

Thomas Marshall Is Good Sailor!

Thomas A. Marshall, seaman, first class, USNR, 829 Jackson St., Roanoke Rapids, figured in a combination of typical bluejacket bravery and rare good fortune, while serving on the cruiser USS Biloxi, that saved the ship from damage or destruction by suicide fliers, the Navy's records of the vessel's Pacific career have disclosed.

It happened at Okinawa, four days before D-Day.

Dawn was just breaking when the Jap suicide planes put in their appearance. They headed for the group of ships to which the Biloxi had been assigned. Every ship's guns went into action. The Biloxi's accounted for one attempting to come in off the port beam, and another that approached off the starboard bow.

But, meanwhile, a fourth Jap plane began a suicide run on the cruiser. Though hit repeatedly, and with the pilot apparently dead at the controls, the plane continued its dive. The captain ordered an emergency turn, which looked like it would turn the trick. But the plane did a freak half-roll and crashed into the ship's aft section.

Strangely, there was no explosion. Descending into flooded compartments, repair parties found the reason—an unexploded 1,100-pound bomb. Hoisted gingerly to the surface, the bomb was rendered harmless.

The bomb now is mounted on the ship's quarterdeck as a memento of the occasion.

In Memoriam

Skippers, Va.—In loving memory of our beloved grand-son and step grandson, Pvt. Brutus W. Rook, who gave his life in service of his country, November 29, 1944, in France:

One long year of sorrow,
Hard, oh darling; so hard to bear,
Without the sound of your dear voice,
Without your loving care.

Over and over our hearts recall
The songs you sang, the things
you used to do,
No earthly power can ever erase
The sweet memories of you.

There will be no night in Heaven
No sorrow, no death, no war.
The darkened clouds will be van-
ished,
By the beauty of God's love.

You have left behind broken hearts
That loved you so sincere,
That never did and never will
Forget you, dear.

No one knows how much we miss
you,
None the grief and pain we have
suffered,
Since we lost you,
Life can never be the same.

Grandfather and Step Grand-
mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. I.
Rook.

NURSES' AIDE NEWS-REEL

By BETTY SIMPSON

This week our spotlight points to Mrs. Clemmie Wood. Since completing the course in 1943 she has generously given 760 hours. She is an employe of Rosemary Manufacturing Company and a housewife, so we really appreciate having such a vigorous member. If all our members held a record equal to Mrs. Wood's we would really have a corps to be proud of.

Wedding bells rang recently for the former Miss Beaunie Holliday who was one of our active members. She is now Mrs. I. M. Bunn. Congratulations Beaunie.

Soldiers who enlist or reenlist in the Regular Army are granted enlistment furloughs of from 30 days, depending on the length of previous service.

Rosemary Baptist Church Services

Next Thursday evening at 7:30 the Missionary Society will conduct a course of study to be taught by Rev. Earl Rogers, pastor of the Baptist church in Seaboard. Mr. Rogers will discuss the recent book by Dr. O. T. Brinkley, "From Victory unto Victory."

Beginning next Sunday morning services will be broadcast from the Rosemary Baptist Church over Radio Station WCBT. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at 11:00. The Baptist Training Union will meet at 6:30 p. m., and the evening worship at 7:30 will close the services of the day.

Esther Leiter Is Student Reporter

Miss Esther Mae Leitner, daughter of H. C. Leitner of Roanoke Rapids, is serving during 1945-46 as a reporter on Teco Echo, student newspaper at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville. Issued bi-weekly, the Teco Echo is a four-page newspaper

edited and managed by students at the college and written by a staff of student reporters. The paper has several times received recognition for excellence. Mary Young Bass of Enfield is editor; June Best Brandenburg of Warrenton, business manager; Miss Mamie E. Jenkins of the English Department, editorial advisor; and Dr. Beecher Flanagan, faculty advisor.

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