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LETTER FROM OTHER SIDE

Rev. George Tunstall Writes Of Life As Y. M. C. A. Representative In France.

The following letter is of much interest here. Mr. Tunstall is a native of the Axtelle section of Warren, and has many friends over the County and this section of the State. It is a pleasure to reproduce his message from the Red Cross Brief:

"Rev. George T. Tunstall, formerly a prominent Red Cross worker in Oxford, N. C., now with the Y. M. C. A. in France, wrote the following letter to friends at home a short time before the close of the war:

"On September 10th I left New York City and arrived in Paris by way of London on October 1st. While in Paris I had the misfortune to hurt my back a little while helping to unload some of our wounded men who were being taken to American Red Cross hospitals. This little wrench I gave my back while trying to get a big fellow out of the crowded freight car in which he had been with many other wounded friends for 24 hours, without a fresh dressing or food, caused me a delay of a few days in Paris before I could get permission from the doctor to leave, but I would have been willing to have done almost anything to have helped hurry those poor fellows to a place where they could get food and medical attention. The experience of that one night made me feel that it was worth coming to France for. We unloaded several hundred, wounded in every conceivable manner, and many of them gassed, and during the whole night as we moved them from cars into the receiving stations—where they were checked up and given whatever medical attention was necessary—and then took them out and placed them in Red Cross ambulances to be taken to the various hospitals of the city. I did not hear one single man utter one groan or word of complaint. This was suffering more like our Master suffered than anything I have ever witnessed in my life—'Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not his mouth.' I cannot describe how I felt. I know that mothers and sisters and sweethearts would gladly give their lives to have the privilege of being where I was—with their own. It was a holy mission; it was a holy hour, and it has left on me a holy impression of unselfish service and heroic, Christlike sacrifice that our boys are making over here for us and for the world. If you could have seen these boys that night you would not complain any more about your sugar ration or say ugly things because you couldn't take your car out for a joy ride on Sunday afternoon, and you would count it the greatest privilege that you could have back at home to support the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. that are doing everything possible for your boys just when they most need help. Our boys call the Red Cross nurses 'Angels of Mercy,' and truly they are ministering angels. You should have seen those boys smile when they were told that they were going to be taken to an American Red Cross hospital. May I tell you just a word about one brave lad. We moved his stretcher from

the car, carried him through the Record room, brought him out to place him in the ambulance, and these ambulances carry five men on stretchers which is quite crowded. We knew that he was hit in the leg, but we did not know how badly he was hurt, and when we raised him to place him in the ambulance our man said to him, 'Straighten out your legs so that they won't strike anything.' He looked up and smiled and said: 'Don't worry about them, they are both gone.' Then one of the men said, 'Wait a minute, and let me get his arms straight and cover him up good.' He tucked his left arm down by his side and went around to cover up his right arm, and again this brave lad smiled and said: 'Never mind, that's gone too.' I wonder if you wouldn't claim it a privilege to cross the ocean to stand and look into the face of a lad like this. I wonder when you read this if you won't thank God that you gave all that you could to the Red Cross that is going to give this lad the best that medical science knows, and help him as far as possible to live again.

"I am delightfully located, but have not heard from home yet. I shall try to write you about our local 'Y Hut' before long. With loving greetings. G. T. TUNSTALL."

Sergt. Kenyon Commends B. Coleman

We are pleased to publish the following extract from a letter of Sergeant Thayer Kenyon to his brother, Sergt. Kenyon is in an English hospital recovering from wounds:

"Jinks, Brown Coleman is a good, brave soldier. He was in my platoon; I was platoon sergeant and he was one of the bravest men I had. When I was shot, shells and machine gun bullets were flying and here came 'Jug' Coleman with three men, picked me up and put me in his overcoat, and they carried me for three miles amid heavy shell fire. I thought I was fine of him. Don't you?"

We the Sergeant's brothers and sisters think it was more than fine, and we believe the public thinks so too. W.S.S.

U. D. C. Meets With Mrs. Alston

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. S. D. Twitty, President of the John White chapter announces, will meet in the home of Mrs. W. T. Alston Friday afternoon, December 13th, at 3 o'clock.

Buy WSS A GARMENT A WEEK FOR EVERY WOMAN WORKER

We are receiving cancellations of allotments of refugee clothing. This is not encouraging in view of the fact that it is most imperative that the Red Cross produce vast numbers of refugee garments for relief across the water.

This is a special appeal to the Surgical Dressings workers who have been recently relieved of their duties.

If every woman in the Southern Division will pledge herself to make one garment a week, we can adequately meet all requirements. We rely on some, of course, to make more than one garment a week.

Let this be a new Red Cross slogan: A garment a week for every woman worker.

CITIZENS MEET TO FORMULATE W.S.S. CANVASS

In response to a call of Chairman John Graham a number of the leading citizens of Warrenton township met in the Bank of Warren last Friday night for a discussion of the War Savings situation here. The meeting was well attended.

Township chairman W. N. Boyd presided. The Record Books, of purchases and pledges, were gone over, and names assigned to different gentlemen. The crux of the meeting was individual appeal.

Warrenton township should subscribe around \$125,000 on a property basis. Township quota is \$81,000, on per capita basis. It is to be hoped that this final personal drive will place Warrenton township over.

These meetings of leading men are to be held in each township upon call of the township War Savings chairman. Upon all such occasions the Record Books are available and the citizens can review what has been done and go forward in this light.

Col. Fries, State Director, and all State officers, as well as Director John Graham and patriotic citizens of Warren are urging our full compliance with the request to raise our quota.

It is certain that with the appeal urgently made by township chairman and representative citizens Warren will answer with an oversubscription.

IN MEMORY OF WARREN CO. BOY DIED IN FRANCE

In loving remembrance of Benjamin Crawley Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robertson, of Warren Co., home near Arcola, N. C. Crawley died of wounds received while serving his country on October 10th, 1918. He did not wait to be called to do his part, but went of his own accord as soon as he saw he was needed. He was a most obedient son and was always ready and willing to help his parents most especially his mother; he was never too busy or tired to attend to his baby brother or sister in order to rest his mother's arms. I have seen him at Church with the baby in his arms so his mother could rest and enjoy herself; he was ever careful of his younger brother and sister, and also dutiful to his father.

He is sadly missed by his grandfather Mr. B. P. Robertson who is in his 78th year and needs a strong arm to lean upon and Crawley was ever willing to do all in his power for his comfort. He loved all his kinfolks and was ever ready to do all he could to help the sick, but we must all try to say with not only our lips but in our hearts, "Thy will, not mine, be done, O Lord." It is hard for us to think our dear one will never return to us, but it is a comfort to think he will be waiting for us Over There.

O, God, be with his parents, teach them to submit to Thy will, heal their sad and broken hearts, grant that they may find peace and happiness in rearing their other sons to be as noble as their brother who has gone before!

I feel that we can never say too much about the noble boys who gave their lives for their country. Their memory should be ever kept fresh in our minds. Crawley seemed to have a presentment that he would not return, as he kissed his baby brother good bye for the last time, he looked at the little fellow and remarked that he would remember how the baby looked but the baby would never remember seeing him. God knows best, but it is hard for us to see it that way. O God, be with and comfort all who have lost dear ones in this cruel war; grant, O Lord, that Crawley is now safe in the arms of Jesus. His devoted aunt, L. L. F. Buy WSS

THE SYMBOL OF KINDNESS

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call An Appeal To Sustain Great Work of Organization.

At this approaching Christmas time the Red Cross asks the support of every adult American citizen. This organization which two years ago numbered 22,000 and one year ago, 22,000-000 now calls for universal membership. A proper response to this call will carry encouragement to the worn and weary allies who for three years have borne the burden of this awful war, and will give to our Red Cross workers the financial and moral support necessary for the tasks that lie before them. The Red Cross, in addition to its former duties, now enters upon the task of world wide relief. It must not only help the allied and neutral countries of Europe but also the Central Empires, those peoples who a little while ago were our enemies. There the task will be one greater than that of rebuilding cities, of gathering the scattered people to their homes and of comforting the bereaved, sorrowing heart. For into the Central Empires we pray that the United States and her allies may carry new ideals, new principles. And the Red Cross as it relieves the suffering and dire distress of these peoples, will be one of our strongest instruments in establishing a peace that shall assure to all men "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Moreover to millions of people in Russia must be revealed new ideals, efficient methods and sufficient organization. In spite of all that the allied world can do, millions will starve to death in Russia during this winter. It is impossible for the world to answer all the cries of distress that go up from the old people, the women and the children of Europe. They need food, clothes, shelter, and medical attention. Their hearts are hungry for sympathy, and their faith in God is often shattered. Can any man or woman refuse to help people who have endured the hardships which they have endured? Surely not. If any one wishes to know more fully what the Red Cross stands for, let him,

"Ask those who have waved it, upon the fields of strife, Ask the stricken towns-folk it has given back to life, Ask the lips of childhood, the valiant hosts of dead What this banner means to them that bears the Cross of Red."

Urge Redemption of All The War Pledges

To all War Savings Directors, Fifth Federal Reserve District. Your attention is invited to the following telegram just received from Hon. L. B. Franklin, Director, War Loan Organization, Treasury Department. We hope you will publish it and so use it otherwise as greatly to stimulate the redemption of pledges and the sale of additional stamps in your respective communities.

Respectfully, GEO. J. SEAY, Governor and Chairman, War Loan Organization, 5th Federal Reserve District.

Official Telegram Washington, Dec 6-1918 "Governor, Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Virginia.

"The Secretary has today sent the following telegram to all State Directors of War Savings.

"I most earnestly urge upon you that your organization make every possible effort to the end that pledges for the purchase of War Savings Stamps be fulfilled before the close of the year. The government's monetary requirements were never greater nor more pressing than they are today. Expenditures for November were greater than in any similar period. These expenditures growing out of war must be met by borrowing from the people, and their magnificent response heretofore to the government's requirements makes me confident that they will not fail to continue their support to the end that all payments resulting from war necessities will be promptly met. Much remains to be done; our brave troops must be maintained and paid until their work is fully accomplished and they are returned to their homes. This is not a time for us to relax our efforts, and the Treasury Department is making plans for larger and even more important work during the coming year. Please make every effort to bring this statement before the people in your District and to urge upon them the continued holding of their War Savings Certificates, the fulfillment of their pledges, and additional purchases as their means permit."

(Signed) "FRANKLIN" W.S.S.

Card of Thanks Mr. B. F. Williams wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to the people of Manson who were so kind and helpful to them during the recent illness of his wife. She also joins him in thanks.

Red Cross To Enroll Soldiers

We are informed by the War Department that demobilization of the military forces of the camps in the United States has begun and that it will continue at the rate of approximately five hundred men a day from each camp. Whenever a sufficient number of discharged soldiers is ready to entrain to the same destination, and when it is possible to provide the cars, we are informed that special cars will be provided for the returning groups. However, the problem which no doubt will face most chapters is that of soldiers returning singly or in small groups.

The War Department has suggested that the American Red Cross express the appreciation of the American people to discharged soldiers en route homeward. This is a privilege which the Red Cross should be prompt to embrace. The carrying on of this work will fall principally upon the Canteen Service and the Home Service Sections of the Chapters.

Because of the difficulty of meeting the enlisted men who will return singly or in small groups, it must be left largely to the wisdom, patriotism and good sense of each individual Red Cross Chapter to plan its own program for welcoming back its own soldiers. Where canteens exist, incoming trains may be met, and railroad officials, local members of commerce and patriotic bodies will co-operate in decorating railway stations with flags, bunting, etc. When circumstances render it advisable it may be possible to secure the voluntary services of bands.

Immediately upon his arrival at his home town, in connection with the greeting which the Red Cross plans to extend, each soldier's name, division, regiment, company and rank, and his home address should be enrolled on a separate card by the Canteen worker or Home Service worker co-operating with the Canteen Service.

It is important that these few items of information should be obtained for the "Welcome Home Roll" in the course of a friendly conversation. Nothing savoring of inquisitorial method should be allowed to creep into the interview, the sole purpose of which is to extend friendly greetings to each returning man. The local newspapers should be invited to copy the data from the Welcome Home Roll and to publish it in their columns, preferably under the caption "Red Cross Welcome Home Roll."

The returned soldiers of Warren are asked to fill out the following blank and mail to Mr. W. N. Boyd, Chairman Red Cross, Warrenton.

RED CROSS WELCOME HOME ROLL			
Name
Rank	Co.	Reg.	Div.
Branch of Service		
Date of Discharge		
Home Address		

MUTT and JEFF

As Sir Sidney Would Say.--"QUITE SO."

By Bud Fisher.

