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Pfc. Langford Puts Roanoke Rapids On Sign In Germany



Probably not many Germans had ever heard of Roanoke Rapids before the war, but Pfc. Eugene C. Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Langford, is seeing to it that his home town will be better known "over there." Langford, standing at the right, has just put up a sign he painted on a tree on German soil. Standing at the left is a military policeman (name not known). The sign says Roanoke Rapids is 3663 miles from where the two soldiers stand, and Berlin is 257 miles. The rest of the sign reads: "You are now entering Germany. Compliments of Golden Acorn Division. No Fraternization." Story about Langford on page 4, Section A.

Bronze Star And Promotion Awarded Daisy M'Commons Pfc. Connor Is Wounded

Major Daisy M. McCommons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McCommons, 1022 Jackson street, Roanoke Rapids, has been awarded the Bronze Star and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, according to information received here, today.

A graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School in the class of 1931, Miss McCommons entered training for nursing in the Philadelphia General Hospital. After two years there she transferred to Duke Hospital, Durham, studying two more years. It was while she was at Duke that Miss McCommons enlisted in the Army as a nurse. She was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, remaining there about two years. She has served in Porto Rico, Walter Reid Hospital, Washington, D. C., and later at Camp Barkley, Texas. From there she was sent to England in February, 1944, where she has been stationed for the past 15 months.

The citation awarding the Bronze Star to Lieut. Col. McCommons reads, in part, as follows: "Without warning and without trained personnel to help, organized and administered a program for the field training of over 1500 nurses from 30 hospital units in preparation for the Normandy invasion. At the same time, without precedent, she organized the nurses in seven new general hospitals assigned to the 15th Hospital Center, and through her untiring devotion to duty and a high administrative skill, she has es-



tablished and maintained a superior standard of nursing care rendered to over 20,000 battle casualties during the Normandy campaign."

Election Day Next Tuesday

Roanoke Rapids city election for Mayor and two Commissioners will be held next Tuesday, May 3. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m., and close at 6:30 p. m. Ballots will be cast in the North Ward at the Boy Scout Cabin on Second Street, and in the South Ward at the Rosemary Graded School building on Hamilton Street.



According to a War Department message received by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Connor of Gaston, Pfc. Hughlette J. Connor, above, was wounded in action February 22 in Germany. Connor was with the Timberwolfe Division.

A former employe of the Halifax Paper Company, Connor entered service in 1942, receiving his basic training at Camp Adair, Ore.

Pfc. Connor has for some time been confined in Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga., since being returned to the states. He is expected home this week-end for a 30-day leave.

Spence Reported Missing In Action

Bronze Star, Purple Heart



Pvt. Joseph Connor, who entered the Army in 1942, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action against the enemy, and the Purple Heart for wounds received in Holland in October, 1944.

Connor, 22, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connor, went overseas in August, 1944, after receiving his basic training in Oregon, Arizona, California, Colorado and New Jersey. Prior to entering the Army he was employed by Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

After spending a 30-day leave with his parents, young Connor will return to Camp Butner.

Recuperating At His Home Here

J. W. Medlin who was injured in a car wreck in Durham on April 9, has been released from the hospital here. He was placed in Duke Hospital immediately following the accident and remained there for three days, and was then transferred to the local hospital.

Legion Dance To Be Held May 11

Another dance, sponsored by the Robert E. May Post of the American Legion, will be held in the Armory on Friday night, May 11. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Bob Cleveland and his orchestra. This is the same band that played for the Legion dance held last month and is being brought back to Roanoke Rapids by popular request.

Half Holiday To Begin On May 16

The Wednesday afternoon summer closing of the merchants in Roanoke Rapids will begin next Wednesday, May 16, according to action taken by the Merchants Association at its dinner meeting last Tuesday night. The half holiday will continue through the summer months.

Pvt. Hugh E. Spence, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Spence of Gaston, is reported as missing in action in Germany since April 7, according to a War Department message received last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Spence. Prior to that, however, Pvt. Spence had written his parents a letter, received by them on Tuesday, saying that he had been slightly wounded.

Spence entered the service in February, 1942, and has seen action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Before going into the Army he was employed by Roanoke Mills Company.

Another son, Pvt. Maynard Spence, is serving with the United States Marines in the Pacific theatre.

About Sugar For Canning

Over 6000 families were represented in the three days of registration for canning sugar, according to figures released this week by the local ration board. And still there were many who did not get the opportunity to register.

Asked about this, an official of the board said that those families who did not have the chance to register may come to the board offices after they have obtained their canning products and obtain sugar for the purpose.

Board officials expressed gratitude and appreciation for the assistance rendered by volunteers in Weldon, Littleton and Roanoke Rapids during the registration.

Pvt. Davis Is In English Hospital

Pvt. Cornelius Everette Davis who was previously reported missing in action and was later found in a hospital, writes his parents that he is recovering nicely from wounds, and gives an account of the things that happened to him after he was reported missing. He had been wounded in the right leg with a piece of shrapnel on February 22, and was taken a prisoner of war by the Germans. While a prisoner, a German Doctor removed the shrapnel from his leg. He was liberated on March 23, and was taken by plane to England where he was placed in a hospital.

Hitler Is Dead; Berlin Gives Up

Berlin, greatest city of the European continent, fell Wednesday afternoon to the Russians, who quoted a high prisoner as declaring that Adolf Hitler had committed suicide along with Propaganda Minister Goebbels as the capital of the blood-drenched Nazi empire tumbled around them.

Also reported dead by his own hand was Hitler's new general staff chief, an infantry general named Krebs, as 70,000 German troops laid down their arms in the surrender which Hitler had said never would come.