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## Pvt. Jas. A. Holder Killed In Action In Italy On July 5th



**PVT. JAMES ARCHIE HOLDER**  
Pvt. James Archie Holder was killed in action in Italy on July 5, according to a War Department message received by his wife, Mrs. Eda Allgood Holder, of Stony Fork.

Pvt. Holder entered the army October 7, 1943, and was in training at Camp Blanding, Fla., before going overseas March 19. He served in the infantry.

Pvt. Holder is survived by his wife and one daughter, Sandra May, who make their home with her mother, Mrs. Judd Goulds, at Stony Fork; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Holder, who live on Lenoir route one near the Wilkes Caldwell line, and the following brothers and sisters: Tom Holder, in Florida; Henry Holder, Warren Holder and Roscoe Holder, Lenoir route one; Ray Holder, in the army in France; Mrs. Ebb Jones, Lenoir; Mrs. Romie Hamby and Mrs. Carl Cloer, Patterson; Mrs. Richard Dula and Mrs. Ruby Pritchard, Happy Valley; Miss Minnie Holder, Newport News, Va.; and Mrs. Walter Scott, Lenoir.

## Two Groups Men Forwarded Today For Service Test

Both Wilkes Boards Send Groups of Men For Pre-Induction Examination

Both Selective Service boards in Wilkes county today sent groups of men to the induction center for examination prior to induction into the army and navy.

The list of men sent by the two boards follows:

- BOARD NUMBER 1**  
Edmund Williams  
Thomas Jefferson Oakley  
Henry Clay Parker  
J. C. Blankenship  
Gilbert Andrew Adams  
James Earl Bamgarner  
Reely Odell Church  
Arthur Gene Adams  
Max Aldean Hamby  
Clyde Norman Yates  
Benjamin Allen Ellledge  
James Ellis Cox  
Hubert O. Oxentine  
J. P. Glass  
Ancil Parks Robinson  
(See Draft List—page eight)

## RATION NEWS

**SHOES**—Airplane stamps No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.  
**GASOLINE**—Coupons No. 10 in A book good for three gallons became effective May 9 and will expire August 8.  
**SUGAR**—Sugar stamps 30, 31 and 32, (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.  
**PROCESSED FOODS**—Blue A3 through F5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.  
**MEATS AND FATS**—Red A3 through Z8 and A5 through C5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens.  
**SUGAR**: Sugar stamp 40 good for five pounds canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations.  
**NEW REGULATIONS**—After August 2 no farm implement can be changed from steel to rubber tires without application being first approved by the county committee of the War Food Administration. After August 3 application for change must be made with the county committee of the WFA and approved before the rationing board can act on the application.

## Sgt. Ben Colvard Killed In Action In France July 7

Sgt. Ben H. Colvard was killed in action in France on July 7. Official notice from the War Department was received Friday by his wife, the former Miss Ruth Greer.

Sgt. Colvard was the son of the late B. H. Colvard, and Mrs. Colvard, who lives near this city. Before entering service he was a member of the Traphill high school faculty.

## Wounded In France



**Pvt. Robert F. Shoemaker**  
Pvt. Robert F. Shoemaker was wounded in France on July 11th, according to a War Department telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Mayme Anshier. In a letter received by her recently, Pvt. Shoemaker stated that he is now in a hospital in England and is recovering rapidly. Pvt. Shoemaker entered service in September, 1943, and received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort George G. Meade, Md., before going overseas May 2, 1944. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shoemaker, former of this city now making the home in Statesville.

## Gets Purple Heart



Here are shown Pvt. Z. O. Riggs and his wife, the former Miss Mary K. Hart, of Halls Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hart. Pvt. Riggs was wounded in action in France on July 6 and is now in a hospital in England and is getting along fine. Mrs. Riggs has received the purple heart award for her husband.

## MARINES TAKE GUAM TOWNS; WAKE BOMBED

Wiping out strong Japanese defensive positions and occupying two villages, marines on Guam advanced more than two miles Saturday. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday, as army and navy bombers hit Wake for the first time since May 30.

Fighters of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing are now operating from the newly won airfield on Orote Peninsula, from which they are able to lend close support to the ground operations on Guam, Nimitz announced.

U. S. troops on the left flank of the sector in which the marines are operating, drove forward more than two miles to establish the Western anchor of our line just below Haputo Point, approximately five miles from the northwestern tip of the island.

The right flank anchor remained at about the same position as announced Saturday—near Lumuna Point.

Paul F. Evans, of Lexington, has a Holstein-Friesian cow that produced 14,507 pounds of milk in 305 days with twice a day milking.

## Killed In Action



**Staff Sergeant Andrew C. Parker**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Parker, of North Wilkesboro, was killed in action over Germany July 7, according to the most recent message received by his parents. He was first reported missing in action, until the latest message was received Friday. He was a gunner on a B-24 bomber operating out of Italy and had been overseas only five weeks. St. Sgt. Parker entered the army June 25, 1943, and was in training at Sheppard Field and Harlingen Texas and at Langley Field, Va., before going overseas.

## Musical Program Rendered Friday At Kiwanis Meet

Numbers by Quartet of Members Greatly Enjoyed By Club Members Friday

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on Friday enjoyed a program rendered by club members.

J. W. Leysbon was program chairman and he presented a Kiwanis quartet as follows: Rev. Sidney Crane, Paul Cragan, J. B. Carter, and Rev. Sloane Guy, Jr. This group used the program period in solo, quartet and group singing. List of songs follow: "Ring, Ring the Banjo"; "Stars of the Summer Night"; "All Through the Night"; "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen". Solo: "Hills of Home"; Rev. Sloane Guy, Jr.; quartet: "Levee Song"; "Keep The Home Fires Burning"; solo: "Dearest Song"; Rev. Sloane Guy, Jr.; club—"Dixie"; "Auld Lang Syne".

This was something new in programs and was very much enjoyed by members and guests.

Gordon Finley announced that Kiwanians will collect scrap paper on Monday evening. Ed Gardner and Ed Caudill will furnish trucks and helpers will be J. W. Leysbon, R. E. Gibbs, J. B. Snipes, Robert Gibbs and A. F. Kilby.

A nominating committee to nominate officers for 1945 was appointed as follows: P. W. Eshelman, J. B. Carter and D. J. Carter. Guests Friday were as follows: Miss Mary Morehouse with H. H. Morehouse, T. O. Minton with R. M. Brame, Jr., James E. Rollins with Edd Gardner.

## Pvt. Minton Missing Since July Eleventh

Pvt. John W. Minton has been missing in action in Italy since July 11, according to a message received from the War Department by his father, W. T. Minton, of Congo.

# ALLIES GAINING RAPIDLY

## DROHOBYCZ IS SEIZED BY THE RUSSIAN DRIVE

Russian troops yesterday captured the great Polish oil center of Drohobycz, wiping out the next to last major source of fuel for Adolf Hitler's war machine, while other Soviet forces extended their control of the Vistula River's east bank to more than 200 miles.

Drohobycz, a city of 32,600 persons in the Carpathian foothills 44 miles southwest of Przemysl, was seized by troops of the Fourth Ukrainian Army apparently under a new commander, Col. Gen. I. Y. Petrov, a hero of Novorossisk and the Kuban bridgehead.

Its capture was announced in an order of the day issued by Marshal Josef Stalin, and it was the first time that great Fourth Ukrainian Army, last reported to be commanded by Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin, had been reported in action in the Red Army's triumphant Summer offensive. Ten Soviet armies now are battling the Germans from Finland to the border of Czechoslovakia.

## August Term Of Court Under Way

Judge Wilson F. Warlick, of Newton, is presiding over the August term of Wilkes superior court, which convened in Wilkesboro today.

More than 100 criminal cases are calendared for trial during the term. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is prosecuting the docket.

The forenoon session of court today was taken up with selection of jurors and an instructive charge to the grand jury by Judge Warlick.

## Home On Furlough



**Pvt. Hansford T. Church**, who has completed training at Camp Wolters, Texas, is spending ten days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Church, of Millers Creek. At the end of his furlough Pvt. Church will report to Fort George G. Meade. His wife, the former Miss Cora Pruitt, who has been with him in Texas for the past three months, will make her home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pruitt, in this city.

## ONE OF GRAYSON BROTHERS MISSING



**Pfc. Jay C. Grayson**, left, one of three sons of J. C. Grayson and Mrs. Bessie R. Grayson in the army, has been reported missing in action in France since July 7, according to an official War Department message received here last week. Pfc. Grayson had been overseas only a few weeks. His wife, the former Miss Aletta Goforth, makes her home in this city. Pfc. T. R. (Buck) Grayson, center, entered the army in April, 1943, and has been in Australia for the past six months. His wife, the former Miss Estelle Watson, makes her home in North Wilkesboro. Pfc. Charles C. Grayson, who entered the army in May, 1943, was at an embarkation point ready to go overseas a few days ago. He had been in training at Camp Davis. His wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Burchette, who had been with him at Camp Davis, has returned to her home in Ohio. The Grayson brothers have excellent service records.

## Sgt. Smoak's Plane Crashed June 14th After Bomber Raid

The following letter from Major General N. F. Twining, of the 15th air force in Italy, was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Smoak, of Wilkesboro:

"The news that your son, Technical Sergeant Sam Smoak, 14102828, is missing in action must have caused you much grief, and I wish it were possible for me to give you some consolation. I am afraid, however, that the information I can give you will do little to relieve your anxiety over his safety.

"Sam was the upper turret gunner on one of our Flying Fortresses, which, on June 14, 1944, participated in a raid on the Hungarian city of Budapest. On the return from the target, this ship, which had apparently been damaged during attack, suddenly went out of control, crashed into another plane. Both went down, and it is very difficult to estimate the chances of the crews to reach the ground safely. Such accidents are tragic, but they are sometimes unavoidable in the dangerous operations we are obliged to undertake.

"Your son was fully aware of the hazards involved in the job of a gunner on a B-17, but he felt that this was the place where he could best serve his country. For the faithful performance of his duties and his courage in action, he has been awarded the Air Medal.

"I realize how anxious you are to have further word of his fate, and I assure you that if such news is forthcoming it will be sent on to you at once."

## Carload Sheep Here

J. W. Thompson, widely known sheep rancher in Wyoming, today brought 225 purebred sheep to Wilkes for sale to Wilkes farmers. Those interested are asked to contact the county agent's office as early as possible.

## Scouts Not to Meet

Boy Scout troop number 35, which was scheduled to resume its meetings this week, will not resume meetings until further notice, because of the polio epidemic, it was announced today.

## Missing In France

**Pfc. Steward L. Bishop** has been reported missing in France since July 15, according to a War Department message received by his brother, Rollen Bishop, of Wilkesboro route one. Pfc. Bishop entered the army September 14, 1942, and has been overseas since May of this year.

## AMERICANS TAKE 3 TOWNS IN ADVANCING

American armor and infantry, having overrun the Brittany Peninsula, roared eastward toward Paris yesterday in a full-force attack which captured the towns of Mayenne, Laval and Chateau Gontier, 180 miles inland from the embattled peninsular port of Brest.

The great new arc of the unchecked assault was bulging into the interior of France a full 50 miles west of Rennes and within 140 miles of Paris at a speed which, a spokesman said, had brought the invasion virtually up to its timetable after seven weeks of hard sledding during vile weather in Normandy.

The line of the American advance ran from Barentan through Wayenne and towns along and across the Mayenne River to within 25 miles of Angers, which is 175 miles up the Loire River.

Swift capture of the towns was being consolidated by infantry which sped up in trucks as fast as the armored spearheads shot forward.

## Republicans To Have a Meeting Courthouse 9th

Announcement Made of Important County-Wide Meeting of Republicans Here

N. B. Smithey, chairman of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee, has announced that an important meeting of Wilkes Republicans will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Wednesday evening, eight o'clock.

Fate Beal, of Charlotte, state Republican secretary, will be present for the meeting, which will be for the purpose of discussion of campaign plans. Particular attention will be given to instructions in the use of the absentee ballot.

Local Republican leaders urge a large attendance at the meeting, and ask that party leaders in all townships be present. Ladies are especially urged to attend the meeting.

## Children Must Stay Off Streets

Mayor R. T. McNeil today called attention to the fact that the ban on children being in public has not been lifted and urged parents to continue to keep them at home.

Mayor McNeil said that it had been brought to his attention that several children have been observed on the streets and in stores here and asked more effective cooperation in the precaution to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis, dreaded disease which has afflicted 35 in Wilkes since June 1.

No new cases have been reported in Wilkes since Wednesday of last week and health authorities are hopeful that another outbreak will not occur.

## AIR AND NAVAL ATTACK MADE ON BONIN ISLANDS

United States planes and warships, in one of the greatest air-naval triumphs of the Pacific war, sank or damaged more than 38 Japanese vessels, including eight warships, during a thundering two-day assault on the Bonin and Volcano Islands that carried the American attackers within 530 miles of the Japanese mainland, it was announced yesterday.

In addition, the Americans sent nine barges to the bottom and sank, or damaged an unspecified number of other craft, making the total number of ships bagged second only to the record 48 chalked up in a task force attack on Palau and other islands in March of this year.

**Pvt. Dancy Home**  
Pvt. Ira G. Dancy, of the Marine Corps, at Cherry Point, spent the week-end with his wife and family at Millers Creek.

## FOUR GAMBILL BROTHERS ARE SERVING IN THE ARMY AND THE NAVY



**PFC. IVAN C. GAMBILL**  
Four sons of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Gambill, of Springfield, are in service.  
Pfc. Ivan C. Gambill, who was inducted in November, 1942, is with an engineer's battalion in England. He received training at Fort Benning, Ga. His wife, the former Miss Minnie Ellis,



**LESTER GAMBILL**  
and their daughter, Theda, are making their home with Pfc. Gambill's parents.  
Seaman First Class Lester Gambill is now on sea duty. He entered service in March this year and was in training at Annapolis, Md., and Guilford, Miss. His wife, the former Miss



**T5 OLEIFTON J. GAMBILL**  
Ruth Spicer, and two sons, Sherrill and Roger, live in North Wilkesboro.  
Technician Fifth Grade Oleifton J. Gambill has the longest service record of the four. He entered service in 1942, was in training in Louisiana and for the past 18 months has been in



**PFC. B. TALMADGE GAMBILL**  
North Africa.  
Pfc. B. Talmadge Gambill, who entered the army in May, 1943, is serving in the infantry somewhere in the Pacific theater. He received training in Missouri, Louisiana and Kentucky before going overseas.