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War Prisoners Pass Through French Camp On Way Home

With the U. S. Forces in France — The names of North Carolina soldiers released from prison camp inside Germany were made public recently as they passed through a Recovered Allied Military Personnel camp near a French port on their way home.

After a 60-day furlough in the United States the men will report to an Army distribution center for either reassignment or discharge from the service. None of them will be returned to the European Theater.

Many of the men passing through the camp have told stories of German atrocities, starvation diets and forced marches of hundreds of miles from one camp to another. Each has received any necessary medical care, food, new uniforms and been given an opportunity to purchase souvenirs.

Local men are: Sgt. Virgil A. Kephart, Route 3, Murphy, and Pfc. Henry L. Sneed of Letitia.

Russell F. Alt Given Citation

With the Fifth Army, Italy — Private Russell F. Alt, whose wife, Frances L., lives in Andrews, North Carolina, machine gunner, has been cited by the 349th "Kraut-killer" Regiment of the Fifth Army's 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.



MAKES FINE RECORD — Devoro Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin of Unaka, who has received four perfect attendance certificates. He has been neither absent nor tardy for the four years he attended Murphy high school. He also attended Ogrreeta grammar school two years without being absent or tardy. He is the second graduate who has finished high school after graduating from Ogrreeta grammar school. He graduated at the age of 16 from Murphy high school, where he completed a wood working course and made several useful pieces of furniture which his parents are fond of, especially his chest of drawers and vanity which were made of cherry.

Revenue Stamps Are On Sale

Collector of Internal Revenue, Charles H. Robertson, has announced that auto use tax stamps in the denomination of \$5.00 were placed on sale in all post offices and offices of Collectors of Internal Revenue on June 9. The stamps will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945. The stamps will be serially numbered, and will be gummed on the face, and will have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and State license number of the vehicle.

Every owner of a motor vehicle which is used upon the highways should call at his local post office or at the office of the Internal Revenue Collector and secure a \$5.00 use tax stamp and affix it to his vehicle, the Collector said. The various post offices will sell the stamps over the counter for cash only and no mail order business with respect to stamps will be conducted by the post offices. Collectors of Internal Revenue are authorized to accept cash, post office money orders, certified and cashier's checks in payment of the use tax stamp. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Queen Is Home From The Pacific

Ernest C. Queen, M. M. 1/C of the U. S. Navy is spending a 30-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Queen, and other relatives. He has been in the South-eastern Pacific theatre of war for two years.

Queen received his basic training at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., and Port Hueneme, Calif., before going overseas in July, 1943. Before volunteering for the Navy in 1942, he worked with the T. V. A. at Bristol, Va.

He was a member of the 1007 Detachment of the Seabees and was stationed in the New Hebrides Islands.

Cherokee Over The Top In Seventh War Loan

Cherokee county went over the top in the Seventh War Loan drive. The latest report, as of June 29, gave the county credit for the sale of \$379,104 over-all, of which \$136,410 were in series E bonds. The over-all quota was \$226,000, and the E quota \$126,000.

Chairman P. B. Ferebee states that the above figures will be swelled considerably when the final accounting is made.



LOCATES HERE — George S. Coble, owner of Coble Dairy Products Company, Lexington, who is establishing a plant in Murphy for condensing skimmed milk and selling sweet cream. This is the fourteenth plant that Mr. Coble has constructed in the development of his business in this state.

Miss Cornwell Announces Club Schedule, July

Following is the schedule for Cherokee county home demonstration clubs for July, as announced by Miss Mary O'Connell, agent.

July 4, Postell, with Mrs. E. C. Swain at 1:30 o'clock; July 5, Peachtree, with Miss Dale Suddeth, at 1:30 o'clock; July 6, Violet, with Mrs. Pryor Hamby, at 1:30 o'clock; July 10, Bellview club room, with Mrs. Lattie Hughes, hostess, at 2 o'clock; July 11, Liberty, with Mrs. Otis Ledford, at 2 o'clock; July 12, Slow Creek, with Mrs. Callie Morrison, at 2 o'clock; July 13, Sunny Point, picnic at Bryant's spring at 11 o'clock. July 17, Grandview, with Mrs. Ralph Adams, at 2 o'clock; July 18, Unaka, with Mrs. Oscar Davis at 12 o'clock; July 19, Tomotia, with Mrs. John Keener at 2 o'clock; July 23, Marble, with Mrs. Venson West, at 1:30 o'clock; July 24, Martin's Creek school, at 1:30 o'clock; July 25, Valleytown, with Mrs. Richard Waldroup, at 2 o'clock; July 26, Ranger, with Mrs. W. W. Hall, at 1:30 o'clock; July 27, Wolf Creek, with Mrs. W. L. Cole at 1:30 o'clock.

Bradford Doing Important Job Algiers, Africa

ATC Air Base, Algiers — Holding down an important job as Assistant Maintenance and Utility Officer with the Post Engineers at Algiers is 1st Lt. Lewis P. Bradford, Sanatorium, Miss., now completing his 14 month of overseas duty. He is now stationed at Algiers, one of the bases in the North African Division of the Air Transport Command.

With the war shifting to the Pacific, the North African Division of the Air Transport Command expects to be busier than ever. In a recent month over 20,000,000 pounds of vital cargo were flown to the front lines.

Lieutenant Bradford in his stay overseas has been stationed at Tunis and Teheran before coming to Algiers. He has also visited numerous cities including Casablanca and Cairo.

After his induction in October 1942, the Lieutenant attended O. C. S. at Boca Raton, Fla., and was stationed at Kelly Field, Texas and Keesler Field, Miss., before coming overseas.

Lieutenant Bradford, prior to his induction was employed as an engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Murphy, N. C., and attended Mississippi State College. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Jameson V. Scafe, Sanatorium, Mississippi.

ALL-DAY SERVICE

POSTELL — All Preachers and singers are invited to attend the Swanson church on the second Sunday in July at an all-day worship service. There will be dinner on the grounds. The Rev. Noah Stiles, pastor, and the Rev. Earle King and the Rev. W. A. Brown of Warren, Ga., will start a revival on the night following the all-day worship.

IN ASHEVILLE

ANDREWS — Howard Ford, of the Seabees, who sustained a back injury some months ago, has been transferred to the Naval Convalescent Hospital in Asheville. His wife, the former Miss Lenna Hamilton, has been spending several days visiting him.

GETS COMBAT BADGE

With the 78th Infantry Division in Germany — Combat Infantryman's Badges for "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy" have been awarded soldiers of the "Lightning" Division in Germany, commanded by Major General Edwin P. Parker, Jr. They include: Cpl. Henry W. Miller, Murphy, Route 2.

REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY

UNAKA — A revival will begin at Beaver Dam Baptist church the second Sunday in July. The Rev. W. T. Smith will conduct the services with the assistance of Rev. J. C. Millsaps of East La Porte. The public is invited to attend.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, will preach at the Presbyterian church here next Sunday at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the service.

Bible School At Lutheran Church 9th-20th

ANDREWS — A vacation Bible School will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran church, July 9-20th from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock each morning. The school will be under the direction of the pastor, Rev. W. Leo Smith.

All courses offered in the school will center around the person of Jesus Christ. The curriculum will include the following courses: Beginners: "We are Jesus' Children"; primary: "Learning of Jesus"; juniors: "We Want to Know Jesus"; and intermediates: "Bible Challenges".

Special attention will be given to music and hymn singing. Miss Rachel Beatty of Charlotte, will be organist, and music will be under the direction of Mrs. W. Leo Smith.

Also assisting in the school will be Miss Amelie Ewbank of Hendersonville, who is a graduate of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. Miss Ewbank will have charge of the Junior department.

Business Circle Meets On Monday

Mrs. Alvin Buchanan and Miss Susan Beck were co-hostesses for the meeting of the Business Women's circle of the WMS of First Baptist church Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Buchanan.

The program, planned by Mrs. J. W. Davidson, opened with the singing of "America" by the group followed by the Bible study by Mrs. Lloyd Hendrix, and prayer "That we may realize the privileges and duties of American Citizenship", by Mrs. Buchanan.

"Patriotism" was discussed by Mrs. J. W. Davidson, and "America, the Beautiful" was sung. "Moral Standards for Ourselves" was the topic introduced by Mrs. Annie Ruth Blake; Miss Addie Mae Cooke offered prayer that "Clean lives may prepare us for good citizenship".

"Moral Standards For the Family", "Moral Standards for the Community and Country", "Moral Standards for the World" were discussed by Miss Emma Louise Jenkins, Mrs. Anna Mae Jones and Mrs. Ruth Nichols, respectively.

"Lead On, O King Eternal" was the closing hymn, the watchword was given, and the meeting was closed with prayer "That we may be true to our moral standards and may be good Christian citizens of our country and of the world," by Mrs. Joe Hamilton.

A social hour, with refreshments served by the hostesses, followed.

Middlesboro Defeats Murphy

Middlesboro, Ky., Lions defeated the Murphy All-Stars Sunday by a score of 7 to 5. Murphy lead the way by 2 to 1 up to the fifth inning, 5 to 3 sixth inning. Middlesboro then made a two run lead. Murphy came up with bases loaded a number of times, but was unable to score at the right time. Murphy got 8 hits and Middlesboro 10 hits, each team playing heads-up ball. Hunt, the Murphy All Star pitcher from Copperhill, pitched a swell game of ball. With the line-up improving each week, Murphy is going to have one of the best teams in Western North Carolina, Manager George Atkinson says. Murphy was helped out by four players from Copperhill: Harry McNally, Williams, Hunt and Turner, all of whom are familiar faces to the old ball fans of Murphy.

The lineup follows:

MURPHY	POS.
Atkinson	3rd base
Williams	Center field
Burch	2nd base
McNally	1st base
Hughes	Left field
Smith	Catcher
Portwood	Short stop
Fortwood	Right field
Hunt	Pitcher
Ledford	Right field
McNally	Right field

MIDDLESBORO	POS.
Ausmus	3rd base
Miracle	Center field
Pierce	2nd base
Moorman	1st base
Mays	Left field
Petrey	Catcher
Buckner	Short stop
Billingsly	Right field
Hamlett	Pitcher
Pitzer	Short stop

Advance In Smoke Screen



Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo
Soldiers of the First Infantry Regiment, 6th Division, advance in the hills of Luzon after throwing smoke grenades ahead. You can help these boys make further advances in the Pacific by buying Bigger Bonds in the Mighty Seventh War Loan Drive.
From U. S. Treasury



ON PACIFIC INVASION DUTY — Coast Guardsman Forrest J. Platt, seaman first class, son of Mrs. Daisy A. Howell of 120 Wells St., Murphy, N. C., who is serving aboard a Coast Guard-manned LCI in Pacific invasion waters. His ship takes part in amphibious assaults against Jap-held defenses. He is married to the former Doris Green of Chattanooga.

A. J. Rose Dies At Unaka Home

A. J. Rose, age 76, passed away at his home at Unaka June 27. Funeral was held June 28 at Unaka Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Smith, Rev. Fred Stiles and Rev. Mr. Moss officiated.

He is survived by wife, and two sons, Gid and John, five daughters, Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. Earl Young, Mrs. Allen Dockery, Mrs. Lula Farmer, and Mrs. Ada Mashburn.

It's YOUR Business

By Carl L. Biemiller

Although 4,500,000 farm people have left home acres for uniform or war work, demand for rural property is tremendous. Those who remember the foreclosures and sheriff sale riots of the "Thundering Thirties" are beginning to fear another disastrous land boom.

A Dept. of Agriculture survey showed farm values have risen 42 per cent above the average in 1935-1939. Prices paid by city dwellers and war workers for "that place in the country" are far out of line with what the ground can produce. And these two classes of buyers account for about one-third of farm purchases.

Land values increased 15 per cent during 1944. This increase was higher than any on record except for 1919-1920. And it is sad history that farmers who bought during that period went into debt in the years of low product prices. Many lost their farms, became tenant croppers, or were reduced to living standards they wouldn't keep the livestock on.

Danger Point Reached

The Secretary of Agriculture says "the fever of rural land inflation has reached the danger point in many areas."

Of course, the bait is increased farm income. According to the Federal Reserve Bulletin, both total cash income and net income to farm operators in 1942 were higher than any prior year. Compared with war year 1917, cash income was up 50 per cent, net to operators, 35 per cent.

Even assuming commodity prices will be higher after the Jap joins the Nazi in the dust, it is not smart business to use war income to determine the prices of land which will have to be farmed in peacetime.

The red light of inflation is glowing. We hope it shines in the eyes of those war workers who are planning to get a living from a farm if times are hard. And we hope it is seen by the men on the business end of the plow for, after all, it's the farmer who has to live with and cope with farm conditions.

Major Adams Is Killed In Action

ANDREWS — Mr. and Mrs. Zala Adams received a message last Sunday that their son, Major Lionel Adams, is missing. Major Adams has been in the Pacific theater of war for several months.

The second message came Sunday stating that Major Adams was killed in action.

Hugh W. Rogers Is Commended

Mrs. Lela Rogers has received word that her husband, Cpl. Hugh W. Rogers, has been commended for outstanding performance of duty in action, by Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the Sixth Army Group. "In our hour of triumph, I salute you and the officers and men of the XV Corps. Your spectacular deeds, exemplifying the courage and resolution of pride and satisfaction. That the XV Corps was part of my command in the struggle now ended will always be a source of deep inspiration to me."

Cpl. Roger's Unit also received a Citation, by Command of Major General Haislip.

Jas. A. Watkins Gets Promotion

Somewhere In The Western Pacific. — Pfc. James A. Watkins, 31, of Andrews, North Carolina was promoted to the rank of Technician 5th Grade effective June 1, it was announced today by Lt. Colonel Irwin Alper, MC, Commanding Officer of the 88th Field Hospital.

Corporal Watkins is the proprietor of James A. Watkins Store, he was inducted on September 30, 1943 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and received his Basic Training at Camp Lee Virginia. His principal duty is Stock Record Clerk in the Medical Supply Office with this medical unit on this Pacific Island Outpost. Corporal Watkins held a similar position in detachment supply office during activation of the unit.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Watkins of Andrews, Cpl. Watkins was born in Andrews, and graduated from Andrews High School, class of 1931. He also holds a BS degree from North Carolina State College. His wife is the former Mary L. Almond of Andrews.

Corporal Watkins was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for continuous soldierly excellence while unit was taking Special Training at Camp Cooke, California in preparation for Overseas duty. Among his buddies in the unit he is known as a shrewd checker player.

American Legion Seeks Lasting Peace



Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander of the American Legion (right) advises Secretary of State Stettinius (left) of the Legion's determination to see that a strong and lasting peace follows World War II. The Legion commander says:

"Now that the cannons roar no longer in Europe there will emerge from present obscurity many organizations and individuals who seek a soft peace, who would have America retire again into the false shell of isolationism. It is our duty, for the sake of future generations, to warn against this false and dangerous doctrine. The forces of the axis powers must be kept in restraint. This is not a doctrine of hate, but the same common sense that prevents the criminally insane from attacking innocent victims."

A social hour, with refreshments served by the hostesses, followed.