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Alleghany Man Sees Action In Three War Zones

Spent 42 Days In Open Life-boat After His Ship Was Torpedoed

Alex Richard Hines, of the Merchant Marines, son of Mrs. John Hines, of Sparta, boasts three war zone service bars and a Merchant Marine combat ribbon for direct enemy action.

Seaman Hines, one of the "fight-iest" servicemen to date, with 25 shipmates spent 42 days in an open boat after their freighter, the Roger Taney, was torpedoed off Cape Town, South Africa. All, alive, were picked up 20 miles off the coast of South America by a Brazilian ship and landed at Santos, Brazil.

A veteran of Army service in World War I, Hines in the present conflict has seen action in the Pacific war zone, the Atlantic war zone and the Mediterranean-Middle East war zone. He was in the vast convoy that landed American doughboys in North Africa and was wounded there. Service bars for all actions were presented him by the War Shipping Board.

Hines, ill and nervous from his grim experiences, was forced to leave his ship when it put into port and went to the Marine hospital in Portland, Maine. At Bangor, Maine, where Seaman Hines was extended assistance and many courtesies by the Travelers Aid and the USO, he reported modestly that he is not the only one in his family serving Uncle Sam—that his brother, Sgt. Bain Hines, is with the Air Corps in New (Continued on Page Four)

C. G. Andrews, 56, Buried On Friday

Well Known Chestnut Grove Citizen Passes After Serious Illness

Funeral service for Rev. Charles G. Andrews, 56, of the Chestnut Grove community, who died July 13, was held at Shiloh Methodist church on July 14 with Rev. Mack Tedder and Rev. Carl McKnight officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The deceased, a prominent Union Baptist minister, pastor of the Whitehead Union Baptist church, had been seriously ill for the past month. He had made his home for a number of years in the Chestnut Grove community but had lived in Canada in early life.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Andrews, and four children, Claude Andrews, of the U. S. Army stationed somewhere overseas, Rita Andrews, of Independence, and Dorothy and Charles, Jr., of the home. Also surviving are his father, W. M. Andrews, and two brothers.

Pallbearers were: Kenneth Hudson, Hoke Andrews, Andy Evans, Carl Andrews, Marion Joines and Claude Holloway.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Cleve Nichols, Mrs. Walter Andrews, Mrs. Lon Reeves, Mrs. Mack Tolver, Mrs. Carl Andrews, Mrs. Sam Perry and Mrs. Grover Reeves.

General DeGaulle In Washington



Gen. Charles DeGaulle, head of the French Committee of National Liberation, arrived in Washington for a series of talks with high officials. Photo shows him (left) as he was shaking hands with Gen. G. C. Marshall. Gen. H. H. Arnold stands in the rear.

Allies Make Gains In France And Italy; Reds Hit Nazi Lines

Americans Take Town Of St. Lo; Huge Rail Terminal Threatened By Russians

British and Canadian armored forces broke through the German line across the Orne river at the eastern end of the Normandy front Tuesday in a full-scale offensive which was rolling in dust southeastward across the Caen plain yesterday with a power recalling the historic British assault at El Alamein.

On the American sector to the west, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's doughboys captured the hillside hinge stronghold at St. Lo after an eight-day battle, forcing a German withdrawal of a mile and a half and threatening a crumbling of the Nazi positions westward all the way to the coast.

American troops crashed through strongly held German positions yesterday and swept three miles across open country into the town of Pontedera on the Arno river between Pisa and Florence, reaching the enemy's "Gothic line" defenses and virtually outflanking the great west coast port of Livorno.

Pontedera is situated on the south bank of the Arno—12 miles east of Pisa, 18 miles northwest of Livorno and 32 miles west of Florence.

Red armies of the south in a powerful new offensive have cracked strong German defenses around the great bastion of Lwow in old Poland for three-day gains of 31 miles on a 125-mile front, and reached the Bug river within five miles of the frontier from which the Germans attacked the Soviet Union, Moscow announced last night.

REQUEST IS MADE FOR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

It was announced this week that those persons wishing to can for the Baptist orphanage, could secure cans, as usual, at Smithy's Store in Sparta.

It was explained that beans and tomatoes are especially desired by the orphanage.

Former Sparta Man Writes Of Experiences In France

Pfc. Paul Irwin, son of Deputy Marshall and Mrs. Walter Irwin, of Wilkesboro and formerly of Sparta, writes of his experiences in France following the invasion. Excerpts from several of his letters have been compiled in the following:

June 21

"Dear Dad and Mother, I bet I know what you have been doing—one guess, worrying about me, but here I am safe and well so you see you worried for nothing. See why I tell you not to worry. This is the first time I have had a chance to write for sometime, but I hope to be able to write more often from now on. I got mail this week for the first time in about a month; in all I

got 27 letters and believe me I was really happy to get them. As I said before I am safe and well and in France; and I can't speak French. Now I see where I should have studied more French in school but I hadn't planned on coming to France then. There isn't much I can say; I am a little older and a lot wiser. The Lord has been exceptionally good to me and I keep thanking Him all the time and I am as confident as ever that I will be back. So just don't worry and one of these days soon I'll be there. Keep your chin up; everything is going to be ok.

June 23

I am feeling good and doing (Continued on Page Four)

172 Alleghany Men Classified By Local Board

112 Are Placed In 1-A(H); 60 In Various Other Classifications

The local board announced this week names of 172 Alleghany county men for military service when 112 were placed in 1-A(H) and 60 in various other classifications.

The classifications list is as follows:

1-A: William A. Sisk and Clifton C. Sidden.

1-A(H): James O. Wyatt, William P. Baugus, Wilmer C. Woodruff, Boyd M. Huggins, Oscar J. A. Simpson, Liver F. Blackburn, Charlie R. Roberts, Cary Brown, Carey D. Blevins, John W. Warden, Carl R. Choate, Charlie W. Phipps, Robert G. Cleary, Fred T. Pruitt, Fred E. Handy, George D. Todd.

William O. Shumate, Crockett J. Poe, Joseph L. Larue, Virgil L. Jenkins, Paul O. Smith, Vass G. Lane, Floyd A. V. Poole, David P. Jarrell, Lawrence E. Reeves, Johnnie R. Todd, Estes Crouse, Robert B. Vannoy, Ralph C. Gentry, Mack H. Fender, Guy H. Waddell, Mack F. Brooks, Harvey F. Irwin, William P. Wyatt, Walter S. Brooks, Lonnie H. Black, Bryant W. Jones, Carper Osborne, John W. Whitaker, Vester B. Mabe, Chester W. Smith, Dan Roberts, William E. Burchett, William M. Smith, Zack M. Ward, Willard B. Fender, Charlie G. Collins.

James E. Pardue, Columbus A. Higgins, John E. Blevins, Bertie R. Combs, John C. Reed, John W. Combs, Edgar G. Anthony, John R. Grubb, Rex S. Warden, Conley W. Caudill, John C. Gambill, Roscoe Murray, Robert L. Anders, George R. Douglas, James S. Landreth, Thurmond H. Fitzgerald, Claude J. Johnson, Raleigh N. Joines, Homer W. Wilson, Lester V. Rutherford.

Theodore R. Spicer, Fred H. Brown, Rufus F. Phipps, Willis M. Murray, William R. Miller, Jesse Sexton, John R. Gambill, Omar H. Beddau, John R. Gentry, Foster M. Hackler, Preston Cox, Dent Joines, Isom C. Fender, Fred L. Phipps, John R. Kennedy, Newell W. King, Ray Halsey, Center E. Mitchell, Garfield W. Warden, Wheeler Nance, William E. Hoppers, Joseph L. Bare.

Frank L. Roupe, James R. Thompson, Reason T. Lyon, Steven M. Scott, Joseph F. Irwin, Lonnie H. Halsey, Claude R. Halsey, Glenn Wyatt, Eugene W. (Continued on Page 5)

Local Officers Made 5 Arrests

Frank Duncan, Nine Weeks Overdue At Camp In Fla., Taken To Charlotte

Town Marshall Glenn Richardson announced this week that the following arrests had been made: Albert Rutherford, of Piney Creek, was arrested on a charge of bigamy and released on bond by B. F. Wagoner, magistrate, on Thursday.

Rufus Holbrook, of Sparta, was arrested Saturday for public drunkenness and was released on bond for a hearing on Saturday.

Troy Fortner was arrested, Sunday, for disturbing the peace and public drunkenness. He was wanted by the Federal authorities on a charge of making liquor. Local officers turned him over to Federal authorities on Monday.

Frank Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leff Duncan, of Glade Valley, was taken to Charlotte where he was turned over to military authorities. Local officers arrested him at his home when he overstayed his leave nine weeks. He had been stationed at Panama City, Florida.

Good Prices At Bean Mart Here

West Jefferson — (Special) — Ashe county farmers along with others in this section, selling their beans on the market here are continuing to receive good prices. The demand remains good with plenty of buyers on the market. On Monday night 3,980 bushels of beans were sold at auction and on Tuesday night 3,900 bushels were disposed of. The average price for these two nights was \$1.60, netting the growers around \$12,608.00.

A Liberator Afire Over Vienna



A Liberator bomber of the U. S. 16th air force is shown as photographed from another American plane after it was mortally hit by a German ME-109 during mission over the oil refineries in Vienna. Crew bailed out safely.

County Bond Sales Continue To Climb; Quota Far Surpassed

N. C. Democrats Meet For Caucus At Convention

Miss Beatrice Cobb, Of Morganton, Is Re-elected National Committeewoman

Chicago—W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, was unanimously elected national Democratic committeewoman from North Carolina at a state caucus Tuesday night and Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, was re-elected national committeewoman.

Gov. J. M. Broughton was named chairman of the North Carolina delegation, Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris, vice chairman, and Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, secretary.

Josephus Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh, N. C. News and Observer and former secretary of the navy, was named to the convention platform and resolutions committees, and Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City, was named to the credentials committee.

Walter Lambert, of Thomasville, was named to the permanent organization committee; Willis Smith, of Raleigh, rules; John D. Larkin, Jr., of Trenton, to committee to notify president of the convention; ex-Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, honorary assistant vice president; Gov. J. M. Broughton, (Continued on Page 5)

E. W. Thompson To Act As Pastor

Rev. E. W. Thompson, of Glade Valley, will temporarily act as pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church in the absence of Rev. R. L. Berry, who has gone to Belmont.

Rev. Mr. Thompson will hold service at the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Rev. Mr. Thompson announced that he would hold the regular service at both the Sparta and Glade Valley churches but that he would attend the Rocky Ridge church only on the second Sunday in each month.

Infantile Paralysis Outbreak Expected To Decline In Aug.

Dr. C. P. Stevick, epidemiologist with the State Health Department, in Raleigh, said this week he believed the current outbreak of infantile paralysis would reach its peak this month and show a considerable decline during August.

The new cases were listed Monday as follows: Alamance 2, Ashe 1, Catawba 1, Durham 2, Forsyth 2, Gullford 2, Haywood 1, McDowell 2, Mecklenburg 3, Wayne 1, and Wilkes 1, bringing the total since June 1 to 336.

Dr. Stevick pointed out that in 1935 a total of 675 cases were reported, most of them during the months of June, July and August. The peak month was July, and

All Townships Over Quotas; Commended By Nichols

Final reports on the bond sales for Alleghany county in the Fifth War Loan Drive, reveal that the \$90,000.00 quota has been exceeded by \$35,258.75, with \$125,258.75 reported.

The "E" bond quota was exceeded last week by more than \$9,000.00. Alleghany is one of the eleven counties in the state to date to meet and exceed the "E" bond quota.

Chairman S. R. Nichols announced the sales of each township in the county yesterday. Following is a list of the townships, their quotas and the total sales in the drive:

Piney Creek, quota, \$7,500.00 and sales, \$11,343.75; Glade Creek, quota, \$7,500.00 and sales, \$14,400.00; Cherry Lane, quota, \$5,000.00 and sales, \$6,483.75; Whitehead, quota, \$3,750.00 and sales, \$4,387.50; Cranberry, quota, \$4,000.00 and sales, \$4,038.00; Prather's Creek, quota, \$5,250.00 and sales, \$5,285.25; and Gap Civil, quota, \$57,000.00 and sales, \$79,320.50.

Whitehead township was the first in the county to meet the quota assigned them and Glade Creek exceeded and almost doubled the quota assigned them.

"Each township is to be commended," Chairman Nichols stated, "because not one of them failed to meet the quota."

Reports from sources of sales in the county show the North-western Bank in the lead with \$66,187.50. The Sparta post office reports \$28,556.25 and the Roaring Gap post office, with Mrs. J. T. Inskeep in charge, reports \$315.00. The state made a purchase amounting to \$26,900.00, and Alleghany received credit for \$3,300.00 from the boys in service.

SOY BEAN MEAL IS NOW AVAILABLE TO FARMERS

C. G. Collins, chairman of AAA in Alleghany, announced this week that a limited supply of soy bean meal had been received and was available to farmers, who would call at the AAA office here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Boyer, of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. T. J. Carson and Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Boyer.

Lambs Sold In Pool Here Bring Over \$2,900.00

Black Announces Another Shipment To Be Made August 3

Lambs which were pooled here recently, were sold last week to the Kerns Commission company, of Jersey City, N. J., and brought \$2,942.80, a price considerably higher than was received last year, according to R. E. Black, county agent.

In this first shipment of the summer, 41 Alleghany farmers sold 276 lambs, with 60 per cent of them graded as choice lambs. Choice lambs were sold for \$16.60 per 100; good lambs for \$16.18 per 100 and medium lambs for \$15.00 per 100.

Sheep raisers in the county were especially pleased over the price the lambs brought this year, it was pointed out.

Among the top sales in the pool were the five lambs sold by R. F. Wagoner, of Sparta. These lambs were sold at \$78.10 net.

Another shipment is expected to be made on August 3, Mr. Black disclosed. A schedule of weighing posts will be announced shortly before that time.

County Library Has Big Increase

Total Circulation Is 11,119 With 486 New Books Added This Year

The Alleghany county library has added 486 new books during the past year, Mrs. Carrie Ham Jones, librarian, stated in her annual report this week.

There were 27 book stations in the county last year, Mrs. Jones pointed out. These book stations are counted by the number of teachers who carried a collection of books to the schools to be circulated, she pointed out.

The total circulation of the library, not including the teachers, was 11,119 and the volumes lent to schools totaled 600. The number of registered borrowers totaled 461, she explained.

Only 21 books were discarded during the year and only five books lost and pair for.

The library receives two newspapers and ten magazines, Mrs. Jones stated.

The library is open on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of each week from 9:30 to 4:00 p. m. and is closed each Wednesday and Thursday.

In a financial statement of the library funds, Mrs. Jones pointed out that the state grant to be spent for books amounted \$1,125.00 with the county appropriation \$450.00. Expenditures were listed as \$976.77.

Members of the county library board include: Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, chairman; Mrs. Albert Richardson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. T. C. Osborne, Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent; Miss Pearl Fields, W. C. Thompson and James McD. Wagoner, county commissioner.

To the People of this Community

The next time you write to your fighting man or fighting woman tell him or her what you have done about the Fifth War Loan. You can take the word of General Eisenhower that your man or woman in uniform will be deeply interested.

Your War Bond buying is a good tip-off to them about the state of affairs in your home. The headlines in this newspaper on the progress of the drive, the items about participating individuals, the character of the Fifth War Loan special events—all these things reflect the morale back home.

Do you like to read a sorry headline about the invasion fronts. Our fighting forces, made up of individuals with the same reactions to good and bad as you, will not be heartened to read "Fifth War Loan Lags."

Your silence in your letter about your part in the Fifth War Loan will mean non-interest, perhaps non-participation to the recipients. It's up to you to make your letters cheerful. Write today. Write often. Write about your war work, your war support. Double your best previous War Bond buying record and then about it to the housewife—just to that special service man.

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To the People of this Community

This is a home front communique on the most vital war action now in progress in every community of the land—the Fifth War Loan.

We are advancing on our objective. However, we must make certain that we reach and pass our goal by July 8. This can be done if every one of us puts something extra of ourselves into the fight.

No one needs to remind you that it is an American trait to go into a sprint with the goal in sight.

We started this push June 12. Reports from every city and town in America tell us that the number of individual buyers of extra War Bonds today has reached an unprecedented total. We all know that in addition to numbers we need fire power. Your extra War Bond is absolutely essential. The greater the stockpile of War Bonds, the easier it will be for us to get this war over.

This very moment our boys are waging a life-and-death struggle. Every additional War Bond you buy will play its part in the outcome. Last month's War Bond, last week's War Bond, yesterday's War Bond are already in the embattled foxholes. Today is another day for the home front just as today is another day for the boys on the battlefield.

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