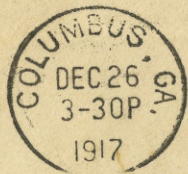


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Dear Flournoy,

As is the usual custom we all took ~~dinner~~ Christmas dinner yesterday with Gran and Marse John. There were twenty present and eight absent. The day was as pleasant as could be expected, with our boys away and the war clouds hanging over us. This Christmas we sidetracked all the grown folks, so far as presents are concerned, and it didn't take much for the little ones. We are trying to conserve in every way in order to meet the calls for the army. I forgot to tell you in my last letter what a great success we had in the Red Cross membership campaign. At first Columbus was asked to get 2000 new members: later we were asked for 3300. Just before we got to that number we decided ourselves to make it 5000. At the last count on the night before Christmas, we had reached 5364, which is better than any district in Georgia, and memberships are still coming in. The Red Cross will need about six thousand dollars a year to carry on the work here in Columbus. Herman Swift is President of the society and is making a good one. He is wondering where the money is coming from but I guess when the time comes it will be forthcoming all right. The people here seem to be realizing the situation more than ever.

Wallace and Sweet have moved back to Montgomery and Wallace seems

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to be perfectly well. He weighs about 174 pounds. The baby is fine. I am mailing to you today a letter from Mr. Warner Wood. It is enclosed in an envelope and may be just a Christmas card.

Tip Weathers came by home last night to bring sister a box of candy. I showed him your letter and he was mighty glad to see it. He always asks about you and says he bets you will be on top when the war is over. Tip is a great believer in you.

Sister went to a little dance at the Springer last night. She didn't care very much about going but had the engagement and didn't feel like breaking it at the last moment. Said she might as well go and see what the girl who was giving the dance was going to wear. Mother and I went by there just to look in a few minutes. The only kind of entertainment going on here is among just the very young. The grown folks have too much on their minds, concerning the war, to even think of frolicing.

We hope you have been hearing from us right along. We have been writing you regularly. especially mother, and if you have not been getting letters from ~~you~~ home it is because they either miscarry or are lost on the way. Well, be good and take care of yourself. With all our very best love for our boy.

Lovingly,  
Father.

