

Men In Service

J. NORMAN WEST RELEASED FROM NAVY

J. Norman West, Pharmacist's Mate 1/C. of Franklin, Route 3, has received an honorable discharge from the navy, and has returned to his home and has accepted a position in the Highlands school.

Seaman West entered the Navy on January 20, 1942 and was serving with "E" Co., 4th Med. Battalion Fourth Marine and participated in battles in Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. He holds the Presidential Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three bronze stars, the commendation ribbon and the navy good conduct ribbon.

Prior to entering the navy, seaman West taught in the public schools in Macon county.

PFC. ALGIE M'CALL TO SPEND FURLOUGH HERE

Pfc. Algie M. McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther F. McCall, of Gneiss, is expected home shortly after many months of service in the SWPA.

"Mac" joined the 738th Military Police Battalion in April of 1943 and saw action with that outfit throughout New Guinea and the Philippines. Although he had many harrowing experiences and with each was a credit to his outfit, one stands as being his "closest shaves."

While directing traffic on the initial landings at Lingayen Gulf, a heavy Army truck knocked him down and passed over his entire body. The only injuries he sustained was the discomfort of being completely buried in the soft sand of the beach.

On February 7th of this year his good fortune continued to follow him as he stood by his post during the heavy shelling by Jap artillery fire in the area of Old Bilibid Prison, Manila. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service insignia, Purple Heart, and two bronze stars for the Luzon and Philippine campaigns.

ROBERT L. WEST PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

The promotion of Robert L. West, son of Mrs. Mattie West of Route 3, Franklin, to the grade of Sergeant, is announced by Sixth Air Force Headquarters, Albrook Field, C. Z.

Sgt. West is assigned to the 20th Troop Carrier Squadron with headquarters at Albrook Field. He arrived in Panama last June.

HAROLD TILMAN RAMEY DISCHARGED FROM NAVY

Harold Tilman Ramey, 22, of Otto, has been discharged from the navy, according to an announcement received here from the Naval Personnel Separation Center at Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Ramey, who saw action in the South Pacific, was discharged with the rating of ship's cook second class. He entered the service June 5, 1943, and is entitled to wear the American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific, and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

Other men from this immediate region recently discharged from the navy at the Charleston Separation center include:

Huber McCall, coxswain, of Cashiers, and Virgil E. Barker, seaman first class, of Bryson City.

JOHN WESLEY EDWARDS ENTERS TRAINING

John Wesley Edwards, 18, S. 2/C. USN, Franklin, has arrived at Norfolk, Va., to train for duties aboard a new destroyer or similar type vessel.

Before enlisting in the Navy, Edwards was employed at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Son of Mrs. Thelma F. Edwards of Franklin, he attended Franklin high school.

JAMES C. HORSLEY CALLED FOR ACTIVE DUTY

James C. Horsley, Jr., who has been in the Air Corps Reserve for one year, has been called to active duty and reported to Fort Bragg.

In the mean time young Horsley has received an appointment from the War Department as second alternate to West Point. In view of this he has been transferred to Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., for specialized training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horsley, of Franklin.

LIEUT. CARTER HURST RECEIVES DISCHARGE

First Lieut. Carter Hurst, who entered the armed forces in 1942, has received an honorable discharge from the government, and has returned to his home on Cartoogechaye for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Hurst.

Lieut. Hurst, who spent five months in overseas service, completed his 35th mission as a navigator on a B-17 plane, before he was returned to the states in October 1944. Since that time he has been stationed in the Air Transport Command at Memphis, Tenn. He holds the air medal award, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Lieut. Hurst had just graduated from North Carolina State College, Raleigh, where he majored in agriculture, when he was called into the services in 1942.

TO RETURN TO STATES

Joseph H. Koch of Franklin, will arrive in the United States shortly with the 17th Airborne Division when the division, representing the Airborne veterans of the European Theatre of operations, returns home for deactivation.

Pfc. Koch is a member of the 513th Parachute Inf. He has served as a pathfinder in the 517th Parachute Infantry and is a qualified parachutist.

He participated in Romp-Avron, Southern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe. He wears the five Bronze Battle Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters, and Bronze Star Medal. His wife, Mrs. Eva Lee Koch, lives at Cullasaja.

CLAUDE J. WELCH, BM 2/C RETURNING TO STATES

Claude J. Welch, BM 2/C USNR, son of Austin L. Welch, of Franklin route 3, is one of the 600 high-point Marine and Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is returning back to the States aboard the USS Colorado.

PFC. HOUSTON ON DUTY IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Pfc. E. G. Houston, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Houston, Franklin, Route 3, is at present on duty with the 351st Transportation Corps Harbor Craft Company in Manila, P. I., as a clerk typist.

Pfc. Houston, a veteran of both the ETO and South Pacific Theaters, arrived overseas on August 28, 1944, in Scotland and since then, has served in

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England, France and the Philippine Islands.

Before entering the army he was a student at the Franklin High school in Franklin.

FRANKIE W. LEDFORD S. 2/C TAKES PART IN CEREMONIES

Frankie W. Ledford, motor machinist's mate, second class, of Franklin, participated in flag-raising ceremonies on this island in the Marshall group after it had been surrendered by the Japanese.

As the flag went up a 21-gun salute boomed from the guns of the Baron, the USS McConnell, on which the terms had just been signed, and the USS Wingfield, all destroyer escorts.

SGT. BULLOCK AND CPL. RABY RETURNED TO STATES

S/Sgt. Johnnie Bullock of Franklin, who has been overseas for 29 months, and Cpl. Charles L. Raby of Route 3, serving for 28 months overseas, with the 82nd Div., and who has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and Purple Heart, were among a group flown here from overseas as part of the "Green Project" which calls for the Air Transport Command's Caribbean Division to fly 30,000 returnees from Europe to Miami Army Air Field each month, more Macon men are back in the states. Many of the planes are manned by veteran pilots and crews from the Troop Carrier Command.

In less than 24 hours they left for Camp Blanding, Fla., by rail. From there he will go to a reception center nearer home for separation from the service or furlough period to reassignment.

SGT. TOM STILES RETURNED TO STATES

Tec. 4 Edwin T. Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stiles, of Prentiss, and husband of Mrs. Willa M. Stiles, Prentiss, was returned recently to the United States after having served 15 months in the European Theatre of operations as a carpenter.

His decorations include the European theatre of operations ribbon with four campaign stars, the Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medal.

S/SGT. JAMES TALLENT TO RETURN TO STATES

Staff Sgt. James L. Tallent, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Tallent, Route 3, Franklin, is returning home under the Army's redeployment program after 41 months overseas with the 32d "Red Arrow" Infantry Division.

A mess sergeant in the 120th Field Artillery Battalion, Sgt. Tallent saw action at Saidro and Aitape in New Guinea,

Morotai in the Netherlands East Indies, and Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. He was with the Division all the way up the long hard "road back" from Australia to the Philippines.

He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon, the Philippines Liberation ribbon three battle stars and the Bronze Arrowhead for the initial landing at Saidro.

In civilian life, Sgt. Tallent worked at the Old Dominion Box factory and lived in nearby Mathews. He graduated from Franklin high school in 1934, entered the Army in January, 1942 and embarked for overseas service with the Division in April, 1942.

SGT. HARVEY CABE HONORABLY DISCHARGED

Sgt. Harvey Cabe of Franklin, after three years of meritorious service, has been honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces.

The sergeant, whose last duty assignment was in the Quartermaster Supply Section at McChord Field, Wash., a Fourth Air Force Base, spent 22 months overseas and has been awarded the European Theatre of Operations Ribbon with nine battle stars and a Unit Citation.

The sergeant was employed as a member of the State Highway Department of North Carolina prior to entering the Armed Forces in September 1942.

To men like Sergeant Cabe, cogs in a great wheel, the leaders of the Army Air Forces give much credit for the defeat of the most formidable foes in the history of warfare.

PVT. GREENLEE HOLDEN RECEIVES "BELGIUM FOURRAGERE"

Pvt. Greenlee Holden, son of R. H. Holden and the late Mrs. Holden of Otto, was with the 2nd Armored Division, known as "Hell on Wheels", in Europe. Along with his Division he was awarded the Belgium Fourragere with the decree.

Ministry of National Defense Decree. Charles, Prince of Belgium Regent of the Kingdom—We have decreed and do decree:

To Article One: The "2nd Armored Division", of the United States Army, has twice been cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgium Army and awarded the 1940 Fourragere for:

1st, on Sept. 1944 at 0930 its reconnaissance elements crossed the Belgium border near Rume. These were the first American troops to enter Belgium and this marked the beginning of the liberation of the country. The Division fought violently and threw back the enemy on the Albert Canal. This Division liberated the

towns of Tournai, Wavre, Fierlemont and Hasselt.

2nd. During the German offensive in the Ardennes, in December, 1944, the 2nd Armored Division was located in Germany on the banks of the Roer river between Linnich and Julich. On 21st Dec. 1944, it received orders to proceed to the region of Harvelange, Ovin Clairier. This movement of more than 100 miles was accomplished in less than 24 hours, and on 23rd Dec. 1944 the Division established contact with hostile forces at Celles. From the 23rd to the 28th of Dec. violent engagements developed in the Celles salient and brought about the total destruction of the spearhead division of the Fifth Panzer army. This victory blocked the German advance and prevented it from reaching the Meuse.

From thence on, the Division pushed back the enemy forces and, after having retaken many communities of the Ardennes region, it liberated the town of Houffalize.

Article Two: The Minister of National Defense is directed to execute the present Decree. Given at Brussels the 22.5 1945. By order of the Regent. The Minister of National Defense.

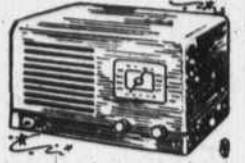
/s/ Charles.

/s/ L. Mundeeler.

This marks the first time the Belgium Government has conferred this honor on a foreign unit.

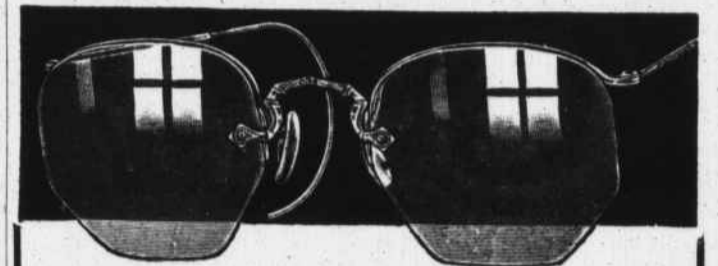
Pvt. Holden entered the Army October 1941 and has been overseas since December 1943. His Division have been established in Berlin since a few days after V-E Day.

A Bronze turkey hen in the Agricultural Experiment Station flock at State College has laid 204 eggs since January 1. The average turkey hen lays from 25 to 45 eggs.



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- "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay.
- "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. Added up—reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!"

JANUARY 31, 1946

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR MEN IN THE ARMY

MEN now in Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in grade held at time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

You may enlist AT ANY TIME for 1 1/2, 2 or 3 year periods. (One-year enlistments for men now in the Army with at least 6 months of service.)

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