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# WAR VET SPEAKS TUESDAY

## Seaman Willey Edwards Is Real Vet Of World War II

World War II has really been a global war as far as young Willey T. Edwards is concerned. Twenty-three years old, Edwards, seaman, first class, of Roanoke Rapids, has been admitted as a patient, in Farragus (Idaho) Naval Hospital for treatment of a fractured skull, shrapnel wounds in the leg and back, and burns received aboard ship during the invasion of Okinawa.

Edwards has seen plenty of action since joining the Navy on Sept. 7, 1942. Serving aboard a destroyer, he participated in invasions at Casablanca, Sicily, Iwo Jima and Normandy. Then shifted to the Pacific, he was in three landings at the Philippines, with a protective force off Iwo Jima, with a task force whose planes bombed Tokyo and then Okinawa.

He was in the water two and a half hours before rescue when

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## Corp. Mills Is Wounded

Corp. Ben. T. Mills, son of Mrs. N. H. Mills, 93 Madison street, Roanoke Rapids, was wounded in Germany April 1, according to a War Department message received this week by his mother. He was injured in the left leg and is now confined in a hospital in England. Mills, a member of Gen. Patton's Third U. S. Army, entered service in March, 1942, and went overseas in May, 1944.

His wife, the former Miss Evelyn Smith, and their daughter, reside with Corp. Mills' mother.

## Rodney Powell Is Liberated

Pvt. Rodney R. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Powell, 732 Mohroe street, has been liberated from a Nazi prison camp, according to a message received by his parents through the American Red Cross. Powell had previously been reported as missing in action.

## Young Gray Gets Right Leg Broken

Walter Gray, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Gray of Vance street, had his right leg broken Wednesday at noon while on his way home for lunch. Young Gray, riding a bicycle, attempted to cross Tenth street at Vance near his home when he was struck by one of two automobiles traveling parallel in the same direction. Jesse Joyner, driver of a White-Ray taxi, has been charged with being the driver of the car that struck the boy.

## Banks Closed

All the banks of this city will be closed all day Wednesday, May 30, in commemoration of Memorial Day.

## Young Boys Are Believed To Be Killers of Hogs

Two fine hogs, weighing about 150 pounds each, belonging to G. W. Holliday, 300 Jefferson street, were shot and killed late Tuesday evening. Shots fired from a rifle were heard in the vicinity of the hog pen in the woods back of the Holliday home, and after several young boys were seen coming from that direction. The boys are believed to have been the killers of the hogs, and police are expected to make arrests in the case soon.

## Fried, Thorn, Grigg Freed From Prisons

Lieut. Harry Fried, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fried of Weldon; Pfc. Jack Thorn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thorn, also of Weldon, and Pfc. Henry Grigg, whose parents formerly resided in that city, are among those who have been liberated from Nazi prison camps, according to information received in Weldon this week. All these soldiers are expected home soon.

## Injured Vets To Visit Here

The week of June 11th has been set as War Textile Workers Week in Roanoke Rapids when the importance of textiles will be stressed and wounded war veterans will visit the local textile mills on Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15.

The visiting veterans are coming here at the request of the War Manpower Commission which is cooperating in a program to channel manpower to the textile industry and to fight absenteeism. The (War Production Board has recently uprated the textile industry putting it on a par with tanks, aircraft and bombs because of the shortage of textiles necessary to the war effort in the Pacific.

Local mill officials and representatives of press, radio and theatres met Tuesday with Mrs. Annie T. Freeman of the Staff War Manpower Commission and local manager Robert Mickey to make plans for the week's program.

## Home On Leave

Sergeant Willie Nicholson, Roanoke Rapids, route 3, is at home on leave after having seen 25 months' service in the South Pacific war theatre. At the present Sgt. Nicholson's base is at Stuttgart, Ark.

## Killed In Action



Pictured here is Cpl. Herbert S. Edwards, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellem Edwards, who last week was reported killed in action April 24 "somewhere" in Italy.

## Bullock Dies



Shown above is Pfc. Alex Bullock, Jr., who was wounded in battle on Luzon Island, April 19 and later died from his wounds, according to information received last week.

## Capt. Brown Will Address Employees Of Textile Mills

The 7th War Loan Drive will be featured in Roanoke Rapids next Tuesday, May 29, when a wounded officer of World War II will speak to the textile employees, according to announcement made today by Frank C. Williams and W. L. Manning.

The speaker is Captain Theodore R. Brown, War Bond Officer of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot. Captain Brown has talked to the employees of more than 30 large North Carolina plants, organized War Bond committees in all of them and has a wonderful record in the response from employees.

Platforms and public address systems are being arranged at all the textile mills and Captain Brown will speak at the following places and times: First shift, Rosemary, 9:30 a. m.; Roanoke No. 1, 11:00 a. m.; Patterson, 12:30 p. m.; Roanoke No. 2, 2:00 p. m.; Second shift, Roanoke No. 2, 3:30 p. m.; Roanoke No. 1, 5:00 p. m.; Patterson, 6:00 p. m.; Rosemary, 7:15 p. m.

It is expected that Captain Brown will be accompanied by T. C. Abernethy, Deputy Manager of the War Finance Committee of North Carolina.

## Sergt. Morris Is Liberated

Technical Sergeant Leroy Morris, son of Mrs. Nettie Morris of Jackson street, Roanoke Rapids, has been liberated by American troops from a German war prison camp. He had been a prisoner since being shot down over Germany in June, 1943.

Morris, a former employe of the Standard Grocery Company prior to entering the service, was a radio operator-tail gunner in the Air Corps. He is expected to come home some time in the near future.

Information concerning his release came in a message from the American Red Cross to his mother last week.

## Crouch Brothers Home On Leave

Pfc. Troy Crouch of Arizona, and Cpl. Lacy Crouch who just returned from the South Pacific, are here visiting their mother, Mrs. L. B. Crouch, 1108 Franklin St. Troy is home for 15 days. He has been in service since November 1942. His wife, the former Miss Nora Wright, and daughter, reside here. Lacy is home from the South Pacific where he spent 30 months. He entered service in October 1941. After his leave expires he will report to Jacksonville, Fla.

## Rotary Club Members Hear Splendid Address Tuesday

One of the best addresses heard at a local Rotary Club meeting in many years was delivered last Tuesday by G. H. Eliades of Hopewell, Va. The speaker was the guest of John Carras, who had charge of the program.

Mr. Eliades, a native of Greece, who came to this country in 1912, is the father of three children, two boys and one girl. The daughter is a student at Randolph-Macon College. He is a merchant in Hopewell.

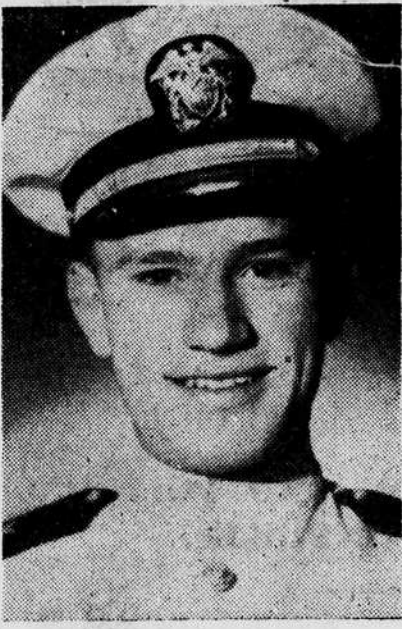
Taking as his subject, "The Contribution of Greece to World Civilization," Mr. Eliades made the statement that: "It is an undisputed fact that Greece has produced many great leaders in science, literature, art, philosophy and higher thoughts. Greece is known to be the 'mother of democracy,' the splendid form of government under which these great United States of ours has prospered and progressed in its high standard of culture.

"Greece was the first country to adopt the system of trial by jury. She is justly called the mother of Christianity and was the first European country to adopt the Christian teachings as its national form of religion. The New Testament was written in Greek and later translated into the various languages of the world."

Continuing, the speaker said: "The Christian minds of all times have been influenced by Greek thought and there is abundant evidence to show that St. Paul's platonic thoughts and stoic ethics combined to produce and predominate all types of modern Christianity."

Taking up the language of his native land, Mr. Eliades remarked: Greece's contribution to the Eng- (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

## In Chicago



Thomas Rudolph Topping, above, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. K. B. Topping, of Littleton, received his commission as an Ensign USNR, in the graduation exercises held May 24 at the Reserve Midshipman School at Northwestern University, Chicago. Ensign Topping attended Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, N. J., in the first class of the Navy V-12. He completed Officer Training there and received additional training at Asbury Park Pre-Midshipman school before going to Chicago. He is 19 years of age, volunteered in the spring of '43, graduated from Littleton High School with the class of '43.