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TWENTY-THIRD BOY Native Of Stokes DIES IN SERVICE Dies At Kernersville

R. C. BOOTH KILLED IN ACTION — LATEST ADDITION TO CASUALTY LIST SON OF ED BOOTH

News is received of the death in action of R. C. Booth, who has lost his life in the European area. He was a son of Ed Booth of Moore's Springs. His foster parents were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook of Germanton. He was inducted on March 17, 1944.

The death of young Booth brings the fatal casualty list for Stokes county to twenty-three, the roll now standing as follows:

Lieut. David R. Mitchell, King, killed in action in China.
Sgt. John W. Collins, Francisco, killed in action in Florida.

Lieut. Jack Hutcherson, Walnut Cove, killed in plane crash while training in Florida.

Pvt. Loyd Morefield, King, killed in action at Bougainville.

Cpl. Robert Hall, Mcadams, killed in action in South Pacific.

Petty Officer Jimmy Wallace Griffin, Sandy Ridge, killed in action in Italy.

Cpl. Drewry Glenn Hooker, of King, killed in action in Sicily.

Pfc. Everette J. Fulk, Pinnacle, killed in action in France, July 11, 1944.

Lieut. Thos. A. Eggleston, Dilford, killed in action in Italy, July 3, 1944.

Sgt. Thomas H. Shelor, Francisco, killed in action in France, June 20, 1944.

Sgt. Richard T. Pell, Jr., Westfield, killed in France, July 11, 1944.

Sgt. O. W. Slawter, King, killed in action in France, August 21, 1944.

Philip Simmons, Francisco, killed in action in France, Sept. 1944.

Pvt. Gilmer W. White, Route 2 Walnut Cove, killed in action in France September 22, 1944.

Pfc. Howard D. Tuttle, Germananton, died on July 21, 1944, of wounds received while in action in France.

Pvt. Jodie C. Hodge, of Sandy Ridge, killed in action in Holland on Sept. 21, 1944.

Hubert Merritt of King, killed in action.

Pvt. Buck Horton of King, killed in action in Belgium.

Pfc. Millard E. Mabe of Sandy Ridge, killed in action in Belgium, Oct. 27, 1944.

Pvt. Clayt Cardwell of Westfield, killed in action in Germany.

Clyde Lawson, of Lawsonville, killed in action in European theater.

Pvt. Charles Malcolm Wall, of Madison, Route 1, killed in action in Italy Oct. 29, 1944.

Sgt. Marvin O. Lackey, Lawsonville, died of wounds received in the battle of Germany, December, 1944.

R. C. Booth, Germanton, killed in action in European area in December, 1944.

(Editorials) New Year

We are entering the threshold of a new year. The old year with its pleasures, its heartbreaks, its successes and its failures, its smiles and its tears, is gone forever.

Let us face the New Year with strong hearts and willing hands, ready to accept the sacrifices which may be ours before another year.

These are the most terrible and saddest times in the history of the nation. It behooves every man and every woman to stand fast and see it through until victory crowns our efforts and we can welcome back peace and good will.

No person who goes about bellyaching and criticizing our war leaders, who are doing their best, is a potential enemy. Our leaders will win. Anyone who discourages or disparages is endangering morale on the home front and adding fuel to the fires that would burn our civilization down.

Legislature

It meets today, after the inauguration of Gov. Cherry.

Important legislation coming up at this term includes disposing of the immense State financial surplus, which will reach 70 millions in June; better pay for the teachers; providing additional quarters for the overcrowded State hospitals; ordering a State-wide referendum on liquor; establishing the great health program to include a large central hospital or county hospitals; etc.

The interests of Stokes county will be finely represented in this momentous session by Senator Carlos E. Davis and Representative William F. Marshall.

These boys are abundantly equipped with brain, courage, foresight and integrity.

They can be trusted to see that our county gets a square deal, and they can be relied upon to support in every way the State and national governments in the policies which mean for the general betterment of the country.

Holding The Huns

The great German counter-offensive on the Western front is being held. Patton is smashing it on the south, while the regrouped First army under Hodges is smiting it on the north and west. The Huns have lost more than 60,000 men and incalculable materiel. Our losses have also been very heavy. Both sides are steadily reinforcing their armies. This may be the decisive battle of the war.

Markets Reopen

The tobacco markets will reopen January 9, next Tuesday. Much tobacco is still in the hands of the farmers. They will rush this remainder to the sales as soon as the warehouse doors swing open, to clear the decks for the next crop. The farmers have reaped a rich harvest for their 1944 crop. Manpower is scarce, but 1945 will see a big acreage planted if the seasons are favorable.

Germanton Soldier In Crack Artillery Outfit Of 6th Army Group

Sixth Army Group, France.— Artillery barrage preparation that opened the French First Army's drive along the Swiss border to the Rhine smashed and neutralized enemy artillery and fortifications in the Belfort Gap region. The planning that directed that barrage and the location of the German guns that were smashed before they could hinder the drive was just a part of the day's work for the 1st Field Artillery Observation battalion, which is working with the First French Army in France. In this battalion are Cpl. Hubert B. Bowman, Germanton, Route 1; Cpl. Jack Boyles, Pilot Mountain.

Using "sound and flesh" methods, the soldiers of this battalion located enemy batteries accurately and quickly. When it was time for the drive to start, American and French artillerymen, working side-by-side, quickly smashed the enemy's big guns.

"One story of how effective our location was is that an enemy battery fired a couple of rounds to show an inspecting German general staff how good they were. Major E. J. Morris, Jr., Sylacauga Ala., battalion commander, explained. "But no sooner did the fire than we replied. Our location had been perfect and the Yankee shells landed right on the target and wiped out the battery and the visitors."

The battalion commander went on to explain that their job is to "gather information to neutralize enemy artillery activity during the critical phase of operations, and to supply survey for artillery."

The battalion has been in the line continuously, except for periods of moving to new positions since December, 1942, reportedly longer than any American unit since 1865. This battalion is also the oldest American field artillery observation battalion in the Army, according to officers of the organization.

Rationing Board To Be Closed Tuesday, 9th Through Thursday, 11

The Rationing Board office at Danbury, according to an announcement, will be closed to the public on Tuesday, Jan. 9, through Thursday, Jan. 11. This is being done to afford the clear force to make inventory and adjust the 1945 files. The public is requested not to visit the office on these days.

OLD CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow, Jan. 6, is Old Christmas. Those who did not know when the other Christmas came, may observe this one.

KING NEWS

By E. P. NEWSUM

King, Jan. 4.—Tink Shore, who has been undergoing treatment in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, as a result of an automobile wreck, is sufficiently improved to be removed to his home here.

Frank Pulliam of the U. S. N., is spending a 21-day furlough with his family here.

Joe Holder, who holds a defense position at Norfolk, Va., is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Debs Holder on North Depot St.

Fred Smith of Capella underwent a tonsil removal operation in the clinic here Tuesday.

David Blakely of Baltimore has purchased the home of Vester Wall on West Main St., consideration, \$4,000.

Fred Kapp has returned to his ship at New York after a few days' leave spent with relatives here.

Howard Newsum of Tobaccoville underwent a tonsil removal operation here Friday.

Harvey Hall, who is serving overseas, has been promoted to Tech. Sergeant.

Miss Kate Perry Stone, trained nurse at the clinic here, fell on the ice Friday, fracturing her arm. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

Harold Calloway has returned to his command at Camp Blanding, Fla., after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Calloway, who reside near Trinity Church.

Joe Pulliam of the Navy, is spending a short leave with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Bowen announce the birth of a daughter. The young lady arrived Friday.

Jack Adkins of Fort Meade, Md., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rural Adkins, is here on furlough.

Robert Holder of Greensboro is spending a few days with relatives here.

Sgt. Allen White spent a week-end pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd White on West Main St. He is stationed at Keisler Field, Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rumley have returned to their home at Stanleyville after paying a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Love on Pulliam St.

Board Changes Hours Of Weekly Meetings

Hereafter the Ration Board will meet regularly on Mondays at 9:30 A. M. to noon instead of 2:30 as in the past. In the absence of Chairman Davis, all gasoline applications and all gasoline panels will be under supervision of J. Wm. Morefield. Tires, fuel oil, boots, shoes, etc., will be under supervision of S. A. Flinchum.