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Pfc. Rogers Said Killed In Action

Pfc. Robert Allison Rogers who was previously reported missing in action since December 25, was reported as killed in action according to a message received Wednesday by his wife, the former Miss Lula Belle McAllister. Rogers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus A. Rogers of near Aurelian Springs. He graduated from the high school there and later attended High Point College and was assistant manager of the Halifax Farmers Supply Company at the time of his entrance into the army.

Missing In Action



Pictured above is Lionel Northington, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Northington, who was reported as missing in action last week. Lionel finished high school last year and entered the Army in August and went overseas January 1, 1945. Before going into service he was employed by the downtown A&P.

Pvt. Freeman Dies Result Of Injuries

Pvt. Carl D. Freeman, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman of Weldon, died on February 16 in Thionville, France, as a result of injuries received from a vehicle accident, according to a message from the War Department. Carl was with a field artillery division at the time. He had been in service for three years. He received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and went overseas in August of last year. Before volunteering, Carl attended the Weldon High School.

Lt. Hoyle Back After Months Of Pacific Service

Lt. Cranford Hoyle, U. S. Navy, has been visiting his wife and friends here after several months in action in the Pacific theatre of war. Lt. Hoyle, former coach at Roanoke Rapids High School, is a gun officer on an aircraft carrier and his ship has been engaged in several actions in the Pacific. Early in the war he saw service with the Navy in the North Atlantic. He and Mrs. Hoyle leave this week for the West coast where he will be stationed about a month before his ship is ready to sail again.

In The Jungles



Pictured here is Capt. John M. Hughes, Jr., son of Mrs. John M. Hughes of Henderson and the late Mr. Hughes. A graduate of The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., Capt. Hughes entered the service in the early part of 1942. His wife is the daughter of Mrs. Frank R. Thomas of Roanoke Rapids. He is a member of the Army Air Force and is believed to be "somewhere in the jungles of India."

Browning Is Home After Battles In The Philippines

T. B. Browning, MM1/c, U. S. Navy, returned home this week on a 21 day furlough after many months of action in the Pacific aboard a U. S. destroyer. He is visiting his wife, Mrs. Cleeta Browning and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young. He has taken part in ten engagements including the landing at Leyte in the Philippines and the battle of the South China Sea.

Increased Tax Rate For City

A bill to increase the tax rate of Roanoke Rapids has been passed by the State Legislature. The increase is 5 cents and makes the total tax rate for the city 65 cents per \$100. Money derived from this increase can only be used, however, for street improvement in Roanoke Rapids.

Rev. Beckwith To Preach Here

Reverend J. Q. Beckwith of Wilson will be the visiting preacher at the All Saints Episcopal Church at the Lenten Service Friday night at 8:00.

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR FUNDS IS UNDER WAY

S. Sgt. Wm. Hasty Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross

Staff Sergeant William Douglas Hasty, gunner on a B-17 bomber, winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and wearing three battle stars on his European theatre of operations ribbon is at home for 24 days.

Hasty entered the service February 3, 1943, and received his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., Las Vegas, Nev., Denver, Colo., and in Oklahoma. He went overseas in April of last year.

A veteran of D-Day invasion of Normandy, Hasty has completed 30 bombing missions over enemy territory, some of which included Luxembourg, Kiel, Stettin, Paris, Caen, Brest, Stuttgart and others.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hasty of this city. After his leave expires he will report to Miami Beach, Fla., for further orders.



Campaign Is Going Nicely Says Reports

The campaign for funds for the American Red Cross is now under way all over the nation. The drive in Halifax County and Roanoke Rapids began last Monday, and, according to Chairman L. S. Neal in charge of the Roanoke Rapids district, the public is responding nicely.

The quota for this city is set at \$14,000, the same as in 1944. As evidence of the fact that service men who are fighting in foreign lands are being aided by the Red Cross, here is an excerpt from a letter written by Capt. Samuel H. Akers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers of this city:

"The next time there is a Red Cross drive at home or even if there is none, will you take \$25 out of my account and give it to the Red Cross for me. When I was living at home I contributed some money because of habit and what I had heard the Red Cross did. Now, I have seen some of the activities for myself and heard a lot more. From now on you can be sure that I will contribute liberally to the cause for it is doing a wonderful job."

Capt. Akers is with a headquarters company of the Ninth Air Force Service Command "somewhere" in Europe.

Such praise as this cannot be ignored. If soldiers "see and hear" of the great deeds done by this humanitarian organization and contribute to it, then the public at home need have no further proof.

Mr. And Mrs. Harry Hodges Rescued From Jap Prison

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Hodges, who have been rescued from the Japanese war prisoners camp at Los Banas on Luzon Island in the Philippines, according to message received by Mrs. Hodges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Taylor of Enfield. The telegram, which came from the Provost Marshal in Washington, D. C., Tuesday, told only of the rescue of Mrs. Hodges, but another message Wednesday afternoon developed the fact that Mr. Hodges was also among those freed by United States troops.

Mrs. Hodges is the sister of R. M. Taylor of Roanoke Rapids and of Lieut. Col. Thomas J. Taylor, a practicing physician here prior to his entrance into the Medical Corps of the Army. With her husband she went to Manila in 1939 as a representative of the International Harvester Company.

According to the War Department message Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are in "fair shape." The couple are well known in this city.

Annual Easter Seal Sale Aid Crippled Children Opens

The annual sale of Easter Seals to aid crippled children opened this week, it was announced by Miss Bernice Hitchens, chairman of the campaign in Halifax County. The campaign is part of the nation-wide drive conducted simultaneously in thirty other states throughout the country affiliated with the National Society for Crippled Children. Halifax County joins with other counties throughout the state to gain public support necessary to carry on and expand the work for the crippled children in America on a local, state and national scale. The drive closes April 1.

Mrs. Agatha Miller has been named local chairman of the annual Easter seal sale for crippled children in Roanoke Rapids.

"It is through the sale of the Easter seals each year," said Mrs. Miller, "that the work of the Society dedicated to the needs for corrective treatment, recreation, education and vocational aid for the crippled children of Halifax County and State of North Caro-

lina is financed. The work must go on and must expand to meet the existing vital needs for these services. I hope that each of the citizens in our community will feel an equal share of responsibility and satisfaction in helping to bring to a crippled child the opportunity of a better life."

In Hospital

Pfc. Clifton (Lefty) Everette, son of Mrs. Goldie Everette, 1013 Cedar street, this city, is in a hospital in Italy suffering from wounds received in action on February 9, according to information received here this week. Everette entered the service in February, 1944, receiving his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Meade, Md. He went overseas in July of last year. Prior to going into the service he was employed by Rosemary Manufacturing Company and was a member of the old Roman-cos softball team. His wife and little daughter reside here.

Barbecue Dinner Proceeds Will Go To The Red Cross

A pit-cooked pig barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be served next Friday, March 16, at the Rosemary Cafe. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the American Red Cross. Cost of the whole affair will be borne by John Carras, owner of the restaurant, with the exception of labor and taxes. Complete details will be announced next week.