

WWI dog tag crosses ocean back to Texas

In September, a gentleman by the name of Willem Schmidt, who lives in France, discovered a dog tag while digging in his garden. The dog tag belonged to Willie I. Tubb, who was a Coke County native and served in World War I.

After conducting some research, Willem found a blog

online created by Willie's great-nephew, John Millican, that chronicles Willie's life and military career. John uses his blog to honor his great-uncle's memory and to make sure that he is not forgotten (the website address for the blog is www.myunclewillieandworldwaridiary.blogspot.com).

Willem reached out to John and after corresponding, Willem mailed the tag to John. Willem also attached a note expressing his happiness that this piece of family history was back where it belonged.

After almost 100 years, Willie's tag was back on Texas soil.

Willie I. Tubb



The experience of World War I

by Ava Lou Davis
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My dad, Arthur Milton Tubb, was born November 15, 1894, in Leon County, Texas, to John Lee Tubb and Bettie Beatrice West Tubb. He was one of three children. When he was nine years old, the family moved to Sanco and later to Robert Lee. When he was a young boy, he helped build the Coke County Jail here in Robert Lee. As a young man, he learned to play the guitar; he loved to play and sing.

In 1917, during World War I he was inducted into the Army and transported to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, along with other Coke County men. He was inducted with Willie I. Tubb and Pammie Landers. The three found San Antonio to be a very colorful place in 1918. They lived in tents and trained with whatever was available for them. There was an epidemic of the flu during that time; a lot of men had to be hospitalized and many died.

Willie I. Tubb was born to George W. Tubb and Sarah J. Tubb in 1894. He grew up in Coke County around the Silver area. He attended school there and graduated there and went to secondary school. He taught school for several years. In fact, he taught some of the men when he was in the service, as they had little education.

Pammie Z. Landers was born 1888 in Thrifty, Brown County, Texas, to A. K. and Catherine Landers. He was one of nine children. Later the Landers family moved to a 200 acre farm north of Robert Lee. They became acquainted with other families there, and the area later became known as the Friendship Community.

These three men were good friends, and my dad, Arthur, was a second cousin to Willie I. They were getting ready to be shipped out overseas to France to help in the war against Germany. My dad, like the others, had been equipped with all the necessary gear and had been trained for war. Marching by foot or riding by horseback in the cavalry, my dad, Arthur Tubb, was assigned for certain duties.

The unit was to leave in a matter of days for Europe. My dad was riding by horseback and the pavement was wet.

The horse slid down, falling on my dad, causing injury to his back. The doctors' examinations left no alternative

but to keep my dad from joining the unit going overseas, much to his disappointment, because he wanted to be with his buddies.

Alta Bilbo of Robert Lee said she remembered when the men left home to go to war. She said she was 17 years old in 1918, and it was a sad time. Alta said it was hard times and they couldn't buy certain things. They all got together to help in the war effort. They rolled bandages to send to the Red Cross and Salvation Army. She said there was an epidemic of flu everywhere. Alta told me the

drug store was owned by Charlie Goss, and Dr. Coalson was the doctor. Her husband to be, Alli Bilbo, worked in the drug store.

Floy Sawyer, also of Robert Lee said she was 5 years old in 1918, and times were hard. She said her father was a farmer and they had to move a lot because of bad crops. She said a man drove her and her family from Indian Creek near Brownwood in a large touring car to the train station in Brownwood. They went to College Port, Texas, on the bay, to try with new crops.

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BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 6,822,297	\$ 698,057	\$ 41,963	\$ 7,562,317
State Program Revenues	399,989	1,863	5,295	407,147
Federal Program Revenues	-	-	13,359	13,359
Total Revenues	7,222,286	699,920	60,617	7,982,823
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	1,649,430	-	13,359	1,662,789
Instructional Resources and Media Services	57,978	-	-	57,978
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	8,028	-	-	8,028
Instructional Leadership	12,899	-	-	12,899
School Leadership	232,735	-	-	232,735
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	27,561	-	-	27,561
Health Services	91,590	-	-	91,590
Student (Pupil) Transportation	183,769	-	-	183,769
Food Services	-	-	172,415	172,415
Extracurricular Activities	219,699	-	-	219,699
General Administration	392,302	-	-	392,302
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	588,059	-	-	588,059
Security and Monitoring Services	80	-	-	80
Data Processing Services	18,061	-	-	18,061
Debt Service:				
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	720,000	-	720,000
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	120,200	-	120,200
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	350	-	350
Intergovernmental:				
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	3,161,130	-	-	3,161,130
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	45,958	-	-	45,958
Other Intergovernmental Charges	45,594	-	-	45,594
Total Expenditures	6,734,873	840,550	185,774	7,761,197
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	487,413	(140,630)	(125,157)	221,626
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	-	-	234,900	234,900
Transfers Out (Use)	(234,900)	-	-	(234,900)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(234,900)	-	234,900	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	252,513	(140,630)	109,743	221,626
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	532,220	146,165	-	678,385
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 784,733	\$ 5,535	\$ 109,743	\$ 900,011