

# ACMM STEELMAN AND HIS FOUR BROTHERS CAN BOAST OF TOTAL OF 127 YEARS IN NAVY SERVICE

(The Pasquotank Patrol)

By virtue of 36 years service in the Navy, either on active duty or in the Fleet Reserve, Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate Charles Steelman, Master-at-Arms in the Mess Hall, outranks his four other brothers in the Navy.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE  
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of E. C. Allen, deceased, late of Wilkes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned whose address is Ferguson, N. C., on or before the 20th day of June, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 19th day of June, 1944.  
HENRY WALSH,  
Administrator of the estate of E. C. Allen, dec'd. 7-24-44(M)

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"youngsters" in the service, for they help boost the combined service time of the five Steelmans to no less than 127 years. In fact, a newspaper in their native town of Knoxville, Tenn., two years ago flatly declared it believed the Steelman boys held a national record for the largest one-family number of years of Navy service.

Charlie, who first saw the light of day in Knoxville, Tenn., just 54 years ago today, is the oldest of the five brothers now on active duty, and therefore holds the whip in the Navy family. The others are Lieut. (jg) George Steelman, who with 27 years in the Navy now is in charge of free balloon training at Moffett Field, Calif.; John, a Chief Boatswain's Mate on the USS EPTING FOREST, with 21 years service; Hugh A, who after 19 years in the Navy now holds the rating of Chief Machinist's Mate (Ret.) on the USS WYOMING, and Ensign Bill Steelman, USN, the "kid brother" with only 18 years service—somewhere in the South Pacific.

Enlisted in 1908 Charlie Steelman's long Navy career began on February 27, 1908, when he left a job as a wiper in a Southern Railway roundhouse to enlist in his home town.

Finishing "boot" camp at Newport, he served on the USS WEST VIRGINIA until May, 1911, when he reenlisted and became ship-keeper for a Naval Militia vessel at Morgan City, La.

From there he went to the USS BARNEY, a torpedo boat in the reserve torpedo division on the Atlantic Coast—and that brought him his nearest approach to shipwreck. The division, racing from Charleston to New York in 1912 was caught in a storm off the Virginia Capes—and the boat on which Steelman was serving ran out of coal and water and was lost for two days at sea until a Naval tug found her and towed her into Norfolk.

Survey Off Cuba Shortly after that episode he was assigned to the gunboat PA-DUCAH and spent nearly three years on her, surveying the ocean floor off the southern coast of Cuba and doing blockade duty in Cuban waters when revolution broke out there in 1915.

During the first World War, he was in charge of recruiting in

## An Elated Trio



Sam Byrd flanked by Sgt. E. J. Harrison, left, and Craig Wood, right, all appearing happy to have finished in the money at \$17,500 won bond invitation golf tournament at Philadelphia.

Jackson, Miss., won the rating of Chief Quartermaster, but relinquished it voluntarily late in 1919 to enlist for aviation duty. And in two years he had completed the aviation machinist's mate course at Great Lakes and won his wings as a Naval Aviation Pilot at Pensacola—IITA flight training center in those days.

Freak Solo Hop In 1922, Steelman reported to NAS, Lakehurst, as an Aviation Chief Rigger. There were no non-rigid airships assigned there and the only flying being done was in kite balloons. He likes to recall the time he was alone on one of the balloons when it got away from the ground crew in heavy winds and carried him 12 miles over New Jersey, landing without so much as scratching him.

Upon retirement to the Fleet Reserve in 1922, Steelman worked as a blacksmith helper and as an investigator for the Federal Bureau of Prohibition and Bureau of Internal Revenue, then was recalled in 1942 and sent to Naval Reserve Aviation bases at Atlanta, Ga., and Ottumwa, Iowa. He reported here in November, 1942.

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SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court  
Lonnie Combs vs.

Shirley Bauguess and wife, Bertie Viola Bauguess, Charlie H. Bauguess, Mitch Pruitt and wife, Dollie Pruitt.

The defendant, Charlie H. Bauguess, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, for the purpose of setting aside a fraudulent Deed for lands situated in Wilkes county, North Carolina, and for possession of lands described in the Complaint, and the said defendant, Charlie H. Bauguess, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county, at the Courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., within thirty days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said action, a copy of which is on file for him or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 30th day of June, 1944.  
C. C. HAYES,  
Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, N. C. 7-24-44M

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND  
By virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 5th day of March, 1938, by Claude Hall, single, to C. D. Coffey, Jr., trustee, said deed of trust being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wilkes county, in book 184, page 66, and the stipulation of said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of the note secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, August 7, 1944, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

Being Sixty-First Tract, known as the William Royal land, adjoining the lands of John Royal, Thos. Wyatt and others, lying in Union township, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a white walnut and runs south 17 deg. west 48 1/2 poles to a chestnut oak; then south 88 poles to a stake on a ridge; then south 51 deg. west 77 poles to a black gum in the John Royal line; then north 34 poles to a chestnut oak, his corner; then north 65 deg. west 18 poles to a maple; then north 89 deg. east 46 poles to a stake; then north 58 deg. west 25 poles; to a large chestnut; then north 80 deg. east 20 poles to a stake at the branch, north 68 deg. east with the branch, 40 poles to a stake; then north 50 deg. east 28 poles to the beginning, containing 88.77 acres, more or less. This 7th day of July, 1944.  
C. D. COFFEY,  
Trustee

## Does a Soldier Think?

We often hear it said, "You don't think in the army, you do as you are told". Right enough, but all the time you are doing as you are told. Opinions or many descriptions will form themselves in spite of the sergeants and corporals or other powers that be. Perhaps they are not as benevolent as they might be, and maybe they are in the way of scoring accounts on the day when you hear "dismissed" for the last time. Good, bad, and indifferent, they all merge together to form the morale of the individual and finally the whole unit.

Many a soldier's mind wanders along the line of what he is going to do when on pass or furlough while his actual being as marching or carrying out some military duty.

The morning I stood and kissed my wife goodbye your mind could be in only one channel at that time. Right you are, it was. I made the best of that kiss, it was the last for a long time.

Years were in her eyes as I backed away and went to the car that was waiting for me. It was hard for me to leave her but the look in her eyes said: "I'll be

waiting for you, darling, and praying every minute. That means everything to me. Months have passed and the war isn't over yet, and I am many miles away from the best wife in the world. Have I been lonesome and homesick. Yes! Many are the sneers the devil has set for me. Many of a time he has whispered, have a good time, she'll never know. In my memory the answer comes back as clear as the call to attention. I see that disappearing figure and that smile and the tear laden eyes. I hear the final words, "goodbye", and remember I am praying for you, wherever you go. And I believe that with all my heart because God has wonderfully blessed me since I have been gone. And not only me but many others in the service now. You see, my friend, why I act what you call strange. You wonder why I don't rush for the canteen when they say "Beer is on". When the dice are rolling, I am not there. When the talk runs to women, I say, "There is only one woman in this world for me". That, my friend, is why you find me in church when I get the chance.

Yes, I know that you crave excitement. All right, search the wide world over, hunt for true happiness, but the one place where it can be found is in the Lord

Jesus. When, what you call good times are over and the glittering lights have faded, you have a burdened heart, and you feel as if you have not a friend in the world, or when the bottom falls out of everything, hunt me up and I'll point out the real thing to you. If I am not around, dig down into your barracks bag for the testament your pastor gave you when you left home, the one that you have been ashamed to let anyone know you possessed. Read it soldier from cover to cover, it is a guide book to true happiness. It was God who gave us our freedom and our rights which we are fighting for. Let him be a leader in your life. He has never lost a battle.  
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