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## NEW RED CROSS NURSE'S AIDE CLASS OF 30 WILL START ABOUT FEBRUARY 1

"Women of Roanoke Rapids Red Cross Chapter can continue their regular work as housewives and office and plant workers and still contribute to the war effort here by qualifying as Red Cross nurse's aides," Mrs. Frank C. Williams, chairman of the local Nurse's Aide committee, said today in urging registration for the nurse's aide class which will start here about the first of February.

The class will be limited to 30 members and will be held at the Nurses Home in Roanoke Rapids. Those interested in joining should see Mrs. Williams or Mrs. F. L. Starke at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Applicants must be over 18, have the equivalent of a high school education and meet certain physical requirements.

Since we have been at war, about 75 nurse's aides have been trained here. About 25 have moved away since then. Two have been transferred to government hospitals and six to hospitals in other places. There are 35 on the present active list and thirty more are needed to aid graduate nurses in the performance of their duties. The need is increasing as more registered nurses leave for duty with the armed forces.

This is an opportunity given by the Red Cross for women to be trained for lasting service to their community, hospital, their loved ones at home.

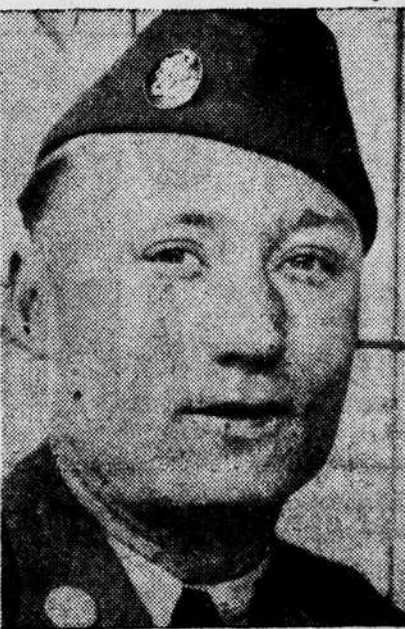
A case at point is that of Mrs. Sybil Daniels of Roanoke Rapids who took the Nurses Aide course here while employed at Roanoke Mills Co. Mrs. Daniels had finished the 80 hour course and was doing volunteer duty at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital when her daughter became desperately ill and was brought to the hospital. No trained nurses were available and the case would have taken three, which Mrs. Daniels says she could not have afforded. With her experience gained from the Red Cross Nurse's Aide course, Mrs. Daniels stayed with her daughter day and night, on duty at least 16 hours a day for 23 days until the daughter recovered. With three other Aides, Mrs. Daniels is now employed regularly at the Hospital.

Since organization, the local Red Cross Nurse's Aides have served a total of 10,801 hours at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on active duty. This in addition to the hours they have spent on duty in their own homes and the homes of friends and neighbors, having found a new field of service opened to them by their new training.

## Superior Court Opens On Monday

A term of Superior Court will begin next Monday for trial of criminal and civil cases. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, will preside. There are no outstanding cases scheduled for this term.

## Missing In Action



Pictured above is Pvt. Rodney R. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Powell, 732 Monroe Street, who last week was reported missing in action in the Luxembourg war theater.

## Planning Meeting Next Wednesday At Central School

Mothers of all pupils attending Central School are urged to attend a planning meeting for the annual Valentine party. Only by 100 per cent cooperation can the affair be made as great a success as in past years, both socially and financially. The meeting will be held at Central School Wednesday afternoon, January 31, at 4 o'clock.

## Hockaday Gets Purple Heart

Pvt. Francis Hockaday, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hockaday, has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in France on November 14. He entered the army on March 17 and received his basic training at Camp Walter, Texas, and went overseas in October.

## President's Ball Saturday Night

The President's Ball, proceeds from which will go toward the fight on infantile paralysis, will be held Saturday night in the Armory. Plans and arrangements have been made for a "big time" and the public is expected to turn out for the occasion. Admission is 50c and tickets may be obtained at the door.

## New Scout Job



Sherrod Crumpler, above, who has been named assistant district commissioner of the Halifax Boy Scout District. (Story on page 4, Section B.)

## Jenkins Wins Bronze Star; Sent To Wife

Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, wife of Pfc. Johnnie J. Jenkins, recently received the Bronze Star that her husband was awarded for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on November 6. Pfc. Jenkins has been overseas since August. Jenkins, a member of a ten-man patrol led by an officer, reflected credit upon his character and himself as a soldier of courage, tenacity of purpose, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety displayed by him (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

## Gets Prisoner



Pictured here is Pfc. Johnnie Jenkins, member of infiltrating patrol, who captured and returned with enemy prisoners.

## Two More Names Added To The Long Growing List Of Casualties From This City

### Missing



S/Sgt. Andrew F. Ferguson, above, has been reported missing in action in Belgium since December 22.

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, 907 Vance street, Roanoke Rapids, wife of Staff Sergeant Andrew F. Ferguson, received a message last week from the War Department informing her that her husband has been missing in action in Belgium since December 22.

S/Sgt. Ferguson, 31 years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Ferguson of Emporia, Va., went into the Army in March, 1942, and had been overseas since June of last year. He was with the Seventh Armored Division. Prior to entering the service he was employed at Roanoke Mills No. 2. His wife is the former Miss Gracie Jenkins of this city.

Pvt. William E. Holmes, 28-year-old son of Mrs. Annie G. Holmes, 1004 Vance Street, Roanoke Rapids, was reported in a telegram from the War Department late last Thursday as missing in action since December 18. Holmes was serving in the Luxembourg area at the time. Mrs. Holmes has another son, Sgt. Clarence L. Holmes, who is attached to a medical corps and is also overseas.

## Ship Is Named In Honor Of Sailor

A Liberty Ship, launched at Brunswick, Ga., January 12, this year, has been named the S. S. Wilson in honor of Harold O. Wilson, a member of the crew of the S. S. Flora Macdonald, who lost his life when his ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in May, 1943. Wilson was a native of Wilmington, and a sister, Mrs. Vernell Ganius, also of Wilmington, was an honored guest at the launching of the ship.

Another sister, Mrs. K. F. Skipper, resides on Bolling Road, Roanoke Rapids.

## Seaman Leggett Is Visiting Here

J. C. Leggett, SC2/c, son of Mrs. J. H. Leggett, and the late J. H. Leggett, of this city, is spending a few days with his wife and other relatives. He entered service in 1941 and only recently returned to the states after 27 months overseas. He has been in Guadalcanal, New Guinea and New Georgia. His wife is the former Miss Annie Draper of this city. Leggett has been in every state in the union except two, Washington and Vermont. He leaves Wednesday for Fort Pierce, Fla. His wife will accompany him.

## Now In France

Pvt. Clarence I. Medlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Medlin, 119 Jefferson street, this city, has arrived in Southern France. Before going overseas he was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. A graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School, Medlin entered the Army August 25, 1944.

## Applications For Enlistments Are Being Received

Applications for enlistment in the 14th Company North Carolina State Guard are now being received. Anyone desiring to join the Guard should apply to Captain F. S. Kemp, Roanoke Rapids. Announcement was made today that the next drill will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at which time an Army instructor will be present. There will be no drill next Monday night.

## Enfield Soldier Badly Wounded

Mrs. Lillie M. Smith of Enfield, was notified by the War Department last week that her son, Pfc. Willie L. Smith, 28 years old, was wounded in action "somewhere" in Germany. Young Smith entered service about three years ago and has been overseas about one year. Prior to entering the army he was engaged in farming.

## Enfield Soldier Reported Injured

Pvt. Bernard B. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dixon, of Enfield, was reported last Saturday by the War Department as being seriously wounded in action in Belgium, January 2, this year. A graduate of Enfield High School, Pvt. Dixon entered the service in April, 1944, and was sent overseas in September. His wife is the former Miss Bertha Vester of Castalia, N. C. A sister, Mrs. Louise Hardee, resides in Roanoke Rapids.