

Japs Are Writing Blackest History In World's History

Chicago—Details of the massacre of 250,000 Chinese civilians by Jap troops hunting Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's Tokyo bombers were revealed by Rev. Vincent Daniel Smith.

"The 36-year-old missionary said the wanton slaughter of the Chinese men, women and children 'promises to be the world's blackest story.'

Father Smith, a member of the Vincentian order, said he and three other American priests fled to the coastal hills of China a year ago to escape the vengeful Japs.

They hid in the hills for 10 weeks, while the Jap troops wreaked their vengeance on the helpless and hapless Chinese of Kiangsi. He received almost daily reports of the massacre and pillaging, he said.

"Even as a priest I cannot tell the full story of the brutalities inflicted on these helpless people, on men, women and children and even babies," Father Smith said.

"No civilized mind can conceive the tortures which were inflicted. To die by a bullet was merciful.

"Entire communities of from 15,000 to 20,000 people were wiped out, the populace killed and their homes and places of business set afire.

This was the fate of 30 or 40 towns of such size in Kiangsi province.

"Only the handful of people who fled to the hills escaped the Jap marauders."

With the withdrawal of the Japs, the priests returned to their missions.

Father Humbert Verdini had remained at the main mission at Yukiang, along with 20 orphaned children and more than 20 aged men and women. Father Smith described the scene of horror that greeted the returning missionaries.

"We found nothing but death. In a pond in the garden, we found Father Verdini's body. Nearby were the charred bones of the orphans and the aged men and women. Few met the merciful death that a bullet gives."

At least 50,000 and perhaps 100,000 Chinese were slaughtered in Kiangsi province, alone, Father Smith said. He added:

"What befell the coastal provinces of Chekiang and Fukien, where the Japs remained permanently, we do not know. There the slaughtered was twice as great. His estimated death toll of 250,000 Father Smith said, is conservative.

The wholesale torture and murder of Chinese in the provinces where many of General Doolittle's raiders landed their planes, was first revealed by Father Smith in an exclusive interview with International News service last week.

The young missionary told the further details, following the revelation of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., in San Francisco, and nearly every Chinese resident of the coastal areas where the United States pilots abandoned their planes was put to death by the Japs.

In Jacksonville



JACK WORTHINGTON, seaman 2nd class, who is attending the Aviation Radioman School in Jacksonville.

Jack Worthington, U. S. Navy, In Jacksonville

Lee Frank Worthington (Jack), Seaman Second Class, is now stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., where he is attending the Aviation Radioman School.

Seaman Worthington volunteered in the service at the Asheville Recruiting station and was sent to Bainbridge, Md., for his boot training, which he completed in April. He is a member of the student band at the Jacksonville base.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worthington, of Waynesville and Tryon. He graduated from the local high school in the class of 1942, and at the time he volunteered he was employed at C. E. Ray's Sons Department Store.

Pfc. Burgess Edwards Transferred To Texas

Private First Class Burgess Edwards has been transferred from Camp Polk, La., to Fort Rangland, Texas where he is attending an advanced cooking and baking school.

Pfc. Edwards entered the service on March 9th, 1942. Prior to his service in the armed forces he was employed by the Beacon Manufacturing Company of Swannanoa.

Mrs. Edwards is the former Miss Laverne Sorrells and she is residing in Hazelwood while her husband is in the service.

Lt. Samuel A. Carswell Receives Promotion

Second Lieutenant Samuel A. Carswell who is now serving with the armed forces overseas has recently been promoted to First Lieutenant, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Anna Carswell, of Waynesville.

His father was the late John R. Carswell, of Waynesville.

Called Into Service

Miss Beulah K. Bristol, of Walnut Street, has been called to active duty and will report to the second WAAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Fla., in the near future.

At Camp Phillips



PVT. JOHN R. GLANCE, who has been in the service since September, 1942. He is now stationed at Camp Phillips, Kan.

Pvt. John R. Glance At Camp In Kansas

Private John R. Glance has returned to his post at Camp Phillips, after spending a 15-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Fender, of East Marion and relatives in Clyde.

Pvt. Glance was inducted in the service at Camp Croft in Sept., 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex. From Camp Wolters he was transferred to his present post.

He is a graduate of the Crabtree high school in the class of 1940. Prior to his entering the service he was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Pvt. Chas. G. Miller, Jr., Now At Fort Belvoir, Va.

Pvt. Chas. G. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Miller, of Waynesville, is now stationed at Fort Belvoir, where he is attached to the Engineers Replacement Corps.

Pvt. Miller has been in the service since April 14th. He was with the enlisted reserves when called to active duty and was a member of the sophomore class at State College.

Jarvis Cordell Chambers Now In Newport, R. I.

Private Jarvis Cordell Chambers, U. S. Marines, is now stationed at Newport, R. I. He has been in the service for around eight weeks.

After volunteering, Pvt. Chambers was sent to Parris Island for his boot training and from there to his present post.

Pvt. Chambers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chambers, of Clyde, and was engaged in farming prior to his entering the service.

Private Jack Rabb Arrives Safely Overseas

Private Jack Rabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rabb has arrived safely in Northern Africa, according to a recent communication by his parents.

Pvt. Rabb has been in service since September, 1942. He was inducted at Camp Croft and from there was transferred to Fort McClellan, Ala., and from the latter to Camp Edwards, Mass. From Camp Edwards he was sent overseas.

Prior to his entering the service Pvt. Rabb was employed by the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company.

Sergeant Lee Sharpe Returns After Furlough

Sergeant Lee Sharpe has returned to his post of duty at Camp Cooke, Calif., after spending a seven-day furlough with his wife and his brother, who resides at Ford Sharpe, Tenn.

Mrs. Sharpe is the former Miss Gladys Burress, of Waynesville.

Private Ed Bright, Quartermaster Corps, who has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ed Bright, during his 14-day furlough, has returned to his post of duty at Charleston, S. C.

At Camp Mackall



PFC. JOSEPH C. WARREN, now stationed at Camp Mackall, who recently visited his relatives here.

Stevenson Taking Course Radio Operator-Mechanic

Pfc. Lloyd H. Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stevenson, of route two, has been promoted to private first class and assigned to the Technical School, Army Air Force, at Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio-operator mechanic.

He was a welder at the Newport News Shipbuilding Company before entering the service. He attended high school here and entered the service at Camp Croft in January of this year, later going to Keesler Field, Miss.

Pfc. Frank Kirkpatrick Spends Week-End Here

Private First Class W. Frank Kirkpatrick, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, spent the past week-end with his wife and parents at their home on Allen's Creek.

Prior to being stationed at Fort Jackson, Pfc. Kirkpatrick was on duty at Fort Sill, Okla.

Before entering the armed forces, Pfc. Kirkpatrick was a teacher in the Fines Creek school.

Ted H. Chambers, 18, Apprentice Seaman Here

Ted H. Chambers, Apprentice Seaman, spent a nine-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Chambers on Allen's Creek.

Young Chambers has recently completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. He volunteered and was inducted at Camp Croft a few weeks ago. Upon his return he will be assigned to a cooking and baking school for a sixteen weeks course.

At the time he volunteered he was a member of the senior class of the local high school.

He has an older brother, Guy Chambers, who is in the U. S. Air Corps, stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. He was inducted in the service at Camp Croft and from there sent to Keesler Field and then to his present post. He was employed by J. M. English Sons and Co., in Asheville before entering the service.

Lawrence H. Arrington Returns After Leave

Lawrence Hugh Arrington, second class storekeeper, U. S. Navy, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending a several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Arrington here and his brother, Fred Arrington at Enka.

Jonathan Creek News

Mrs. W. R. Boyd entertained the members of the Jonathan Creek Home Demonstration Club on the occasion of the May meeting. Mrs. Troy Leatherwood, president, presided. Eleven members were present.

After the project leaders gave their reports, the demonstration of "Milk for Strong Bodies," was given by Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent.

It was announced during the meeting that the club had almost enough money to buy a war bond.

Mrs. Jule Boyd invited the members to hold the June meeting with her.

Special guests were, Miss Belle McCracken, Miss Lou Belle Boyd, Mrs. Sallie Duckett and Miss Margaret Boyd.

During the social hour the hostess served pineapple cake, coffee and grape juice.

A Vacation Bible School will be held at the Shady Grove Baptist Church, beginning next Monday.

Private and Mrs. Lawrence Leatherwood have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leatherwood.

Most of the farmers in the Jonathan Creek section have finished their planting of corn and setting out tobacco plants. The farm women of the area are proud of the appearance of their Victory gardens.

In New Mexico



PVT. VINSON H. DYER, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dyer, of Camp Dellwood, who is now stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Pvt. Vinson H. Dyer Is Stationed In Albuquerque

Private Vinson H. Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dyer, of Camp Dellwood, who is serving with the armed forces, is now stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has been in service since July, 1941, having volunteered.

War Production Board Sets Up Canning Program

The Rural War Production canning program is getting underway in the Waynesville school district, according to J. C. Brown, vocational supervisor of the training of the rural war production.

Classes at Francis Cove, Allen's Creek and Crabtree are now in operation. Other classes in the various communities will be organized when and if the communities express a desire for the canning program, points out Mr. Brown.

Meetings were held some weeks ago in all the communities to determine the needs. Some have responded 100 per cent, while others have not expressed any interest.

The plans are for the canning program for the lunch rooms of the various schools to be carried out in connection with the cooperative canneries being established at the schools. It is not compulsory that members of the classes can for the school lunch rooms of their section, but unless it is done at that time it will work a hardship on the operation of the lunch rooms of the district.

The Federal government is supplying sufficient equipment for the cooperative school canneries and is also supplying teachers and supervisors for the work. There is no expense to the individuals enrolled in the courses, according to Mr. Brown.

In order to have the use of the pressure cookers, retorts and other equipment, a person must be regularly enrolled in a course. Classes usually meet once each week for a period of two hours for ten meetings, but any number of hours or meetings per week may be held, depending on the desire of the majority of the class members.

The following tentative schedule has been worked out for the district: Dellwood, May 28; Crabtree, May 21; Allen's Creek, May 18; East Waynesville, June 2 (includes Ratcliff Cove); Maggie, May 26; and Hazelwood, May 27.

In all cases classes will be held in the schools, using the facilities of the school lunch room. The initial meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening, after which the individual groups will set their own hour of meeting.

Some of the communities listed have made arrangements for the courses, while others have not concluded definite plans. Any community wishing to share in the courses are asked to report through their PTA, Home Department Club or other organizations to J. C. Brown or Miss Mary Margaret Smith.

STOP EGG SHORTAGE

No more shell eggs can be kept in storage after June 15, the War Food Administration says, except to fill Government contracts, or for a small "working inventory." Putting eggs in storage has been prohibited since May 26, when all eggs in storage were reserved for Government purchases.

A child's laxative your child should LIKE

Advertisement for Black-Draught laxative, featuring an illustration of a child and a bottle of the medicine.

In Alabama



PVT. ARTHUR W. CORBIN, who is stationed at Camp Sibert, Ala.

Pvt. Arthur W. Corbin Sent To Camp Sibert

Private Arthur W. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Corbin, of Waynesville, route 1, who volunteered in the service in February of this year, is now stationed at Camp Sibert, Ala.

Pvt. Corbin was inducted at Fort Bragg and from there he was sent to his present post of duty. Before entering the service, Pvt. Corbin was employed at Barber Orchard. He was a student at the Waynesville high school at the time he volunteered.

Auntie—But what has your boy friend's army career got to do with him staring at every pretty girl he sees?

Girl—Oh, he's in the observation corps.

Most Drivers Are Staying Under 30 Miles Per Hour

There are few... 35-mile per hour... ing to Patterson...

During the... six or eight... the patrol for... every instance... own the vehicle... commercial vehicles... that break the... was pointed out... have no fault... privileges, she... vehicle is the... up the rationing... The average... importance of... speed limits, it... cooperating in every...

Advertisement for Doan's Pills, featuring a cartoon character and text about kidney health.

Advertisement for Central Cleaners, located on Main Street, with phone number 113.

Advertisement for Park Theatre, featuring a review of a play by Joe Marsh and listing showtimes for Thursday-Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Advertisement for Park Theatre, listing showtimes for Thursday-Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday-Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with play titles like 'Slightly Dangerous', 'Valley Of Hunted Men', 'Quiet Please, Murder', 'Silver Skates', 'Cabin In The Sky', and 'Heart Of The Golden West'.

Advertisement for Dr. R. King Harpe, an optometrist located at 125 Main Street, Wells Bldg., Canton, N. C.



Advertisement for General Electric, featuring the slogan 'PLANNING ISN'T NEW' and text about the importance of planning in industry and agriculture.