

## "GI" Readjustment Allowances For Returning War Veterans Are Explained

Questions Answered As to Eligibility, Amount And Duration Of Payments for Returning Servicemen

(This is the second of a three-part series of questions and answers dealing with Veterans' Readjustment Allowances under the Federal "GI BILL OF RIGHTS." Clip this for future reference.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 19.—In handling veterans' claims for readjustment allowances, now available under the "GI BILL OF RIGHTS," for weeks while the Veterans are without employment, the Unemployment Compensation Commission is being asked varied questions. Some of those most frequently heard, and the answers, follow:

Q. What is the Readjustment Allowance Program?

A. It is a plan now in operation providing weekly payments to discharged veterans for weeks of unemployment, the maximum being \$20 a week for 52 weeks.

Q. What are the first steps to be taken by a veteran seeking a readjustment allowance?

A. They are as follows:

- (1) Report to nearest United States Employment Service Office with official papers showing discharge from active military or naval service of the United States.
- (2) Register for work.
- (3) Make application for readjustment allowance.
- (4) If eligible, file initial claim for allowance.

Q. How is the application and initial claim processed?

A. Applications and initial claims are forwarded to the Central Office of the Unemployment Compensation Commission of North Carolina in Raleigh, where they are examined. If it is found that the eligibility requirements have been met, a notice to this effect is sent to the local office where the veteran made his application and will be delivered to him in person. For each week of unemployment reported to the Central Raleigh Office of the Commission, a pay order will be authorized, and a check made out to the veteran. Checks are mailed (Continued on page 4)

## BIBLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

The Tuckasee Baptist Association pastors and church leaders are urged to be present at the vacation Bible school conference to be held March 22nd at 10:30 P. M. at the Baptist church. Mrs. Myers Motly and Mrs. Winn from the Baptist Sunday school board will be leading the conference.

## 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.

## Mrs. McKee Will Serve On Advisory Board Of Cancer Control Group

Mrs. George E. Marshall, state commander of the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society, has announced the appointment of a number of leading citizens of the state to serve on the advisory board of the society, among them being Mrs. E. L. McKee of this city.

Mrs. Marshall said this week that the North Carolina Division is knee-deep in the busiest year of its existence. This year, it will have active units in all of the state's 100 counties. In addition there will be local units in the cities and town. Most of these are already busy with the development of their plans for their participation in the ninth annual educational and enlistment campaign, which will open on Easter Sunday and continue through the month of April.

## MRS. DEITZ DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER AT CULLOWHEE

Mrs. M. L. Deitz died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elbert Watson, at Cullowhee Thursday, March 8.

"Aunt Josie" had been ill for the past year but seemingly had been no worse until just a few hours prior to her death.

She was born Sept. 25, 1859 being 85 years, five months and 11 days old at the time of her decease. She was married to Martin L. Deitz and to this union were born 11 children, three of whom are deceased.

At an early age she became a Christian and joined the Old Field Baptist Church, now known as the Scotts Creek Baptist Church. She lived a devoted Christian life which was manifested daily during her sickness by her patience, kindness, especially to children, cheerfulness and willingness to do whatever she thought best.

She is survived by eight children, Mrs. Alice Watson, Mrs. Annie Potts, Mrs. Polly Jane Dillingham, all of Cullowhee, Mrs. Hattie Brooks, Elma, Wash., Mrs. Chassie Mathis, Cardova, N. C., Mr. L. C. Deitz, Baldwin Park, Cal., Mr. F. C. Deitz, Asheville, Mr. M. L. Deitz, Jr., Hazelwood, 72 grandchildren, a number of great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren, two brothers, Mr. John Cope, Cowarts, and Mr. Fate Cope, Williets.

Interment was in the Cullowhee cemetery with Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. L. H. Crawford officiating.

Pallbearers were: Grady Burch, Jan Allen Alvin Ashe, Zebb Moss, Tom Deitz and Ollis Mathis.

## PFC. JAMES E. AIKEN MISSING IN ACTION

Pfc. James E. Aiken, son of Vess Aiken, of Cowarts has been reported missing in action since Dec. 9 according to word received from the War Dept.

Pfc. Aiken has been in service for more than a year and has been overseas for six months.

Mr. Aiken has one other son in service, Pfc. William Aiken who is in Germany. He has been overseas 18 months and was wounded in France Sept., 1944. He was sent to an English Hospital but is now back at his post of duty.

## GERMAN SOLDIERS DESERTING RANKS GESTAPO SAYS

German prisoners captured by the Allies say that hundreds of German soldiers are deserting and have jammed mountain hideouts in Germany and Austria. They insisted that the Gestapo was carrying out threats to kill the families of men taken prisoner without being wounded.

The deserters, the prisoners said, were seeking to evade detection until the war ends.

## 1ST LT. JOHN F. DWYER KILLED IN ACTION



Mrs. John F. Dwyer of Cocoa, Fla., has been notified that her husband 1st Lt. John F. Dwyer, who had been reported missing since Oct. 3rd was killed on the same date.

Lt. Dwyer was bombardier on his ship which was shot down near Nurnberg, Germany. Other members of the crew are reported to be prisoners of the German Government.

Lt. Dwyer was a member of the International Guards before Pearl Harbor and first served with the Infantry, then being transferred to the air corps. He received his training at Santa Ana, Cal., Las Vegas, Nev., Carlsbad, N. Mexico, and Avon Park, Fla. He has been overseas since July, 1944, and had completed twelve missions Lt. Dwyer had received the Presidential Group Citation and Mrs. Dwyer has been presented his Purple Heart posthumously.

Mrs. Dwyer, the former Miss Bleaca Dee Painter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Painter, of Cullowhee is a member of the faculty at Cocoa, Fla.

## Cpl. Lawrence A. Rogers Wounded In Germany



Mrs. Erma Rogers of Cullowhee has received a telegram from the war department stating that her son, Cpl. Lawrence A. Rogers, has been slightly wounded in Germany on Feb. 21.

Cpl. Rogers has been with the 115th Infantry and has been overseas since Oct., 1942. He has been in the army since August, 1941.

Mr. Rogers has three other sons and a son-in-law in service. William K. Rogers, CPHM of the U. S. Navy serving in the South Pacific, Frank Rogers S. 3-c, of the U. S. Navy, Little Creek, Va. Cpl. Eugene Rogers of the Army serving in Germany and son-in-law, T-5 Lesker Buchanan, of the army serving in France.

## LARD SET ASIDE ORDER CHANGED

Raleigh, March 19.—Because available supplies of lard are proving insufficient to meet essential civilian needs in some areas, the recent lard ing under Federal inspection has been rescinded for North Carolina and several other states, the War Food Administration has notified the State Department of Agriculture.

As originally established, the regulation required all Federally inspected packers to set aside seven and one-half pounds of lard for each 100 pounds of live pork slaughtered.

## NOTICE

The Jackson County Singing Convention will meet at Scotts Creek Baptist Church Sunday, April 1, at 2 o'clock P. M.

## Sylva Fighter Pilot, Winner Of Bronze Stars, Home On Furlough



Lieutenant Fred L. Thomas, USNR, of Sylva, North Carolina, has returned from a tour of combat duty in the Pacific, where he flew a fighter plane based on one of the Navy's baby carriers.

Attached to Composite Squadron 11, Lieutenant Thomas piloted a General Motor-built WILCAT. He flew several combat missions and participated in numerous strikes against such targets as Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Palau, the Philippines and China. This was his second tour of duty in Pacific waters.

The 26-year-old pilot is the son of Mrs. Dave Thomas of Sylva and was educated at the Western Carolina Teachers College, where he competed in baseball, tennis and swimming. He entered the Navy in November, 1942, and received his flight training at Anacostia, District of Columbia, and Jacksonville, Florida.

Composite 11 was the first CVE squadron to return to the United States after action with the Third Fleet in its historic sortie into the China Sea in January.

The unit's aircraft flew a total of 6,460 hours in the combat zone. Perhaps its busiest engagement was the Tinian operation in July. The fighters and torpedo bombers launched five strikes on this island in the Marianas in direct support of the invading ground forces. Their bombs and rockets crushed Japanese gun positions, pillboxes, ammunition dumps, trucks and tanks.

Following its operations in the Marianas, the squadron was assigned to the important task of escorting our fleet oilers.

The baby flattop which Composite 11 called home during its cruise in the Pacific came through the December typhoon unscathed. The squadron lost only three men, a pilot and his two aircrewmembers, as a result of enemy action.

At the present time Lt. and Mrs. Thomas and three months old daughter are visiting his mother, Mrs. Dave Thomas. He will be here until March 27 after which date he will be stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., where he will be assigned to Instructor duty. Lt. Thomas has been recommended for the Air Medal with two bronze stars.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD FOR PVT. ALFRED SMITH

Memorial services will be held for Pvt. Alfred Smith of Sylva at the Scotts Creek Baptist Church Sunday, March 25, at 3 o'clock.

Pvt. Smith was killed Oct. 15 in France and is buried in a military cemetery in Lorraine, France. At the time of his death he was serving with the 2nd Infantry.

Pvt. Smith was the son of John W. Smith and the husband of Mrs. Gracie Queen Smith. Besides the father and widow he is survived by three children, Johnny, Betty and Joan; four brothers, Lewis, Charles, Roy and Carl of Sylva and one sister, Mrs. Troy Davis, of Detroit, Mich.

## County Completes Quota Of Red Cross Kits

The Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross finished its quota of Army kits and Monday sent its last shipment of 206 kits to Hunter Field, Ga.

In all the chapter has made and equipped 443 kits, at an average cost of \$1.00 per kit. Mrs. Harry Ferguson was chairman.

## Polio Drive Chairman Sutton Makes Report On Campaign

### Pfc. Roy H. Morris Wounded In Battle Of Iwo Jima

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Morris that their son, Pfc. Roy Harold Morris, has been wounded in the battle of Iwo Jima and is in a hospital somewhere in the Marianas. He has been in service since Sept. 10, 1943, and trained in Parris Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Penn., and Camp Pendleton, Oceansides Cal., before going overseas in January of 1944. He has been in four major battles in the Pacific. He is a veteran of the fourth Marine Division.

### MR. FREEZE TAKEN BY DEATH MONDAY A. M.

J. Frank Freeze, 65, died at 8 o'clock Monday morning in Angel's Hospital, Franklin, following an extended illness.

Mr. Freeze, a native of Cabarrus county, came to Sylva in 1918 from Hendersonville where he had been engaged in the mercantile business before becoming depot agt. in Canton. He served as agent for the Southern R. W. in Sylva for a number of years. Since retiring he has operated the Freeze House, a tourist home in Sylva.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Jessie Williams Freeze, one son, Sgt. J. Frank Freeze, Jr., with the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Polk, La., one grandchild, Pat Montague of Sylva, one brother, Albert Freeze of Cherokee and two sisters, Mrs. F. U. Rogers and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Kappapolis.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of the son.

## AMERICAN FLAG NOW FLIES OVER IWO JIMA

The American flag was raised over Iwo Island Wednesday within 750 miles of Tokyo, signifying tactical conquest of its bloody eight square miles although Japanese still are resisting to the death. More than 20,000 Nipponese already have died there.

The Navy said 200 to 400 yard gains further compressed the Nipponese toward the sea at the northernmost end.

In a formal ceremony, the United States government officially took possession of an island so close to Japan that it is governed as an integral part of a prefecture in the homeland.

The Navy made no mention of American casualties—a figure not brought up officially on Guam since that supplied for the first three days. It was 5,732 including 644 killed. Later Navy Secretary Forrestal in Washington placed the marine dead at 2,050.

## SGT. GILBERT R. STILES KILLED IN ACTION

Word has been received that Sgt. Gilbert R. Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stiles, was killed in action in Germany on Feb. 28, 1945.

At the time of his death he was serving with an infantry unit.

## SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM BEING HELD AT SYLVA

A school of Evangelism is being held at the Baptist Church this week. The opening session was held Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock and will continue each evening through Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Farmer, President of the Baptist State W. M. U. is leading the ladies of the church and community in the study of the book, "Helping Others To Become Christians". Mrs. Farmer will bring inspirational messages Wednesday and Friday evening.

The men are studying "How To Win To Christ", under the supervision of Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waynesville.

The Intermediates are being led by Rev. T. F. Dietz in a study of Witnessing For Christ.

Miss Gretchen Johnson, Jackson County missionary, is leading the Juniors in the study of "Living For Jesus."

The following report of money received during the recent Infantile Paralysis drive has been submitted for publication by the county chairman, Mr. R. U. Sutton:

Com.	Chmn.	Am.
Dillsboro, Mrs. M. B. Cannon		-50.05
Dillsboro School, Prof. Bryson		8.30
East LaPorte, Mrs. Keys		35.00
Sylva Busi., Mrs. Jetter Snider		115.00
Sylva, dance, Mrs. Walter Jones		58.00
Sylva Hi school, Prof. Hair		22.10
Rylva Rotary Club		35.00
Sylva Lions Club		37.00
Sylva Elem. school Prof. Cope		45.00
Cashiers school		10.00
Sylva, Gov. Agencies		22.00
Sylva E. Bap. Ch. Rev. Bishop		26.26
Mrs. E. L. McKee		10.00
Glenville school, Prof. Watson		18.00
Cashiers, Prof. Watson		24.04
Webster school, Prof. Crawford		28.00
Sylva, Mead Corp. & Emp.		125.00
Qualla School, Prof. Martin		11.25
Cullowhee School, Prof. Hoyle		36.11
Miscellaneous		24.93
Tuckaseeige School		8.00
WCTC, Cullowhee, R. C. Sutton		54.50
Savannah Sch., Prof. Crawford		29.41

Total net proceeds \$832.95  
50% retained for Jackson Co. \$416.47  
50% remitted to Nat. Fund 416.48

NOTE: Amount raised by local theatre not yet reported to chairman.  
R. U. SUTTON,  
County Chairman

## SYLVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRST TO REACH RED CROSS QUOTA

A. J. Dills, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive, announces that Sylva elementary school was the first to achieve its quota and turn in the money raised in this drive under the direction of the principal, Mr. W. V. Cope and his efficient corps of teachers. With a quota of \$200.00 the school raised \$275, approximately every child making a contribution.

Willets and Webster also did a grand job and were the second and third schools to raise their quotas.

The county as a whole is doing a splendid job. It is urged that everyone do his part and help our county go over the top in this most worthwhile cause.

## PFC. PAUL WOMACK WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mrs. Paul Womack has received word from her husband, Pfc. Paul R. Womack, that he was wounded in action on March 2 and has undergone an operation in a hospital in Belgium where they removed a shell from his leg. He was later moved to Paris where he is now receiving treatment at an army hospital.

Pfc. Womack entertained service in September, 1943, and has served overseas for a year. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and was with the 9th army of the 60th combat engineers when wounded.

## AIRPLANE MECHANIC



Sgt. Robert Lee Seago above, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seago, of Speedwell is now serving with the Army Air Corps ground forces as an airplane mechanic at Tonopah, Nevada. Sgt. Seago entered service February, 1943, and holds diplomas from the airplane mechanics school at Keesler Field, Miss., and Consolidated Aircraft school at San Diego, Calif.