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Lt. Coburn Believed Dead

FREIGHT CARS ARE PILED UP IN BAD WRECK

Second Accident Within Month On Seaboard Track;

A northbound Seaboard freight train was wrecked here last Tuesday morning about 4:30 o'clock, caused, it is believed, by the breaking of a "journal" on the trucks underneath a coal car. The accident happened just after the train had passed the station in Roanoke Rapids. No one was injured.

Nine box cars and coal cars, heavily loaded, were piled up in a mass of twisted steel and wood in the "cut" just below the station. Many of them were completely demolished. Three of the cars loaded with gravel were thrown across the track and a box car following immediately behind and loaded with merchandise of various kinds, was caught in the full impact and smashed almost to pieces.

The track was torn up for about 400 yards. An Atlantic Coast Line wrecker from Rocky Mount reached the scene about 9:30 o'clock and a few minutes later a Seaboard wrecker arrived. Section crews had been at work early after the wreck clearing away the debris and relaying the track. The wreckers went to work immediately and the wreckage was cleared up late Tuesday night.

Traffic was detoured via the Virginian railway from Alberta to Jarrett and the Atlantic Coast Line from Jarrett to Weldon. Normal traffic was resumed Wednesday.

This was the second wreck to occur on the Norlina-Portsmouth line within a month. The other being a head-on collision between north and southbound passenger trains at Margarettsville on September 20.

City-Wide Revival Services Are Creating Much Interest

The city-wide revival services which are being held this week in all churches of Roanoke Rapids are creating much interest according to a survey made today by The Herald. The meetings, which got under way last Monday night will continue through Monday, October 8.

The survey shows: At the First Methodist Church, where Dr. F. W. Paschall, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Wilmington, is doing the preaching, the attendance is good.

At Rosemary Baptist Church, Rev. Harry D. Wood, Jr., pastor of Angier Baptist Church, is the guest preacher. The attendance is

In Hospital



Pictured above is Pfc. Frank C. Borrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Borrell of this city. Frank has returned to Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., after a 60-day leave here with his parents.

Pfc. Borrell served 38 months in the Southwest Pacific and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle on Mindanao Island in the Philippines. Other than the Purple Heart he wears the American theatre medal, Asiatic-Pacific medal with two bronze stars, American defense ribbon, combat infantry badge, good conduct medal and the Philippine liberation ribbon with one bronze star. His friends may write to him in care of the hospital.

very good.

Rev. J. J. Langston, pastor of the Christian Church, is doing his own preaching to the membership. Good attendance there is also reported.

Rosemary Methodist Church, Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor, is preaching and is being assisted by Rev. W. C. Wilson of Goldsboro as song director. At this church much interest is being manifested and the attendance is increasing.

At the First Baptist Church, Rev. Joseph Johnson, of Bassett, Va., is the guest minister and the ser-

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Larry Meade Out of Army

Pfc. Larry T. Meade, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Meade, 834 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, was recently honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving 27 months in the European Theatre.

Pfc. Meade was with the 45th Infantry Division and saw action in Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Southern France and Germany. He wears the European-African-Middle Eastern theatre ribbon with six bronze service stars and one bronze service arrowhead, the good conduct medal, and has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

Matthews Is Out of Army

Jeff Matthews, formerly of the U. S. Army, has received his discharge from the army and is now making his home here at 1011 Cedar Street. Jeff has been in service since the National Guard originated and left Roanoke Rapids with them in 1940. He recently returned to the states after serving overseas.

Cpl. Hoover Discharged

Corp. Dewey L. Hoover has been given an honorable discharge from the Army after serving three years and 16 days in the European war area and is now at home with his wife, Mrs. Sarah Hoover. Before entering the service Corp. Hoover was employed by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company. He plans to return to his former position.

Lt. Cameron Back Home

Lieut. Mary I. Cameron, daughter of Mrs. Ella Cameron, 1923 Cedar street, is back home after serving as a nurse in the United States Navy for the past three years. Lieut. Cameron, who spent 16 months overseas, has been given an honorable discharge. She is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Little.

Davis Awaits Discharge

Staff Sergeant Edward B. Davis son of Mrs. E. B. Davis, is at Fort Bragg waiting for his discharge from the service. Davis has had four years' duty and spent 33 months overseas. He wears four oak leaf clusters and the ETO ribbon. His wife, the former Miss Mary Norwood, is connected with Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Lieut. Cannon Home From C. B. I. Area

First Lieutenant Carlton Cannon, son of Mrs. John C. Smith, who entered the service in June, 1942, and went overseas July 27, 1942, where he served as supply officer in the Tenth Air Force in the CBI theatre of operations, is at home for a short visit.

For the first four months Cannon was with the 5303rd combat troops as supply officer for combat troops in the forward area in Burma. There he handled all types of supplies dropped from the air by parachutes for Chinese troops. The rest of the time he was supply officer in India packing supplies for delivery to troops in the Burma fighting.

At the beginning of the campaign in October, 1943, Lieut. Cannon required 14 days to walk to the forward area in Burma from Ledo. Unadministered Naga head hunters were used as laborers in clearing air fields for delivery of supplies by C-47's.

After his leave expires Lieut. Cannon will report to Greensboro where he expects to receive his honorable discharge at an early date.

Johnson Reports To Newport, R. I.

Thomas W. Johnson, coxswain second class, left last week for Newport, R. I., after spending a 30-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Margie Johnson, 126 Madison street. Johnson served 26 months in the Pacific theatre of operations.

Robert Lane On His Way Home

Mrs. W. E. Lane received word this week that her son, Robert Lane, has arrived in the states from overseas duty and is expected to arrive home within a few days.

Sgt. Easters Ordered to Fort Benning To Get Discharge

S/Sgt. Johnny L. Easters, son of Mrs. Margaret Lawson, 201 Monroe Street, Roanoke Rapids, was ordered to report Monday to the separation center, Fort Benning, Ga., to be discharged with a score of 105 points.

Sgt. Easters embarked for overseas duty in August, 1943. He landed at Oran, North Africa, and was assigned to the 509th parachute infantry battalion upon arrival there. He participated in the battles of southern Italy and the Anzio beachhead operation, also participated in the air-borne operation of D-Day in Southern France and fought northward through Belgium to Berginstien,

First Reported As Wounded; Later Missing In Action

Second Lieutenant Cecil P. Coburn, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coburn, 521 Roanoke Avenue, is believed to have lost his life in action in Germany, by General George S. Patton, Jr., commanding the Third United States Army.

Late in March of this year Mr. and Mrs. Coburn received a War Department message saying their son had been slightly wounded. After records and hospitals were checked this report was changed to "missing in action." Since then nothing has been heard from the War Department or from Lieut. Coburn.

Every effort has been made to get definite information concerning young Coburn, the latest being a letter sent to General Patton. Replying to this letter General Patton wrote Mr. and Mrs. Coburn as follows:

"My long delay in answering your letter of 15 June concerning your son, 2nd Lt. Cecil P. Coburn, O-550658, is due to the fact that I have been to the United States and back and also because re-deployment of personnel has made it difficult to obtain information.

"I very much regret to inform you that your son was killed in action on 2 March, 1945. The circumstances were as follows: He was with the 2nd Platoon of Company "F", 301st Infantry which was attempting to capture a pillbox in the vicinity of Serrig, Germany. He was wounded in the right arm but changed his carbine to his left hand and continued to advance with his platoon under heavy fire. During this courageous advance he was hit and instantly killed by machine gun fire. As the attack was not successful and our soldiers were obliged to retreat, your gallant son's body was not recovered and it must be presumed that he was buried by the Germans who, to the best of my knowledge, always accorded military honors and religious ceremonies to those of our dead whom they buried.

"I deeply regret being the means of transmitting this sad information to you. Please accept my most

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Germany. Sgt. Easters is a veteran of five major battles, two being parachute missions and has been wounded three times by enemy action.

During his tour of duty Sgt. Easters was awarded the Soldiers Medal for risking his own life to rescue that of another soldier whose vehicle had collided with a power line suspension, knocking down high voltage wires with which he was entangled and unable to move. He was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for leading a successful patrol near

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