liberty Loan contest for this Reg. in last report.

Had inspection to-day – and did not come up to our usual cleanliness. An off-day probably – but we don't want it to happen again. Kitchen floors were dirty – main trouble. And then they were not so dirty after all.

Must go to dinner –

Love to you all,

Your devoted son,
Sam Jr.

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Battery 2' 316th F.A.
 Sunday

Dear Mamma,

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You note came this morning. Don't you worry over me. I'm in the best of health now. My little sickness was only a sore throat which the Dr. make me go to the Hospital. I wasn't sick. They sent me there as I could get it over quicker and they could make me go. I believe They thought I had measles but I didn't. Anyway I'm well now.

Saw wrote me on the same day he wrote you. you will find his letter enclosed. He will have a busy time of it. I know it must be very interesting. He wrote his chance in his company to send in his Insurance Plans. Guess he is getting nervous. I wish he were back here as it is lonesome here without him. All my friends in the Battery dance and as I don't

I should my sweet each by my
 self makes I go in with it. I don't
 but wife is my best friend out there.
 More my room mate is a fine
 fellow too but he generally goes to
 see his girl on week ends.
 Our conversation for the man
 might as well be raised before long.
 There are all sort of word numbers
 flying round about German speer
 of Germany. I can't report some of them.
 Anyway the cold weather is helping.
 The machine is also bad. We
 are not told about the number of
 deaths but there are some. In
 fact, they keep saying things very
 great.

I saw William Thompson & Henry
 today this week-end. From what
 that I saw there William is to
 be married this month about
 Xmas. He was many flight
 Alexander M. Barker the man who
 came from Lexington with us
 to B-27 is to be married soon.

in the least exposed toge.

I'm having my teeth overhauled now. The dentist is a good one & will soon have the O.K. I'm hoping that he don't rob me for the job.

These merchants in Columbia are the most cutthroat I ever saw. They refuse credit, checks & think only of themselves. Why every time I ask one to take a check they hold a conference as much as to say. I wonder if its good. It makes me sore, when I think of what we are doing for them & the way they treat us.

Must stop. Am enclosing Sam's letter. Love to all.

Your loving son
William.

Back with and bring some
 news of some today morning. I
 don't know how they feel but I
 would want until after 1 o'clock.
 How does Sam feel now? He
 would merit tell me much.
 In going down to the ship
 office tomorrow to see about the
 insurance. I hope it is in
 the hands are running next week
 over some freight stuff. I want
 to show them some real measures.
 I guess I must give up all
 hope of coming home know. In
 effect in change of battery for that
 week. We put in for a mine day
 part some time in 7 showing the
 in certainly coming home if I can.
 We are having some very
 cold weather now. You with
 steam heat in rooms are
 chilly. Just might the wind just
 read around you could hear
 the sound but the sides of the
 panes. All the water that was

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Our quarantine for the meningitis will be raised before long. There all sorts of wild rumors flying around about German spies and guns. I can't repeat some of them. Any way the cold weather is helping. The measles is still bad. We are not told about the number of deaths but I know there are some. In fact they keep everything very quiet.

I saw Wardlaw Thomson & Denny Roddey this week-end. From all that I can hear Wardlaw is to be married this month about Xmas. He will marry Elizabeth Alexander. Ed Causler the man who came from Ogleshorpe with us to B Mt is to be married soon too.

Each week end brings some news of some body's marriage. I don't know how they feel but I would wait until after I come back. How does Sam feel I wonder. He would never tell me much.

I'm going down to the Express office tomorrow to see about the molasses. I hope it is there. The boys are raving right now over some bought stuff. I want to show them some real molasses.

I guess I must give up all hope of coming home Xmas. I'm officer in charge of battery for that week. I'll put in for a nine day pass some time in February tho. I'm certainly coming home if I can.

We are having some very cold weather now. Even with steam heat our rooms are chilly. Last night the wind just roared around. You could hear the sand hit the sides of the barracks. All the water that was in the least exposed froze.

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that is my good running
 for trucks over roads which
 were cut up as had as those
 we spent Sunday night &
 Monday morning in Camp
 Newcomb and left there loaded
 down at about 12:30. We
 made camp for the night
 in between 27 miles out and
 leave the rest of the way the
 next day. The last 30 miles
 we averaged 11 miles an
 hour which is some run-
 ning with heavily loaded

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Dear Father,

316th T.A.,
 Wednesday

Sat. I received orders
 to be prepared to take my
 two trucks and fourteen men
 over to Aguata to bring back
 some supplies. So Sunday
 morning bright and early
 we started. I was attached
 to the 306th Am. Train
 which had 8 trucks and was
 under Major's Eye. We made
 a fast trip down, making
 the 92 miles in one day

trucks. We are back yesterday after
 seeing the truckmen real road
 condition
 The road was simply cut to
 pieces. The 108th Cavalry had gone
 over the road a day ahead of us
 and they had a 150 trucks with them
 so there wasn't much left of the
 road. But we came thru. We had
 two markers of trucks. Mark Canada
 + F.M.D. (from where they were near
 much interested to see how the
 two would compare but there was
 no way to compare the two. We
 have a three ton + the other a two.
 But the F.M.D. was away with
 the load going on but the trucks
 got even coming back. We had
 all sort of experience, going +
 coming. We truck alone without
 the dirt air lines. That are so-
 copied I don't believe the load

to, merely all the dinner
hands and history from the
wheels. I watched my back
trying to keep the car out of
the dirt when she took an
idea to go. It takes two men
on the front seat all the
time to keep the wheels
straight. One to help the
driver. I've learned a
great deal that will help.
Besides getting in the ditch
we had very little trouble.
The other being conductor

being a poor wheel steer was
the easiest to handle but
the easier to get in the dirt.
The J. W. D. used to say
the best to move coming back. The
whole trip proved my report
what we shall have to do.
What the men will have to
do, what is wrong & how
remedied yet. My men were
very much interested and
had many questions to ask
and my questions to make.
It was a most pleasant hour.

route. The town / taken just opened
 it self up and spread it self out
 for us. We were fed, drink around,
 shaved & etc. And asked to come
 back. Before we had been in town
 ten minutes, notice came that the
 Red Cross would come to see us
 at supper. They did and also engaged
 and post-card. Then the people
 took no notice. When in called the
 Newport of the South well we were
 shown at the beautiful homes &
 etc. Then they had a dance for us
 that night. I and the other officers
 were invited tea & a Mr. How when
 we were made perfect at home.
 I never was made to feel so
 much at home before. The could
 do enough for us. Our men made
 a great hit by their neat & clean
 appearance and by the way they
 did things. No more confusion

set so far behind best some
 times it is not my fault.
 The further word from Sam,
 got a letter from Elsie Rhoads
 today saying she and Gust
 Maude were coming over pretty
 soon. She also asked about
 you and mother. What do
 you think, about your mother,
 and Charlotte come by here
 right after school. Jim and
 me went he learning for
 quite a while yet. In fact I
 hear we are to increase.

just a few others since it
 Camp was pitched & supper
 started. It was almost as
 good as a circus for the boys
 people. We were camped
 right in the middle of town.
 Jim on guard duty now,
 I was up pretty to rest at
 least one night before I did
 any work but it couldn't be
 done. Jim Officer of the Guard,
 and he got my old Battery
 on Guard with me. Glad yet
 too. Mother's letter came to day
 I enjoyed it. Sorry my letter

hear to act as the summer for
 the big Antley school to be here. I
 hoped we all get some of it but
 do not stay long. Our idea are
 to be equipped for several service
 as soon as possible. But that
 may not mean a thing yet also
 it may mean a great deal. I
 am what to see you all again
 but am afraid to ask for that
 much leave. If I can come to
 Montreal that will be O.K. in going
 to try, I'm not sure in thanks for
 the Smilge Books. There are some
 in hand.

With the best of love for all
 your affectionate son
 William Leelan

To: Mr. C. P. Keogh
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Dear Father

I'm back at work after my spell of sore throat. I sure am glad to be out. I was really sick, having only a sore throat which the regimental surgeon thought I could take better care at the Base Hospital than I could in my room. He was right too. I am all O.K. now.

We are having a bad scare that spinal meningitis will get started. We are having a few cases now and the Drs are putting every thing under quarantine. Our battery was put under the ban for a while but we had no more cases and the one we had had never been in the battery so it has been raised.

I suppose Sam has settled down to his new work. I sure do hate being separated from him but I knew it was coming

He told me before he left how
 his Colonel had spoken of him.
 That was different that you think
 he lost his chance when he got
 the promotion. His age wouldn't have
 so much to do with it. I may
 stand at Fort Sill myself before
 long. Our battery officers are gradually
 being sent there. Our Capt. moved
 last week. I expect he will be made
 a major before he returns. I hate
 to leave him but he will make a
 good major. My 1st Lt. told me
 before the Capt. left that I had been
 recommended highly so I have
 a little something to put in my
 hat. I'm working very hard now.
 It seems like the more you learn
 the more you know. Why else
 that after studying for two months
 that I don't know as much as I
 did at first.
 I spent a rather long
 Thanksgiving but am going to
 make up there week end by

going up to see Aunt Jamie & the rest in Charlotte I may get to run over to D.C. Can't tell yet tho. I wish I could have seen Ed. He was down for the holiday. I will not be able to get away leave Xmas as soon O.D. of Battery for the whole week. I don't think I can get leave long enough just now to come home. I am going to try in the Spring tho.

This week we get our horses or at least part of them. The men will get some real work now. They will all be longing to be "Dough Boys" the first week. The horses are here but no saddles. I guess it will be bare back riding for us all. That will sure give them some fine practice tho.

Father be sure to let me know when you are coming as I may be able to get an afternoon off and show you around. There is no chance of bringing mother along too is there. It would be great

To all you lot.
 Tomorrow we'll be given the
 killing and about 1000. The last
 there was a lot when that order
 went thm. I said I thought that it
 was a good thing and this day
 we. Just the next one morning. Saying
 Regulation say nothing about. About
 time of the Co. Commanders say yes
 then what the use of saying no. It
 name about because the one who
 was on sleeping thru.
 I put it up now.
 free to me.
 your affectionate son
 William

To Gen S.W. Yang
from William Lee
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In the parade I had charge of the Motor section of our regiment. We had eight Quad trucks and two F.W.Ds. The Quads pulled the guns around. All went well until just after we passed the receiving officers where I was given an order to "column left." I did so then received another to keep straight ahead. Well I was caught between two ditches then and before I could get out a gun got stuck in the deep sand. That Quad did deadwork but just couldn't go much more than dig it self in. The driver was green too and I

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316 Th. F. A.
Friday

Dear Father,

Enclosed you will find two letters from Sam which I received yesterday and today. Hope you will enjoy them as much as I and the officers who knew parts of them to. We just written Sam some twelve pages, giving all the news I knew.

This week has been a hard one. We have had a big receive, several hard rains, hot weather and hard work. We got a taste of what this camp will be like in July this week. Oh but it was hot.

had to drive it out. I'm hoping the Colonel wasn't "white hot." It wasn't our fault at all. To-day we got stuck again. This time in a ditch. Well if it hadn't been for the bodies we would have buried our selves. This time it was the F.R.Ds. They ain't as good as the Quads, just can't pull as much.

Tomorrow we are to be inspected by an inspector from Washington. We are hoping to make a good showing. For if we do then we get to go to France that much sooner. Our men are in good shape and we have been doing some good work lately. I hope we make a favorable impression on the Inspector.

The second draft men started coming in to-day. We got about 3,000 I think all together. I tried to see if I knew any of them but there were too many. They will be sent to the Depot Brigade for training. I don't know whether we get any or not.

Last week-end I spent with Aunt

this summer. No one else can
 20-day is thirty day. We
 had a half holiday. The colonel
 made a speech to the regiment.
 And we tried to see Bonds. I
 don't know how well he succeeded
 as the men haven't very much
 money. I took out a \$100⁰⁰ more.
 Wee having there sent to you.
 Also the other \$200⁰⁰. The \$400⁰⁰
 come due in July. I may draw
 on them for my equipment
 when I go over. This is all
 A.T. with you isn't it. Will
 send you the two duplicates
 applications + insurance applications
 soon.

Maggie in Camden. Had a fine
 time too. Went over Saturday
 afternoon. She sends you all her
 love and says you should come
 by Camden or the way to the
 mountains. Why don't you and mother
 Miss Charlotte and make me a
 visit and then too. Bring all the
 sisters if you can. You can
 make either Charlotte + Landau
 head quarters and come to see
 me very easily. Please do it.
 Aunt Jane wants Charlotte to
 come to see her this summer.
 And Aunt + Aunt Maggie want her
 to come to Camden. I've invited
 Alice to spend awhile + Morvant

We tried to find St Scott three times since you wrote. I spent all one morning riding over camp trying to locate him. Couldn't do it. But am going to try again soon. Do you remember his address. The officers of his old regiment said he was in the Depot Brigade but I couldn't find him.

Must close. Love to all. Hoping you are well again.
 Your affectionate son
 William K

To: Mrs S. R. Keesler
From: Sam Keesler
January 15, 1917

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just as stopping as it
can be. I just think
it must be raining
down here. It will miss
a good opportunity if it
doesn't.

I was over at Mrs.
Martin's to night, seeing
if the vice league could
give us an entertainment
- I mean a Banquet. By

Davidson College,
1/15/17

Dear mother,

We are indeed
having miserable weather
now. It started sleeting
this morning and at
present everything is in-
cased in a coating of ice.
All of the trees just shiver
and I guess would stop
if there was much weight
on them. The ground is

me & mean the distinct Re-
 union of our fraternity. you know
 it is divided into Districts as
 a certain number of colleges
 will be in a specific District.
 we are in no VII. it is our
 time to have the Revision here
 so that so early the District
 we want to have it for.
 27/4.
 Charles' picture came
 to-day. I was glad to get
 them. The letter also came.
 I have the other jobs in
 mind now. I wish you ~~to~~
 father would let me know what
 you think of trying to getting

I could get about \$50
 and expenses at McCallie
 cost about \$10.00 in Char-
 lotte. Joe is trying to
 get me in at McCallie.
 You know he went there
 which means that I
 stand a good chance.
 I am going to visit
 Capt Brown at N. O. also
 some how I feel kind of

one of them or at least
 entering into negotiations
 One is a the McCallie
 Ref school in Chattanooga
 - about the best in the
 South and the other is
 in the Charlotte High School
 now I have gotten most
 of this Charlotte thru some
 inside information - so
 don't mention it. I think

young to start out to look
 my st. but I guess the
 gets enough. I am about 105
 enough to start - look like
 we are taking at the Conf.
 Well now, you know. The Un-
 come close got married as
 the gave up the boys. We
 are getting ahead - good - just
 about the same - but not
 quite so home like. We
 go over to see Mrs. Carson
 of the
 my next door of the Tiffins
 come next Saturday
 as we go get punches then "Bree"
 where the needle into your arm

father, too. Please every-
thing up to Monday morn-
ing.

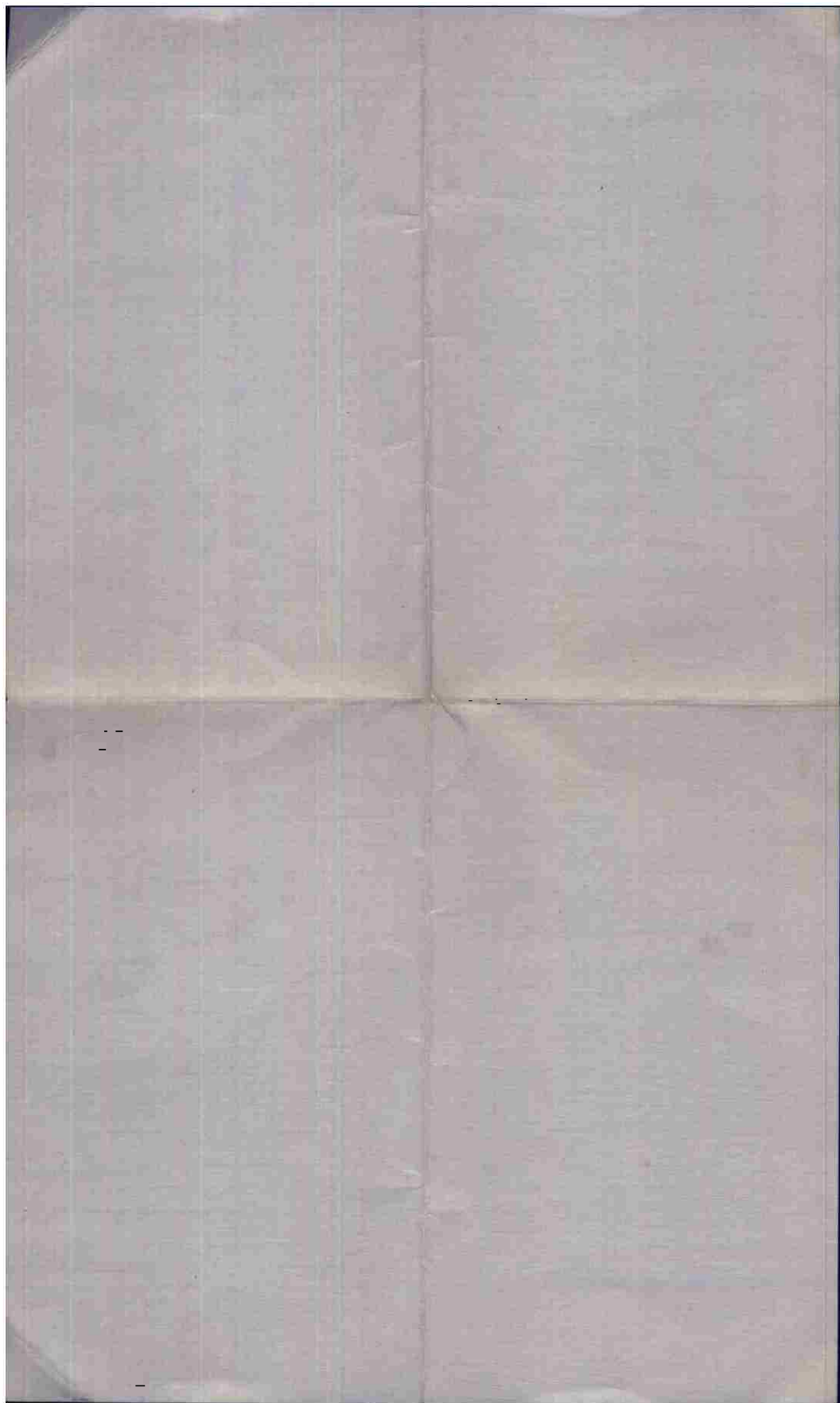
You should write
her soon with love for
you are - your loving son,

Steve

do "odd bloodily" - but
it hasn't hurt, that is
during the process. He
said he has "stuck"
just numbers & orders
down on the border. They
haven't had a case & I think
I understand.

Most of us have colds
but nothing serious.
Be sure to send
us an excuse - you or

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Postmarked Jan 16, 1917
Davidson N.C.
To:
Mrs S.R. Keesler,
Greenwood Miss

Davidson College
1/15/17

Dear Mother,

We are indeed having miserable weather now. It started sleeting this morning and at present everything is incased in a coating of ice. All of the trees just shine and I guess would pop if there was much weight on them. The grown (sic) is just as slippery as it can be. I just know it must be raining down home. It will miss a good opportunity if it doesn't.

I was over at Mrs. Martin's to-night seeing if the Civic League could give us an entertainment - I mean a banquet. By us I mean the District Re-Union of our Fraternity. You know it is divided into Districts and a certain number of colleges will be in a specified District. We are in no VII. It is our time to have the Reunion here so that is why the Banquet. We want to have it Jan. 27th.

Charlotte's pictures came to-day. I was glad to get them. Her letter also came.

I have two other jobs in mind now. I wish you + father would let me know what you think of trying to getting one of them or at least entering into negotiations. One is a (sic) The McCollie Prep school in Chattanooga - about the best in the south and the other is in the Charlotte High School. Now I have gotten track of this Charlotte thru some inside information - so don't mention it. I think I could get about \$85 and expenses at McCallie and about \$110.00 in Charlotte. Soc is trying to get me in at McCallie - you know he went there - which means that I stand a good show. I am going to write Capt. Perrin at N.O. also. Somehow I feel kind of young to start out to teaching etc, but I guess I'm old enough. 21 is about old enough to start - looks like.

We are eating at Mrs. Campbell's now, you know. Mrs. Vinson's cook got married and she gave up the boys. We are getting splendid food - just about the same- but not quite so home like. We go over to see Mrs. Vinson often.

My next dose of the Typhoid serum comes next Saturday. I'll go get punched then. "Brass" sticks the needle into your arm so "cold bloodedly" - but it doesn't hurt, that is during the process. He said he had "stuck" just numbers of soldiers down on the border. They haven't had a case of typhoid I understand.

Most of us have colds but nothing serious.

Be sure to send us an excuse - you or father, one. Excuse everything up to Monday morning.

Tell Auntie I'll write her soon. With love for you all –
Your loving son,
Sam

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trip to D.C. At Columbia we had a nice twenty minute talk with Sammie Watters and some of her friends. There in Birmingham we enjoyed the evening with Mel her friend very much.

But the best time was in Atlanta.

We got in at 6:30 & went to the Quad. About 10:30 we met Dr. Shepherdson & Mr. Harrell & went out to look. From there on until Sat. night we were so busy that Sam & I did not do anything but go from one meeting to another. We had lectures, excommunication, visitation & harassment. After

D.C. Monday

Dear Father

School is back in

the old running mode and everything seems like there never was any Xmas holidays. We have almost stopped talking about what they did then. I don't believe we forgot the engagements we had at home this year. It seemed the most enjoyable of all the Xmas holidays. Thanks you, mother, Auntie and all the rest for making it possible for me. We had a very enjoyable

The first day we went out to a Mrs. Davis for
 the rest of the time. She treated us great &
 we had a lovely time. Sat. night we
 had the barquet. There were sixty nine
 or seventy present and all filled with
 good spirit, good fellowship & the like. We
 ate, sang, yelled & had lots. "Doc" made
 a fine talk when a man from D.C.
 was called on. So did the boy from
 "Camp." The D.C. crowd had to leave
 before the show was over and did
 not get there to any good by.
 We got to Charlotte Sunday noon
 and went around & found James & family
 took us to D.C. in the car. We would
 have waited until later if it had
 not have been for our own bidding
 of new men on Monday. We
 got to D.C. about 4:30 Sunday and we
 were there out.
 Monday morning we hid our
 new men for the fraternity. We
 hid nine men but lost one of our

school has begun to talk about
going to Washington on the 4th
of March. Since a whole lot of
them will go.

Father stopping in Atlanta has
helped me. He paid up every
thing like board, etc but he
got to get some new books to pay
25¢ for some dues. I hate to ask
for money now but I need it.
Must I draw or wait for check.

Mrs. Lincoln has not spread
up and can not say more.
We sure do hate that because
it was so much like home
then. Sweet I am at Mrs.

would give any fraternity.
We are very well satisfied on
the whole.

Dr. Shephard was down
and we enjoyed his visit very
much. He certainly is a big
man. He gave us a talk Monday
night which lasted nearly an
hour & a half and at the end he
talked for three & half hours to the
deck boys. We were not tired
either.

Well all that over now.
Nothing to do but work a little
forward to Dr. Shephard & the
Washington trip. The whole

Charles but even if the food is
 better + I don't it nothing can take Mrs.
 Union place.
 We had a very interesting game of back
 ball last Saturday night. Dr. Kent Charles
 y. m. e. a. 60 to 22 I think. It was the first
 game and showed that we have a very
 strong team this year.
 Yellow foot ball has been going on
 but it has been so cold that it is
 almost impossible to practice.
 I must stop now to go to bed.
 Love to all.
 your loving son
 William

Postmarked Jan 15, 1917

Davidson N.C.

To:

Gen S. R. Keesler

Greenwood Miss

D.C. Monday

Dear Father,

School is back in the old running now and everything seems like there never was any Xmas holidays. The boys have almost stopped talking about what they did there. I don't believe I'll forget the enjoyable times I had at home this year. It seemed the most enjoyable of all the Xmas holidays. I thank you, mother, auntie and all the rest for making it possible for us.

We had a very trip to D.C. At Columbus we had a nice twenty minute talk with Fannie Walton and some of her friends. Then in Birmingham we enjoyed the evening with Nell her friend very much. But the best time was in Atlanta. We got in at 6:30 & went to the Ausly (sic). About 10:30 we met Dr Shepherdson & Mrs. Graves & went out to Tech. From there on until Sat. night we were so busy that Sam and I did not do anything but go from one meeting to another. We had lectures, examinations, initiations & banquets. After the first day we went out to a Mrs Lewis for the rest of the time. She treated us great & we had a lovely time. Sat. night we had the banquet. There were sixty nine or seventy present and all filled with good spirits, good fellowship & the like. We ate, sang, yelled & had toasts. "Sod" made a fine talk when a man from D.C. was called on. So did the boy from "Vandy." The D.C crowd had to leave before the show was over and did not get time to say Good By.

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Well all that over now. Nothing to do but work & look forward to Jr speaking & the Washington trip. The whole school has begun to talk about going to Washington on the 4th of March. Guess a whole lot of them will go.

Father stopping in Atlanta has broke me. I've paid up every thing like board, & etc but I've got to get some new books & pay 2.50 for some dues. I hate to ask for money now but I need it. Must I drown or wait for check.

Mrs. Vinson has not opened up and can not any more. We sure do hate that because it was so much like home there. Sam & I are at Mrs. Chauhles but even if the food is better & I doubt it nothing can take Mrs. Vinson place.

We had a very interesting game of basket ball here Saturday night. D.C. beat Charlotte Y.M.C.A. 60 to 22 I think. It was the first game and showed that we have a very strong team this year.

Class foot-ball has been going on but it has been so cold that it is almost impossible to practice.

Must stop now & go to lab. Love to all.

Your loving son
William

To: Gen S. R. Keesler
From: William Keesler (no reference to Sam)
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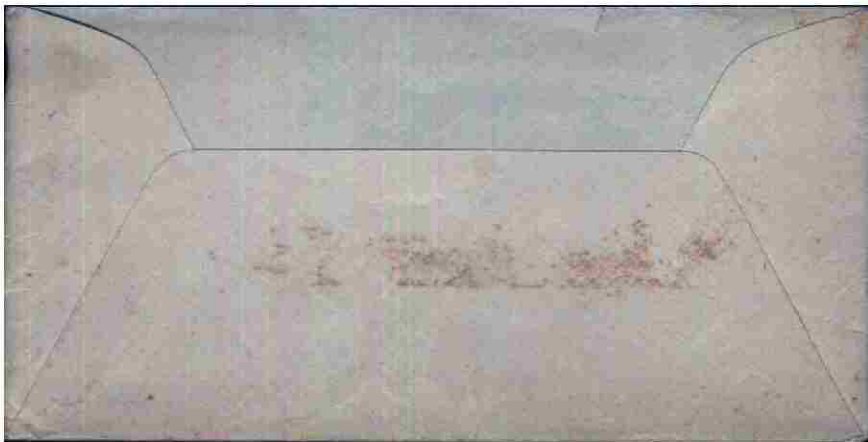
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moon is out and it is clearing. It has been so cold that it has almost put an end to elao work as the rooms are so cold and lab. work is almost impossible.

Our work is about the same. We are having our reserves more. Had one in less last week. Start one in Economics Wed.

We are all very much stirred up over the entire position our country is in

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Dear Father

W.E. Sunday

We are in the middle of a big snow now. The thermometer has stayed around the freezing point for four days going as far as 44° 5 at times. Don't a big storm is raging and it is so cold out side that even to walk across from one dormitory to another is a job. It has snowed to night for about half an hour but now the

May me in hoping & praying that
 war will be prevented but no one
 can see how. Dr McAnnell the
 history professor says he can't
 see how war can be prevented after
 Wilson sent his ultimatum and
 Germany answered with her note.
 That is the subject of every con-
 fusion among us here now.
 That might Charbon's lecture
 my destructive fire. That end of
 the hole on which stands Fort Brown
 the "O'Brien Building" is burned. The
 lost was estimated to be around
 \$100,000. The fire was discovered
 by "Lucky 32" about nine o'clock and
 with the strong wind blowing must
 have been kindled aboy. Several of
 the boys went down from here in
 cars to see it. We hardly know
 what has happened today because

Saw & I are planning, that if he gets about ten boys for camp for me to be his assistant. But if I can get this other I would rather have it.

That night "Doc" Chauteau, "Doc" Richardson, Sam & I got discussing our relief & schedule of things pertaining to this life & the other. All of us got into water where we could not answer our own arguments. It was the clearest conversation I ever had. See each was all in

I not having papers.

Saw id going to Charlotte tomorrow & see about a position in the C.H.S. Think they have made him an offer. He and I have had several talks over this coming summer and next winter. I am going to try to land a job in some lab. in Q. case. Please get in touch with several thru Dr. Libbelle. I have spoken to him about it and am going to see him in a short while again.

Thinking out such questions and
 he had certainly some very good
 ideas based on the psychological
 side of life. I don't remember all
 we brought up but all I do agree
 in away to make a stand to
 keep the crowd of boys we go with
 away from boys "etc. During the
 week two of our freshmen had gone
 to Charlotte and had a party. Well
 this afternoon a committee formed
 of the officers of our ~~club~~ chapter
 told them they had to give such things
 up. They said they were and they
 said we were here no more
 trouble. The whole business in -
 tending did me all good.
 Love & all your affection - at 202
 William

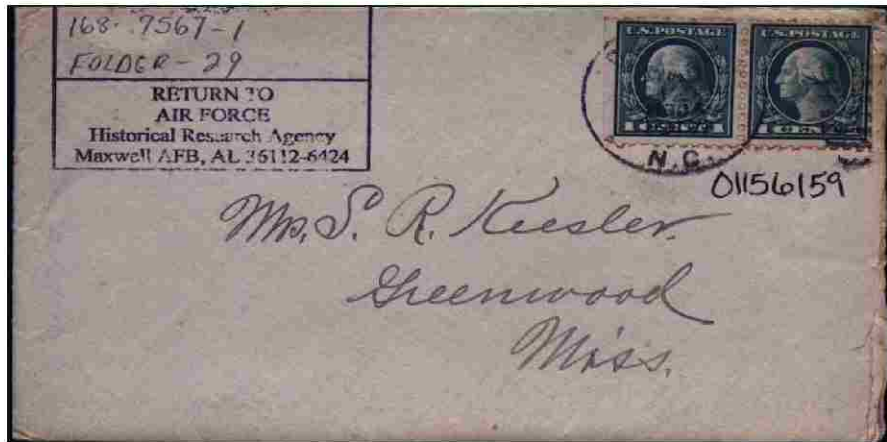
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Come early and before school
 sets out so you can really
 enjoy Davidson. Then too she
 and Miss Maud are going
 to go to Montreat real early
 and she fears she won't be
 here if you come. She says
 for you to come see May
 and spend a while with
 her then come back to see us
 get out Algebra. I wish you
 could do that. We could
 have so much fun there.
 And you certainly would

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W. Sunday

Dear Mamma,

Spring has come
 it seems like. For the last three
 days the weather has been like
 May instead of March. Today has
 been perfect and has made
 me want to be at home. I sit
 more home sick at times
 when every thing is pretty than
 at other.
 To night at Mrs. Wilson she
 was talking of you coming to
 see her. She wants you to

enjoy it more than working. Please
 avoid at Convenience.
 do it or at least plan it.
 This last week I've been working
 hard & eat up and have done
 so. It seems like every week has
 from one to two weeks in it now.
 Friday I had one of the hardest ones
 over at. It was on two hundred
 pages of Stenographer. I never
 expect to stand a harder one.
 I don't know how I came out
 yet either.
 All of us are beginning to eat
 the spring depression now on
 it is going to be harder to work.
 at has been that way every year.
 The spring just makes one want
 to play.
 Mother & never enjoyed anything
 more than my trip to Washington
 last week. After I nearly froze &
 enjoyed every minute of it and

pure, righteous and high
minded besides a love of
romance and love. I'd like
to hear him every Sunday.

Base-ball practice has
begun in earnest now. The
pretty weather has given the
team a good start. We
should have a good a
team as last year. There
is certainly no college which
can boast of as many good
pitchers as we have and also
as are experienced infield.
I hope Sam can make

an all enjoying it by
talking about it and thinking
about it. I sure do thank you
for it.

Today a Dr Maet preacher
to us one of the best sermons
I nearly ever heard. He had
absolute control of his audience
which is hard to get with so
many boys. His English was
just beautiful. It made
one see just how beautiful
this language can be used.
He showed how and why
a young man should be

good at catching. He will have a
 hand pit filling fast your catfish
 place the
 right before last the S.A. 2
 had a lawsuit. Maynard was
 at the head of it and made it
 a beautiful as well as a success-
 ful affair. The tale was beautiful
 Maynard had worked himself
 out almost over it.
 you remember no telling you
 of "See and Mr. Maynard's fish.
 they have made up now and
 he is a regular catcher again
 in so glad for it made it
 pretty subversive for us.
 for to all and a lot of your
 self. your loving son
 William

T.O. 0105.5.R. KREMER
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turns much easier.

We are preparing on having
a reunion of the District in
which our chapter of ABFT is in.
on Saturday. There will probably
be several men here from N.B.

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The student body had its
picture taken on Thursday -
the picture is very good. I
got the men to take some
pictures of our face. I'll
send you a set soon.

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Dear mother,

Charlotte letter
came yesterday, in plus she
likes the movie. I'll write
her soon. Also see what father
to. tomorrow.

We have passed thru another
unsuccessful meet - with the
exception of a great deal of
noise. Consequently it has

Davidson College
March 19, 1917.

Not a card from Auntie asking
 Alice to. I Commemorate: well
 let her know soon. Mr. Union is
 planning on going to Westport on
 the 30th May. I can get a place
 for you to stay overnight. If you
 have made any plans, please
 let me know then. I do hope
 Charles can come, but guess
 the cost.
 There was a dysentery attraction
 here last night - fine folks - marvelous.
 Fair. I got in free. He should not
 cost. All "I" men get in free.
 We - a rather poor - has the clearest
 up our nose therapy. Also we have
 a double decker now. I sleep on

Wrote you will see me
Mrs. Humphrey.

I presume you are not
eating potatoes nor onions
very much now. Most
of the boarding houses are
leaving the business off with
Mrs. Campbell continues to
serve them. We are getting
more eggs lately.

the bottom. I was on top.
The matters on my desk
was caught by Sherman
more last year - especially
for himself - since he left
office - I have it and
it makes a wonderful ap-
proach.

Might just to hear that
the outgoing camp patient is
getting along nicely and there
are no more.

The new GMA. took about
 two days to write. I see a
 few more very near a figure has
 this year in the work. haven't done
 much.
 I got another visit a Dec. Sat.
 night. I was only 5 min. to
 graduate. I'll get them in next night.
 Must quit. They were - out
 quit working so hard. down to you
 and see - your doctor's name.
 Yours

To: W. B. M. Keeslar
From: S. A. Keeslar
April 6, 1917

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any you care for you
 learn see the Article over here. I see
 mine surely need it other kind too - who
 Artillery Officers and to the States on account
 are being sent back sometimes or something
 of inefficiency, or drawing you back at all.
 They don't mind sending The New York Herald,
 We get Editions to every day or keep
 The Chicago Tribune. Especially with
 up with things fairly
 war news.

The mud has been troublesome
 for the last day or so - for it has been
 raining most every day. The sun is shin-
 ing now - and France is a very nice place
 when the sun is shining.

The customs of the people - as you
 have heard Dunlap say - are right amu-
 sing. I guess they think we are amusing
 also this.

Drop me a line every now & then.
 Best regards to everybody I know -

Yours in - Kai -

H. E. F. France

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don't delay in that line at all. Got my flying pay and foreign service pay all right. You draw the latter from the date you leave U.S. I have \$50.00 left of what I brought with me besides my pay for March - as our money fixed for funds.

The prices of boots & uniforms here are about the same as in the States. You can get a beautiful uniform for 250 fr. or 50.00. We are wearing the new caps. It is shaped something like the French soldier's cap - Kadki crown - The insignia - (that is 1st - 2nd - Lt. or Capt. bar) is worn in front. The color of your branch of the service is worn around the ^{the edge} top of the top of the cap. Some claim to them I'll say.

I think we'll go from here to an aviation school which is being opened up. A bunch of "Observers" left yesterday from here headed in that direction, so I think we'll follow soon. I hope so.

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France

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Dear W^m:

To-day is Saturday so we have half holiday, consequently since I have nothing else to do I am writing you. That real kind of me, isn't it? I am kind everywhere and then.

I am located at present at a kind of distributing camp. There are about several hundred Royal officers here. We perform a Company and drill and have lectures every day. Can you imagine coming over to France and learning right face etc. However it doesn't hurt us and some of the Chaplains and doctors need the fundamentals badly. Over here the step is 28 inches instead of 30 - and 130 steps per minute instead of 120. Make a snaffier drill. Military Counting is stressed at every turn - and rightly too.

I put in my pay & mileage vouchers here and get paid within 48 hrs. They

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