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MAJOR W. A. GRAHAM TELLS OF HEROISM OF OUR BOYS IN FRANCE.

RECITAL OF DEEDS AROUSES UNITED WAR WORKERS TO MORE ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO CHEER BOYS OVER THERE.

Following reports from township chairmen, and after a short talk the fire of which "Warren must not think of failure", county chairman T. D. Peck, of the United War Fund Drive, at 10:20 called upon Major William A. Graham at the Court House here yesterday for a personal word as to the work of the organizations with the flag.



MAJOR W. A. GRAHAM

Major Graham, direct from the western battle front, the commanding officer of the home-county boys, has a place in the heart of all today, for he has been with sons of old Warren upon the field of battle and his command has won an enviable place in the pages of Time as long as brave deed are accounted and courage and devotion to duty and the right remain the standard of civilization.

Apologizing, and needlessly, that he wasn't a speaker, Major Graham, recounted to an alert and appreciative audience the story of the boys Warren loves and appreciates.

Giving the story as heard from Major Graham:

Before Going into Belgium
"We left here last fall and spent several months at Camp Sevier in intensive drilling and schooling. I went across early in May and joined the Company on French soil just preparatory to entering Belgium. Here the company was billeted in the back area for six days. An occasional shell would fall near and we were in earshot constantly of the big guns. At the end of the six-day period our company was ordered forward and it was on this march that a shell killed Sergeant Fletcher Merritt, who is remembered here as a student of the High School. A great danger lay in going in and coming from the trenches for it was then and upon points of troop concentration that the Boche directed his artillery fire. This was our first experience under heavy fire and we were becoming hardened to the experiences of warfare by degrees. We were brigaded with the British and spent eleven days at the front. During this time the men acted with coolness which would have done credit to veterans.

"On the 18th of July, word came that the German were to attack and our first great thrill came. In conversation with the British officer brigaded with us I told him that I felt sure our men, though untried, would hold if his aid, that no American would give ground so long as your men hold!"

"We stood to our guns all night and held our ground."
"The battalion was in and out of the trenches to the 27th of August when orders came to move. We imagined we were to be sent to the American unit but were moved elsewhere.

The Trenches of Flanders
"During the fighting in Belgium the casualties of the battalion were in the neighborhood of 250 men. The flat soil in Flanders, the nearness of water to the surface makes the ordinary trench impracticable and our system here was one of breastworks with no communication trenches. The life in the trenches was a period of constant vigil, no sleep at all during the night and little by daylight. The outpost duty, two or three thousand yards forward, is done by small groups of from ten to twelve who are from time to time relieved. These men are out for five or six days and are kept supplied by foods sent forward under darkness. Our battalion held 1400 yards of front in Flanders under these conditions and though numbers were wounded Sergeant Merritt was the only one killed of our organization.

The Move To The South
"Our orders to move carried us from this Trench duty to a period of rest and training. Here we were drilled and practiced in a new attack. Never can I forget the intensiveness with which we went thru that last rehearsal before moving up. The men listened with interest never before shown as

it was a clear sweep for the enemy machine guns, but those North Carolina troops on that day knew not the word stop. They went forward against the bulwark of German defense, they passed through the elaborate wire defenses, they went on, never halting to their objective was obtained in the rear of the 'impregnable' Hindenburg line.

"Back of the Hindenburg line was the St. Quentin canal and a tremendous tunnel which could not be wiped out by the fire of our artillery. In this tunnel enemy forces were concentrated and from it the defense was reinforced by the Hun. As fast as an enemy machine gun crew was killed another man was sent and the guns kept going. I saw from a half bushel to a bushel of fired cartridges around these guns and from eight to fifteen Germans. But the tunnel failed its purpose and we pushed on to the final objective. Though ordered forward to this objective in rear of the line, neither British or Australians expected us to reach it—the plan being that when we were stopped the Australians would pass thru our ranks and take up the fight, but with absolute thoughtlessness of self our men went on and only stopped at the final objective and here held as ordered while the Australians came up and went on.

"It was here that brave Lieut. Archie Limer lost his life, and later when we were ordered back, the question was whether to leave him to be buried by the detail or whether the company should bury him. To a man they stayed and laid away the remains of their fallen comrade and beloved officer."
"Following the attack we marched back 27 miles expecting rest, but were ordered forward again immediately to help the 4th British Army push the success of the previous days. For four days straight fighting we kept after the enemy and on the 21st of October we were ordered to the rear."
"It was then that I was detailed to come back home. The appeal was made that I be allowed to stay for I had always served with the home organization and loved its men, and wanted to serve with them, but orders brought me home.

The Seven Organizations
"I now turn to these seven organizations of the United War Work Campaign. Of these seven agencies I know most of the Y. M. C. A. because the big majority of our men are Protestants and we were more directly in touch with this organization. From the day we reached Sevier to the time I left the trenches there wasn't a time when I could not in 30 minutes have found a Y-M representative. These organizations carry the little luxuries of tobacco and candy to the men, the Secretary are the confident of many and the work they do is great. Everywhere they serve the soldier. Profit is never made and nothing is denied a man because he hasn't the money."
"The other organizations, I have seen their work, are also performing a great service to every soldier, it matters not the denomination. In fact, men don't ask your religion Over There, but 'need is the only creed' and to this all work of these organization is dedicated."
Now The Time To Serve
"When the armistice was signed commenced the hardest time of the soldier—the stimulus of battle is taken away, and agencies are needed to drive away home sickness and to keep the men wholesomely amused. Life there is full of temptations—social life is different, France is not a prohibition country and now of all others the men need the support of the loving arms of the people at home."
"The men in service appreciate the splendid support of the past. I have heard their cheers as they learned of oversubscriptions in America of its war issues and the feeling is among them that the folks back home are with them. They are looking to you!"
Major Graham's talk was interrupted time and again by applause. His remarks were thoroughly enjoyed and will prove, numbers of leaders have said, the added stimulus needed to carry Warren to the \$10,000 mark.

Chairman Peck urged determined effort that we stand up back of the boys

Entire Warren county rejoices in the safe arrival home of Major W. A. Graham. Major Graham was in the field for over five months and a half with the Home Organization, was in the midst of some of the heaviest fighting of the war, and has seen service from every angle. He brings the news that the American soldier in France plays a gentleman's game, and tells of heroic action of our men across.

His totally unexpected telegram Friday night and his arrival Sunday were occasions of much joy here. Entire Warren county welcomes Major W. A. Graham home again, and trusts that duty will not call him elsewhere.

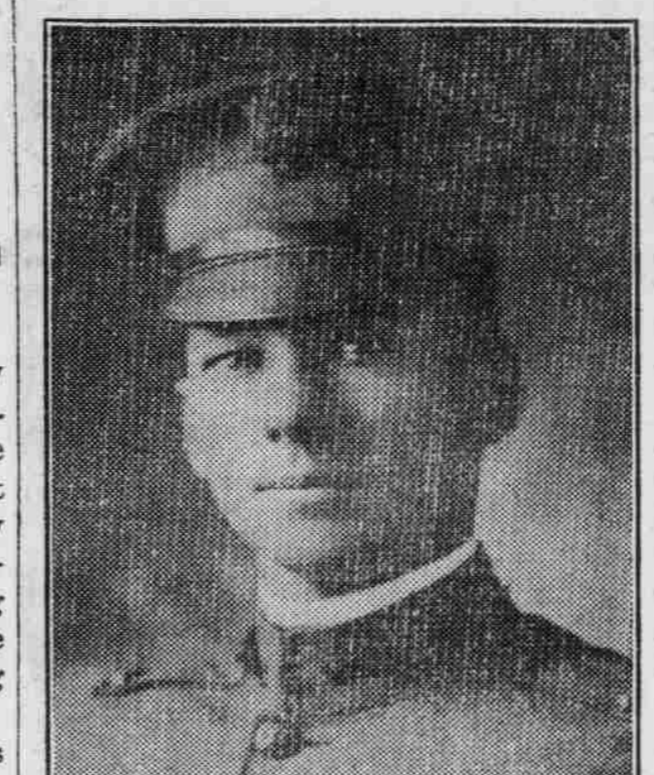
the order came to go forward.
"Then by way of trucks with benches in them or old motor conveyances of the type used for transfers in the cities before the war, we moved forward for 75 miles over country which 21 days previous had been occupied by the Hun. We moved into the trench and learn of an attack on the Hindenburg line in which we were to participate with the Fourth British Army. Our men seemed to appreciate the hard task given them and steadiness was in evidence among the troops.
The Battle of September 29th
"Artillery preparation preceding the attack on September 29th was the most terrific in the history of the war. At 5:50 our men were on the tape ready to go over and under the protection of a heavy barrage and smoke screen the boys moved on. It was a fight of the individual, contact could not be kept with the men, any man could have fallen in a shell hole and escaped that charge, later claiming to have been lost, but our men went forward without a semblance of fear, ever man fighting to do his duty, confident that the eyes of the folks back home were upon him. For 900 yards

CORP. BEN C. ROBERTSON



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Skinner Robertson, of Arcola, and a member of H. Co. who died from wounds received in action. He was a 23 year old age and a man of fine christian character.

LIEUT. NATHAN M. PALMER



A letter hadn't been received in four weeks, and naturally they were worried. Monday afternoon the telephone rang and over the wire to his mother, Mrs. N. M. Palmer, came the voice of Lieut. Nathan M. Palmer from New York. Lieut. Palmer after several months service Over There returns for work here. He is expected home daily. Warren county is glad to know of his safety and will welcome him home gladly.

as well as they had stood up against the Hun.

Chairman of War Savings Mr. John Graham took the floor for a few moments previous to adjournment and urged the necessity for the redemption of the War Savings Pledges, and announced the dates for the first of December. Mr. Graham was heard with pleasure and the importance of his remarks were impressive.
Representative citizens of the entire County were present.

CORP. JOHN H. WATKINS



Member of Company H., 120th Infantry, killed in action in France while bravely doing his bit. Son of Mr. R. S. Watkins of near Manson, who made great sacrifice at only 20 years of age.

To Keep A Permanent Honor Roll.

The Executive Committee of the United War Drive state that all names and amounts of subscriptions will be entered upon a permanent Honor Roll to be kept in the Court House.

All solicitors are asked to keep correct and legible records and mail to the County Secretary as finished.

It has been also suggested and will probably be acted upon, that name and subscriptions be published.

The Committee feels that every citizen of the County should be willing to line up for the boys who have won the Victory and that succeeding generations should know who stood behind the men behind the guns.

Annual Election of Officers
The annual election of officers for the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the home of Mrs. E. S. Allen. A full attendance is desired.
Mrs. S. D. TWITTY, President.

CASUALTY LIST OF H. COMPANY.

The Warren Record from reports to hand and letters to friends compiles the recent casualties of Warren men in H. Company as follows:

- Killed in Action**
Lieut. A. W. LIMER
Lieut. W. L. McCULLEN
Sergt. EARNEST E. FRAZIER
Sergt. HERBERT M. MILES
Sergt. LEON L. POWELL
Corp. FRANK WEAVER
Corp. JOHN H. WATKINS.
- Died of Wounds**
B. C. ROBERTSON
Slightly Wounded
JAMES R. FISHER, rejoined
ROMEY C. HEUAY
WILLIAM E. LOYD
Corp. EDWIN L. MUSTIAN
EDWIN F. MASTON
FRED RIVERS
JAMES R. SMILEY
LOUIS J. TAYLOR
Sergt. BOYD W. WHITE
Sergt. T. C. KENYON
WILLIE P. KING
- Missing:**
ALBERT L. COLEMAN
MACEY D. HARRIS
LUTHER D. BALL
ANDREW BURROW.
- Buy W.S.S.—

Col. Fries Suggests Township Meetings

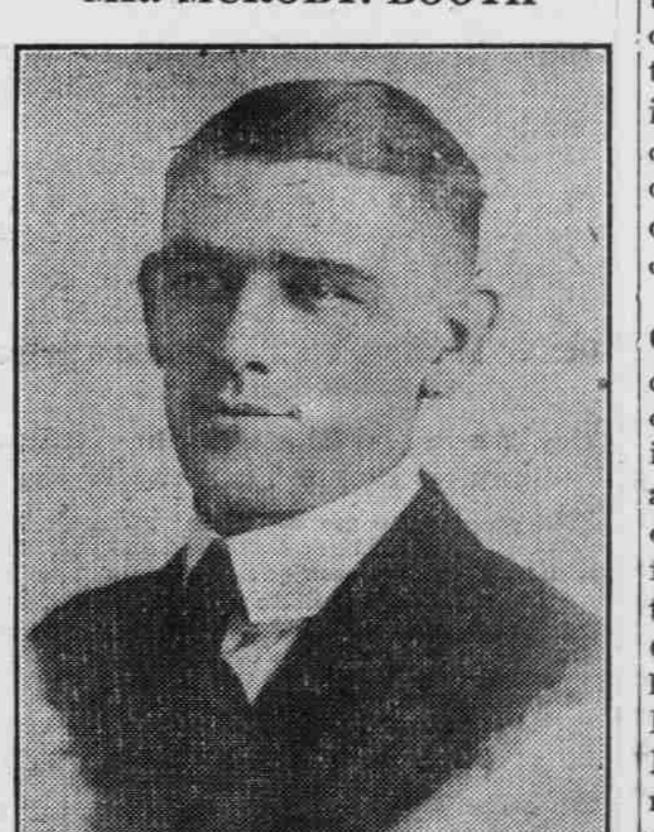
Editor Warren Record—
Col. Fries requests Township meetings, Thanksgiving Day November 28th, on the part of our citizens, to make ready for the final drive to raise Warren's quota of War Saving Certificates.

A meeting of Township Chairmen and their assistants has been called for Monday, November 25th, 11 a. m. at the Court House. Township meetings can either precede or follow Divine services on that day.
Truly yours,
JOHN GRAHAM.
—W.S.S.—

Time Is Extended On Christmas Packages

The following telegram to Mr. W. N. Boyd, Chm. Warren Red Cross, is self-explanatory:

"War and Postoffice Department extend mailing time for Christmas parcels to November 30th. War and Postoffice Departments also permit distribution labels to relatives who have not received Overseas labels by November twenty-first. Mailing full instructions today and will send additional labels in ample time. GUY E. SNAVELY."
—W.S.S.—
MR. MCRBOTT. BOOTH



Sergeant McRobert Booth, or no, 'Twas. 'Tis now Mr. John McRobert Booth, citizen. Mr. Booth reached home Tuesday from Camp Sevier with an honorable discharge from Uncle Sam's army. He is the first Warren county man demobilized. His many friends are glad to welcome him home.

REPORT ON UNITED WAR WORK DRIVE

The following statistics were available from the United War Work Conference here Tuesday morning:

County quota, \$10,000.
Township reports:
WARRENTON—H. A. Mosley and Mrs. W. N. Boyd, in charge. Quota \$4000; raised \$2500.
NUTBUSH—A. E. Paschall and Mr. Jake Kimball, in charge. Quota \$800.00. No report.
FISHING CREEK—Weldon Davis and Miss Eva Duke in charge. Quota \$600.00. Raised \$128.16.
SHOCCO—J. B. Davis and Mrs. R. L. Pinnell in charge. Quota \$200.00. No report.
SMITH CREEK—Robt. White and Mrs. W. C. Merritt in charge. Quota \$1000. Over the top.
HAWTREE—M. H. Hayes and Mrs. Charlotte Story Perkinson in charge. Quota \$1000.00. Over the top by good margin.
SIX POUND—J. M. Coleman and Mrs. M. P. Perry in charge. Quota \$800. Raised \$600.
RIVER—Mr. R. D. Fleming and Mrs. J. H. Harrison in charge. Quota \$1000. Over top by good margin. Littleton Female college giving \$450.00.
JUDKINS—C. N. Hardy and Mrs. Sharpe Brown in charge. Quota \$600. Raised, estimated from reports to hand \$300.

PORK—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams in charge. Quota \$400. No report on account of Influenza, but "we will get it" assures Chm. Williams.

SANDY CREEK—T. Haywood Aycock and Mrs. Robert Stewart in charge. Quota \$600. Raised \$227.00.

ROANOKE—Mr. H. L. Wall and Mrs. L. W. Kidd in charge. Quota \$200.00. No report to hand.

Report From Victory Boys and Girls
Fork...\$12.26; Warren Plains.... \$87.75; Alston...\$9.98; Ridgeway...\$59.12; Vaughan...\$10.00; Wise...\$80.00; Norlina...\$70.00; Warrenton...\$140.00; Axtel...\$17.25.

A Word From Earn and Give Director
I have been unable to get in touch with Roanoke Township or Arcola tho' I have tried by letter and telephone. Will some local public spirited person, preferably one working for the United War Work, take the matter in hand for me and canvass the school children in each of these places.

All children above twelve should pledge themselves to give at least \$5 by March 1919. There is still time if the work is commenced at once.

E. W. BAXTER, Director.
—W.S.S.—

Hawtree Township Makes Fine Record

The people of Hawtree township are justly proud of their record made in the United War Work Campaign. Acting upon the suggestion of Mr. John Graham, that the white people raise the County quota and that the amount the colored citizens raise go as an over-subscription, the white people of this township without public speaking or outside help, have subscribed considerably more than one thousand dollars, and the report from the colored chairman has not yet been handed in.

Mr. Malvern H. Hayes and Mrs. Charlotte Story Perkinson who had charge of the campaign here wish to express their appreciation to all who in any way helped to make the drive a success, especially to those who loaned or drove automobiles and to the following solicitors and members or the two committees: Messrs: John Cawthorne, John W. King, C. W. Perkinson, and Misses Lena White, Mary Perkinson, Carrie Dunn, Lucie Webb, Mrs. C. W. Cole and Mrs. C. E. Coleman. They are also grateful for the work of Miss Mary Cawthorne, Miss Harris and others in collecting a large amount in the Warren Plains school district, and for the work of Miss Worley, Miss Pitchford, Miss Bunn, Miss Malissa Hicks, Malissa Coleman and Sadie Perkinson who were most successful in soliciting funds from the school children of the Wise Special Tax District.