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Voices of the Great War

2017 marks the centennial of the United States' entry into the "Great War." More commonly known today as World War I, the conflict was the first to impact the entire globe.

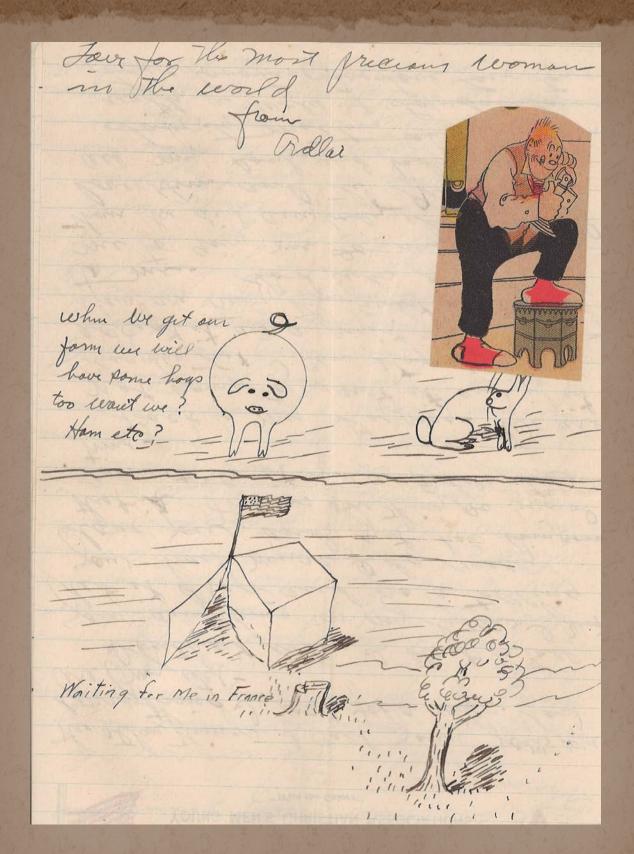
Approximately 65 million military personnel served, and about 71,000 came from right here in Arkansas. The war officially ended November 11, 1918, after 9 million soldiers had been killed and 21 million more wounded.

The holdings of Riley-Hickingbotham Library's Archives and Special Collections include original documents, photographs, maps, and other materials which offer insight into the lives of those affected by the Great War. This exhibit features just a few items from some of those collections.



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Letter from Adlai

URSDAY, JULY 11, 1918

NTERESTING LETTER FROM GILBERT JONES

Army Life Agrees With the Boy But He Thinks Often of The Girls Back Home

We are glad to receive the following letter from Gilbert Jones, son of our good friend W. G. Jones out on the Caddo. Gilbert was one of the boys sent trom here to Camp Pike a few months ago and is now at Camp Jackson, S. C. His following letter will be of interest to his many friends among our readers:

"Will you please allow me just a little space in your paper, for I never will forget the old Standard. I remember when I was at home I enjoyed getting the news, but I guess I will hesitate for a while until we get all of the Huns, and I don't think it will take us long for we have got them guessing now and they don't know what to

guess.

"I hope this will find the Clark county people enjoying health and good crops. I had a letter from home today and said crops Crops down here looked fine. are fine, but you know it is hot here. I have got used to it already. I am in better health than I ever was. The army will make a man of you or kill you one. So I am giving them the best I have got and that is what we have all got to do if we make good soldiers. I am in the field artillery and it sure is a fine branch of the service. We have got the best officers here I ever saw, they are not hard boilded like the Camp Pike of-

"We sure did have a line trip down here. I have one thing to say just now while in mind. You people at home don't fail to give to the Red Cross for that is one of the greatest things on earth. The Red Cross treated us at every place we stopped and there are plenty of them here. I haven't taken a dose of medicine since I have been in the army.

"This letter may not be put where people can see it, but Mr. Clark if you don't make room I will write you another and ask why. Remember I am a country boyand can't help mistakes. There are a bunch of Arkansas boys from Camp Pike here but none from home. I am the only one from Clark county. My home is five miles out of town.

"Well I will close for the first time, will write some more if I hear from this. Closing with much love and good wishes to the Clark county people. If any one should have time write me for I am always glad to hear from home and the people I love.—Gilbert Jones, 18th Tr. Bu. F. A. R. D., Camp Jackson, S. C.

P. S. Girls keep the old fires burning, for we are coming back to the ones we love.