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## WATTS, BATY CASUALTIES

### Gneiss Soldier Missing; Highlands Man Wounded

Cpl. Riley Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watts of Gneiss, has been reported missing in action in France since August 15, according to a message received here from the War Department.

Cpl. Watts enlisted in the Army in October, 1940. He received basic training at Fort Bragg, and was transferred to the paratroops at Fort Benning, Ga.

He went overseas in April, 1943. His parents have received no mail from him since August 9.

Pvt. William H. Baty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baty of Highlands, was wounded in action in France on July 28, according to a message received by his parents.

Pvt. Baty entered the Army in September, 1943. Before going overseas in May, he had been stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Meade, Md.

### Last Rites Held For Thomas C. Roper; Killed In Mine Accident

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Oak Grove church for Thomas Clingman Roper, who was instantly killed at 12:15 o'clock Monday afternoon in an accident at the Bradley Mining Co. Mine, near the Iotla Bridge. The Rev. George A. Cloer officiated and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Roper was 29 years old. Pallbearers were Fred Queen, Willard Dean, Andy Buchanan, Dillard Holbrooks, Clarence Icenhower and Furman Welch.

Audrey Buchanan, superintendent at the mine, said that he believed Mr. Roper may have been electrocuted while physicians at Angel hospital here said after an examination that he suffered a crushed chest. Mr. Roper was operating a crushing machine at the time of the accident, the first major mishap at the mine since it was opened over 40 years ago.

Mr. Roper had been employed at the mine for nearly two years.

He was the son of the late Sallie Owenby Roper and Clingman Roper. In July, 1934, he was married to Miss Bethel Icenhower. He was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church.

Survivors include: the widow; three small children, Gerald, Thad, and Charles L. of Route 3; the father, C. C. Roper of Route 3; four brothers, Bronce Roper, R. L. Roper, C. B. Roper, C. B. Roper, and Shilley Roper of Route 3; four sisters, Mrs. Furman Welch, Mrs. Ed Queen, and Miss Bertha Roper of Route 3; and Mrs. Cora Queen of Kannapolis.

Potts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Macon Students Return To Colleges, Universities

Among the girls and boys from Franklin and Macon county, who have already left and are leaving soon for the various colleges and universities are the following:

Misses Louise Pendergrass, Margie Blumenthal, Betty Jane Waldroop, Emogene Landrum, Kathryn Long, Ann Myra Slagle, Barbara Hurst, to Women's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Dorothy Sloan to the Juilliard School of Music, New York City. Barbara Stockton to Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.

Merly Brooks, Mary Frances Page to Stephen's College, Columbia, Mo.

Ruth Crawford, Emma Lou Hurst, Clyde Drake to Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.

Ann Ray, Louise Carpenter, Ida Mae Dowdie, Mildred Shope, Margaret Sanders, Merl Kinsland, Thelma Baldwin, to Western Carolina Teachers' College, Cullowhee.

Charles Fulton to University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This is a partial list. Other names will be published next week.

### Two American Soldiers. (One From Otto, N. C.) Rescue Canadian Pilot

Though they discount any references to heroics, Technical Sergeant Hilliard L. McCall, of Otto, and Staff Sergeant Russell P. Nicholson, of Benton Harbor, Mich., are being hailed by fellow officers and enlisted men for their part in rescuing a Canadian fighter pilot from a treacherous undertow recently.

But Flying Officer James J. McLaughlin, the Royal Canadian Air Force pilot, told the story after he had recovered sufficiently from his watery ordeal, and gives the two American sergeants all kinds of praise for coming to his aid at a time when even he had despair of survival.

Sergeant Nicholson, a waist gunner, and Sergeant McCall a top turret gunner, with 19 and 20 combat missions to their respective credit, are members of the oldest bombardment group in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, with more than 300 group missions over Africa, Germany, France, Italy, Yugoslavia.

### Mrs. J. S. Gray Attends Annual Home Demonstration Meet

Mrs. J. S. Gray, of route 2 and former president of the Macon County Home Demonstration Council attended the State Council of N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs which held its annual meeting at State College, September 19-21.

The first meeting was held on the evening of September 19 in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of the extension service, brought greetings. The first day of the meeting, September 20, was devoted to business matters, following greetings by Col. J. W. Harrelson, dean of State college; Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent; Dr. Ellen Black, Winston, state commissioner of public welfare; and Mrs. J. H. Highsmith, president of the N. C. Federation of Women's clubs. A report of the national home demonstration council was given by Mrs. W. C. Pou, southern director, of Iredell county; the liaison committee of the Associated Country Women of the World, Mrs. Brooks Trucker, treasurer, of Pitt County; and the Urban-Rural conference in Washington, Mrs. B. B. Everett, president of the Associated Women of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation. Sixteen chairmen representing 1,523 clubs and about 45,000 members reported on their activities for the past year and make recommendations for 1945.

The program on the second day began with a devotional service honoring mothers of sons and daughters in the war services. Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of extension service, talked on "Looking Ahead for 1945." A panel discussion on "Medical Care For the Rural People of N. C." was conducted by Dr. Horace Hamilton of State college; E. B. Crawford of Chapel Hill and Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount. The meeting concluded with talks by Mrs. W. T. Bost of Raleigh on "The Importance of All Women Exercising their right to Vote," Miss Charlie Huss on "War Records" and the presentation of the program for 1945 by Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent.

Cpl. Henry D. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corbin of Franklin, route 4, recently completed a course designed to fill the gap between training in the States and combat soldering against the enemy in France. Cpl. Corbin attended a series of lectures given by this command which included instructions on chemical warfare and paramount tips on staying healthy in combat zone.

Before entering the Army Air Forces he was employed as a Aircraft Radioman by the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Va.

Andrew Jones, U. S. Navy Flyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, is spending a leave here with his parents before reporting to the Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Fla., for additional training.

### Ernest L. Holland Safe After Being Reported Missing In Action Abroad

Ernest L. Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holland of Cullasaja, who was previously reported missing in action, is back in action unhurt according to word received here by his parents.

### CATTLE SALE

#### 225 Cattle Sold At Local Auction Sale

More than 200 people attended a cattle sale held Wednesday at Mark Dowdie's barn on the Georgia road. Leonard Wood was the auctioneer.

Herford, Guernsey, Aberdeen-Angus, and Galway cattle were sold during the sale. Heifers brought six to eight cents, and steers, nine to eleven cents, and cows three and one-half to seven cents. A Braman sold close to ceiling.

M. S. Burnett sold a yoke of matched oxen at \$9.20 per cwt. Claude Buchanan.

About 225 cattle were sold and total receipts were more than \$8,000.

### Revival To Begin At Sugarfork Church

Rev. A. A. Locke, of Icard, N. C., will be in Macon county during the first two weeks in October to conduct a series of revival services at the Sugarfork Baptist church, it has been announced by the pastor of the church, Rev. Robert W. Williams.

The services will begin on Monday, October 2, and will continue through October 14. The evening services will begin at 8:30 o'clock and the preaching will be done by the Rev. Locke, who is a widely-known pastor evangelist.

### Commercial Auto Owners Can Obtain Gas Ration On September 28, 29, 30

Owners and operators of commercial vehicles can get their fourth quarter's gasoline ration by calling at the War Price and Rationing Board Office on September 28, 29 and 30th.

You will be required to write your license number and state of registration on each coupon before leaving the office.

If possible bring a fountain pen or indelible pencil. When you call for your 4th quarter's gasoline ration you must surrender all "T" Coupons marked 3rd quarter, for they will not be good for the transfer of gasoline on and after October 1st, 1944. Office hours: 8:15 to 5:30.

### Cliffside Lake Damaged By Vanda's Last Week

Cliffside Lake, Nantahala National Forest on U. S. Highway No. 64 between Franklin and Highlands, North Carolina, was damaged by vandals last week. This is one of the most popular Recreational Areas in Western North Carolina and offers the only swimming and picnic area for people visiting Highlands. Several thousand tourists stop at Cliffside each summer. A window pane was broken in the bath house, and benches were thrown into the lake and half a dozen signs were torn down. It may be necessary to close this area if this destruction keeps up.

John Wasilik, Jr., District Forest Ranger.

### Funeral For Mrs. Tippet At Ridgecrest Church

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Lavada Nichols Tippet at the Ridgecrest Baptist church Monday, September 11, with the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church and the Rev. Lee Crawford conducting the services.

Mrs. Tippet was 72 year old. She died on Sunday after an illness of two months.

The daughter of Dan Nichols and Mrs. Jennie Sellers Nichols, Mrs. Tippet was born in Macon county on December 27, 1871, and was a life-long resident.

In 1895, she was married to William Alfred Tippet in Macon county. She was a member of the Ridgecrest Baptist church.

Pallbearers were; Frank Talient, Bynum Sanders, Claude Sanders, Charlie Jones, Parker Raby, and Dewey Bailey.

Survivors include: 7 daughters, Mrs. Ella Raby, Mrs. Frank Talient, Mrs. J. B. Sanders, Mrs. Claude Sanders, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Parker Raby, all of Macon county, and Mrs. D. L. Bailey of Canton; three sons, John and Carl of Macon county, and Clyde of Detroit; forty-three grand-children and ten great-grand-children.

### Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Myra Dills Dryman

Mrs. Myra Lucina Dills Dryman, 65-year-old resident of the Smith Bridge section, was buried at services held at the Asbury Methodist church, Otto, Friday afternoon. Services were conducted by the Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor.

Mrs. Dryman had been ill for eleven months before her death on Thursday afternoon at her home.

She is survived by her husband, W. L. Dryman, her two children, Belle Dryman of Otto, and Mrs. Ida Kell, of Toccoa, Ga.; thirteen grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Jane Lindsey, of Gastonia, two half-brothers, and one half-sister.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ODT Asks Truckers To Check Operations

Prospective purchasers of used trucks yesterday were urged by the Asheville District office of the Defense Transportation to make certain before acquiring the vehicles that their proposed operation meets all ODT requirements.

Since October 25, 1943, Robert G. Carter, ODT District Manager at Asheville pointed out, persons who were not designated motor carriers as of that date have been required to show that the operation of the truck is necessary to the war effort or to the maintenance of civil economy.

Application for a certificate of war necessity must be made and the ODT granted before gasoline allotments are made. Mr. Carter reminded, or, in the case of a new service, application for authority to inaugurate it must be made. These application blanks may be obtained from the ODT District office in Asheville.

Critical shortages of trucks, tires and gasoline, the ODT official pointed out, make it necessary that only those operations deemed necessary to the war effort and essential civilian economy be approved and authority to operate a truck should be obtained by a prospective purchaser before he actually buys it.

## PFC. SUTTON DIES IN FRANCE

### Franklin Soldier Killed In Action On Sept. 5

Pfc. Joseph Daniels Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sutton, of Franklin, was killed somewhere in France on September 5, according to an official War Department announcement received here by his parents. Pfc. Sutton had been previously reported missing in action on August 27.

Pfc. Sutton was 22 years old, born in Franklin and attended Franklin high school. Before entering the service, he had worked at local dry cleaning establishment and grocery store.

He volunteered for service in September, 1940, and took training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. After going overseas in December, 1943, he was stationed in Northern Ireland.

In July, his unit moved on to France. The last communication from him had been received on August 24 by his sister, Mrs. Herman B. Ellis of Waynesville.

Survivors besides the parents include: three brothers, William, Jr., serving with the Navy, Bob and Glenn, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Kenneth Butler of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Herman B. Ellis of Waynesville; and his grandmother, Mrs. D. G. Sutton; numerous aunts and uncles, and cousins in service.

## SGT. J. C. MASON WINS DFC

### Leatherman Airman Wins High Award For Courage

The Distinguished Flying Cross has recently been presented to Technical Sergeant Jacob C. Mason, engineer and top turret gunner on the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, "Dozy Doats," for extraordinary achievement . . . courage, coolness and skill

while participating in numerous bombing attacks on war plants deep in Germany, and Nazi defense points and military installations ahead of the advancing Allied forces in France.

Sgt. Mason, 21, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren Mason, Leatherman. A graduate of Franklin high school in 1942, the sergeant worked as a TVA landscaper in Fontana, until his entry into the Air Forces, 1943. After attending airplane mechanics' school at Amarillo Field, Texas, he volunteered for aerial gunnery, receiving his wings in December, 1943, at Kingman Field, Arizona.

Since arriving overseas in May, 1944, the youthful flier has manned his twin .50 calibre turret guns in defense of his Fortress more than 250 hours of flight over Continental Europe in hostile skies. Some of the objectives which have felt the sting of "Dozy Doats" bombs are industrial targets in Munich, tank factories in Leipzig, aircraft factories at Regensburg, oil refineries in Merseburg and Paris, docks and shipyards in Bremen, and tire plants at Hanover. In addition he has helped bomb Nazi installations in direct support of the ground troops in France, including a D-Day attack on the coastal defenses of Normandy which was timed just minutes ahead of the first Allied troop landings.

Sgt. Mason, a member of the 3rd Bombardment Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt aircraft factories in Regensburg last summer, and holds five other decorations in addition to the DFC, having been awarded previously the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PFC. JAMES W. BRADLEY



Pfc. James W. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bradley of Franklin is now stationed in France. He has been serving in the army for the past two years.

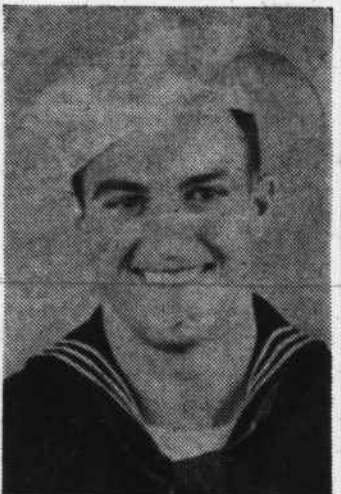
Cpl. Charles E. Potts, son of Mrs. Helen Z. Potts, who lives in Highlands, North Carolina, has been promoted to sergeant. He is a squad leader with the 34th "Red Bull" Division of the Fifth Army in Italy.

Pvt. Leslie V. Smith, who formerly lived in Franklin, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new conditioning center in Daytona Beach, Fla. The carefully-planned program of physical and educational conditioning not only will keep him busy but will also return him to good physical condition.

Pvt. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and entered the Army April 1944 at Fort Bragg.

Pfc. Grover Waldroop, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Waldroop of Franklin, has returned from service overseas after serving 31 months in the Southwest Pacific theatre. He is now stationed at Miami Beach, Fla.

S 2/C CHARLES E. ANDERS



S 2/C Charles E. Anders of Johnstown, Penn., has arrived safely overseas according to a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Lois Clarke of Cullasaja. S 2/C Anders entered service April, 1944 and completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Md.

Pvt. Leslie V. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, formerly of Franklin, has arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's conditioning center in Daytona Beach, Fla. Pvt. Smith entered the Army in April 1944.

Air Cadet Hunter W. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, of Franklin, route 1, is home on an 18-day furlough. He is stationed at Santa Ana, Calif. A/C Anderson has a brother now serving in France.

Pvt. Clyde H. Schuler, son of Mrs. Tess Shuler of Franklin, has returned from overseas after serving 29 months as a member of the infantry in the South Pacific theatre. Pvt. Schuler was employed in a cotton mill before entering service on January, 1941.