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SGT. RICHARD BOSTIC To Mom and Dad

To Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bostic Beulaville, N. C.

Italy, Nov. 25,

Dear Mother and Dad;

How is all at home today. Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving day. Mother, maybe you don't know how much the people in America have to be thankful for, until you see how the people here are suffering.

It seems that when the Germans left here they took almost everything with them. It's cold enough that four blankets feel awfully good, yet, there are lots of the people barefooted, women and children mostly. They're in clothing that is patch upon patch. Their houses are all torn up, no roofs on most of them. If they have one room left they are lucky. Country and city alike is destroyed. I saw a farmer go down a hill and uncover his farm tools, where he had hidden from the Germans. They would have taken them if they had been found and maybe shot the farmer for hiding them.

There are kids around the camp at every meal, to get what we have left over. I sure do hate to set down before them to eat, they look like they want it so bad. I never eat all I have so I can give something to them. It isn't their fault that Italy is in the war, but the kids have to suffer. You should see the smile on a little boy's face when he is given a bit of candy. It wants the candy all right.

I thank God that you, Numa Deane and Dad haven't had to go through this or even see it. Hope you never have to.

Well I missed the turkey today but it doesn't matter, I had plenty. Three of us cooked our own meat and made a picture of it. Hope it turns out good so I can send you one. You will get a kick out of it. We had our own food on the grate cooking. Spam C-Rations, Vienna Sausage and coffee.

What are you planning for Xmas? Will Fitz get to come? Sure hope so, so you won't be so lonesome. This will make my third one away. Remember James Erye and I were together in 40, came home from Spartanburg, S. C. Bet I spend the next one with you. We sure will have a swell time.

Say Dad, would you be interested in planting me a couple of acres of strawberries in the corner of the woods we had our tobacco beds in? If you think it would be worth it and you can get the help, have a couple of acres tractorated up and planted.

Hope all of you a merry Xmas. I will be thinking of you all and wishing I were there. Give my love to all.

Your son, Richard.

Likes To Hear From Home

The following postal card was received a few days ago by The Times:

From a Pink Hill boy To The Duplin Times

Dear Mr. Grady:

Just a line to let you know that I am receiving your paper all O. K. I appreciate it very much. It is indeed a great pleasure to me to sit down and read all about what is going on back home.

Keep the good work going on and we boys will do our best for Uncle Sam.

And to the folks back home, don't forget that we like to receive lots of letters.

Signed: Pvt. Paul Turner

COUNTY BRIEFS

MISSING
John Harvey Turner, son of Mrs. G. M. Turner of Pink Hill has been reported missing in action since Dec. 1. He was an aerial photographer, stationed in England.

VISITS HOME
George Turner, brother of John Harvey, arrived home last week for a visit. He was being transferred to another camp. George is an aviation cadet.

TALKS AT P T A
Capt. Hugh Maxwell addressed the Pink Hill P. T. A. Meeting Tuesday of last week.

SICK
John Shafford, who has been quite ill is reported improving.

LITTLE SHIP BIG SHOOT

They say it's a Jap trick; but, listen to this. Marine Combat Correspondent Sgt. Gerald A. Waindel writes: A number of Jap Bombers attacked an innocent-looking little ship alone off the New Guinea coast, thinking this time for sure, "they would take home the bacon".

Pilots from 5 of those bombers will never see Tokyo again because what happened next makes one of the best of war stories.

As the Japs leveled off for what they thought would be an easy kill — all hell broke loose.

What the little sons of heaven didn't realize—until too late—was that the ship was transporting a complete anti-aircraft battery with its guns primed for action—just in case.



CLEBER ROUSE, son of Mrs. Rig Rouse enlisted in the Army Nov. 18, 1942, received training at Camp Roberson, Ark., later was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., then overseas, now somewhere in North Africa.

WARSAW MEN HELD IN COUPON SALE

Monday afternoon of last week, Chief of Police, Page, at Richlands nabbed Wurd Carter and Thomas Jones, both of Warsaw, on charges of possessing and selling illegal gasoline ration coupons.

They were held in jail awaiting arrival of Federal authorities who will arraign them before a U. S. commissioner at New Bern.

It has been reported that Jones and Carter received the coupons from Lewis H. Stumpner, who is also held in jail, and were allegedly peddling them.

Carter was driving the U. S. star mail route between Warsaw and Camp Lejeune.

The report says that Stumpner admitted bringing loose "T" gasoline coupons here and peddling them on the market at 50 cents per ticket.

"This Is The Army" Opens Premier Showing Warsaw, Jan. 2nd.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE: Mrs. George Bennett, Local Chairman; Judge Stevens, State Chairman.

"This Is The Army", a picture produced by Warner Brothers at cost, is one of the nation's number one picture hits of the year. It will show at the Duplin Theatre Jan. 2nd, for the first showing in Warsaw.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1.10 One dollar goes to the Army Emergency Relief Fund and the ten cents is Federal tax.

Mrs. George Bennett has been named by Judge Stevens as local chairman of the committee sponsoring the show. Judge Stevens is state chairman.

"This Is The Army" is a great film enacted by the most important actors of today—soldiers—under expert direction. In addition, the cast consists of 11 Hollywood stars headed by Irvin Berlin and feature 19 song hits. It is tops everywhere it has been released. It is your army from the ground up in giant entertainment round-up. It is an all Army cast for an all Army Cause. It is the patriotic duty of every person in Duplin County to see this show. Remember the date, Jan. 2nd at the Duplin Theatre.

First Direct Word in 2 yrs. Rec'd From Family Interned in Manila

Mrs. Charles F. Carroll, of Warsaw has received the following letter from her son, Norwood Carroll, which will be of interest not only to his relatives and friends, but also to those who have relatives interned in Santo Tomas Camp, Manila, Philippine Islands.

This is the first direct communication received from the Carrolls in two years. Mr. Carroll is a graduate of State University and was employed by Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., Durham, before going to the Philippines, where he was engaged as Sales Supervisor at Iloilo, on Panay, until that city and Island fell to the Japanese in the Spring of 1942.

His wife is the former Miss Isabel Singleton, of Durham.

Their letter follows:
Santo Tomas Internment Camp Manila, Philippines Date, Sept 12, 1943.

Mrs Charles F. Carroll Warsaw, North Carolina

Dearest Mother:

We are well, safe and cheerful here. We have musical programs, lectures and libraries. Camp rules are necessarily strict but we have our own administration. The food is ample and I have funds to buy extras. Men and women sleep in separate buildings. We have a cute bamboo shanty where we spend the days and do light cooking. I sleep here.

I served with the Red Cross until the occupation of Panay. Moved family to the interior for safety's sake and lived there until taken in July. Interned in Iloilo one year. We were transferred here last June. We have had tough times but never become discouraged. We are confident that our worst times are behind us.

William Singleton (Billy) was born Dec. 1941. He is husky and jolly, gray-eyed and fair.

Lee and Peggy are growing fast and all of us have stayed well.

I think of you all often and look forward to a reunion before too long.

Love and warmest regards to all relatives and friends and may God bless you all.
Norwood Carroll

JURORS JAN. TERM SUPERIOR COURT

FIRST WEEK: Leroy Carter 9; Amos Jones 7; J. W. Jackson 7; Wayne Southland 7; Chesley Williams 7; L. C. Sholar 8; H. S. Whaley 7; J. W. Evans Jr. 13; B. K. Bradshaw 11; Raymond Smith 6; H. L. Taylor 2; Flave Kennedy 7; Wright Smith 5; O. J. Hunter 8; Jasper R. Powell 10; Frank Rhodes 7; C. D. Sloan 7; Clyde S. Brinson 7; J. A. Thompson 9; Ed Kornegay 4; L. J. Brown 7; Duff Kornegay 4; Chancy Sumner 6; R. C. Powell 7; C. B. Kennedy 7; J. W. Rhue 5; G. B. Kennedy 7; R. L. Flowers 2; C. Blackmore 1; W. L. Duff 9; W. M. Drew 12; W. D. Pate 4;



DAVID ROUSE, son of M. S. Rig Rouse enlisted in the Army Oct. 14, 1940, received training at Ft. Bragg, was sent overseas; captured, and is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

THINGS WE FIGHT FOR DEC. 7th., 1943.

Two years ago today, as every one knows, we were stabbed in the back. The enemy we fight today thought they could take away the things that all Americans will fight and die for, freedom, the right to speak as we like and the most important of all, the right to worship God as we like. These alone would ruin the American way of living, and it's up to every man in the Armed Forces to play a big part in this war and the other part falls on the people of the home front.

We have the finest Armed Forces in the world and the best equipment there is to be manufactured and the best in the fine skilled men to handle this equipment and carry on the common warfare.

The government of today has blended together as brothers the finest fighting men the history of the world has ever known, and they are fighting this war so that every one of us will have a safe place in which to live and raise the youth of today. But there are so many in this world who don't yet realize the critical war that's on our hands and what it will take to win this war.

And another thing we have forgotten is that there is a God who will help and guide us through this war if only we ask in the right way and live nearer his Word. He is Commander-in-chief of all warfare and Armed Forces as well as Civilian Life. God isn't pleased at the way some of us are living. We have forgotten that he is the one that suffered and died that all sinners might be saved from the depths of hell. And now the time has come that somebody has got to suffer and die to save our families from the miserable cry of our cowardly enemies. So let's all live nearer our Saviour's Word that we might soon come home to our families and friends and live again in a free and peaceful world.

Written by Pvt. Gurney E. Chambers, ASN 34, 852,097 Hq. Co. 1142 Engrs. C. Gp. Camp Crowder, Mo.

Lawton Baker 6; Henry Pickett 7; W. B. Houston 7; E. A. Walton 7; Mordecai Sloan 7; and M. V. Wells 9.
SECOND WEEK: R. J. Johnson 10; Willie Best 3; Foy Good-



LAATIE F. HOUSTON received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army after serving 14 months. He received a serious back injury on July 20th, and spent 3 months and 20 days in the Kennedy Gen'l Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He is now at home with his wife, Mrs. Jessie R. Houston and son, Glenn, of Beulaville.

Old Couple Need Help

ATTENTION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS

Last Friday morning an old gentleman, seemingly crippled with age and hard knocks of life, came into the Times Office and handed us a sheet of paper on which was written something like this:

To the citizens of Duplin County, and all that this may concern We ask if you would be willing to help two old and helpless people who have no one to do for them, and as it is near Christmas, they ask to please remember Mr. Marion Hardison, 69, who is ruptured in both sides and his sister, Miss Lizzie Hardison, 67, who also is in a feeble condition.

Anyone desiring further information concerning those two are asked to see Mr. George Bennett, or Dr. Williams, of Warsaw.

The old folks address is: Route 2, Warsaw, N. C.

Remember folks, "God Loveth A Cheerful Giver".

man 3; Tunk Baker 6; S. H. Quinn 7; R. A. Jackson 7; R. Sutherland 13; J. E. Sloan 7; J. Tate Harrell 9; E. W. Brock 3; Gordon Southland 4; Wm. N. Hunter 7; Finley Carr 10; J. H. Murphy 9; Geo. R. Rhodes 7; C. E. Hall 7; G. T. Jones 1; James Williams 10; G. G. Harward 10; H. Boney Stallings Jr. 9; J. B. Kennedy Jr. 7; E. J. Whaley 8; I. D. Frederick 12; L. Kornegay 4; Stephen Raynor 7; P. E. Rouse 7; Y. D. Frederick 13; Lott Kornegay 1; Edgar Outlaw 4; Norman Sandlin 7; F. B. Chambers 5; L. L. Bland 10; Dunn Manning 8; I. F. Kennedy 7; B. B. Cavanaugh 9; J. E. Sheffield 12; Dallas Jones 12; Otis Miller 7; C. W. Moore 10; Johnnie Dixon 9; Claude M. Jones 2; and Cecil Wells 3.



The Present with a