

Bullets, Bonds, and Butter

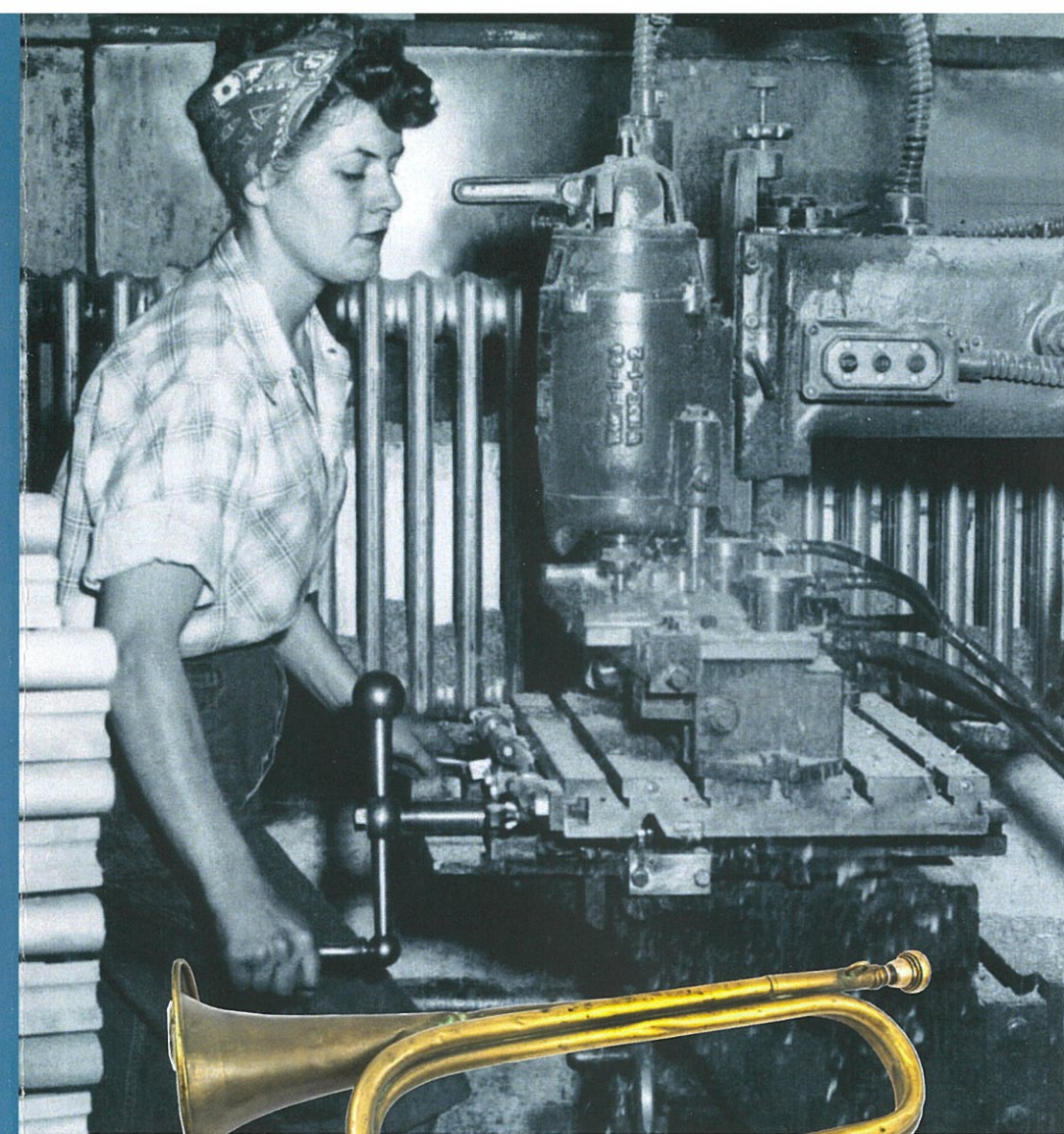
**Wilton Responds to War
1776–2006**

March 15 — September 14, 2019

American history is defined by conflict. The country itself was born through a bloody revolution, and has repeatedly entered into war, both at home and abroad. Each time the United States military marches off to war, Wilton has responded. Wiltonians have fought in many of America's conflicts, but the town's efforts have gone beyond sending soldiers into battle. The exhibition **Bullets, Bonds, and Butter: Wilton Responds to War** commemorates the contributions of both the soldiers and of the townsfolk who have answered the call of war. While troops have fought on the front lines, back at home, Wilton residents of all ages were engaged in supporting the war effort in ways both large and small. Rationing, writing letters, knitting socks and making bandages, buying war bonds, manufacturing supplies of all kinds, spotting airplanes from observation towers, collecting scrap, sending soccer balls to underprivileged children around the world, and in some cases, protesting against war were all part of the response. Time and again, the town has reacted to announcements of peace: a thrill of joy followed by sorrow for family, friends and neighbors who lost their lives, or returned broken from the conflict. Eventually, war memorials were erected, and American Legion Post 86, named for James B. Whipple, killed in action in Belleau Aisne, France, June 3, 1918, was established in Wilton Center.

Bullets, Bonds, and Butter: Wilton Responds to War includes material from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, and the war in Iraq. To mark the anniversary of the birth of the American Legion in March of 1919, the Wilton Historical Society worked with Adjutant Tom Moore to develop a special section on the history of the organization, which includes some of their artifacts, including materials related to Corporal Whipple.

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Flintlock Pistol
1775-1800
Gift of Alice Levin
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2004.2.2

Powder Horn
1750-1850
Gift of Alice Levin
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2004.2.3

Regimental Orders for 34th Connecticut Militia
1814
Gift of Samantha & John Reznikoff
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2013.15.1B

Regimental Orders for 34th Connecticut Militia
1815
Gift of Samantha & John Reznikoff
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2013.15.1D

Commission
1779
Gift of Guthman Americana
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
99.11.2

Deposition
1821
Gift of Guthman Americana
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
99.11.3

Portrait of Seth Grumman
1790-1800
Gift of Sam Young
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
96.1.1

Military Commission
1810
Gift of Sherman Betts
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2007.39.1

Bayonet
1861-1865
Gift of Miss Eunice Dogget
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
74.2.1



Cavalry Bugle
1861-1865
Gift of Miss Eunice Dogget
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
74.2.2

Cartridge Case
1861-1865
Gift of Miss Eunice Dogget
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
74.2.3A

Canteen
1896-1898
Gift of Miss Eunice Dogget
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
74.2.4

Bullet Mold
1850-1860
Gift of Lewis Betts Rockwell
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
79.9.23A

Medical Box
1880-1910
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.2

Case for Hypodermic Syringe
1860-1900
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.3A

Syringe, Hypodermic and Barrel Top Needles
1860-1900
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.3B-H

Case and Scalpels
1860-1900
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.4A-F

Scarificator (Blood-letting Instrument)
1847-1900
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.8

Bone Saws
1860-1910
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.10A-C

Extractor
1860-1910
Gift of Helen Mason
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
67.9.11

Photograph of George Jennings
1860-1865
Gift of Mariam Sanders
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
99.1.4

Photograph of Charles Hallock and John Taylor
1865-1870
Gift of Mrs. W. T. Long
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
82.10.7

Ten Dollar Bill, Confederate States of America
1864
Gift of Mrs. W. T. Long
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
82.10.12

Virginia Treasury Note
1862
Gift of Mrs. W. T. Long
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
82.10.6

.58 Caliber William's Type 1 Cleaner Bullet
1863
On Loan from Ian Sanders

.44 Caliber Pistol Bullet
1863
On Loan from Ian Sanders

.58 Caliber Minie Ball
1863
On Loan from Ian Sanders

Naval Middy
1918-1919
Gift of Carl and Elfriede Yoder
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2002.13.4



Naval Trousers
1918-1919
Gift of Carl and Elfriede Yoder
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2002.13.5

Naval Scarf
1918-1919
Gift of Carl and Elfriede Yoder
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2002.13.7

Naval Seaman's Hat
1918-1919
Gift of Carl and Elfriede Yoder
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2002.13.2

U.S. Army Mess Kit
1918
On Loan from Karl Dolnier

World War I Victory Medal
1921
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

"War Babies" Statuette
1918
On Loan from Janet Foster

M1917 "Brodie" Helmet
c. 1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

Photograph of James Whipple
c. 1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

World War I War Bond Poster
c. 1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

James Whipple Service Certificate
c. 1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

James Whipple Memorial Certificate
1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

James Whipple French Memorial Certificate
1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion



Liberty Loan Poster
c. 1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

Liberty Loan Poster
c. 1918
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

American Legion Centennial Flag
2019
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

Chance Brown "Normandy" Cartoon
Date Unknown
On Loan from the Wilton American Legion

Murrow's Boys
2009
Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Photograph of Richard Hottelet & Edward R. Murrow
1951
Courtesy of CBS Photo Archive

Photograph of Richard Hottelet
1944
Courtesy of CBS Photo Archive

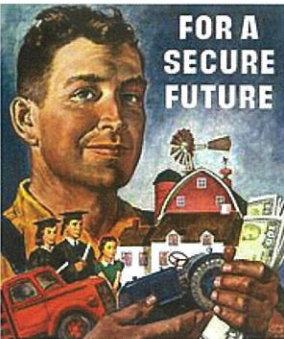
Photograph of Richard Hottelet & War Correspondents
1944
Courtesy of CBS Photo Archive

"Back the Attack" Third War Loan Poster
1943
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

"Back the Attack" Third War Loan Poster
1943
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

"For a Secure Future" War Bonds Poster
1945
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

"Fire Away" Fifth War Loan Poster
1944
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection



"A Bond Grows with Baby" Poster
c. 1943
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

"Next" Sixth War Loan Poster
1944
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Red Cross Poster
c.1943
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

M4 Lightweight Service Mask
c.1943
On Loan from Karl Dolnier

"Your Body in Flight" Manual
1943
Gift of the Estate of Willis DeForest
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
97.2.194

Dopp Kit
1940-1945
Gift of Mrs. Ellen Parisot
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.7A-F

Connecticut War Fund Poster
1942
Wilton Historical Society
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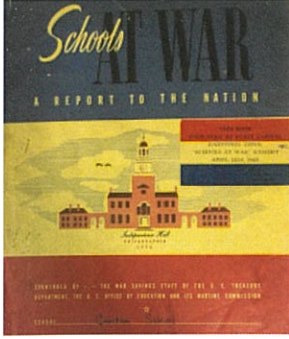
Finnish Relief Fund Poster
1940
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Wilton Defense Council Meeting Poster
1940
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Wilton Home Guard Photo
1941
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Photograph of Gladys Walsh
1942
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Service Flag
1941-1945
Gift of Marilyn Gould
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
96.9.1



"Schools at War" Scrapbook
1942
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

"Schools at War" Scrapbook
1943
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Child's WAAC Uniform
1942-1946
Gift of Ruth Wolfe
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2015.31.33

Child's WAVE Uniform
1942-1946
Gift of Ruth Wolfe
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2015.31.32

Red Cross Photograph
1940-1946
Gift of Robert H. Russell
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2012.15.1D

Red Cross Uniform
1942
Gift of Peter Russell
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
79.19.1A,B

Naval Uniform
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.1A,B

U. S. Army Uniform Shirt and Trousers
1943-1945
Gift of Nancy King
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2018.17.2A,B

Notification of Classification Cards
1942-1943
Gift of Marie Donohue
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2010.16.5,7



"Identification of Aircraft" Booklet
1942
Gift of Pat DeForest
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
97.2.193A

Aircraft Identification Quizzes
1942
Gift of Pat DeForest
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
97.2.193B,C

Photographs of Aircraft Spotting Station
1942
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection

Naval Blue Wool Dress Hat Cover
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.12B

Naval White Dress Hat Cover
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.10B

Naval Officer's Hat
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.5

Naval Officer's Hat
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.6

Military Hat
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.8



Military Hat
1940-1945
Gift of Ellen Parisot in memory of Lt. Comm. Robert James Lewis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
92.15.9

Army Hat Cover
c. 1953
Gift of Judy Cook
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2006.26.7

Army Dress Hat
c. 1953
Gift of Judy Cook
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2006.26.6

Army Cap (Summer)
c. 1953
Gift of Judy Cook
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2006.26.3

U. S. Army Uniform, Signal Corp
1957-1965
Gift of Robert H. Russell
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2015.31.1A,B

U.S. Army First Cavalry Patch
c. 1953
Gift of Judy Cook
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2006.26.16

Vietnam War Protest Banner
1969
Gift of Diane Margolis
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
97.4.1

Marine Dress Suit
1960-1970
Gift of Amy Quigley
Wilton Historical Society
Permanent Collection
2005.17.1A,B

Photograph of Nick Madaras
c. 2006
Courtesy of the Wilton American Legion

Holster for Beretta M9
1990
On Loan from Karl Dolnier