

## Elkin Pfc. Says He Lived In Water For Weeks At a Time During Invasion of France

Returning to civilian life after serving as a member of the 7th Armored Infantry division, Pfc. Eugene Jones, of Elkin, said last week he lived in water for a week at a time during the invasion of France.

He recalled his experiences in the march of General George Patton's army across France.

His group set a record of covering the 600-mile area in 21 days, and was credited with liberating 153 towns across France, he said. Fiercest fighting during the time was at Chartres, Reims, Verdun and Melun, he stated.

During advances in the Nancy-Metz area, his platoon was trapped for three days across the Moselle river, only eight of the men getting back into assembly lines.

Pfc. Jones' division was cited for excellent work during the entire campaign and he was awarded the Infantry Combat Medal.

In the towns liberated, American troops were "greeted unmercifully" with cheers from the natives and kisses from the village girls, who were returning to their homes from hills and mountains where they had taken refuge from bombings, Pfc. Jones recounted.

He has a watch which he received from a German prisoner, whether from gratitude or because the prisoner wanted the watch put in safer keeping than his own, he doesn't know. At any rate, Pfc. Jones was most grateful for the gift, he said.

Following the Moselle river episode, Pfc. Jones spent several weeks in a hospital in England as a result of "slight wounds" he received.

He participated in the invasions of Holland and Belgium, where the Allied troops were assisted by "Free French fighters." His last battle was in Holland, into which the British Second army moved last October.

While in the hospital, Pfc.

## Union Grove R-2 News of Interest

Miss Madone Comer, of Winston-Salem, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Comer, during the week-end.

Miss Victor Lee Nicholson, of Winston-Salem, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nicholson, Sunday.

Mrs. Clifton Mahaffey is a patient at the Davis Hospital.

Misses Grace Lewis and Parelee Hayes underwent a tonsil operation at the Myers Clinic last week.

## Thomas R. Sparks Funeral Saturday

Last rites were conducted Saturday at Rachel church for Thomas Rayvon Sparks, 35-year-old citizen of the Roaring River community, who died Thursday at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem. Rev. Jimmie Bryant conducted the last rites.

Mr. Sparks is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Sparks, of Roaring River, three brothers and three sisters: Mrs. Marshall Childress, Ronda; Mrs. Everett Blackburn, Roaring River; Mrs. Reece Jordan, North Wilkesboro; Lester, Everett and Charles Sparks, all of Roaring River.

Jones saw good results of Red Cross work in both supplies and entertainment, he said.

Pfc. Jones entered service in March, 1942, received training at Camp Polk, La., and was in desert maneuvers in Texas and California. He was on overseas duty for nine months, receiving a medical discharge from the service about a month ago.

Before entering the army Eugene was connected with the Winston-Salem Journal in the circulation department.

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON—

W. H. Jones, of Ronda Route 2, served in the standing army when a young man for three years and eleven days.

Recently his son, Pfc. Eugene Jones, received his discharge from the army when he had faithfully served for three years and eleven days.

## Council to Meet

The Council of the Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist church, will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 on the mezzanine floor of the Wilkes hotel.

## Commended



CPL. TED HALL

A Ninth Air Defense Command Unit, France—Cpl. Ted Hall, son of Mrs. Zina Hall, of Vannoy, today received one of the greatest rewards a soldier can earn when Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, commanding general of the Third U. S. army, commended him and the men of his battery in a commendation which read in part:

"These attacks were met by gun crews with typical American fortitude; each man displaying conspicuous bravery. Defending the field with rapidly developed and extremely effective fire, these units destroyed fourteen enemy aircraft and badly damaged four others. The heroic performance of these units is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service."

General Patton's commendation had reference to an attack on January 1, 1945, by 25 German fighters which attempted to strafe a Ninth air force fighter strip somewhere in France. The field was protected in part by gun crews of the IX defense command. In the ensuing battle, 14 of the attacking fighters were destroyed and four others were badly damaged.

It is action such as this that has made the IX air defense command the greatest air defense organization of its kind in the world.

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## Mrs. Alice Church Feted On Birthday

The children, neighbors and friends of Mrs. Alice Church gave her a surprise birthday dinner Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Spurgeon Bell. All her seven children and their families were present except two sons-in-law, Connie Owens, who is in the navy on Saipan, and Moody Martin, whose father was seriously ill; two sister and four brothers, one in service overseas and two with sickness. We are sorry they could not attend. Her father, who is in his eighties, was there and said it was his first birthday dinner to ever attend, and he seemed to enjoy himself very much. As the ministers had appointments, it was requested by the family that Mrs. Marie Brown make a talk. She made a most wonderful talk which everyone enjoyed. Then everybody enjoyed a bountiful dinner under the pine trees and they wished Mrs. Church many more happy birthdays with all her presents and cake with 48 candles on it, which she could not blow out after being so surprised.—Reported.

Care in our talk will help the Yanks in the foxholes or in the tanks.

## Congressional Medal Advocated For Pyle

Washington, April 30—Posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Ernie Pyle, Scripps-Howard columnist killed on Iwo Jima, was proposed in a resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator Willis, Republican, Indiana.

The senator said Pyle was "as much a part of America as Mark

Twain, or the corner drugstore or the church in every town." Senator Caperton, Republican, Indiana, Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, and Chavez, Democrat, New Mexico, joined Willis in sponsoring the resolution.

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