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## Missing Pilot Wins Medal For Heroism

**Lt. Gordon Whitaker, Former Selma Boy, Cited For Action With AAF Against Japanese — Navy Announces Award of Air Medal For Meritorious Achievement In Combat.**

Washington, Dec. 6. — The Navy Department announced today the award of the Air Medal to Second Lt. Gordon Whitaker, Army Air Corps, son of Clarence G. Whitaker of 1006 E. Mulberry St., Goldsboro, N. C., for meritorious achievement in combat.

The 22-year-old flier now is listed as missing, the announcement said.

The citation said:

"For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a plane of a fighter squadron, attached to the fighter command, in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands cover force, Second Lt. Whitaker flew several hundred miles in a low-altitude, indirect approach to the estimated position of the enemy. With faultless precision, his squadron located the hostile force of two bombers, escorted by six fighters and, taking them by complete surprise, destroyed the heavy bombers, the primary target, and also shot down four additional enemy aircraft. By his cool courage, perfect air discipline, and flying skill, Second Lt. Whitaker contributed to the successful completion of this vital and daring mission."

(Lt. Gordon Whitaker was a resident of Selma at the time he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps, and was a graduate of Selma High School and later attended Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, N. C. Young Whitaker was one of the most popular young men of Selma and a leader among his social set.

Lt. Whitaker first became interested in flying several years before he had finished his high school work, and took his first flying instruction at the Selma Airport when there were few planes and no licensed instructors at this field. Lt. Whitaker completed his training necessary for his solo flight in less than the required time and in a shorter time than any student that ever learned to fly at the Selma Airport.

Young Whitaker was recognized by his instructor and other pilots of the Selma Airport as being above the average student in his aptitude for judgment and skill as a student pilot. According to information that came from his associates while in his basic army training as a Cadet he kept up his same pace by making extra good grades and receiving high praise from his instructors and superiors.

Lt. Whitaker was offered his choice after graduation as an Army Cadet to that of a Flying Officer, to become an Army Flight Instructor, but chose to be a combat pilot instead, and was serving his country as such when he was reported missing.)

## Much Canned Food Consumed In Johnston

Rationing has not emptied the shelves of Johnston county residents of canned foods. It was revealed today, a total of 430,637 cans being used monthly, according to A. H. Nugent, general sales manager of the American Can Company.

Mr. Nugent based his figure on the government's compilation of 63,798 ration book holders in the county and the statement by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics that the per capita consumption of canned goods so far this year is .225 cans a day. On the basis of the average size pre-war can, approximately 1,041 pounds of pure metal tin is reclaimed for the war effort from these cans, he explained.

Men in service eat 8,000,000 cans of food a day and millions of pounds of canned items are being shipped abroad for lend lease, he said.

Many foods strange to American palates are being packed in cans for shipment overseas. One of these is "Tushonka" for Russian consumption, this product being highly seasoned pork packed in lard. Squald, a variety of octopus, is being canned for Italian consumption. Canned foods for England are usually seasoned quite differently to those intended for use the American way.

Mr. W. L. Rowland of Fuquay Springs, a brother of Mrs. M. L. Stancil, spent a short while in town Wednesday on business. He was accompanied by L. J. Penny of near McCullers.

## Selma Kiwanians Hear Address On WAC Drive

The Selma Kiwanis club was privileged to hear a very interesting address on last Thursday night, delivered by Lieutenant Cooper of Durham. She came to Selma on behalf of the campaign now on to recruit more WACS to relieve men of jobs so they can be used in the armed forces. Lieut. Cooper said they are only asked for three women recruits from Johnston county, but that women seemed slow to join the WAC because they do not understand just the kind of service they are expected to render, and too, because there is a wrong impression of the type of women who can enlist as WACS. She stressed the point that in order to become a WAC a woman must be of sound mind and body and the best of character. She said only a very small percentage of those who apply for membership as WACS can pass this test, but that those who do pass are among some of the most noble women to be found.

Kiwanian Bill Woodard introduced the speaker at the request of Program Chairman C. E. Kornegay.

The attendance prize, presented by C. E. Kornegay, went to Vernon Wiggs.

President-elect Rudolph Howell made a short talk in behalf of the Boy Scout drive now on in Johnston county, and distributed membership cards among Kiwanians present, who were asked to select a list of Selma citizens to contact for contributions.

Bill Woodard made a short talk on behalf of the Tuberculosis campaign now on in Johnston county emphasizing the importance of a better Tubercular Hospital in the county.

The Selma club will join the Smithfield Kiwanis club in Smithfield at the Gabriel Johnston Hotel tonight (Thursday) in an inter-club meeting, the occasion being the installation of Durwood Creech of the Smithfield club as Lieutenant Governor of the Fourth Division of the Carolinas Kiwanis District.

Kiwanian Creech is past president of the Smithfield club. He was elected Lieutenant Governor at the district convention held in Durham in October.

The inter-club meeting will be held at 6:45 this (Thursday) evening, but preceding this there will be a meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of newly elected district and local club leaders, who will be schooled in the performance of their duties for the coming year. One very prominent Kiwanian leader who is expected to attend this meeting is District Secretary Herb Hennig of Darlington, S. C.

The newly elected officers of the Selma club are Rudolph Howell, president, and M. L. Stancil, vice president. The board of directors include B. A. Henry, R. E. Suber, C. E. Kornegay, Vernon Wiggs and David S. Ball. The secretary is to be named at a later date.

One of the finest records made by any club in the district for 1943 was made by the Smithfield club, which increased its membership from 21 to 42, and this in face of the fact that the club lost four members during the year. They actually took in 25 new members during the year.

The most recent member to join the Selma club was Joe A. Creech of the Woodard & Creech Drug Company, who was admitted on last Thursday evening.

## Treating One Of Selma's Eye Sores

There are a number of "eye sores" along Railroad Street in Selma, and at least one of them is undergoing a healing process by Floyd C. Price & Sons. The brick structure near the Southern freight depot, which was bought by this progressive firm a few years ago, and which has been used as an exhibition hall for tractors and farm machinery, has recently undergone many needed repairs by the replacement of broken windows and other repairs. The interior is getting a new coat of paint, and in addition has been partitioned off and new cabinet bins have been installed in which to store all kinds of parts and supplies for farm machinery. The other space in this building is being used for an exhibition hall for farm machinery, an office room and a work shop.

A floor of concrete has also been laid in this building, and with a few more touches of the painter's brush and other improvements, this old structure will look quite inviting.

## Plans Discussed To Enforce School Law

**Delegations Go Before County Commissioners With Resolutions For Compulsory School Attendance — Commissioners And Board of Education To Study Plan Jointly.**

A delegation of both white and colored people from Selma went before the county board of commissioners in Smithfield last Monday in behalf of previous resolutions adopted by a group of representative citizens asking for some plan to enforce the school attendance law in Johnston county. The Selma group was headed by Mayor B. A. Henry, W. H. Call, chairman of the Board of Education, and Supt. O. A. Tuttle, who was spokesman for the occasion. He was assisted in presenting the request by W. T. Woodard, Jr., superintendent of Public Welfare, who said that due to the resignation of several of his helpers, his department was unable to carry out the compulsory attendance provision in the school law.

Those filing resolutions before the board were W. T. Woodard, Jr., from Selma; Johnston County Training School PTA, Benson; Richard B. Harrison PTA, Selma; Cooper PTA, Clayton; Smithfield school board; Clayton Rotary club; Smithfield Kiwanis club; Four Oaks colored PTA; Short Journey PTA (colored); citizens of Meadow school district; Kenly colored PTA.

After asking for the filing of resolutions, Mr. Tuttle recognized a number of school leaders in the county, and among those responding were H. B. Marrow, County Superintendent, Mayor Hugh A. Page and Principal O. B. Welch of Clayton, Principal A. G. Glenn of Smithfield, Principal A. H. Aderholt of Meadow, Principal M. L. Wilson of Selma colored school, and Mrs. Eva Cooper principal of Short Journey.

Several of the school districts were strongly represented and an unusually large group was on hand from the Johnston County Training School PTA, the delegation being headed by Principal W. R. Collins. The J. C. T. S. PTA has been one of the prime influences in the increased sentiment for effective enforcement of the school attendance law.

The joint committee representing the commissioners, the schools and the welfare department will determine whether a full-time truant officer is to be employed or whether some other plan can be used to advantage and will present a concrete proposal for consideration by the commissioners.

## Candlelight Service To Be Held Sunday Night

There will be a candlelight service at the Selma Presbyterian church Sunday night, December 12, from 6:30 to 7:30. Those desiring to attend this service from other churches in the community can do so and get out in time for their regular service at their own church.

The program for the evening is as follows: Prelude — "Christmas Prelude" Call to Worship Processional Hymn — "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Invocation Lord's Prayer — Congregation Response by Choir — "Father of Lights"

First Reader — response — "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Second Reader and Tableau "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Choir First Reader Offering and Offertory "Silent Night, Holy Night" — Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle Lights from the Christ Candle "Jesus, the Light of the World" — Minister

"Joy to the World" — Congregation.

## Selma Man Keeping Grenade As Souvenir

Capt. D. P. Howell has a Japanese hand grenade which his son, second class machinist mate Leon Howell, brought home with him a few days ago from Attu Island in the Pacific. This grenade was thrown at Leon in the battle of Attu and struck him on the emblem pinned across his chest breaking the emblem in two, but it failed to explode. He was standing in water about three inches deep at the time, having just left his ship. He stamped the fuse in the water and put it out, escaping unhurt.

Leon decided, since this grenade might have been the end of him, and would have been had it exploded, he would keep it as a souvenir.

## Buy War Bonds Today!

## Three-Way Death Blow On Germany Fixed In Cairo Meet

### State's 4-H Clothing Girl National Winner



THE superior "Make and Mend for Victory" record of Alta Lawson, 17, of Orum, North Carolina, not only won the state award of an all-expense trip to the 22nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, but a national championship in the 1943 nationwide 4-H clothing achievement contest. The twelve national winners each receives a \$200 college scholarship. All awards are provided by the Educational Bureau of the Spool Cotton Co. . . . In club work seven years, the girl completed 22 projects, seven of which were clothing. She does nearly all the family sewing and has made 212 different articles. She also sewed twelve garments for the Red Cross, and showed junior club members how to use and thread a sewing machine. She has sewed for aunts, neighbors, and colored folks and often helps neighbor women put in plackets and zippers. She values her clothing work at \$122.55.

## Rationing Board Makes Announcement

**Change of License Number On Inspection Record and Gasoline Books May Be Done By Car Owners.**

People, after purchasing new vehicle license numbers, must make the change on their tire inspection record and outstanding Ration Books. This may be done by the person who owns the vehicle. He may draw lines through the old number and enter the new one just above with ink or indelible pencil.

After obtaining new license number, the inspection record must be corrected prior to application for any renewal of gasoline ration.

People who have not changed occupations, both farmers and commercial owners, should request renewal forms R-543 from ten to fifteen days prior to earliest renewal date on old book. In the case of farmers the request should be made to the Farm Transportation Committee of the A. A. A. Office, Smithfield, N. C. After receipt of the mileage sheet and Form R-543 from Farm Transportation Committee, fill out all questions on Form R-543 and return with mileage sheet and inspection record to War Price and Rationing Board, Smithfield, N. C., or to Benson, N. C., whichever place your original application may be located.

In the case of commercial owners, the request for Form R-543 should be made to the local War Price and Rationing Board, Smithfield, N. C., or to Benson, N. C. After properly completing this form and signing it return it with tire inspection record.

People who have made a change from one occupation to another should request Form R-535 Supplemental Form, execute in the above mentioned manner, and return it to his War Price and Rationing Board, along with his tire inspection record with tires properly inspected. In this case, the books issued for his old occupation must be surrendered.

### RECAPING SERVICE RELEASE

Any person may have truck tires recapped with Grade A camelback without obtaining certificate from a War Price and Rationing Board.

This does not apply to passenger vehicles. Passenger vehicles will continue to get recapped service without certificates with Grade F and C camelback.

The Victory tire, the tire made principally from reclaimed rubber (War Tires) have been reclassified to Grade III. Certificate holders who have certificates calling for Grade III tires, or one issued such certificate may now secure the Victory Tires in exchange for this certificate.

This change became effective on December 1, 1943.

Mrs. M. B. Chamblee of Zebulon Mrs. A. L. Blow, of Greenville, Mrs. L. D. Glover of Wilson and Mrs. John C. Rose of Fremont were dinner guests of Mr. J. H. Griffin Sunday.

Cairo, Egypt.—President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Premier Joseph Stalin have agreed completely on "the scope and timing of operations" to smash the German army from three sides, an announcement signed by the three statesmen in an epic four-day meeting in Teheran, Iran, and released here Monday disclosed.

The Allied leaders also charted a peace era in which all nations would be invited to join "a world family of democratic nations" based on the reaffirmed principles of the Atlantic charter.

The history-making conference of the heads of the world's most powerful military and political combine was held in the Iranian capital from November 28 to December 1.

Heavily underscoring the urgency of the military phase, the combined British and American general staffs subsequently returned to Cairo, scene of the November 22-26 meeting of Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, and staged concentrated planning sessions from last Friday through Monday.

### GETS LETTER FROM SON



The above is a picture of Mrs. J. W. Thorne, of Selma, Route 1, who is in receipt of a letter from her son, Pvt. Howard F. Thorne, who is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. The letter follows:

"I wrote a few lines the other day, but now I have a little more time, so I'll write the news. I am feeling good and getting plenty to eat. I hope you all are enjoying the best of health; but Mama, I could really go for some of those good buttermilk biscuits you are making and lots more things like that, which I am not getting. I've lately been paid, but it's going to be little that I spend, because these natives charge everything for nothing. They are crazy about American money. I have bought a few things which I'm going to send home soon, that I think you all would enjoy seeing. There are things which I can't write about this place, but I was smart enough to tell you all what I wanted to a while back.

"The show has just started. All the boys in here are gone but I am staying in and writing. The name of the picture is "It Came Up Love."

"I wish I could send some pictures to you all, the way the moon shines through these coconut trees at night. I'm telling you it's really a beauty to see.

"Your son,  
"HOWARD F. THORNE."

## Where To Take Your Waste Kitchen Fats

Starting Monday, December 13, stores cooperating in the kitchen fats salvage campaign will be authorized to give two points a pound for fats returned by housewives and others, according to a recent OPA announcement.

In addition to the ration points, the housewives will receive four cents a pound for their grease.

The county salvage committee recommends that waste fats be put into tin cans and delivered to one of the following firms which are handling fats salvage in Johnston county:

Turnage & Talton, Smithfield; Etheridge & O'Neal, Selma; Edger-ton's Market, Kenly; Coats Market, Clayton; and Smith's Grocery, Benson.



Churchill joined in these and other sessions, leading to the probability that other disclosures of paramount international importance are still to come.

President Roosevelt's whereabouts since the Teheran conferences were not disclosed, however.

**Signed Declarations**  
The Teheran declarations signed simply "Roosevelt, Stalin, Churchill" and dated December 1, announced these results:

War — "Our military staffs have joined in our round-table discussions and we have concerted our plans for the destruction of the German forces. We have reached complete agreement as to the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the east, west and south.

"The common understanding which we have reached guarantees that victory will be ours.

"No power on earth can prevent our destroying the German armies by land, their U-boats by sea and their war planes from the air. Our attacks will be relentless and increasing."

Peace — "We are sure that our concord will make it an enduring peace." We recognize fully the supreme responsibility resting upon us and all the United Nations to make a peace which will command the good will of the overwhelming masses of the peoples of the world and banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations.

"We shall seek the cooperation and active participation of all nations, large and small, whose peoples in heart and mind are dedicated, as are our own peoples, to elimination of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance. We will welcome them as they may choose to come into a world family of democratic nations."

**Respect Iran's Independence**  
After expressing their respect for Iran's independence and territorial integrity, and promising economic aid to that country which has facilitated the flow of Allied supplies to Russia, the three leaders said:

"They (the United States, Britain and Russia) count upon the participation of Iran together with all other peace-loving nations in the establishment of international peace, security and prosperity after the war in accordance with the principles of the Atlantic charter, to which all four governments have continued to subscribe."

Dispatches from Teheran said the conference atmosphere was one of extreme cordiality. The main declaration by the three leaders concluded: "We came here with the hope and determination; we leave here friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose."

It was the first time President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin had met.

It was believed to be the first time Stalin had left Russia since the Communist revolution in 1917.

Details of the military decisions reached naturally were not disclosed, but dispatches from Teheran said there was no talk of "a second front" circulating at the conference — an indication that that subject already had been disposed of except for final details.

Nor was anything specific concerning a multitude of post-war problems, such as the Russian-Polish boundaries.

The "surrender or die" ultimatum, which some had expected, was not forthcoming. Instead, the big three calmly and confidentially told Germany they were going to crush her many times in a three-sided assault and multiply the devastating air raids on her home soil.

Mrs. Roland L. Hughes returned home from Baltimore last Saturday morning, due to the recent illness of her mother and baby. Mrs. Hughes has resigned her position at Martin's.