



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

MACK H. SHOOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geter Shook, of Banner Elk, was recently promoted from the rank of corporal to sergeant at the Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas, where he is assigned to duty with a school squadron.

FRANK F. CAUDILL, Y. 2c, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Caudill, of Valle Crucis. Mr. Caudill has been on board a cruiser in Pacific operations for two years, and has taken part in 17 invasions. He has been in the navy since February, 1942, and is looking forward to an early discharge. Following his leave he will report to the naval recruiting station at Raleigh.

ENSIGN JAMES M. DEAL serves aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard, one of 20 aircraft carriers in an armada of 133 combat ships that aided in forcing the surrender of Japan. The Bon Homme Richard, identified by Fleet Admiral Nimitz as one of the ships of the line under Admiral William F. Halsey, commander 3rd fleet, sent waves of planes from her flight deck to bombard Jap cities, factories and airfields in the final days of the war. Ensign Deal's wife, Mrs. Jennie L. Deal and daughter, Sandra, reside in Boone.

PFC. HOSEY A. WILSON, husband of Mrs. Lucille Addie Wilson, of Boone, has returned from service overseas and is now being processed through the army ground and service forces redistribution station at Miami Beach, Fla., where his next assignment will be determined. Pfc. Wilson served 10 months as a rifleman in the European theatre of operations, while he was awarded the Combat Infantryman badge and the European campaign ribbon with three battle stars.

Boone Seamen Home on Furlough
Two Boone navy men, Robert Carl Day, aviation ordnanceman, USN, bombardier, and J. E. Stanberry, aviation ordnanceman second class, USNR, gunner, are at

their homes here after 11 months of duty in the Pacific with navy searchplane squadron.

During the tour, members of the unit flew their Catalina flying boats in a series of anti-submarine patrols, and assisted in the air-sea rescue of 140 American fliers downed on combat strikes. The squadron operated from bases at Eniwetok, Saipan, Guam, Peleliu, Ulithi and Iwo Jima.

Seaman Day is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Day, of Boone. He attended Mills Home school in Thomasville. Before entering service August, 1941, he was employed as a baker.

Stanberry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stanberry. He attended Appalachian high school.

SEAMAN FRED W. EARP has returned to Bainbridge, Md., after spending an eight-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Earp and small daughter, Linda, of Vilas.

Correction
Pfc. James B. Trivette, of Boone, is in the Veterans Hospital, Johnson City, Tenn. Pfc. Trivette was with an amphibian engineers special brigade, 594th engineer boat and shore regiment. The brigade landed the infantry and supplies during invasion operations. He has received an honorable discharge for medical reasons, and is to be transferred to Hot Springs, Ark.

S-SGT. TOM WINKLER has received his discharge from the army under the point system, and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Winkler, of Boone. Sgt. Winkler has been in the army for four years and has four battle stars for action against the Japs in the Pacific.

PVT. WILLAM KRIDER, of Fresno, Calif., has been spending a ten-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krider, of Todd.

PFC. TED C. COOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cook, is spending a

30-day furlough at home. He was transferred from Germany and had sailed four days on his way to Manila when the Japs surrendered. The ship along with other ships, was turned back to the United States.

CPL. BENNIE D. ROMINGER arrived last Friday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rominger, of the Matney neighborhood, where he will spend 30 days. He has just returned from Europe where he served in England, France, Germany and Belgium. He will report to Fort Bragg en route to Denver, Colo.

Gets Citation
Pfc. George W. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Townsend, of Valle Crucis, has received a second citation for gallantry against the enemy in Europe. The text of the citation is as follows:

"Private First Class (then private) George W. Townsend, Company D, 291st infantry, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 January, 1935, at Malingen, Belgium. An enemy infantry company supported by two Mark IV tanks launched a counter-attack against a roadblock consisting of heavy machine gun, one HAR team and two-man mortar squad. Alerting his comrades of the enemy approach Private Townsend ran to his machine gun under a hail of direct 88-mm and small arms fire. When the enemy approached to within fifty yards of his position he opened fire, killing three, wounding seven and was instrumental in the capture of fifteen of the enemy. His sustained fire kept the enemy pinned to the ditches while 60-mm mortar fire was brought to bear on the enemy twenty yards from his own position. His target designation brought effective artillery fire which knocked out one tank and caused the remaining infantrymen to flee into the woods. Pvt. Townsend's alert and aggressive gallantry in stemming the enemy counter-attack reflects highest honors upon himself and the army of the United States. Entered military service from Banner Elk, N. C."

The citation is signed by Arthur

A. White, Major General, U. S. army, commanding.

100,000 JAPS BURNED TO DEATH IN TOKYO RAIDS

Washington, Aug. 27—More than 100,000 Japs were burned to death in a single Superfortress incendiary bomb attack on Tokyo last March 10, former Danish Minister to Tokyo Dr. Lars P. Tillitse reported today. Tillitse's report of the raid—the first such neutral account of the devastating bombings of the Japanese capital—was given in a radio address.

"I never shall forget the attack," he said. "Incendiaries were scattered all over the city and a gale swept the fire from home to home.

"From my window I looked into the roaring, flickering flames that devoured houses and trees and everything in their way. That night

more than 100,000 Japs were burned to death."

The raid described by the former Dutch minister was the 12th Superfortress attack of the war against Tokyo. It was made by 300 B-29's which dropped 2,300 tons of incendiary bombs, the biggest raid

launched against the Japanese capital up to that time.

CANNERY DATES
The Cove Creek cannery will be open henceforth on Tuesday only, rather than on Tuesday and Friday, of each week, it has been announced.

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After the sale of my farm on Thursday, Sept. 6, 1945, I will sell at auction for cash the following personal property:

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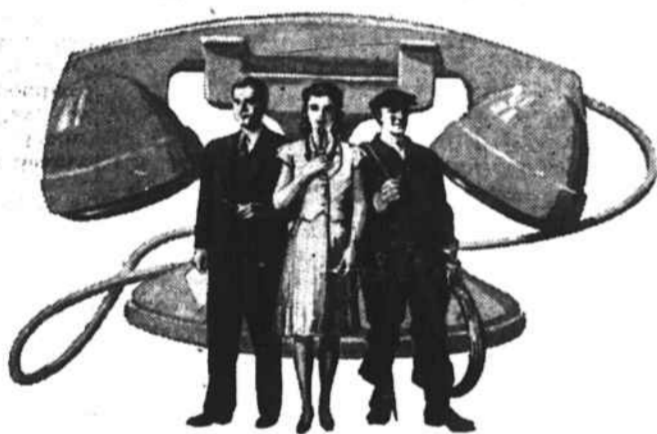
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