

Wilkes Soldier in Cited Unit



With a Fifteenth Air Force Service Command Depot Group in Italy—Residents of North Carolina, these soldiers are members of a Fifteenth air force service command repair squadron, a veteran unit of over 18 months service in North Africa and Italy and recently awarded the Meritorious Service plaque for outstanding duty in the repair of the heavy bombers of the Fifteenth air force. Standing left to right: Cpl. Joe S. Truelove, New Hill; Pvt. Julian E. Dasher, Charlotte, and Sgt. Walter S. Earp, North Wilkesboro. Kneeling, left to right: Cpl. James A. Nanney, Black Mountain, and S. Sgt. Walter H. Patterson, Greensboro.

MUSSOLINI IS EXECUTED BY PATRIOTS

Milan—Italian patriots executed Benito Mussolini Saturday, and yesterday a howling mob was kicking and spitting on his remains lying in the center of this city where Italian fascism was born.

Mussolini's face wore a disdainful snarl. He died shouting "No! No!" to a firing squad which took his life, and that of his mistress, near the village of Dongo on Lake Como at 4:10 p. m.

The body was taken by truck to Milan and dumped in the city's square.

A bullet penetrated Mussolini's bald head through the left forehead and passed entirely through it, tearing out part of the skull above and behind the right ear.

The brains which took Fascist Italy into the war spilled onto the fifth of a dirt plot in the center of Milan.

Along with Mussolini, the patriots killed his mistress, Clara Petacci, and 16 other Fascists, many of them members of his Cabinet.

The bodies of all were brought to Milan, which American Fifth army troops entered today. A mob set upon the corpses marking the final end to fascism which carried Italy to its doom.

ERNEST D. WATSON HOME ON LEAVE

Ernest D. Watson, petty officer third class, is back from active duty in the Pacific and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Watson, of Summit. The ship on which Ernest served was hit by aerial torpedoes some time ago but will be ready for action again soon.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2 through D2 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2 through J 2 will expire June 30; Red Stamps K2 through P2 will expire July 31. Red Stamps Q2 through U2 expire August 31.
PROCESSED FOODS: Blue Stamps H2 through M2 will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2 through S2 will expire June 3; Blue Stamps T2 through X2 will expire July 31; Blue Stamps Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 will expire August 31.
SUGAR STAMP 35 expires June 2; Stamp No. 37 will expire August 31.
SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

6 Furniture Firms Will Be Closed All Day Wednesdays

Six local furniture stores have announced that they will be closed all day each Wednesday through September 26. The furniture stores which will not be open on Wednesday are Rhodes-Day, Gray Brothers, Better Homes, McNeill, Mark-down and Wilkes Furniture Exchange.

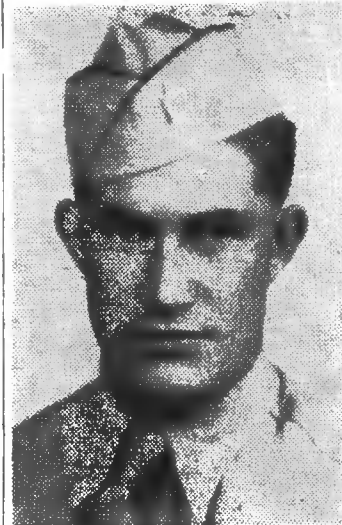
Dean Minton Heads Student Body Here

Dean Minton was elected president of the North Wilkesboro high school student body in a spirited election held Tuesday. Minton, a member of the rising senior class, received a substantial majority over the other two candidates, Dot Powell and Martha Absher. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Deway L. Minton, of near this city.

Mulberry-Fairplains Club Meets May 2nd

Mulberry - Fairplains Home Demonstration club will meet Wednesday, May 2, 1:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Aaron Brooks. Members are asked to carry waste fat, scrap paper and clothing for war relief to the meeting.

Serves in Germany



S. Sgt. Lamar R. Jarvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jarvis, of North Wilkesboro, is now in Germany after serving in France, North Africa and Italy. S. Sgt. Jarvis entered service at Fort Bragg, April 9, 1941, and went overseas in December, 1943. Before entering service, he was employed by the Atlantic Greyhound Bus Co. in Charlotte. In his last letter home he stated he was well and getting along fine.

Selective Service Boards Send Men To Begin Service

Both Selective Service boards in Wilkes this week forwarded men to Fort Bragg for induction into service. Those going from the two boards to begin service were as follows:

- BOARD NUMBER 1**
- Robert Lee Wyatt
 - Henry Roosevelt Anderson
 - Thomas Casper Hawkins
 - Orville Lee Gregory
 - Robert Glenn Myers
 - Ralph Lee Davis
 - Conrad Hampton Eller
 - Wiley Thomas Lambert
 - Archibald Gilbert Segraves
 - Robert Smith Anderson
 - Tom Ernest Walsh
 - Woodrow Wilson Shew
 - Robert Gwyn Triplett
 - William Edgar Church
 - Charlie Guy Harris
 - L. P. Pendergrass
 - Grant McKinley Barker
 - Taft Berlie Foster
 - John Milton Miller
 - James Lloyd Broynhill
 - Paul Taylor
 - Clarence Marshall Shoun
 - Charlie Richard Smithy
 - Albert Glenn Jarvis
 - Ralph Rolland Mahaffey
 - Glenn Elbert Laws
 - Walter Basil Parlier
- BOARD NUMBER 2**
- Ulysses Wenton Foster
 - Roy Harthan Gentry
 - Allen Turner Whittington
 - George Mansfield Minton
 - Roosevelt Church
 - Pless Edward Carson
 - Harold Allen Campbell
 - Oscar Adams
 - Cecil Leff Simmons
 - Ralph Presley Holbrook
 - Robert Fletcher Absher
 - Paul Edgar Church, Jr.
 - Victor Garris
 - Foy Austin Collins
 - James Thomas Cloer
 - Bowman Banguess (volunteer)
 - John R. Call, Jr.
 - Richard Mack Wingler (volunteer)
 - Dee Blackburn
 - Charlie McClain Phillips
 - Ester Ray Jenkins
 - Harold Weaver Hemric
 - Oscar Martin Watkins
 - John Palmer Horton, Jr.
 - Harvey Lee Johnson
 - Jimmy Combs (volunteer)
 - Walter Miller Burchette (volunteer)
 - Van W. Brinegar

TRANSFERS

Charley Randolph Cooper
Lloyd Hughes Call

Pfc. W. C. Minton Now Recovering

The 192nd General Hospital in England—Pfc. William C. Minton, 20, of North Wilkesboro, was wounded by German shrapnel as he advanced into Colmar, France. He is now recovering at this U. S. army general hospital in England, where he has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Awarded Citation

"Pfc. Minton is making excellent progress and will complete his recovery at a convalescent hospital before returning to duty," said his ward surgeon, Captain John Mott, of San Francisco, Cal. "We were taking a town near Colmar. Our tanks were shelling the objective," said Pfc. Minton. "I stood behind the armor when a Jerry shell landed 10 feet away, putting me out of action. "I walked about a half mile to an aid station where my wound was dressed. Then was evacuated to an air strip and flown to England."

NAZI ARMY IN ITALY IS CRACKING UP

Rome — Allied troops took Venice, Milan and Genoa yesterday as German resistance in Northern Italy disintegrated. British Eighth Army troops captured Venice, the city of canals, and sent New Zealanders streaking on 17 miles northeastward to the Piave River, the mouth of which is only 70 miles from the Yugoslav border. The dash to the Piave put the Eighth Army in position to round the head of the Adriatic along a 74-mile highway to Trieste. Marshal Tito's Yugoslav troops recently were reported to have entered Fiume and at latest accounts were driving the last 43 miles north toward Trieste.

Pvt. Jones Freed From Prison Camp

Pvt. William Howard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, formerly of Wilkesboro Route 2, and who now live at Graham, has been liberated from a German prison camp, where he had been held since December 21, 1944. Telegram received by his parents said that Pvt. Jones would be returned to the United States in the near future.

Killed In Action



PVT. FRED O. DAVIS

Pvt. Fred O. Davis Killed In Action In Germany April 8th

Was Second Son of Mitchell Davis, of Pores Knob, to Lose Life in War

Pvt. Fred O. Davis was killed in action in Germany April 8, according to a telegram received by his father, Mitchell Davis, of Pores Knob.

Pvt. Davis is the second son of Mr. Davis to lose his life in the war. Staff Sergeant Clegg Davis was killed in a plane crash in Canada October 17, 1942.

Pvt. Davis entered the army August 13, 1943, and went overseas in January this year after receiving training at Fort Bragg and Camp Croft, S. C.

Surviving Pvt. Davis are his wife, the former Miss Leona Marlow, of Gilreath; two sons, J. D. and Wayne Davis; father, Mitchell Davis, and the following brothers and sisters: Staff Sergeant Maurice Davis, in the army in England; Misses Hazel and Estelle Davis, and Mrs. Ethel Booth, of Oxford.

Wine Sales Out; No More Beer In City Pool Rooms

In an effort to improve conditions locally, the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners denied all applications for license to sell wine and refused applications by pool rooms for sale of beer.

Pursuant with this action, sale of wine will cease at all wine dealers in North Wilkesboro today and today is also the last date for sale of beer by pool room establishments.

Baptist Training Union In Meeting

The Baptist Training Unions of the Brushy Mountain association held their annual meeting Tuesday night at Moravian Falls Baptist church. Rev. Howard J. Ford, the director, presided.

A very interesting program was rendered by the North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro Training Unions, consisting of duets, sword drill, Bible readings, youth choir and a round-table discussion.

Dr. David E. Browning, pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro, delivered an exceptional message on "The Needs of Youth."

The following officers were elected for the next associational year: Director, Miss Lunda Henderson; associate director, Dr. David E. Browning; adult leader, J. F. Jordan; young people's leader, Mrs. David E. Browning; intermediate leader, Mrs. A. A. Sturdivant; junior leader, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell; story hour leader, Mrs. Monroe Eller; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mary Brewer; pastor advisor, Rev. Howard J. Ford; chorister, Miss Wanda Kerley; pianist, Mrs. Mildred Yates.

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LINNEY BROTHERS IN SERVICE; ONE RECEIVES COMMENDATION



Pfc. Joseph Baxter Linney



Sgt. Douglas Linney

Pfc. Joseph Baxter Linney, left, son of Mrs. W. E. Linney, of Wilkesboro, has participated in nine major naval engagements as a marine aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. He wears a Silver Star denoting five battles and four Bronze Stars representing one each. Pfc. Linney received the following commendation from Captain C. A. F. Sprague, commanding officer of the aircraft carrier Wasp: "Private First Class Joseph D. Linney, USMCR, is hereby commended for his ability demonstrated in action at his gun station as 20-mm gunner on USS Wasp on June 19, 1944, while on operations in the Pacific ocean, while undergoing dive bombing attacks by Japanese "Judy" type planes. He showed exceptional courage and leadership in his station in the face of falling bombs and strafing which enabled the ship to shoot down five Japanese planes, thus destroying the accuracy of their attack and contributing very appreciably to the preservation of the ship for air operations." Pfc. Linney returned to his ship last week after spending ten days at home. He has been in service on the Pacific for 15 months. Another son of Mrs. Linney, Sgt. Douglas Linney, right, is in service in the army in Germany and has been overseas two years. Prior to entering the army he was in school for two years at Mars Hill college.

Wilkes Soldier Gets Four Nazi Prisoners Wounded in Germany

Pvt. Robert C. Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bowers, of Moxley, in a recent letter to his mother, states that he had seen action somewhere in Germany and that he had captured a number of German prisoners.

He wrote of one instance in which he had captured four by himself and had experienced considerable difficulty keeping his comrades from killing them, presumably because of incidents which had preceded their capture and which he did not mention in the letter.

Serves In Germany

Pvt. Dallas Myers was slightly wounded in action in Germany on March 30, according to a War Department message received by his wife, the former Miss Evia Hendren, and a card which stated that he was making normal improvement. Pvt. Myers is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Myers, of near Union Grove. He enters the army October 26, 1942, and received training at Camp Campbell and Fort Knox, Ky., before going overseas in January this year. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

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The Hi-Y tennis tournament begins May 7.

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"Country," his wife, Lena, and son, John Paul, are spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ferguson, of Wilkesboro Star Route.

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Wash baby's carriage thoroughly and oil squeaky wheels and the springs. Air cushions and pillows before replacing them.