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Dear Friend:

I am writing this letter in the interest of the Impending National War Savings Campaign, for which the Government has set apart Friday, June the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Government has many and good reasons for this step. I shall discuss a few of them with you. As you know, the money to be derived from the sale of War Savings Stamps is needed for the successful prosecution of the war. The seriousness of America's part in this great struggle has come home to everybody. Our own men have passed into the fierce heat of the battle. It means suffering until the war is won. We know that the Hun must be halted. We know that to use force means to send men, to equip them to clothe them and to feed them. We know too that the only way this can be done is to get more and more recruits for the army behind the army. The big fighting has begun; the big helping must begin. Are you doing your part? Are you willing to give up comforts and business interests that our boys in the trenches may have what they need? Do you realize that every dollar you invest in War Savings Stamps is your loan to the Government for

the sole purpose of winning the war? Then let us look at the investment side of the proposition: The need for economy and thrift is more imperative today than every before. Read what our President has to say on this subject in an official message which you will receive in a few days. As stated there, the less we buy the more quickly will our factories be able to supply our armies. And then we form the habit of saving, which is necessary to our winning this war. We have already formed this habit, we want to cultivate it. The people owe less now than ever before. The credit system, the curse of any people, is rapidly dying in Tishomingo County. When this crop is sold we will have lots of money. Lets not spent it all for high priced goods, but lay it aside for that inevitable rainy day that comes into every life; lets invest in Government securities, which is better than money, for there it does not slip away so easily, and it bears interest and grows. And right here I am going to speak on a rather personal phase of economy, and that is with reference to the money that our soldier boys are sending back home. Let us take a glance at the future business affairs of our brave heroes who are fighting our country's battles. This war is going to end some glad day, and most of these dear fellows are coming back to us. They will have no farms, no industrial equipment, no stock, etc. and they will need money to start themselves back in their former occupations. Without it they will be handicapped, embarrassed and perhaps discouraged. Every dollar of their money that is not absolutely necessary for the support of dependents who are not able to work should be invested in War Savings Stamps and laid aside for the boys when they return. The quota for Tishomingo County is \$264,000 or \$20.00 per capita, for every man, woman and child living in the county. This is a vast sum of money. But what does it mean? It means that we are not going to spend so freely as heretofore, but that we are going to save and get that much ahead. There is not family but that ought to keep something ahead, and but few that are really in shape that they cannot arrange to have something ahead this fall. They can do this by working harder, if necessary, spending less, and doing without non essentials. The man who has not formed the habit of saving and accumulating misses a great deal of pleasure, and if he fails to respond to this call he misses the consciousness that he is doing his part in the struggle for the liberty of the world. The county quota has been apportioned among the school districts, according to population and wealth. It should be the personal pride of every citizen of the county to have his school district subscribe its full quota. An "Honor Roll" of all the schools that pledge their quota will be published. Do you want your school to appear on this roll? And do you want to be able to tell each member of your family that his or her \$20.00 was paid? Read the enclosed statement for technical points pertaining to War Savings Stamps, watch the mail for a very important official notice, attend any speakings that may be announced in your territory, and above all do your full duty on June the 28<sup>th</sup>; buy for each member of your family, and if possible take some more for those who may not be able to buy any, and thus help old Tishomingo to maintain her proud record of "Going OVER THE TOP."

Your friend

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Director of War Savings, Tishomingo County, Mississippi

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