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Three Macon County Men Missing In Action Overseas

Pvt. Robert L. Mashburn Wounded In Service Abroad

LIEUT. CHAS. M. HUNTER

Lieut. Charles M. Hunter, son of Mrs. Pearl D. Hunter and the late Nicholas J. Hunter of Franklin, was reported missing in action in France on August 18.

Lieut. Hunter volunteered for the service on September 1, 1941. He received training at several camps. He was commissioned from the Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. in February, 1943.

From Fort Benning he was sent to Camp Croft, S. C. and then to Greenville, Pa., where he received his final training before going overseas, in May 1943.

Lieut. Hunter had been serving as company executive officer in Italy for some time and was wounded in action during the capture of Rome. The purple heart medal which he received in this action, he sent to his mother a few weeks ago.

After recovering from wounds he went back into action. In letters to his mother he said he was quite well, busy, and hopeful of the job being finished before very long and the happy day of his coming home.

T/SGT. WILLIAM V. QUEEN
T/Sgt. William V. Queen, son of Thomas H. Queen, and the late Mrs. Queen of Franklin, route 3, has been reported missing in action on August 7 in France according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Cora Joe Queen, of Kannapolis.

JOHN H. KEENER

Sgt. John H. Keener, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keener of Franklin route 4, has been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia on August 17, according to word received here by his parents. He was an aerial gunner on a bomber.

Sgt. Keener entered the army in 1943 and received training at Miami, Fla. before being stationed at Mitchell Field, N. Y. for advanced instruction.

Before entering the service, Sgt. Keener attended Franklin

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Lieut. Val S. Pierson Outwits Nazis In Avellino Action, Italy

Highlands Soldier Escapes After Being Captured By Nazis

Editor's Note: The following story is an Army release which is typical in the sense that it describes the heroism and initiative of U. S. fighting men that is winning this war for America on all the battlefronts.

After one parachute jump in battle near Salerno, 1st Lieut. Val S. Pierson, 24-years-old, of Highlands, was captured, he said on his return from twenty-two months in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

His next leap was made from a moving train at night near Rome in a successful escape from the Germans.

"I had only one combat jump," Lieut. Pierson related in an interview released recently. It was at Avellino, a few days after the Salerno landings. Our mission was to divert German pressure against the invasion forces."

The young paratrooper officer wore the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to his 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion, separate for its bulldog heroism in stopping an all-out German attack at Anzio later in the Italian campaign.

A former employee of the Atlanta (Ga.) Athletic Club, and graduate of Georgia Military Academy, he was called to duty as a reserve officer nearly three years ago. He trained at the parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga., and joined the 509th as a replacement in England in October, 1942. Back in this country, he is spending his leave with his father, S. P. Pierson, of Highlands.

About the Avellino action, he continued:

"We took off from Sicily and flew up to Salerno. We jumped at midnight. I landed right in

LIEUT. VAL S. PIERSON



Escapes from Nazis

the town of Avellino."

The Germans kept the parachute infantry invaders fighting continuously from the moment they landed. The town was headquarters for a regiment of enemy Panzer Grenadiers. Other German forces pitched into the battle against the Americans who were fighting from buildings and fields throughout the area.

"It was a day and a half later that I was captured," the lieutenant said. "Here's the way it happened. We were all split up and had suffered a lot of casualties since the landing.

"Three of us were concealed in the middle of a cornfield right next to a road. A Jerry spotted us and several Germans set up a light machine gun and fired on us. There wasn't much to do but give ourselves up."

But it wasn't long before Lieut. Pierson was back with his outfit again. The enemy held him prisoner for two weeks and sent him by train toward Rome to a prison camp. He jumped off the train at night near Rome. His escape took

PFC. JOE MASHBURN



Pfc. Joe Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mashburn, who was killed on August 1, in action in France.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

11:00 a.m.—Every Sunday in the S. T. Maret building on Main Street.

Mrs. George S. Saussy and family have returned to Columbia, S. C., after spending the season at "Highfield," their summer home on the Walhalla road.

LIEUT. D. L. DEAN

First Lieutenant Davis Logan Dean, son of Herman Dean, of Franklin, has been assigned to Buckingham Army Air Field. It was announced by Col. H. F. Muentzer, the commanding officer.

Lieut. Dean was an auto mechanic before entering the army approximately three and one-half years ago. He was previously stationed overseas in the European theatre of operations.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many expressions of kindness

Funeral Services For Frank E. Mashburn

Frank Edward Mashburn, farmer of the Sugar Fork section, was buried at the Sugar Fork Baptist church cemetery at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Mashburn and the Rev. Hull. Pallbearers were Frank Ramey, Ennis Mashburn, Fred Cabe, Ed Crisp, Sam Wilson, and Wiley Brown.

Mr. Mashburn was sixty years old.

He had been ill for two weeks and died at Angel's hospital Saturday, September 2.

The son of the late Lon Henry Mashburn and Synthia Arominta Mashburn, he was born at Cullasaja on April 30, 1884.

In 1921 he was married to the former Miss Faye Moses in Ellijay.

He was a member of the Christian church.

He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Anna Lee Mashburn of Goldsboro, Lucy Mashburn of Allentown, Pa.; five sons, Edward Ray, now serving in the Merchant Marine somewhere in the Pacific, Samuel, James, Gilbert, and Richard, all of Macon county; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Abernathy of Asheville, Mrs. Nellie Ramey of Waynesville; and two brothers, Harley and Amos of Macon county.

more than two additional weeks before the paratrooper fugitive regained American lines. After that he had to spend a month in the hospital recuperating from yellow jaundice.

One comment the lieutenant had about the Germans was: "They seem to have fewer officers than we do. The officers are good, but non-commissioned officers seem to run the German army, just as 'non-coms' run the British army."

In December Lieut. Pierson rejoined his 509th Battalion, which then was getting ready to go into the landings at Anzio on January 22. During the 509th's more than forty days on the beachhead, he saw some of the worst fighting of the campaign amid winter mud as fresh German troops strove desperately to push the Allies back into the Mediterranean—or kill them on the spot.

"I don't remember much about Anzio," he said softly, "except they got a lot of my good buddies there."

George H. Hill To Assume Duties As F. H. S. Principal

George H. Hill, new principal of Franklin high school, will assume his duties when Macon county schools open on Monday, September 18.

Mr. Hill, a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogett, Tenn., has a master's degree from the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Hill, a native of Georgia, is and has been in the teaching profession more than twenty-five years of which more than twenty has been spent in North Carolina. Before coming to Franklin, he taught at Oakboro for eight years.

He is married and has three children.

Town Board Approves Rest Benches

The Town Board at a meeting Monday night made appropriations for rest benches to be placed along Phillips St., near the square and the jail. J. O. Harrison, mayor, announced this week.

O. C. Bryant Undergoes Serious Operation

O. C. Bryant, of Bryant Furniture Co. and Funeral Home, is in Angel Clinic, after undergoing a serious appendectomy last week. His son, Clell, is home on emergency leave from Camp Hood, Texas.

Eighteen-Year-Olds For Selective Service, Who Registered In August

The following 18-year-old boys registered for Selective Service during the month of August:

Lloyd Harmon Hodgins, Geo. Percy Cabe, Guy Monday Henderson, Ralph Jackson Wood, Carl Raymond Dowdle, James Guffey, Erwin Charles Rickmon, Kenneth Roger Norton, Thomas Ira Miller, Bennie Thomas Brown, John Mack Boston, Billy Dowell Norris, Charles Terrell Tallent and Marlin Ray Benfield.

Classifications

The following classifications are announced by the local Selective Service Board:

1-A: Coy Justice, Geo. Robert Chavis, (col.), William Berkley Speed, Carol Kenneth Jacobs, Henry Elmer Tippet, George Keener, Jr., Joseph Jefferson Bustin (col.), Paul Everett Buchanan, Robert Willard Hall (col.), Billy Dewese Meadows, Howard Richard Hopkins, Clarence Conrad McMahan, Marshall Glenn Nichols, Bobbie Tom Ledbetter, Arthur Junior Hurst, Herbert Lewis Crawford.

2-A: James Madison McCall, Frank Medlin, Lambert Earl Talley, Gus Daniel Hedden, Carl Samuel Tallent, James Monroe Grant, Lewis Lee Fouts.

2-B: Willard Bryant Sanders.

2-A-H: William Arlen Greenwood, Henry Augustus Holt, Glenn Dehart.

2-B-H: Frank Wayne Gibson, Alex William Garland, Dewey Hobson Russell, John Murdoch.

4-F-H: Cleveland Lafayette Cartledge, Harry Doyal Painter.

1A-H: James Wm. Beasley, George Washington Bateman, Fred Davis, Wm. Elby Hodgins, Chas. Louis Corn, John Franklin Crane, Arthur Montgomery Morgan, Harold Waldroop, William Jerry McCall, Everett Benj. May, Fred S. Littlejohn, Laddie Harrington Crawford, Jim Dewey Henry.

4-A: George William Reece, Frank Dan Ray, Henry Pierson Keener, Charles M. Rogers, Jno. Phillip Anderson, Jesse Karr Conley, Raleigh Jarvis Sanders.

The following men were classified in 2-B by the Board of Appeal: Riley Geronimo Sawyer, Rany Anderson.

Health Clinic At Franklin, Friday, September 15

The regular Health Clinic for Franklin and vicinity will be held the third Friday, September 15, 10 to 12 A. M. and 1 to 3:30 P. M. at the Macon County Health Department office. Services offered include infant and maternal welfare, pre-school children, maternal hygiene, and immunizations.

Harold Meyer Speaks On Recreation At Methodist Church

Dr. Harold Meyer, executive director of the North Carolina Recreation Committee, addressed members of the Rotary Club, the Lions Club and interested citizens of Macon county on the subject of "Recreation" at a meeting in the Franklin Methodist church on Tuesday evening.

Classifying recreation as one of the five vital necessities of a full life, Dr. Meyer stated that all ages need some form of recreation. Governor Broughton sensed a need of a program of this kind in North Carolina and last year appointed a committee for this purpose.

In giving facts and figures for other communities where this program is already in operation, Dr. Meyer stressed that it was not alone for children, for delinquents, for people who did not have the same advantages as others, but it is for "We, The People."

Recreation is definitely on the march. President Roosevelt in a recent speech stated that it must be considered in the next peace conference.

Since this meeting was sponsored by the Rotary Club in the hope of getting some plans under way for a recreational program in Macon county, Dr. Meyer gave some suggested steps to start such a movement.

By putting recreation in a proportionate place in the whole life of a community, Dr. Meyer believes that "We The People" will have a richer more abundant life.

T. W. Porter Improving After Severe Fall

T. W. Porter, Franklin postmaster, who fell from a tree last week trying to catch some chickens, is improving. He broke an arm and leg in the fall. On Monday he returned to his home from the hospital.

HUNTING RULES ARE ANNOUNCED

Seasons and Bag Limits Given By Warden Fred Bryson

Hunting regulations for the coming season have been announced this week by J. Fred Bryson, game warden.

On September 15, the season will open on squirrel with a limit of six and ending on December 15.

The season on rabbit and quail will open on November 23 and end on February 10 with a limit of ten for each.

Deer hunting will be restricted to the fifteen days between November 1 and November 15. The limit is one buck.

The bear season opens on October 15 and allows the hunter animals before closing on January 1.

Ruffed grouse can be hunted between Thanksgiving Day and January 1 with a limit of two.

Raccoon and possum can be hunted from October 15 to February 15 with no limit.

There will be no season for turkey this year, Mr. Bryson announced.

Muskrat and mink can be trapped by hunters from November 15 to February 15.

There will be no Sunday hunting. All repeating shotguns must be plugged to hold not more than three shells.

Licenses can be bought from: Franklin, Macon County Supply Co., Angel's Drug Store; Highlands, Highlands Hardware, Harry H. Holt; Cullasaja, Roy Stiwinter, C. T. Bryson; Sealy, J. D. Burnett; Otto, L. M. Benson; Shortoff, Robert McConnell; Cartoogechaye, J. R. Southard; Rainbow Springs, Mrs. Frank Phillips; Kyle, Bruce Duvall; Flats, W. W. Cochran; Nantahala, Fred L. Babington; Burningtown, Grady Duvall; West's Mill, C. N. West.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PVT. WOODROW ZIMMERMAN



Pvt. Woodrow Zimmerman, son of J. Sidney Zimmerman of Franklin, who was wounded in action according to word received here.

S 1/C EDGAR N. GUFFEY



S 1/C Edgar Guffey is stationed at De Land, Fla. He entered service August, 1943, at Bainbridge, Md.

SGT. NEWEL LAKEY

Sgt. Newel Lakey, son of Mrs. Maggie Lakey of Franklin, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent hospital, the army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach, Fla. The carefully planned program of physical and educational reconditioning will keep him very busy, and will put him in the pink of condition. Sgt. Lakey entered the army in August 1939 in Charlotte. Since then, Newel has served thirteen months overseas. He also got the Purple Heart.

LIEUT. HORACE C. HURST

Second Lieut. Horace C. Hurst, of Franklin, navigator on a B-17 flying fortress, has been awarded the third Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal at an Eighth Army air base in England. The presentation was made by his group commander, Col. Hunter Harris, Jr., of Athens, Ga.

Lt. Hurst is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hurst, of Franklin.

Prior to entering the Army forces in May, 1942, Lt. Hurst was a student at N. C. State college. He received his navigator's wings in February, 1944, at Selman Field, Monroe, La.

FRED HOUK IN NAVY

Fred Houk, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Houk, spent the week end with his parents. He is stationed at Carson-Newman, Jefferson City, Tenn. with the Navy V-12 training unit.

PVT. CLELL BRYANT

Pvt. Clell T. Bryant, son of O. C. Bryant, is home on an emergency furlough because of his father's illness. Pvt. Bryant is stationed at North Camp Hood, Texas with the tank destroyers.

Pvt. Victor Horn Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry of Harrison avenue, is home on furlough. Pvt. Perry is stationed at Davidson college, Davidson, N. C.