

State Guard News Notes

The Armory, July 23, 1945—Two school buses followed by a private car stopped outside the Armory Sunday afternoon at 6.45 and 48 men and officers shouldered their equipment and marched into the building. They were halted and put at ease by the Captain, Francis S. Kemp, who congratulated them on their proficiency at camp. Then he turned to the Radio announcer and briefly described the purpose and work of the encampment.

Not a day had passed without rain, but the full schedule was completed in spite of the bad weather. On Wednesday the Third Regiment, of which the local unit is a part, went on the firing range. After serving their time in the pits, the Third Battalion went on the firing line. Then came a torrential rain, but the firing continued. With water in the rifle chambers and bores the men flung themselves in mud puddles in prone positions and shot at their targets. High man on the range was Platoon Sgt. John Cox, who made a score of 96.

Inspections had been a daily routine and pennants were awarded to the leading regiments. On Friday the Third Regiment won

the flag led by the Third Battalion, with the Fourteenth Company taking top honors as the model Company of the Battalion.

As the men left the floor to put up their equipment, one could hear them say to each other, "best encampment we have ever had, but I'm glad the next one is a year off."

The next regular drill will be held at the Armory, Monday July 30.

Herbert Bryant Here On Leave

Pfc. Herbert Bryant is home from Italy visiting his wife, Mrs. Irene Bryant, 215 Henry Street, on a 30-day furlough after spending 15 months overseas. Bryant entered service in December, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Howze, Texas. He has received the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Expert Infantryman Badge. Prior to his entrance in service he was employed by Roanoke Mill No. 1.

Pfc. Bryant will report to Fort Bragg when his leave expires.

In Memory

THE LONE PILGRIM

I came to the place where the lone pilgrim lay,

And pensively stood by the tomb;
When in a low whisper I heard something say,

'How sweetly I sleep here alone;
The tempest may howl and the

loud thunder roar,
And gathering storms may arise;
Yet calm is my slumber, at rest is my soul,

The tears are all wiped from my eyes.

O tell my companion and kindred most dear,

To weep not for me now I'm gone;

The same hand that led me through scenes most severe,

Has kindly conducted me home;

And there is a crown that doth glitter and shine,

That I shall forever more wear;

Then turn to the Savior, His love most Divine,

All you that would dwell with me there.'

—Author Unknown

Dedicated to the memory of my loving wife, who passed from this world July 28, 1943, by her husband, Richard O. Bray.

Raymond Garner Is Honored at Shower

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Garner and Mrs. Nerva Everette entertained at a party recently in honor of Raymond Garner who is entering the army on July 23. Homemade ice cream and cake were served. The cake was inscribed, "Happy Landings, Raymond." He was also showered with gifts. Those present at the shower were: Willis Ricks, Mrs. Thelma Massey, Howard Massey, Henry Newton, Mrs. Gaynell Newton and sons, Billy and Charles, Mrs. Inez Garner, Josephine and Kitty Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Garner, Scott and Nancy Garner, and Dick Clippard.

Aviation Supply Depot Busy Place

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Nerve center of the far flung aviation supply system in the Pacific area is the Naval Aviation Supply Depot here. The Depot, like a super mail order house, serves the far flung island bases, the aviation supply ship, and the mighty carriers now carrying the war to Japan's doorstep.

Engaged in this vital task of supplying aviation forces is Odie B. Crumpler, aviation storekeeper third class, USNR, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, who has been attached to the activity for 12 months.

Crumpler's wife, Mrs. Margaret Crumpler, lives at Roanoke Rapids. Before entering the naval service in April, 1944, he was a textile loom fixer with the Roanoke

Mills. He has been overseas for 13 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Honor Miss Garner

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thorne entertained Thursday night with a lovely party in honor of the approaching birthday of Miss Alice Garner. Appropriate favors and verses were given to the guests, and the honoree was presented gifts from the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne were also remembered with a gift in remembrance of their anniversary. Those present were Misses Alice Garner, Erma Robinson, Mesdames Lillie Mae Eason, Mrs. Helen Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Hemon Johnson and Earl Daughtry, Lt. and Mrs. George Wood, and Mrs. Rudolph Williams.

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