

OUR FAMILY IN WORLD WAR I

From

The Routons of Paris and Henry County, Tennessee

by Stephanie Routon Tayloe

Fuqua Routon

81st Division, U.S. Army; fought in the first trenches in Hindenburg Line. Son of Q. E. Routon. He and two squads of men were led out of the trenches by the officers over the enemy line. The officer was killed leaving Fuqua next in command. On Sunday, the day prior to the day Armistice was signed, he gave up hope of seeing home and family again. He returned home safely. He had a gold watch given him by his Aunt Pearl for good luck which read, "To Fuqua from Aunt Pearl." His Aunt Ada Bowden said he could not live with the boys gone to war; she died before he came home.

Ralph Routon

He was sent north for training in the Army and was ready to go abroad when Armistice was signed. Son of Q. E. Routon.

Everett Routon

Son of Joe and Minnie Routon, was an enlisted man who fought in the battles of France.

This letter was written from Everett Routon to Ma Routon:

Everett Routon

Prusly France

March 29th, 1916

My Dear Grandmother,

I received your letter a few days ago and was glad to hear from you. How are you getting along now? Mama wrote some time ago that you had not been very well lately. I hope you have gotten well by now.

I received a letter from Mama today.

Well I guess Uncle Horace has begun to farm quite a bit by now. Have you got a big wheat crop this year?

I met Fuqua a few days ago for the first since I have been in France.

I was in Paris the past week and I certainly saw lots of sights. I saw the tomb of Napoleon and a lot of his works. I visited the place of the King and Queen of France. I went through most all of the rooms which are very grand. I was in the hall where the armistice was signed and had my hand on the table where the papers will be signed. I was also in the Supreme Court room while court was in session and was in other different places of interest that would be too numerous to tell about

now. The trip to Paris was worth more to me than all the rest of France which I have seen.

We are still having lots of rain in France. It seems like it will never cease.

Well, as I haven't any news much I will close for this time, with love to
all.

Your grandson,
Everett Routon