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LT. PERRY WINS DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Headquarters of the Ninth Air Force of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force has released the following information about a Macon County boy:

A Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt Station, England: First Lt. A. Winton Perry of Franklin, N. C., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious combat service. He is a pilot in a Ninth AAF P-47 Thunderbolt Fighter Squadron. The award was made by Brigadier General E. R. Quesada, commanding general of the Ninth Fighter Command. Lieutenant Perry also holds the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

He has flown his ship, the "Nil," on 38 combat missions over enemy-occupied Europe. Although he has yet to collect his first Kraut scalp, he is sure that at least one flak boat has a few holes punched in it by 50 calibre bullets. While flying escort for Fortresses attacking targets in northwest Germany, a flak boat fired on the formation. He went down and effectively strafed the vessel.

Although most of the missions in which Lt. Perry has participated have been bomber escort, there has been a liberal sprinkling of dive bombing. Thus the chunky, bullet-belching Thunderbolts are doing their share to blast a pre-invasion breach in Hitler's "Festung Europa."

The group is operating under combat conditions. The hangar on the field is a huge canvas structure, supported by a skeleton of interlacing steel beams. It is mobile on short notice. The runways are made of steel netting, referred to by the men as "chicken wire."

The entire life of the group revolves around tents, in which the men eat, sleep, and work. The line crews, who keep the planes in the air, work in the open—in the wind and often the rain. Practically every activity of the unit takes place under canvas.

Lt. Perry is single. His mother, Mrs. J. E. Perry, lives in Franklin. He worked as a clerical accountant for the Nantahala Power and Light Company in Franklin before entering the army. He graduated from the Franklin high school in 1934, and holds a B. S. degree from the University of North Carolina, where he is a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. He played on the football team in high school, and on the golf team in college.

31 MACON MEN GO INTO NAVY

The following men left from this Board for Spartanburg, S. C. today for induction into the Navy:

James William Porter, John J. Jamison, Don Henry Estes, Elmer Ray Lothridge, Ray Edwin Justice, Clark Lewis Burrell, James Dillard Southards, Hugh Dorsey Burrell, William Sampson Wilson, Charlie B. Clouse, Leonard Gary Edwards, Lawrence Henry Long, John Robert Slagle, Fred Dills, Robert William Taylor, Frank Thornton Saunders, Charles Leroy Downs, Curtis Lamar Pearson, Harry Lester Talley, Verlon Wiley Poindester, Logan Berry Ashe, Logan Alexander Adams, Gordon Elbert Greenwood, John Thomas Seay, Harvey Bell, Louis Edwin Johnson, Ned Sutton Cabe, James Franklin Furr, Jim Burch, Lewis Ellison Dendy, Benjamin Charles West.

Nesbert Simmie Long, who was transferred from Elloree, S. C. for induction, left with this call.

Mayor Proclaims Poppy Day

"I, J. O. Harrison, Mayor of the City of Franklin, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 27, 1944, to be Poppy Day in the City of Franklin, Macon county, and urge all citizens to observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy in honor of the men who died for America in the battles of World War I and World War II."

CHERRY REPLIES TO ATTACKERS

To Broadcast On Friday Evening At Nine O'clock

Referring to the recent attacks made upon him in the current primary campaign, Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor, speaking at a mass meeting in Wilmington Tuesday, said that he did "not propose to indulge in the sort of tactics that have been injected into this campaign."

"The people of North Carolina," he said, "don't choose a governor on any such basis. They are interested in a man's ability to handle matters of state. I have presented and will continue to present my campaign on a basis of my ability to serve as governor."

Mr. Cherry also said: "The Democratic Party has given to this State an unbroken succession of great Governors since the Party under the magnetic leadership of Charles B. Aycock redeemed the State from Republican rule. No State in this Union has ever been more fortunate in its Governors."

"If I am elected Governor of North Carolina, it will be my constant, even prayerful effort to live up to the high standards of this interested and incorruptible and capable public service which these men set. I will not undertake to build in North Carolina by tearing down what they constructed. Rather, will I strive to build upon the imposing edifice of honest and progressive government which they have provided. When my term is ended, I will be happy beyond measure if the people will say in their kindness, 'Gregg Cherry did not let us down. He continued the tradition of faithful and intelligent public service which his predecessors created.'"

Major Cherry will speak at a rally at the Gastonia Armory at 9:00 p. m. Friday. It will be broadcast over a hook-up which includes WWNC, Asheville; WAIR, Winston-Salem; WAYS, Charlotte; WHKY, Hickory; besides the Gastonia station, WGNC.

Notice To Farmers

A recent study made by the Department of Agriculture shows that we are facing a most serious shortage of feed. It appears at present, that by fall it will be impossible to purchase feed; unless farmers produce their own feeds, both grain and roughage, they will possibly lose their livestock due to lack of feed.

It is not too late now to plant these idle acres in hay crops and corn. Limited supplies of soy beans, peas and lespedeza are available and there is no shortage of sudan grass seed. I would like to urge that every farmer plant sufficient hay crops for all livestock.

It will possibly pay you to plant more corn than you had planned. Corn production can be greatly increased by more liberal use of Nitrate of Soda. Recent experiments have proven that land which will produce 20 bushels of corn per acre, by application of 250 pounds of Nitrate of Soda when the corn is knee high, can be made to produce 40 bushels of corn per acre. This amount of soda will cost about \$5.25 per acre or 26c per bushel for the increase.

There is no shortage of Nitrate of Soda. If additional loan funds are needed for the purchasing of soda or seed, we will be in the office on May 29 and May 30.

If the Farm Security Administration can be of any help to you at this time, please let us know.

ALBERT L. RAMSEY,
FSA Supervisor.

All-Day Meeting At Watauga Baptist Church

There will be an all-day service held at the Watauga Baptist church on Sunday, with the Rev. Edgar Willis, of Andrews, preaching at the 11 o'clock service.

Following dinner served on the church lawn at noon, the Rev. George Younce, of Flats, will preach at 2:30 o'clock. To these services the elderly people in the community are especially invited to attend. The public is also invited.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Pfc. John D. Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gregory of Franklin, route 2, spent a 11-day furlough at home recently. He is now stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.



Pvt. Wallace A. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Morgan of Franklin, route 4, is now stationed in North Africa. He took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.



Cadet Charles R. Owens, son of Mrs. Clara Owens of West's Mill, is scheduled to receive his wings within a short time. His mother visited him in Arkansas, where he is stationed.



Pvt. Patrick T. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neelle Rogers, of Highlands, has landed safely overseas according to a letter received by his wife. He has been in service since 1942.



AMM 1/C Ray Barnard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnard of Franklin, route 3, is stationed at a base in Australia. He served in Panama, South America and a number of island bases in the Atlantic for two years.



Sgt. Carlos Rogers, son of Mrs. Florence Rogers of Stiles and Asheville, is stationed in New Guinea. He enlisted in 1942 and took his training at Fort Bragg.

Brothers Meet In Pacific For First Time

Sol Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, who is a student at the University of Missouri, sent the Press the clipping of two brothers meeting in the Pacific.

These sailors, Joe and Dan Bryson, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Bryson, 231 Sexton road, Columbia, Mo., met recently in the southwest Pacific when their boats docked in the same harbor. Joe is fireman, first class, on the Oceanographer, and Dan is a motor machinist mate, third class, on the Virgo.

The Bryson boys have visited in Franklin and Macon county on various occasions, being the grandsons of Mrs. H. D. Dean, of Etna. They are also nephews of Mrs. John Moore and Walter Dean of Franklin.

DID YOU BUY THAT EXTRA WAR BOND?

Fifth War Loan Campaign Has Goal Of Six Billion

SGT. CARELOCK AWARDED AIR MEDAL

Staff Sergeant James Aubrey Carelock, a former Franklin boy, gunner on a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Bomber Command in England, has been awarded the Air Medal, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carelock, of Hopewell, Va.

Sgt. Carelock has been overseas since late fall of 1943, and has been on some of the biggest missions over Nazi Germany since January, according to clippings from English newspapers. One clipping told of the mission to Augsburg and Ulm in blinding snowstorms, when the American bombers and their fighter escorts met many Nazi fighters and a fierce air battle ensued. Another time was when they made a big raid on Frankfurt and the US bombers flew "blind" through solid clouds for four hours, before reaching the target.

He was also on the great raid on Gotha and Schweinfurt in March, a round trip of 1,000 miles against strong Nazi opposition, which is called one of the great air battles of the war. Other missions he was on were when the aircraft plant at Bernburg was bombed and the great raid on Stuttgart.

Sgt. Carelock is now interned in a neutral country, according to a message the family had from a friend who was in England; however, the message was not from the War Department. Their last letter was dated April 8th and he was reported missing on April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Carelock and family made their home in Franklin for several years. Mr. Carelock was linotype operator for the Franklin Press and Mrs. Carelock was telephone operator for Western Carolina Telephone Company. Another son, Vivian, who is also in the service, is reported to be alright.

Classifications

Announced By Our Local Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Board:

In 1-A: Thaddie Guffie, Fred William Penland, Jr., col, William Thomas Shields, Lemmie Webb, Cecil Porter Ayers, Noah Lee Rogers, Joseph Thomas Waller, Bernard Fidelity Phillips, T. J. Sorrells, James Edward Perry, Vernon Luther Holland, Ernest Royal Dills, Jr.

In 1-A-O: Templeton Rowe Vinson.

In 1-C: Glenn A. Tilson, Owen Livingston Ammons, Billey Burgess, col., Willard Goldman Passmore.

In 2-A: Albert Ammons, Clarence Geo. Greenwood, Sam Earl Hall, Paul Coleman Morgan, Elmer Davis Justice, Paul Clinton Gregory, John Leonard Holbrook, Kinlon Buel Welch.

In 2-B: Robert Roy Cunningham, Jack Porter Howard.

In 2-C: Clinton Roger Cabe.

In 4-D: Radford Wilson.

In 4-F: Win Lester Huscusson, James Eugene Love, col., Homer Edson Stiwinter, Markus Everett Raby, Paul Guy, Radford Alexander Talley, Robert Warren Munger, Paul Lacy Smith, Elmer Evrison Hedden, Thomas Cobb Habison, Charles Rhobe Carpenter, Harvey Sumner Talley, Raymond Rogers Tallent, Charles Ellis Allen, Remon Tanner Fouts, Claud John Crisp, J. A. Hurst, J. L. Crisp, Willie Wykle, Ebbie Lee Bingham, Ho-

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Baptist Association Meets At Cowee

The Macon County Baptist Associational Training Union, meeting with Cowee Baptist church Friday, May 26, at 8:30 p. m., announces the following program: 8:30 p. m.—Devotional—By Billie Raby, Cowee; Business, Roll Call, Announcements; "My Visit to Ridgecrest" — By Dorothy

War Bond Dollars Are
DOUBLE DUTY
DOLLARS

Cabe and Jones to Attend District Meeting In Asheville

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, has announced that the Fifth War Loan Campaign will be launched on Monday, June 12, and continue through Saturday, July 8. The goal will be \$16,000,000,000, of which \$6,000,000,000 is to come from the sales of bonds to individuals.

Henry W. Cabe, chairman of the Macon county War Finance committee and Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman of the Macon county Fifth War Loan Campaign, are expected to attend a meeting of the chairmen and co-chairmen of this district, in Asheville on Thursday, at which time they will learn the amount of the quota given to Macon county. However, it is expected to be somewhat larger than the Fourth War Loan quota, which was \$160,000. The amount raised totaled \$201,788.

The June drive is the biggest and most important job we have ever faced together, and it may be the most important Bond drive of the war. Therefore we must keep this uppermost in our minds when we are preparing for the Fifth War Loan Campaign and see that no effort has been spared to make this the most successful of all four previous campaigns. In this drive personal solicitation will be more important than ever before, if we expect to reach the six-billion-dollar mark from individuals alone.

In this June drive, let's do our share toward making this a real "Victory Loan Drive," thus speeding the day that will bring our boys and girls safely home, and to America's million-strong army in the fields a real zero hour.

LT. HUNNICUTT WINS MEDAL

Flying Fortress Officer Decorated In England

2nd Lieut. Charles R. Hunnicutt, a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was recently awarded the Air Medal.

The citation which accompanied the decoration of the Air Medal read: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate combat missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by 2nd Lt. Hunnicutt upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

2nd Lt. Hunnicutt, a native of North Carolina, is the son of Mrs. Blanche I. Hunnicutt, Rt. 4, Franklin, North Carolina.

His wife, Martha Edith Hunnicutt, lives in Leatherman, N. C. Upon graduating from Franklin high school, he entered the University of New Mexico, where he studied civil engineering.

A brother, George L. Hunnicutt, is serving in the U. S. Navy.

Workers Sought For Positions In Washington

On Monday and Tuesday, May 29 and 30, Frederick Sheets, civil engineer representative, will be in this area on the above dates to recruit workers for jobs in Washington, D. C., and in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Sheets states that positions are available for clerks, typists and stenographers. Also transportation to the jobs will be paid by the government. Teachers will also be accepted for work during their summer vacation but will have to pay their own transportation.

Persons classified in 1-A who are over 30 years of age will be accepted for positions in the Norfolk area, it was stated.

Corbin, Holly Springs; Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; "The Place of the Home in Christian Witnessing"—By Mrs. William Dalrymple; "Personal Witnessing Today"—By Paul Swafford; "Courageous Witnessing"—By Ben McCullum; Hymn—"Bless Be the Tie"; Benediction.