

ARMY SETS APRIL 12 AS DATE FOR NEXT ASTRP EXAMINATION

ATLANTA, GA., MARCH 12.—On April 12 the next ASTRP Qualifying test for Army Specialized Training Reserve will be held in Southern colleges and high schools, Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, announced here today.

This test is open to young men who have reached their seventeenth birthday and are not more than seventeen years and nine months old when they are assigned to college. Applicants must have finished high school or have completed a quarter or a term of college prior to assignment to college under the ASTRP.

The Army's purpose in providing college training for young men in anticipation of their active military duty is to enhance the student's value to the Army by giving them instruction in subjects of importance to the Armed Forces. Courses are given in English, geography, history, mathematics and physics. In addition a program of physical and military training augments the youth's fitness for military service.

Students who pass the Qualifying test in April and desire to enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps will be assigned to accredited college and Universities for not less than two terms and not more than four terms. The number of terms depends upon the age of the applicant when he enters the program.

PFC. HAROLD B. MORGAN WRITES FROM IRAN

In a letter to The Herald from Pfc. Harold B. Morgan, who has been stationed in Iran for more than a year, gives the following interesting figures about the temperature there: "From May 1st to Sept. 6, 1944, the mercury failed to climb above 100 only five times and all five of these days were in the month of May. High temperature as on August 23 when the mercury soared to 168 degrees. For one hundred and three days in a row the high was above 100. The high for May was 143, June was 163, July was 163, August was 168 and for the first six days of September the high was 161. These figures do not cover all the hot weather and it isn't over yet. The difference between high and low in one twenty-four hour period was as much as 96 degrees. The cool nights make it possible to live."

Pfc. Morgan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Morgan of Sylva.

REDUCTION INDICATED IN MEAT SUPPLIES

Raleigh, March 12—Meat supplies for civilians this year will fall considerably below the record amount in 1944 of 147 pounds per person, the N. C. Department of Agriculture has been informed by its Washington office.

These supplies may be only 128 to 133 pounds per person which is still above the 126 pound average for 1938-39. Most of the decreases will be in pork, with over-all meat supplies expected to be larger in the late fall following the seasonal increase in slaughter.

The present large egg consumption is expected to continue through 1945, possibly reaching 355 to 360 eggs per person. Chicken supplies will be slightly over 20 pounds per capita, about 2½ pounds less than in 1944. If military requirements do not increase much over 1944, civilian turkey supplies will be about the same as in the past 2 years.

On a milk equivalent basis, civilian supplies of all dairy products in 1945 will be about the same as in 1943, but a trifle below 1944. Most of the reduction will be in butter. Fluid milk, cream, cheese, condensed milk, and ice cream will be about the same, while civilians may get more cottage cheese, evaporated milk, buttermilk, dried skim milk and chocolate milk.

AAA Offices Moved To New Location

Mr. D. C. Higdon, chairman, announces that the AAA offices have been moved from the Jackson County Courthouse to rooms over Stovell's Cafe. Farmers wishing to make orders for lime and phosphate may do so at this new location.

HOISTING OLD GLORY OVER IWO



THIS HISTORY-MAKING PHOTO, radioed from Guam, shows U. S. Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Division, hoisting the Stars and Stripes on the rocky summit of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. The volcanic fortress is now in U. S. hands. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

SGT. THOMAS B. COWAN REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION ON JAN. 13

Sgt. Thomas B. Cowan, who had previously been reported missing in action somewhere in Europe since Jan. 13, was killed on that date according to a message received by his father, Ransom T. Cowan, of Webster.

Sgt. Cowan, after finishing high school at Webster, was inducted into service in January, 1944. He received his training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Camp Atterbury, Ind. He was serving with the 106th Division and had been recommended for the Combat Infantryman's badge.

Surviving besides his father are two sisters, Mrs. Frank Grogan and Miss Sallie Cowan, of Webster; five brothers, Cpl. Ransom W. Cowan, T-5 Kenneth C. Cowan, and Pvt. George M. Cowan of the U. S. Army and David and Gene Cowan of Webster.

PFC. JOHN SHELTON IS MEMBER OF ASSAULT PLATOON ON LUZON

WITH THE 43RD INFANTRY DIVISION ON LUZON—When an Infantry battalion is pinned down by particularly troublesome pillboxes, strong-points, or entrenchments, it has an ace-in-the-hole. That extra asset is the assault platoon and Private First Class John Shelton, North Carolina Infantryman, is a member of one of the most elite such units operating currently on Luzon. His battalion commander recently called on the unit when the battalion was suffering heavy casualties in storming Hill 355. Firing bazookas, BARs, Tommy Guns, and manning flame-throwers, Shelton's group went up the hill. Two hours later they returned to report the knocking-out of two pillboxes, one mortar, one anti-tank gun, and the killing of approximately 50 Japs.

Only 20 years old, Shelton is a veteran of New Guinea jungle fighting before making the beachhead in Lingayan Gulf with the initial assault troops which took the first Luzon town on January 9. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shelton, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Pfc. Cecil S. Paxton Home On Furlough

Pfc. Cecil S. Paxton and Mrs. Paxton left Sunday after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Paxton. Pfc. Paxton entered service in Sept., 1943, and after training at Keesler Field, Miss., and Savannah, Ga., is now stationed at Mitchell Field with the Headquarters Dept. Mrs. Paxton, who has been with her husband, will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Welch.

Tests in Raleigh food stores show that growers can market five times as many sweet potatoes as formerly to home consumers, if they will grow disease-free Louisiana Porto Ricos of the proper size.

Sgt. Brittain Moore Receives Good Conduct Medal



Mrs. Brittain Moore has received word that her husband, Sgt. Brittain M. Moore, has been awarded the good conduct medal. Sgt. Moore entered service in Sept. 42 and went overseas in December of the same year. After spending one year in England, Scotland and Ireland, he was sent over to France. From there he went to Belgium and is now serving in Germany with the 195th Ordnance Depot Co.

Sgt. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore of Sylva.

His wife, the former Miss Edna Mae Paxton, resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Paxton.

Before entering service he was employed by the Imperial Life Insurance Co.

SGT. ROBERT LEE SEAGO SERVES AS AIRPLANE MECHANIC

Sgt. Robert Lee Seago, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seago, of Speedwell entered service in February, 1943, at Fort Bragg. He finished airplane mechanics school at Keesler Field, Miss., and from there was sent to Consolidated Aircraft school at San Diego, Calif., having diplomas from each school.

He has been stationed in San Diego, Fort Worth, Texas, Salt Lake City, Mountain Home, Idaho, and at the present time is in Tonopah, Nev., where he is working as an airplane mechanic with the ground forces.

RETURNS TO POST AFTER FURLOUGH

Cpl. Lyle D. Hall, now stationed in Miami, Fla., with Mrs. Hall and daughter, Linda Lou, has returned to his post after spending his furlough at Greens Creek with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hall and with Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cagle. Cpl. Hall has been in service with an Infantry unit since July of last year.

Cpl. Hall has a brother, Clyde Hall, now a patient at an Army Hospital in Rome, Ga., recovering from wounds received in the European Theatre.

JACKSON COMPLETES SURGICAL DRESSING QUOTA CHM. SAYS

Mrs. Odell Bankhead, surgical dressings chairman, reports that 69,600 dressings were shipped Monday. This finishes Jackson County's quota of surgical dressings. Mrs. Bankhead wishes to thank the volunteers of Beta, Cullowhee, East LaPorte, Dillsboro and Sylva who worked so faithfully to make this possible.

Mrs. Harry Ferguson, chairman for the Red Cross kits for overseas service men announces that the chapter finished altering 206 of these kits and they will be packed and shipped this week. Of this number Mrs. A. O. Allison fixed 150. She was assisted by Mrs. T. Q. Wilson, Mrs. Walter Warren and Mrs. Sam Rhea.

PVT. EARL C. MCLUCKIE KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Earl C. McCluckie, grandson of Mrs. Florence Buchanan, of Webster who was reported missing in action Feb. 21, 1944, is now reported to have been killed on that date.

Pvt. McCluckie entered service May 6, 1943, and received training at Camp Croft, S. C., Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Fort Meade, Md. He went overseas Nov. 2, 1943. He served with the Infantry in North Africa and Italy.

SGT. BILL P. ELDERS MEDAL PRESENTED TO HIS MOTHER

The medal of S. Sgt. Bill P. Elders was presented to his mother, Mrs. Helen E. Elders, of Whittier, Rt. 2.

Sgt. Elders, who is missing in action, was cited for "meritorious achievements while participating as a machine-gunner from March 24, 1944, to June 12, 1944, in flights totaling more than 100 hours", on which "he exhibited keen perception and appreciation of the importance of his assignments . . . and coolness and courage under enemy fire . . . worthy of the best tradition of the Army Air forces."

The decoration was presented to the parents at their home by First Lt. James E. Thornton of the headquarters of the Army Airways Communication System of Asheville.

PFC. ROY MORRIS WOUNDED ON IWO JIMA

Word has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris that their son, Pfc. Roy H. Morris, has been wounded in the battle of Iwo Jima and is in a hospital somewhere in the Marianas.

He is in the fourth Marine Division and has been in four major battles since January of 1944.

Hyde Heard In Japanese Propaganda Broadcast

According to a war department telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hyde of Whittier, their son, Claywell T. Hyde, pattern-maker first class in the Navy, was heard recently in an intercepted propaganda broadcast from the Japanese government.

The text of the message, according to the telegram was in part, as follows:

"Dear Mother and Dad. Received another letter from you recently. Keep smiling, don't worry. Hope to be with you soon. Love, Claywell."

The telegram was signed by the provost marshal general and stated that the broadcast supplements all previous reports.

He has been a prisoner of the Japanese since March, 1942. This was the first time his parents had heard from him since last summer.

Greens Creek Soldiers Meet At Pearl Harbor

Five boys from the Greens Creek section of Jackson County recently met in Pearl Harbor. The three shown in the above picture are Carl Cagle of Greens Creek, Edgar Thomas Turpin, S. 1-c, son of Mrs. Tommy Turpin of Greens Creek and Carlin T. Cabe, brother of Mrs. Berry Gaither and Miss Lillian Cabe, of Sylva.

The other two boys were David H. Turpin, Yeoman, another son of Mrs. Tommy Turpin and Silas Buchanan, S. 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan, of Greens Creek.

WOUNDED IN ACTION



Pfc. Charles C. McConnell has been slightly wounded in action, according to a message received by his wife. Pfc. McConnell was attached to the 3rd Army Infantry and was wounded in Luxembourg. He had been overseas since August. Pfc. McConnell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McConnell of Webster. His wife, the former Miss Lena Pressley, and small son live with her parents at Speedwell.

MISSING IN FRANCE

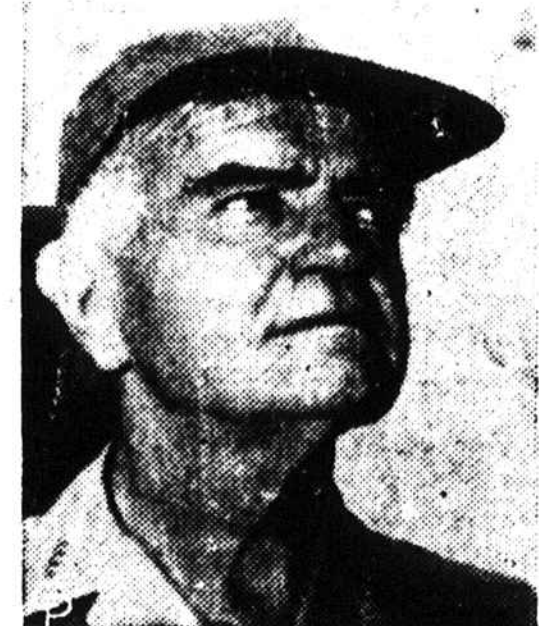
Pfc. T. F. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Griffin, of Sylva has been missing in action in France since January 18, according to word received by his parents from the war department. Pfc. Griffin entered service in October of 1942 and had been overseas approximately eight months when he was reported missing.

IN HOSPITAL

Pvt. Vessie C. Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baster Mathis, of Argura is in the hospital recovering from a serious operation. He is stationed in Illinois and has been in the Army Air Force three years.

Pvt. Mathis has three brothers serving in the armed forces.

His Cap Censured



HIS WIFE SAYS, "It looks just awful", but the old baseball cap with oversized visor that Admiral William Halsey wears in the Far Pacific suits him. "I'm out in the sun a lot and I needed something with a big visor on it," the admiral said, "so I had that old baseball cap fixed up just the way to suit me. I like it." And so do we. (International)

Pvt. Billy Gene Smith Recovering In Hospital

Pvt. Billy Gene Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith, of Tuckaseegee is in a hospital overseas, according to word received here. The time and place he was injured is not known by his parents.

He entered service Aug. 21, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and was transferred to England in January of this year. He is serving in an infantry unit.

Graham, Scott New Directors Of Federation

Gov. Cherry has appointed Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, and W. Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture, as public-interest directors of the Farmers' Federation, a cooperative, it was announced yesterday by James G. K. McClure, federation president.

The appointment of the two directors by the governor is in conformity with an amendment.

The REA has announced a loan allotment of \$38,550 to the Ocracoke Electric Membership Corporation for emergency rehabilitation and re-financing.

APPEAL FOR MORE EFFORT IN COUNTY RED CROSS DRIVE

Reports are favorable from most of the Districts for the Jackson County War Fund Drive of the American Red Cross. In some instances it seems folks are not taking the interest in this work that has been expected. The Red Cross has 780 service stations in the war areas that are serving the men in uniform. This is a tremendous undertaking and help is needed by everyone to carry on this work. Each and every community in the county is touched by the work of the Red Cross and it is up to every person in the county to get behind this drive and help put it over. 47 cents out of each dollar remains in the county to carry on the work here. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

SGT. BUMGARNER DIES OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION FEB. 19

Mrs. R. S. Bumgarner of Wilmot has received word from the War Dept. that her son, S. Sgt. Berlin Bumgarner, died in France Feb. 20 from wounds received in Germany Feb. 19.

Sgt. Bumgarner entered service in November, 1942, and received training at Camp Phillips, Kansas, Camp McClain, Miss., and participated in maneuvers in Tennessee before being sent overseas in July, 1943.

He served in England and France and was with Patton's Army.

Sgt. Bumgarner is survived by his mother, two brothers in the armed forces; Sgt. R. Marshall Bumgarner, Camp Crowder, Mo.; and Pvt. Garlen G. Bumgarner, now in Moore General Hospital and four sisters, Mrs. L. B. Hooper, of Wilmot; Mrs. Kenyon Hyde, of Marville, Tenn.; Mrs. O. C. Bryant of Franklin; and Miss Frankie Bumgarner of Wilmot and Franklin.

TOWN ORDERS ELECTION FOR OFFICIALS MAY 8

The Town Council at its regular March meeting called a municipal election for the Town of Sylva to be held on May 8 for the purpose of electing a mayor and five members of the board of aldermen. Ben N. Queen was appointed registrar and Charles M. Reed and S. H. Monteith were appointed judges.

All of the present officials have filed for re-election as follows:

Mayor, H. Gibson; Aldermen, W. T. Wise, W. L. Jones, W. E. Grindstaff, S. A. Carden and Chester Scott.

CPL. POTTS NOW SERVING IN FRANCE

Cpl. (T-S) Carl Potts, husband of Mrs. Betty Potts, of Norton is now serving in France with a signal corps unit, according to word received by his wife.

He entered service December, 1943, at Fort Jackson, S. C., and received basic and other training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Cpl. Potts is a graduate of Glenville High School. His wife, the former Miss Betty Ann Zachary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Zachary, resides at Norton.

Silver Star Awarded Posthumously To S. Sgt.

Winfred V. Hensley

The Silver Star, awarded posthumously to S. Sgt. Winfred V. Hensley for gallantry against the Germans in France Aug. 14, 1944, was presented Friday to his widow, Mrs. Luthenia Cabe Hensley, at the Savannah School. Lt. Col. Charles S. Gersoni, executive officer of the Army redistribution station in Asheville, made the presentation.

Entering service in June, 1941, Sgt. Hensley trained at Fort Knox, Ky., and N. Camp Polk, La. He was sent overseas in April, 1944, and at the time of his death he was serving with a tank Bn. He was the holder of the Purple Heart.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrie Hensley of Dillsboro.

Butter for hospitals is being made available from the supplies which manufacturers are required to set aside each month for war programs.