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ACCOUNT OF AIR SERVICE

LETTER FROM WARREN BOY IN FLORIDA

Grover B. Harris Sends Christmas Greetings From Key West Writes Interestingly of Air Service.

U. S. N. Air Station
Key West, Fla.
12-25-18.

Mr. Editor:

May I take this opportunity of extending to you and all my Warren friends the season's greetings. I wish very much that I was there to spend the holidays at least, but it is probable that I will be home soon.

Since leaving Warren I have been stationed at Charleston, S. C.; Pensacola, Fla.; Hampton Roads, Va.; and now in Key West. Was on a foreign draft but was sent here upon the signing of the armistice.

Not until I reached Pensacola, did I realize just what the Naval Aviation was in its fullest sense, because I had never seen a seaplane nor a flying boat. There is not very much difference between an army plane and a seaplane only from a technical view. The seaplane has a pontoon, or boat like structure, which enables it to float on water, while the army plane has wheels for landing gear. The seaplane can do the various stunts that an army plane can. The flying boat however, is a huge affair, and one wonders how they can be operated in the air, but with the powerful Liberty motor, the largest boats have two 250 H. P. liberty motors each, they can attain a high rate of speed and are used chiefly as bombing planes and for patrol duty.

"How does it feel up in the air?" is the question one is always asked by those who have not been up. Must say that the first trip is not very pleasant, especially if the pilot finds out that you are a novice and your first trip. When one becomes accustomed to it, then it is the most fascinating thing one can do. I wish I was an artist that I might paint the sunset as seen from an altitude of 8000 ft. from behind a cloud. It is simply wonderful.

However, my duties as a quartermaster in the aviation are pertaining to the assembly and the upkeep of the planes altho I go up a good deal.

We were given a nine week course in the quartermaster school at Pensacola and Hampton Roads. In this course we had mathematics, mechanical drawing, meteorology, theory of flight and airplane construction. In order to get all of this in that time we were in school from 900 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. and busy all of the time.

An aeroplane is one of the most wonderful constructions as to mechanical and scientific ingenuity that I know about, and is a science within itself to keep one in perfect flying condition.

A few words about Christmas in the farthest point south one can go in the United States. Key West is connected to the mainland by the Floyles Railroad. Over this road we get our supplies and water. The distance to Cuba is only 90 miles, so in truth we are in the sunny South. To prove this, I was in swimming just a short time ago and the water was fine. In fact today reminds me of a July day at home. We had a dinner toda fit for a king and also a Christmas tree, but even at that can't realize that it is the yuletide season.

Tomorrow morning I expect to go on a navigation "hop" with Foster Finch of Spring Hope, N. C., formerly a classmate of mine at Elon college. We will go out to sea and come in by use of compass. Andrew Crinkley, another "Tar-Heel" and student aviator is also here and it is safe to say that the old North State through these representatives will go just as high and as far as the rest of them.

Today the "Blings" or dirigible came in from a forty hour trip, which is the record. Imagine flying steadily and without landing or that length of time. When I go a "hop" in the Blings and also one on a submarine I think I ought to be satisfied. I expect to do both soon.

Key West is an island city located on the largest of the numerous keys or coral islands. There are a few coconut trees, but no citrus fruit on

CLIFTON HAYES



Warren County boy of the Manson section who gave up his life in defense of Right upon the fields of France. Killed in last days of fighting.

the island. There is a submarine base, the air station, Naval Reserve Barracks, Soldiers and Marine Barracks also here, hence a large number of listed men.

Our station is as homelike as a place of this kind can be. We live in nice large barracks, two story buildings with porches on both floors. There are reading rooms where one can read and write.

Through the Y. M. C. A. we are given the best of books, games and movies. The Y. M. C. A. is the soul of any camp or station.

Lest I take up too much space I will stop. Again wishing you and all my Warren friends a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely
G. B. HARRIS.

All White Teachers Called Here On 11th

It is the desire of the Superintendent of Schools that all white teachers of public schools of Warren County be present at the graded school building in Warrenton on Saturday, January 11th at eleven o'clock for the purpose of organizing the Reading Circle work for the County. Prof. John H. Highsmith, of the State Board of Examiners, will be present and organize the work. Prof. Highsmith has been assigned to this County, and it will be his pleasure to meet the teachers and to assist them in this very essential part of their work. In fact it is not out of place for me to call the attention of our teachers to the necessity for their attendance and study of the Professional work. The future salary of the teacher will depend largely upon the grade of Certificate held, which certificate will be based upon work done in our Reading Circle as well as academic work. North Carolina is going to pay our teachers better salaries, but better salaries will be dependent upon the efficiency of the Teachers, as Certified by the State Board of Examiners. Prof. J. H. Highsmith is a member of this Board and will take pleasure in doing all in his power to aid our Warren county teachers in reaching the high standard set by the State Department of Education, and expected of you by the State of North Carolina.

HOWARD F. JONES, Supt.

MRS. DORA VINSON PASSES AWAY IN LITTLETON

After an illness of several weeks the sweet spirit of Mrs. Dora Garrett Vinson passed into eternity on Saturday night, December 28th. She was fifty-nine years of age and while her health had been failing for some time, loved ones hoped to the end for her recovery. She was a woman of sweet, amicable disposition, whom to know was to love. The funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Francis Joyner in the Episcopal church, of which she was a faithful member, and the remains laid to rest in the town cemetery.

Mrs. Vinson is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Hinton Pritchard, of Oxford; Mrs. Horace Palmer, of Hollister; and Misses Ruby and Sadie Vinson, of Littleton; and one son, Mr. Barnard Vinson, of Thomasville; all of whom were here to attend the funeral.

The Warren Record joins with a host of friends in tenderest sympathy to the bereaved.

EXTENDS A WORD THANKS

REV. J. A. HORNADAY EXTENDS THANKS FOR

Treatment Accorded During His Pastorate Here; Summarizes the Work of the Year, and Leaves Charge With Regret.

Editor of the Record:—

When I sent in my last communication concerning my pastorate of the Ridgeway Circuit, I fully intended to follow it up with other articles concerning many of the noble and consecrated men and women with whom I was associated as the pastor of that great charge. But one thing or another got in the way, and it was not done.

Now I wish to have something to say about the charge I have had the honor of serving the past Conference year. Knowing many of the people of the Warrenton Circuit as I did when I came to the charge a year ago, I was prepared for generous and hearty co-operation on their part in the work committed to our hands, and I was not disappointed. At the first Quarterly Conference for the year, held at Macon February 9, the stewards advanced the salary two hundred and fifty dollars, placing it at sixteen hundred dollars, and agreed to look after all the financial obligations of the charge, thus relieving the pastor of a very unpleasant and unnecessary task. Early in the spring the work of improving conditions about the parsonage was begun. The committee appointed to make improvements first came to an agreement as to the extent of the improvements, and then went to work in good earnest to accomplish their purpose. When twenty-three hundred dollars had been expended on the building it took its place among the first class parsonages in the Conference.

My chief regret is that special evangelistic services were held in only two of the four churches during the year. At Hebron and Warren Plains very successful meetings were held by the pastor, assisted by that prince among laymen, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, of Weldon. We had arranged for special services to be held at Macon and Warrenton, but just as we were to begin at Macon the "Flu" epidemic became so alarming that churches were closed, and kept closed until it was too late for such services before the annual conference. However the pastor reported forty-five accessions to the church during the conference year.

The people of the four churches on the Warrenton Circuit are as fine a type of people as can be found in any part of the best State of the Union. During every day of the past year the people, without exception, were kind to me and mine, and many substantial tokens of their appreciation and esteem were given. Many nice things might be said concerning each of the four churches in the charge, but it would require more space than I could ask you for to say all that is my heart. But I do feel like making mention of the Thanksgiving offering made to our Raleigh Orphanage by the church at Warren Plains. This church is composed of about one hundred members, and none of them make any claim to wealth, but the Thanksgiving offering of that church amounted to one hundred and five dollars.

Two or three weeks before Conference the chairman of the board of stewards for Wesley Memorial Church came to me and said, "Some of the members of this church have authorized me to tell you to purchase a nice suit of clothes for yourself, and send the bill to me." Of course the instructions of this beloved brother were obeyed, and this writer felt, "dressed up" at Conference. This writer very sincerely appreciates this splendid gift, and just HAD to speak of it.

You, Mr. Editor, have been very kind to me during my stay in your good town, and I thank you for all your courtesies to me.

Sincerely

J. A. HORNADAY.

Russian and Austrian Losses

Russia's casualties in the war are now estimated at 9,150,000 men, of whom 1,700,000 were killed. Austria Hungary's casualties are slightly over 4,000,000, including 18 Generals killed.

IN MEMORY WARREN MAN

WARM TRIBUTE TO GEORGE PETTIGREW OVERBY

Of Company F., 322 Infantry, 81st Division, Killed in Battle in France a Few Days Before the Armistice.

Mr. Editor:—

I desire that you give me space in your valuable paper to pay a slight tribute to one of Warren County's bravest and best soldiers,—George Pettigrew Overby,— who was killed in action in France on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1918.

This splendid young gentleman was the youngest son of Larkin White Overby and Elizabeth Landon Curd Overby, he was born at his father's home near Macon, in the County of Warren, on the 25th day of April, 1887, and was just thirty-one years of age when he sacrificed his life in obedience to his Country's call, in the mad strife of the cruellest war that the world ever looked upon. George Overby's father died some years ago and left to his family and unsullied heritage of honor and the highest esteem of a great citizenship; his mother now survives him and has the unstinted love of a large family and the true affection of her community; his brothers, Walter A. Overby, Howard Overby and Herman T. Overby, and his sisters, Mrs. Emma Overby Reams, wife of Hugh P. Reams, Esq., Bettie A. Overby and Susie J. Overby are numbered among the very best citizens of our great County, and the life, and character of each reflects the splendid moral training of their honored father and mother.

When I came to Warrenton to live twenty-three years ago, the sincere interest which Mr. Larkin Overby and his family took in my career, won my everlasting friendship, and I have all these years cherished with warm affection this friendship, and shall ever prize it as a fortunate asset in the sum total of my life's success; I feel a deep personal loss in the death of George Overby, and no sorrow can ever befall his family in which I do not share. I remember a few days before he left home for the army camps, I told him good-bye and told him that I hoped he would soon get home. He replied that he was "going and that he was going to do his best," and I looked at him and thought what a superb specimen of manhood he was, so strong and so clean, a gentleman, possessing every attribute which goes to make a hero. I know that George Overby was the idol of his home, he was always unselfish and thoughtful and evinced a most wonderful affection for his dear mother, his sisters and his brothers; he never cared to be away from them, and in all his life he never spent but one night from the shelter of his home. And just here I may say without fear of contradiction, that there was never a more hospitable home in this land than this home, it has been for a generation a rendezvous for the assembling of friends, and no friend ever entered its threshold and shared the warmth and glow of its kindness and love, but that he or she felt the glory of that eternal brotherhood which is sometimes exemplified in this life.

George Overby went into the training camps on the 25th of May, 1918, he was stationed for a short while at camps Jackson, Sevier and Upton, and from the latter camp went over sea and became a part of the expeditionary force of the American Army; the soldiers of this army fought for no selfish ends, this cannot be said of any other Army ever marshalled on this earth, it is distinction which only the American soldier in this Great World's war can justly claim. The success of a man's life never depends upon the length of his years, it can only be said of some men that they lived a long time.

"We should count time by heart throbs.

He most lives, who thinks most, feels the noblest, and acts the best."

The value of a life depends entirely upon the kind of service that life renders to the world, we either create moral or immoral influences in the years we live. What greater service can a man render in life than to sacrifice.

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ROBERT LEE ALSTON



Brother of Mrs. Walter Morecock, of Littleton, who was killed in France in the final days of the war. He was killed by a bomb.

"WHAT HAS ENGLAND DONE?"

Strange, that in this great hour, when Righteousness

Has won her war upon Hypocrisy, That some there be who, lost in littleness.

And mindful of an ancient grudge, can ask.

"Now, what has England done to win this war?"

We think we see her smile that English smile,

And shrug a lazy shoulder and—just smile.

It were so little worth her while to pause

In her stupendous task to make reply.

What has she done! When with her great, gray ships,

Lithe, lean destroyers, grim, invincible,

She swept the prowling Prussian from the seas;

And, heedless of the slinking submarine,

The hidden mine, the Hun-made treacheries,

Her transports plied the waters ceaselessly!

You ask what she has done? Have you forgot

That 'neath the burning suns of Palestine

She fought and bled, nor wearied of the fight

Till from that land where walked the Nazarene

She drove the foul and pestilential Turk?

Ah, what has England done! No need to ask!

Upon the fields of Flanders and of France

A million crosses mark a million graves;

Upon each cross a well-loved English name.

And, ah, her women! On that peaceful isle,

Where in the hawthorn hedges thrushes sang,

And meadow-larks made gay the scented air,

Now blackened chimneys rear their grimy heads,

Smoke-belching, and the frightened birds have fled

Before the thunder of the whirring wheels.

Behind unlovely walls, amid the din, Seven times a million noble women toil—

With tender, unaccustomed fingers toil Nor dream that they have played a hero's part.

Great-hearted England, we have fought the fight

Together, and our mingled blood has flowed.

Full well we know that underneath that mask

Of cool indifference there beats a heart,

Grim as your own gaunt ships when duty calls,

Yet warm and gentle as your summer skies;

A nation's heart that beats throughout a land

Where kings may be beloved, and Monarchy

Can teach Republics how they may be free.

Ah! What has England done? When came the call,

She counted not the cost, but gave her all!

VILDA SAUVAGE OWENS.

Wanted Long To Find It Out

The Spanish Premier, Count Romanones, now says that Spain is pro-Ally.

EXECUTIVE COM. MEETS

HOLD SESSION HERE TUESDAY MORNING, THE 31ST

County Body, With Nine Townships Represented, Endorses Present County Regime; Request As To Fees.

The Warren County Executive Committee met here Tuesday morning, December 31st, with every township except Roanoke, Sandy Creek and Judkins represented.

The concluding meeting of 1918 was featured by the following resolution. There was no other business:

We, the Democratic Executive Committee of the county of Warren assembled in Warrenton, N. C., pursuant to call, and for the purpose of discussing matters relative to the administration of our county affairs and in respect to legislation which may come before the next General Assembly of North Carolina, and after full discussion and consideration—Be it resolved by said Committee, that we commend the faithful services of our several county officers and point with pride to the most remarkable fact that for eighteen years and since the Democratic party came into full control of this county, that these officers have been so careful and zealous of the trusts submitted to them by the people that there has been no mistakes made and no scandal upon the body politic of our splendid county.

Be it further resolved: that we heartily approve our present county government and request that the several officers of the county be unmolested in the administration of their respective duties, especially that those recently created, the Auditor and Recorder, be retained for that the services rendered by them are most beneficial and of the highest importance in the proper administration of a modern municipality.

We respectfully recommend that our Representatives in the next General Assembly use their best efforts to revise the old obsolete fee bill in this State to the end that the county officers may be paid or receive a salary for their services commensurate with the service rendered and the responsibility imposed upon them.

We recommend that the Register of Deeds of the county be allowed an additional five hundred dollars so that his deputy shall receive not less than Fifteen hundred dollars.

We realize that the Sheriff of the county is inadequately paid and we recommend that the law be so amended that he shall receive for the services rendered in his office not less than Three Thousand Dollars with the power vested in the Board of County Commissioners to allow him an office Deputy and fix the salary not to exceed five hundred dollars.

This the 31st day of December, 1918.

T. O. RODWELL,

Sec'y.

Letter of Thanks From Chm. Graham

Warrenton, N. C. Dec. 30th, 1918.

W. Brodie Jones, Esq. Editor Warren Record.

My dear sir:—

At the close of our campaign for War Saving Stamps and Certificates, permit me to extend to you and through your columns to my efficient Township Chairmen and their assistants both white and colored, male and female, my thanks for their patriotic assistance. I am also under obligation to the various postmasters and Bank officials; to Rev. E. L. Baxter and Hon. John Palmer and E. B. Williams, and especially to Hon. Tasker Polk, who never failed to respond to any call that I made upon him, night or day, in town or country, for his help in the campaign, notwithstanding his many speeches made throughout the State, from Gatesville to Madison, in behalf of the Red Cross and Liberty Bonds always bearing his own expenses.

Truly yours,
JOHN GRAHAM.

War Savings Stamps are still on sale at the Postoffices. The 1919 series are in vogue.