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LEUT. N.M. PALMER'S GRAFIC DESCRIPTION

of The American Expeditionary Forces On Battle Front.

smile is again with Warren friends calmly fell-in beside the life boats to after a period of six months service which they had been assigned in daily Over There and being subject to some drills and awaited orders with the of the fiercest fighting of the war.

Army. He saw service at Chateau usually try to plug a ship once or twice Thierry, along the river Vesle, at Ver- "As it was found that the Moldavia the right knee.

hospital in Nantes near St. Nazaire. single accident. He relates enjoyment of this ride, of conversation with his ambulance dri. were laughing and joking."

After three weeks at the hospital, he joined his battalion at Verdun, was then at St. Mihiel and finally at Argonne Forest. It was only here that I saw any trench fighting, he tells us, in all other actions with the Boche it was open fighting with the enemy retreating, covering their operations as best they could, with machine guns. At the Argonne Forest, it was different, for here the enemy must hold or endanger the entire line of defense. His natural fortifications were strong and we were under heavy artillery fire for three nights and four days before the woods were cleared. In the Argonne Forest fighting Lieut. Palmer procured from the dugout of a dead Hun, who lay five paces away, a cigar case and German-French dictionary, the property of its former owner.

On November 1st he was commissioned a first Lieutenant at Villeys-St Quentin and ordered home to act as Instructor and later return. The signing of the Armistice cancels this future engagement with the enemy.

Lieut. Palmer pays high tribute to the royal, good fellowship of the French officers, and to the great spirit of the people of La Belle France. He has learned French and states that when one could speak their tongue the hospitality shown knew no bounds.

Lieut. Palmer, a former member of H. Company, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Palmer of this city, saw Border Duty with the home organization. He in the spring of 1917 received a release from his home company to attend the Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Here he was air raids. commissioned a second lieutenant last U. S. Regulars at Camp Greene, Char-May on the converted British Liner Moldavia, and received a great thrill when a German U-boat blew a 20-foot hole in the forward portion of the ship off the coast of Ireland at 2:30 on May 23rd. Six hundred American soldiers of the Marne in which the initiative were aboard. The following clipping was snatched from the foe." describing the accident is reprinted a British paper:

Hun.

stantly, bang! The U boat fired a front.

torpedo, and we were struck on the First Lieutenant Nathan M. Palmer port side forward. All the men, save smiling the good old "safe at home" those sleeping on the lower decks,

coolness and precision of veterans. Lieut. Palmer was attached to the "After the Moldavia was hit she kept 58th Infantry which was a company of running for about five miles. I imagine Pershing's "shock troops" and one of that was to prevent her being shot at the crack divisions of the American again, because I believe the Germans

dun and in the Argonne Forest. It was sinking by the head she was stopwas at Chateau Thierry when the ped about fifteen or twenty minutes Allies wrested the offensive from the after having been struck and the order Hun during the middle of July and was given to abandon ship. The crew as a part of which the American troops got the boats out, and an American wen immortal glory in wiping out this officer went with each boatload of salient from Rheims to Soissons that troops, the sailors taking charge. They Lieut. Palmer won the wound chevron were able to launch boats from each which he wears today. It was here side of the ship. The weather was in an attack that he received a high good, and none of the boats were explosive gun shot wound just above smashed in the explosion, the ship having been hit low down. Everything This wound send Lieut. Palmer by went off very smoothly in the launch- Mr. and Mrs. Willie Skinner Robert- sections go carrying good old "dough" warship Maidstone. way of a Red Cross ambulance to a ing of the boats, and there was not a

"Just as soon as everybody got in its fine scenic advantages and of his the boats, they gave three cheers and

Lieut. Palmer lost all of his effects

1ST-LIEUT. N. M. PALMER



Recently Commissioned First Lieutenant and just back from the Front.

in this accident. He relates, "we pro- and to humanity. ceeded to Dover, and here were equipped from London. We spent two weeks delightfully here. I visited Dover castle and saw the means of torture of former days means of throwing hot sand upon people, trap doors to drop to their doom numbers of yards below upon spikes victims of bad conduct in the old days of England; I saw the wonderful cliffs of Dover-and paid a visit to Folkstone which had been the scene of German Norlina (estimated) \$80; Axtel, \$22.25

"After two weeks of pleasure seefall and assigned for duty with the ing, accorded us on account of our unusual accident, we crossed the Chanlotte. He sailed for France early in nel, and from Calais went to the interior for intensive training within the sound of enemy guns.

"We were moved to the attack on the Chateau Thierry salient and our division figured in the second battle

Lieut. Palmer was Liasion officer for from the Company Captain's report in his Battallion-a French word meaning co-ordination, or keeping the com-"We left America, where we had mand in touch with the other units of ing dinner to the inmates of our Counbeen in training, with the determina- like command by signalling, carrier ty Home. The northern part of the tion to see this fight thru to a finish. pigeons, codes and other modes of town is expected to provide this din-Our first experience with the ways of expression. This work is most essentially and the Southern part of the ready for any possible treachery.

W. Brodie Jones, \$2; Mrs. Jerry Dra- we are getting de best of de Ameri-Fritz has given a fresh zest to our tial to the fighting qualities of any town will remember the Home at it is most interesting.

The return trip was not marred by added "Good will toward men." a providential interposition in favour German U-boats but was made on the So while thankful for peace let us of the enemy. Five minutes before 6-day ship the Great Northern. Lieut. not forget to show our willingness to we were struck you could not see your Palmer sailed from Brest, France, and help our fellowman. The dinner will hand in front of you, the weather was reached New York November 18th. be sent to the home of Mrs. V. L. thick. We very narrowly averted He attended a performance at the Hip- Pendleton before 12 o'clock Wednesa collission. To avoid another colus- perdrome there, and says Lieut. Sam day and be taken to the Home that submarines, which carried two 5.9 guns \$1; J. Willie White, \$1; Small amounts Pa won't at home when the letter arion with a vessel whose whistle came M. Connell sat just behind him. A afternoon so the Superintendent can 23 officers and men were counted on aggregate \$2. through the fog—a whistle really great time they had, the first time see what it will be necessary for him her deck. The craft was estimated Miss Bilyeu expresses her thanks in

lieve-we switched on all our lights. ican Border. "Almost in the same moment the Lieut. Palmer wears in addition to moon broke through the clouds and his wound-chevron another triangle of shone brilliantly across our track. In- gold for six months service at the J. T. MYRICK



Camp Sevier with rank of Sergeant. day's sale amounted to \$49,805.84. Many good wishes are with him.

Benjamim Robinson Dies For Country

Crawley who died of wounds received tune of such a majority of citizens. in action "somewhere in France."

He was a member of H. Co. 120th Infantry. A. E. F.,

He enlisted as a volunteer in 1917and was called into service on July 25th, 1917, was trained in Warrenton for a short while, and then was sent to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. and remained there for a long while before going overseas.

good education, and to make the most mand before the end of the week.

While his father, mother, brothers observation balloon. EUGENE T. ODOM.

-W.S.S.-REPORT FROM VICTORY

Rev. E. W. Baxter, Director of the Earn and Give Club of the United War Work Campaign, reports Thursday afternoon:

Fork, \$12.26; Warren Plains, \$87.75; Afton, \$9.98; Ridgeway, \$59.12; Vaughan \$46.11; Wise (estimated) \$90; Warrenton, \$201; Littleton \$7.43; Drewery, \$10. Total \$625.90.

Macon and other districts have not vet reported. We hope to hear encouraging news soon.

E. W. BAXTER, Director. ____W.S.S.___

Thanksgiving Dinner For The Poor.

eagerness to come to grips with the troops, and Lieut. Palmer tells that Christmas. Let us not forget that to a signal from the admiral, turned \$2; Cash, \$2; Boyd Massenburg, \$1; T. ve are not de best fighters on earth the angel who said "Peace on Earth"

Mrs. V.L.PENDLETON, Mrs. NANNIE JONES Mrs. H. A. BOYD,

BIG BREAKS

TODACCO ROLLS TO TOWN FROM ALL SECTIONS

Biggest Break In History of the Market Brings Nearly \$50,000 Average For Market Near 35c Mark; Farmers Are Pleased.

The Golden Weed has been pouring into Warrenton sir e November 4th when the Market of ed after a two week close down period on account of Influenza.

On the first day the Market re-open-Son of Mr. W. A. Myrick, of near ed 137,523 pounds were sold here and Warren Plains, who volunteered for averaged \$36.21. This was the larservice Dec. 1, 1917, at age of 19. gest break in the history of the mar- of Afton, who went to Camp Jack-Now serving in Remount Section at ket and the average the best. Mon-

tinued to come in and totalling of fig- wish him much success. ures at the end of November 8th showed sale of 380,722 pounds of tobacco at the average for the market of this.

son, of Arcola, received the sad news and feeling a financial freedom which of the death of their son Benjamin never previous has been the good for-Buy WSS

Twenty Submarines Have Been Delivered

Benjamin Crawley was born Septem lowing account of the surrender of the underneath. ber 10th, 1895 and died in France Oc- first batch of twenty German submatober 10th, 1918. He had been a mem- rines, which was accomplished this der at the transfer was required to less mit dere guns, and ven dey come ber of Reedy Creek Baptist church morning at sea, is given bf an eye wit- sign a declaration to the effect that loward us it was den dat my men took from th age of 16, and died in his 23rd ness of the incident. More than eighty his vessel was in running order, that a notion dey wanted to go back to de other German submarines are to be its periscope was intact, that its tor- dear old Rhine. Ve don't like de little Crawley was determined to get a handed over to the allied naval com- pedoes were unloaded and that its tor- old, dirty Marne river anyhow. And

of his opportunities. He was a young After steaming some twenty miles Orders had been issued forbidding offel language. De know nothing of man of strong Christian character, and across the North Sea, the Harwich any demonstration and these instruc- kulture, and say such offel ding right clean life and habits dedicating his life forces, which consisted of five light tions were obeyed to the letter. There before us. And dey talk blasphemy. to the service of his Lord and his cruisers and 20 destroyers, were sight- was complete silence as the subma- Vat you tink dey say right in front of country. His death places the first ed. The flagship of Admiral Tyrwhitt rines surrendered and as the crews my face? One big husky from a place gold star upon the church's service the commander, was the Curacao. were transferred. So ended an his- dey call Missouri, he said-Oh, Papa, High above the squadron hung a big toric event and the first portion of I hate to tell you vat offel ding he

and sisters mourn for their son and The squadron, headed by the flag- the hands of the British navy. brother yet they are conforted in the ship, then steamed toward the Dutch thought that he died in the perfor- coast followed by the Coventry, Diamance of his duty to God, to count-I gon, Danal and Centaur. Other ships followed in line, with their navigation lights showing. The picture was noble one as the great vessels, with the moon still shining, ploughed their BOYS AND GIRLS IS MADE way to take part in the surrender of the German U-boats.

Soon after the British squadron started the "Paravanes" were dropped overboard. These devices are shaped like tops, and divert any mines which may be encountered, for the vessels were now entering a mine field.

Almost everyone on board donned a by Miss Sadie Bilyeu. lifebelt and just as the red sun apman submarine appeared in sight.

to Germany after the transfer.

face with their hatches open and their nors are:

render had been accomplished.

careful lookout, steamed toward Har T. Paschall, \$2; Miss E. S. Allen, \$2; to do by return postoffice. wich. On one of the largest of the Miss Amma Graham, \$1; E. E. Gillam

One of the submarines was seen to has ever received here. send up a couple of carrier pigeons and at once a signal was flashed from | It is not too late to show apprecia-The Ladies on the Board of Charities. the admiral that it had no right to do tion by a War drive subscription.

HENRY M. FULLER



Private Henry M. Fuller, 23 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fuller, son on May 25th. He is now Over Seas cheerfully doing his bit. He Throughout the week the weed con- has many friends in Warren who

During this week local warehouse- field and entered the war channel, the dem. Oh Papa, dere has been some men placed in circulation \$130,111.64. "paravanes" were hauled aboard. On offel dings happened here in France. Last week and this the stream of reaching a point some 20 miles off First I started in my big offensive "wagons in the road" continues and Harwich, the ships dropped anchor, which was to crush the fool Americans On Monday morning, November 4th irom the warehouses farmers from all and Captain Addison came out on the but dey know so little military tactics

board the submarines to take them in big waves, and when dey got to de into harbor. With the exception of Americans dey all said 'Boo!" as loud the engine staffs, all the German sai- as dey could holler. Vell, according to lors remained on deck. The subma- what you haf always told me, dey Amrines were then taken through the ericans should have turned and run gates of the harbor and the German like blazes. But you tink? Dem fool crews were transferred to the trans- Americans don't know anything about

LONDON, November 20th-The fol- each of them with the German flag there," or some odder foolish song, and

pedo heads were safe.

the Geman submarine fleet is now in said-but I can't help it. He said: "To

Children Cared For In 7 1-2 Months

The North Carolina Children's Home by placing them in approved christian ing "De Star Spangled Banner" mit home was represented here this week machine guns on dem plates. Can't

peared above the horizon the first Ger- dren cared for in 7 1-2 months and 54 | efore de brave German soldiers. Oh, others given aid. Its work is of broad Papa, I don't believe dose ignorant Soon after seven o'clock twenty sub- scope and its citizenship-building ideal Americans ever read your speech, for marines were seen in line accompanied a noble one. Miss Bilyeu has request- dey run after us just like ve vas a lot by two German destroyers, the Tib- ed, as an aid in this work, the publi- of rabbits. Vot you tink of dat? ania and the Sierra Ventana, which cation of those who contributed. She Can't you send some of your speeches were to take the submarine crews back gratifyingly states that Warrenton is right away? Dey don't know how the "star town" of the State in per terrible we are. Can't you move my All the submarines were on the sur- capita giving to this cause. The do- army back to Belgium vere ve von all

Each cruiser turned, and keeping a and mother gave some months ago; W. before. Let me know right away what

sounded by the U-boat we now be- together, since the affair on the Mex-

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE'S LETTER BEFORE PEACE

Tells That American Boys Were Playing the Star Spangled Ban ner On Breast-Plates Which They Had Placed Elsewhere.

The Crown Prince whose army has distinguished itself by a glorious retreat and whose running powers have placed it in the sprinter class, is alleged to have sent the following missive to the Kaiser, his father, explaining the situation on the battle front. The letter was written previous to the Armistice which has come as a breathing spell. The letter:

On the Run, Somewhere in France

I am writing on the run, as the

Dear Papa:

brave and glorious soldiers under m7 command have not seen the Rhine for so long that they have started that When the ships had cleared the mine way, and of course I am going mit oat dey will not be smashed just like British crews were then put on I want 'em. I sent my men in der fight ports which will take them back to war, and instead of running de odder vey, de come right toward us. Some As the boats went through the gates of dem was singing some thing about the white ensign was run up upon "Ve von't come back till its over, over some of dem laffn like fools. Dey are Each German submarine comman- so ignorant. But dey are offel reckoh, Papa, dem Americans use such hell mit der kaiser." I didn't tink any body would say such an offel thing. It made me so mad I wouldn't stand and hear such an ocel ting, so I turned and run mit de odder boys. Ves 1 right? And, papa, you know dem brest plates vat you sent us, can you send some to put on our backs? You know we are going de odder vay now, and breast plates are no good, for the cowardly Americans are shooting us right in de back. Some of our boys and Aid Society, created for the pur- took oc dere breast plates, and put 'em pose of caring for homeless children behind, but de fool Americans are play you help us. You remember in your The organization reports 121 chil- speech you said nothing could stand our glory? My men can vip all de crews standing on deck. The vessels W. B. Boyd, \$10; J. E. Rooker, \$10; vimmen and children vat de Belgians were flying no flags whatever and their Mrs. John Graham, \$5; Major W. A. I rings up. But dese Americans are guns were trained fore and aft, in ac- Graham, \$5; J. J. Tarwater, \$5; R. B. so rough and ignorant. Ve can't We will send as usual a Thanksgiv- cordance with the terms of the sur- Boyd, \$5; Thomas D. Peck, Jr., \$5; J. make 'em understand dat ve are de M. Gardner, \$5; S. J. Satterwhite, \$5 greatest soldiers on earth, and ven ve A bugle sounded on the Curacao and Tasker Polk, \$5; W. R. Strickland, \$3; try to sing, "Deutchlend Ueber Alles" the submarines were ordered to follow. Dowtin, \$1; W. G. Rogers, \$1; Dr. H. can keep up mit us ven ve tink ob dear They immediately did so. The sur- N. Walters, \$1; B. B. Williams, \$1; dear old Rhine, and my army never B. C. Hilliard, \$1; Miss Bessie Taylor dit tink so much of dat dear old river

> CROWN PRINCE WILLIE. rived but had put on his running clothes and hiked into Holland.

----W.S.S.-Cotton Ginned In Warren County Nov. 1, 1918......4073 bales Nov. 1, 19173455 bales

T. E. POWELL. Special Agt Bureau of the Census.