

Adrian A. Parsons to Chet Parsons

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Dear Chip.

I have used up all the paper you left and am now beginning on what Frank left we have surely been favored by getting your letters regularly for some weeks and are proud of you and ourselves because of your good health, and the adaptability you have shown. otherwise you would not have been able to square yourself with the new conditions. I surely am glad we are citizens of this country and have helped make it what it is. On senator in a speech said to the union soldiers should be given the credit of making country able to meet present conditions.

and at last national encamp a movement was started that will take you all in the G.A.R. I think it a good move as both wars is and was for the advancement of human liberty.

We gout your paper and commission and Whartie was up saying they had a card from you as Capt. it would seem if that be true you are on the jump, but I dont doubt you could be an efficient Colonel for that was the way in Civil war times a frenchman remarked that it was an army of capable officers wearing privates uniforms –

We went up to Wallace Rosses Sunday in our new machine Annie was going away in government service, she did not know whether she would go over or be assigned here. they yelled slacker at us a time or two, because there is a sunday law against using gasoline as there is a pending shortage for the army, but we had a good visit and no mishap. The Rosses are surely patriotic all right – I have had a time getting my shed built. it hadent rained all summer until I got the lumber hauled to make it and then set in for several days. I have it all done but the doors and was going to Mays today but it is raining of course that would make no diference in our comfort for it is a sedan and closes up tight. but on rainy days I feel to tough to go anywhere.

I am again taking treatment from a Chiro at Danville (once a week.) It is just a nice little spin and I have not had any serious or expensive trouble I have made mistakes but they have not been expensive, and we surely do enjoy it. it is the best medicine mother ever had. I hesitated lon on the purchase for it will take all the profits of the farm this year which belongs to us three, but I finally decided if you and Frank came back, you had rather see us having a good time the be a few hundred ahead. and I also knew if I tried to keep the money it would be in the hands of the government for they get it out of you with but little effort. and I also believed the war would last until all the money was spent. for I dont believe Germany will be whipped

even if you can drive them out of France & Belgium this fall. Well it is time to go to box
& still raining so long

Dad

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Historical Notes:

Chester "Chet" Adrian Parsons (1887 – 1977) served during WWI in the American Expeditionary Force in France from April 1918 – April 1919. He exchanged letters with his father, Adrian A Parsons (1846 – 1929), a disabled Civil War veteran. These letters provide insight into life on the home front and his political views.

"G.A.R" is Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army and Union Navy. Adrian was an active member.

"Whartie" may be Chet's brother Lester Wharton Parsons (1871 – 1958) who lived with his family in Decatur Twp. in Marion County.

"Wallace Rosses" may be Lorin Wallace "L.W." Ross (1871 – 1965) of Lebanon, IN. L.W.'s mother was sister to Adrian's wife Mary Mariah (Fox) Parsons (1850 – 1922).

"Annie" may be Louise Anna Ross (1878 – 1965), L.W.'s (see above) sister who was a school teacher in Lebanon and later Indianapolis.