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COOLEY DROWNED IN INDIA; FINCH IS KILLED IN ACTION

Is Reported Death Comes To Cooley By Drowning

Pvt. Walter G. Cooley, attached to a service company as a military police, "somewhere" in India, lost his life by drowning, according to War Department message received here Wednesday by his wife, the former Miss Jeannette Kidd, 912 Rapids street. No details of the accident were given in the telegram.

Cooley, born in Littleton, is the son of W. F. Cooley of Horner-town. He entered the Army May 6, 1942, and received his basic training at Craig Field, Ala. From there he went to various other camps before going overseas just before Christmas last year.

Prior to going into the Army, Pvt. Cooley was employed by Patterson Mills. He was 30 years old.

Minor Operation

Mrs. I. F. Rochelle has been confined in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for several days after undergoing an operation.

NEGRO YOUTH IN JAIL ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Clarence Burgess, 18-year-old negro, is in Halifax County jail in lieu of \$500 bond, charged with assault on a female with intent to rape.

The alleged crime was committed last Tuesday afternoon when Maudline Harris, 15-year-old feeble-minded negro girl who was on her way home from school, was accosted by Burgess, who was plowing in a field near his home, it is said. When the girl refused the negro's advances, he took her by the arm and led her off into the woods. The girl's father, Cleveland Harris, at work nearby, observed what was taking place, and went to investigate. Burgess, upon hearing Harris call out to his daughter, ran off into the woods.

The Sheriff's office was notified and Sheriff House and Deputy Brigman arrested Burgess at his home Tuesday night. He was charged with rape, but at a preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. O. Thompson, Tuesday night, the charge was reduced to that of assault on a female with intent to rape.

The scene where the alleged crime is said to have occurred is about two miles from the William R. Davis School on the Aurelian Springs road.

Accident Victim



Pictured above is Pvt. Carl D. Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman of Weldon, who died in France, February 18, as a result of injuries received in a vehicle accident. Young Freeman was with a field artillery division. He had been in service three years and went overseas in August, 1944.

Rev. Vaughan Presents Oak Leaf Cluster

At an impressive ceremony held during the evening worship hour at the First Baptist Church, Rev. Gordon L. Vaughan of Greensboro presented Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White an Oak Leaf Cluster which had been awarded their son, Randall N. White, who was killed in action in France, June, 1944.

Rev. Vaughan took for his subject, "Faith," and after a short address and the "Lord's Prayer," sung by Miss Dorothy Rice, the presentation services were concluded.

Gets Promotion

Raby J. Grimes, son of Mrs. Minnie J. Grimes of Hobgood, has been promoted to the rank of Private first class. Pfc. Grimes, on duty with the 90th Infantry Division, has been in service two years and is now in action against the Germans. He worked on his father's farm before entering service.

Warren Gets Purple Heart

Pvt. Winifred W. Warren has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France on February 22, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Warren, of Littleton. Pvt. Warren was inducted into the army on August 25, 1944, and went overseas in January.

Pfc. Barrett Is Wounded

Mrs. Mammie Barrett of Garysburg, N. C., has received a message from the War Department stating her son, Pfc. Paul R. Barrett, was slightly wounded in Germany on March 5, 1945. He entered the service April 4, 1944, and was sent overseas in September, 1944. He is serving with the 104th "Timberwolf" Division. Pfc. Barrett has two brothers in the service, Frank, with the Army, and Alvin with the Coast Guard.

Sunrise Service Easter Morning

An Easter morning sunrise service will be held Sunday, April 1, according to an announcement made today by Rev. Edmund Berkeley. Details and time of the service will be announced next week.

Parents Receive The Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Moody, 138 Jefferson Street, received the Purple Heart from the War Department last Monday morning that was awarded posthumously to their son, William C. Moody, who was killed in action in Belgium on January 16.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Stephenson Here

Lieut. Col. B. E. Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson spent several days in Halifax County with relatives and friends. They left last Sunday for San Antonio, Tex., where Lt. Col. Stephenson is stationed. Prior to going into service he was a practicing physician in Roanoke Rapids. During their visit here they were guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall.

In Hospital

Mrs. William White is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital recuperating from an operation performed last week end.

Purple Heart



S/Sgt. Bill Davies, above, is the husband of the former Annie Lee Moon of this city. Sgt. Davies has recently been awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received while in action in Germany, and he is now in a hospital somewhere in England. He went overseas in September, 1944, and was assigned to the First Army.

Finch Killed March 5th In Fighting Says War Message

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Finch, 306 Monroe street, received a telegram Monday morning from the War Department stating that their son, Sgt. Rufus S. Finch, had been killed in action in Germany on March 5th.

Sgt. Finch, who had been confined in an English hospital suffering from a concussion received while fighting in Germany last December, had only recently returned to his company. He was last heard from by letter on February 7, and at that time expressed the opinion he would go back to his outfit at an early date.

Finch, an infantryman, entered the Army in September, 1941. He received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and later trained in several other camps in the states. He was last home in October, 1943, and reported to Fort Dixon, from where he was immediately sent overseas. He attended school in Middlesex, N. C., and prior to entering the Army (Continued from page 1—Sect. A)

QUOTA "IS IN SIGHT," SAYS CHAIRMAN NEAL

The quota of \$14,000 for Roanoke Rapids Red Cross chapter, a campaign for which has been going on now for several days, is believed to be almost in sight, according to chairman of the fund drive, L. S. Neal.

Air Medal Is Presented To Mrs. Grissom

Mrs. L. A. Grissom, Mrs. C. E. Radcliffe, Mrs. W. P. Taylor and Miss Norma Grissom went to Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, last Saturday where Mrs. Grissom was presented the Air Medal awarded to her son, Lieut. Carlton Grissom, who has been a German Prisoner of war for many months. "Bootsie" entered the service in 1941. His mother has had several messages from him since he was captured by the enemy.

Joseph H. Jolly Is Visiting Here

Joseph H. Jolly, aviation electrician's mate, 1/c, is spending 30 days here with his family and friends. His brother, Dan, is doing duty "somewhere" in the South Pacific.

"While we cannot at this time give any actual figures," said Mr. Neal, "yet I believe it is safe to say that the Roanoke Rapids chapter will attain its goal."

Other than this, Mr. Neal would not commit himself. He did, however, emphasize the fact that there are only a few days left during next week in which contributions will have an opportunity to send in their checks or cash to the fund. If anyone has been overlooked by any of the canvassers you may send your contribution direct to L. S. Neal, Campaign Fund Chairman, Roanoke Rapids. He will see to it that your group will receive the proper credit.

The barbecue dinner served at the Rosemary Cafe last Friday was a decided success. The net proceeds, which amounted to about \$300, was turned over to The Red Cross by John Carrao, owner, who gave the dinner for the benefit of the fund.