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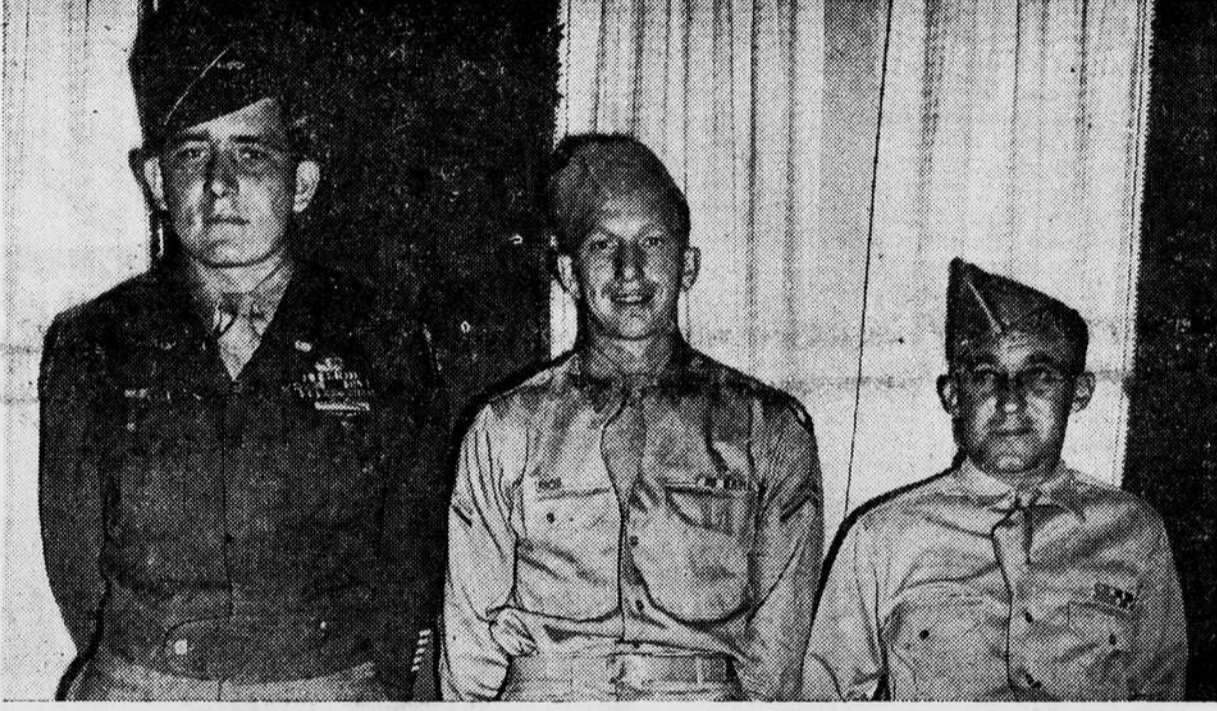
U. S. ARMY TEAM HERE 4 DAYS

Gray Kills Himself

Ill Health Is Cause Of Act Family Says

Edgar Lee Gray, 63-year-old resident of this city, shot and killed himself about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in the back yard of his home at 101 Washington street. Gray used a shotgun, placing the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and pulling the trigger with a yardstick. His body was found by his wife and son, Francis, near the kitchen door. He died instantly. Mr. Gray, a master mechanic at the Patterson Mill, suffered a stroke about 10 years ago. He gave up his work after that and about a year ago suffered another light stroke. Members of the family attribute the act to his long illness which had begun to affect his mind. Funeral services will be held this afternoon from the First Baptist Church with Rev. Gordon L. Price officiating. Interment will follow in Cedarwood cemetery. Surviving are his widow and two sons, Howard and Francis Gray.

Returned Combat Veterans Visiting Here This Week



Reading from left to right are: Pfc. Marshall H. Holybee, Cpl. Carl M. Bester and Pfc. George G. Wheeler. Pfc. Holybee and Pfc. Wheeler are both here participating in the programs being held to boost textile production for Army needs. Cpl. Bester was unable to come.

VETS GUESTS LOCAL TEXTILE EMPLOYEES

A U. S. Army Incentive Team arrived in Roanoke Rapids Wednesday for a four-day visit to the local textile mills which will be concluded Saturday night. Purpose of the visit is to impress on textile employees the importance of textiles in the war against Japan. The team includes Lt. Colonel Robert E. Wallace, Major B. Otey, Lt. T. J. Bardzil, Pfc. Marshall H. Holybee, Pfc. George Wheeler, Pvt. David Koehl, (the three enlisted men being wounded veterans), and a small arms demonstration unit, under Major Otey, consisting of M/Sgt. Ned D. Simmons, S/Sgt. Madison C. Kershner, S/Sgt. Harry J. Russo, Sgt. Otis L. Earnest and Sgt. Charles Rice. The 4-day program reaches its peak each afternoon at 3:15 when talks are given and a demonstration of small arms in action at each of the textile plants. Yesterday the team was at Roanoke Mills Co., No. 1, and today at Roanoke No. 2. Friday they will be at Patterson Mills Co., at 3:15 and Saturday at Rosemary Manufacturing Co. The team is also visiting all the mills and observing the work at each. Yesterday and today restricted war films were shown for textile (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Beale Held In Bond \$5,900

Stanley Beale, white, who last week was arrested on charges of assaulting his wife and step-daughter and burning their clothes, was given a preliminary hearing Monday afternoon. Evidence brought out during the hearing caused a warrant to be issued for Beale's arrest on felony charges of a serious nature. He was ordered held for trial in Halifax Superior Court under bond of \$5,900.

Army Team Gives Splendid Show Yesterday Afternoon

Killed In Action



Shown above is Pfc. John Wayne Thomas, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Franklin Thomas, who was killed in Germany.

The United States Army Incentive Team gave a splendid show yesterday at Roanoke Mill No. 1, witnessed by about 900 employees. The show was put on from a platform erected on the mill yard, and though the weather was unusually hot, the crowd enjoyed it immensely.

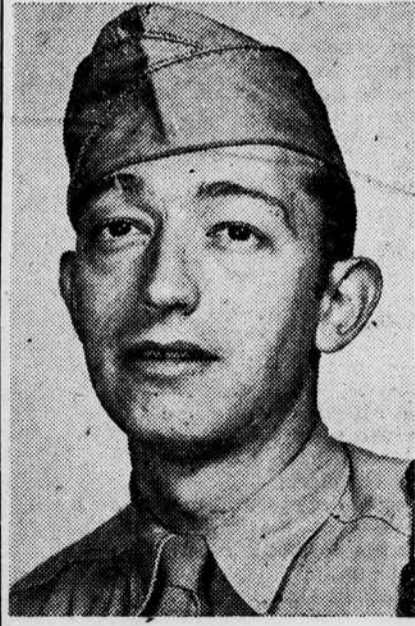
The program began with the introduction of Lieut. T. J. Bardzil, public relations officer, 4th Service Command, by Capt. Frank S. Kemp, commanding officer of the Roanoke Rapids State Guard, 14th Company. Lieut. Bardzil, after a few words, introduced each member of the team, who in turn spoke very briefly.

Major B. Otey, wounded veteran of World War I, who went back into the service at the age of 47, featured the program with a short address stressing the importance of textile workers remaining at their post of duty, and citing instances where the materials manufactured by textile mills are badly needed. He told of being wounded in the first war, being shot through the neck. "If it hadn't been for the gauze manufactured by textile mills, I would have died in 5 or 10 minutes," Major Otey declared. "I took the gauze, and stuffed it into the wound at both ends and it saved my life."

On State Board

J. R. Wollett of Littleton, well known lumberman and banker, has been appointed to a six year term on the Board of Conservation and Development by Governor Cherry.

Real Veteran



Above is Pvt. David Koehl, real veteran of the present war, who is here this week participating in the four-day program at local textile mills.

Meet The Boys On Gun Team

Major B. Otey with five sergeants form the Small Arms Demonstration unit which is here for the 4-day program of War Textile Week in Roanoke Rapids. The unit is from the Army Air Forces Overseas Replacement Depot at Greensboro and is giving demonstrations at each of the mill plants at 3:15. Friday they will be at Patterson and Saturday at Rosemary Manufacturing Co. Major Otey of Denver, Colo., has had 30 years in the Army. He served with the First Division in World War I and was wounded and gassed at Charpentry and Exermond in France. He retired and was recalled to duty in 1942 and is now in charge of the School of Musketry at the Replacement Depot in Greensboro. M/Sgt. Ned D. Simmons of Hinton, W. Va., has had 11 years in the service and was at Tientsin, China, when the Japs first started their period of aggression with the Marco Polo Bridge incident on July 4, 1937. He was discharged at the end of his enlistment period in June, 1941, and returned as a volunteer in March, 1942, and has served as a small arms instructor at various Army posts. He is now chief non-com officer in charge of marksmanship at the ORD in Greensboro. S/Sgt. Madison C. Kershner of Anderson, Ind., is one of the Army's experts on small arms. (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

WOUNDED MEN ARE SPEAKERS

Main speaker for the 4-day War Textile Week program here this week is Lt. Colonel Robert E. Wallace, a native of Huntingdon, W. Va. He has been in the Army since 1934. Colonel Wallace was wounded in Germany on Nov. 30, 1944, in action in the Ruhr River offensive and is now a patient at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga. Three wounded enlisted men from Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa, N. C., are here making talks to textile employees. Lt. T. J. Bardzil, Industrial Services Officer of the 4th Service Com. (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Offices Closed Two Afternoons

The offices of the Roanoke Rapids War Price and Rationing Board will be closed each Wednesday afternoon and Saturday afternoon until further notice, it was announced today. This action was taken in order to get out the large number of applications now being received.