

Bethel, N.C. April, 7, 1919

Commanding Officer,
Camp Jackson,
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Sir:- We the undersigned do hereby petition you to recomand the immediate discharge of Captain Cecil Garrenton who is now at the Base Hospital at that place. He volunteered his services at the out-break of war with Germany and has served over-seas for about a year. He has done his part like a man and the people of this community has been greatly innaed of his services here every month since he has been away. We have had to send to Greenville and Tarboro, N.C. for a physician lots of times as that was the nearest point one was available. Capt. Cecil Garrenton volunteered his services and we do think that he ought to have first consideration in as much as he has done what he has and that the people of this place need him so badly and now the war is over. There are lots of people now around this place who are praying for him to return daily and we want you to grant this one request and recomend his discharge at an early date in order that he can return to the practice which he sacrificed on entering the war. We again bag of you to do this for the sake of humanity and for the sake of Capt. Garrenton family who has been, now for sometime moving from pillar to post, and who need his presence in the family circle as well as the necessity of the Doctor himself for the benefit of the community. Do please give him immediate consideration, as you do ~~not~~ not know what we have been forced to go through with on account of his absence.

Praying and trusting that you will grant this request we are,

Yours very respectfully,

I. Estelle Jones
Mr. J. H. Bulluck
E. L. Mayo
R. L. Gardner *R. H. Stator*

W. J. Smith
E. Burroughs
M. O. Blount
R. J. Barwick
Maudie Barwick

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Dear Doctor:-

We do need you to come home so much. Your family, as well as the people of the community, want you to come home just as soon as possible.

You know you have been away from home now for near two years and we have been forced to undergo many difficulties and anxieties during your absence.

Please, if possible, plead with your commanding officer to recommend your release, at once and try to come home as we need you here and want you to come home. You know you have been away from your Family now for near two years and they need you as well as the people of the community.

The people of this place have been forced to send to Greenville and Tarboro, N.C. for medical attention on several occasions and you know it is 16 Miles from this place and it thereby works a hardship on the community at large in having to do this. We most earnestly urge you to try and see if you cannot get an honorable discharge so you can return to your practice immediately as the people are asking for you, and want you to back. You know you left us in a very trying time and we have pulled on to now, but since you are back on the U.S. soil we want you to come home to your Family and practise

Awaiting your early reply and advice as to when you think you can come we are,

Yours with best wishes for your return home at once,

Mrs J. D. Bulluck
E. L. Mayo
B. C. Gardner
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