

Horace Parsons to Adrian Parsons

August 25, 1918

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S.C.  
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Dear Grandpa: I have been here two weeks today. I like it fine so far. They have drilled us hard and several men have have [sic] failed to stand the racket. The heat down here has been fierce, it being 121° in the shade one day. There have been several prostrations. We will probably move to the main training camp within a week or ten days. We are now at the maneuver grounds.

I have found it hard to learn the right ways of making bunks & folding clothes. There is one way, and that is the way it had better be done. Harry is in the same Co. as myself. We were given our second inoculation for typhoid yesterday. I have felt no ill effects except for a sore arm. We start drilling tomorrow with both rifles and packs.

It is rumored that our stay on the island will be short, and that we will finish our training elsewhere. They are going to convert this into a draft camp according to rumor.

Have you hear from Uncle Frank or Chet lately. I wrote home for their addresses, and thought possibly they did not know them, but that you would. I would like to write to them. Well I will have to close. Its getting so dark I cant see.

Your Grandson,  
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Marine Barracks.  
Paris Island  
S.C.

[envelope:] Adrian A. Parsons/Plainfield/Hendricks Co./Indiana

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#### Historical Notes:

Horace Stanley Parsons (1898 – 1984) is the son of Norman Edgar Parsons (1873 – 1939) and Minnie May (Barker) Parsons (1873 – 1956) who lived in Guilford Twp., Hendricks County.

Grandpa is Adrian Alkanah Parsons (1846 – 1929), a Civil War veteran and farmer in Washington Twp. Adrian had two sons and three grandsons serving in WW1.

Uncle Frank is Frank Harrison Parsons (1889 – 1918), son of Adrian Alkanah (1846 – 1929) and Mary Mariah (Fox) Parsons (1850 – 1922), who served in the Marine Corp. While guarding an Ordnance Plant, Charleston WV he died of pneumonia in October 1918.

Uncle Chet is Chester “Chet” Adrian Parsons (1887 – 1977), son of Adrian Alkanah (1846 – 1929) and Mary Mariah (Fox) Parsons (1850 – 1922), served during WWI in the American Expeditionary Force in France from April 1918 – April 1919

Harry is Harry E. Parsons (1898 – 1990), son of Lester “L.W.” Wharton Parsons (1871 – 1958) and Ivy (Webster) Parsons (1874 – 1914) who lives in Marion County. Lester is Adrian’s son.