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County Young Man Tells Experiences In The U. S. Army

Mack Ange, Jamesville Native, Has Seen Much Action in The Front Line

Writing to relatives back home, Mack Ange, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange, of Jamesville Township, relates the experiences of his first eighteen months in the Army of the United States. The first class private has seen much action in the front lines. His letter, written to a relative, Thomas P. Sanderson, follows, in part:

"Beginning to end of my 18 months of Army life: Was drafted May 14, 1942, received basic training for eight weeks, then to Belvoir, Va., for five more weeks. Went back to Fort Bragg until about August, when I was transferred to a line outfit at Camp A. P. Hill, Va., for a few weeks; then assigned to field artillery, self-propelled, about the last of August. Then went to an embarkation port for overseas duty. There about a month, and on first of November loaded on a large transport. On the second day woke up far at sea, out of sight of land when I walked out on deck.

"We floated and zig-zagged for 18 days; and on the eighteenth day a sunny land came into sight—the harbor at Casablanca, French West Africa. It was a sight to see the ships sunk and scuttled in the harbor. The large French warship, Jean Bart, was there, but useless, due to dive bombing.

"The first people we saw were Arabs, scrambling for anything you threw towards them; and fighting like you see kids when you pitch a quarter in a ring and say, 'Best man gets it.' It was fun, especially the noise they made, sounded like a flock of ducks.

"Next, unloading, with two barracks bags full of gear as we scrambled over a British vessel, and off for a five-mile walk, our eyes popping at the sights in front of us. Mostly debris and very filthy Arabs begging. Remained there until February, and then on flat cars to Rebot, in a large cork forest. Was a little hard going, we thought, for a while anyway. Received a few very short passes and went on some sight-seeing tours, while studying firing problems.

"Was there until March, when we loaded on flat cars again for a thousand-mile trip, over mountains and through tunnels. What a ride! What was to be seen was almost unbelievable. Destruction and grief, hungry and unclothed people, weary and tattered, were about all left. Have forgotten name of place where we unloaded, but it was not far from the front. French and British soldiers, by the trainloads, came and went; also tanks, planes, guns, auto trucks by trainloads—all shot up and burned out.

"Had one close-up look at a truck very close. An armor piercing shell had gone through it, and the driver's helmet was still in there, full of flesh—and what a scent. What a feeling we had; our guns there, all shining, and knowing that we were next.

"Next we unloaded and were off looking for Jerries for a few miles. Can't say how worn out and hungry you get. More sights and then we met up with Jerry March 22. At 7:10 on Saturday morning, the No. 1 gun registered the first shot and an observation post far up in the hills could see very plain that the second one went home. So the battery drove its first mark home.

Advanced to another position around 4 in the afternoon, and some prisoners were brought past. Around dark to another place, but fired no shots there during the night, although we were all nervous thinking about what was next. Next day, off again to another position. Fired quite a few rounds, with more guns knocked out, and tanks, too.

"Then off again, advancing to other places over rough country to

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Price Average Is Holding Up Well

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Prices for the inferior grades continue to soar, but the top is holding to around 47 cents for the better types. Wrappers are selling higher, but very few tobaccos of that type are seen on the floors.

It is estimated that the sales today will carry the total for the season to a point in excess of seven and one-half million pounds.

Peanut Digging in the County Being Completed This Week

Getting off to an unusually early start, peanut digging is now just about complete in the county. Ninety-nine per cent of the crop will have been dug by late tomorrow, according to reports. Even before the preliminary harvest task was completed, picking operations were started and the crop is moving to market in fair quantity at this time. The enlarged plant of the Williamston Peanut Company started full-time operations this week, and a double shift is being considered. It was reported that the plant handled well over 1,000 bags during an eight-hour shift one day this week.

The crop this season, according to reports, is possibly one-fourth under the production figures of a year ago. However, the crop is spotted, some farmers reporting as many as

25 and 26 bags per acre, while the average will hardly run over 12 to 15 bags. The quality is said to be unusually good.

War prisoners, the first to enter the county since the sixties, have had a fairly big part in the peanut harvesting work. The Italians, it is estimated, dug approximately 1,000 acres and their work has improved from day to day until each is handling three-quarters of an acre per day on an average. Their work has been highly satisfactory. Virtually all contracts for the prisoners' labor have been filled, and it is likely that the camps in this area will be abandoned. However, some farmers and others are anxious to have the labor made available for various tasks such as potato digging, shrubbing and even for work in the timber industry.

PFC. MACK ANGE



Writing to relatives back home, Pfc. Mack Ange, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange of Jamesville Township, tells of the fighting in the Mediterranean campaign.

W. Herbert Lilley Died Suddenly At His Home Tuesday

Funeral Services Will Be Held Saturday Afternoon in Jamesville

W. Herbert Lilley, retired traveling salesman and for several years operator of a tailoring shop, died suddenly at his home here on Smithwick Street last Tuesday afternoon at 3:50 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack. He had not been feeling well for several days and spent Monday and part of Tuesday in bed. Getting up that afternoon he was shaving himself when he was stricken. Walking across the hall to the living room he fell. Mrs. Lilley and her sister, Miss Mayo Lamb, rushed to his side and placed a pillow under his head. He told them he was dying, and when asked if he was in pain he placed his hand over his heart, death following a very short time later.

The son of the late William B. and Lenora Jones Lilley, he was born in the Jamesville community 55 years ago. Completing his schooling there, he entered the mercantile field and later traveled for several nationally-known firms in many of the Southern states. He retired from the road about twelve or fifteen years ago. On March 8, 1918, he was married to Miss Kathleen Wallace who died about nine years ago. One son, Arthur Wallace Lilley, a member of the armed forces stationed in Texas, survives the union. Returning to the armed service soon after he was married, Mr. Lilley joined the 81st Division and saw service overseas as a sergeant.

On November 24, 1936, he was married to Miss Annie Lamb of Williamston and since that time he made his home here. He was a member of

for a number of years. Mr. Lilley was an unpretentious

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Post Observers Receive Awards

Well earned, special awards were made to about fifty airplane post observers at a meeting held in the Bear Grass School auditorium last Tuesday evening. Sgt. Lehner, of the Norfolk Fighter Wing, briefly addressed the faithful little band who had devoted of its time and means in carrying out the expressed wishes of the Army command. The awards, a special wing emblem of the air warning system, were made by the Army sergeant.

The curtailment of the post observation schedule brings much relief, but the faithful spotters were willing and ready to carry on, Chief Observer Ross Rogers declared.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Twenty Cases In Recorder's Court

Size of Docket Back to About Normal Following Record One Last Week

Judge J. Calvin Smith called twenty cases in the county court last Monday, the docket returning that day to one of about normal size following a record number of thirty cases called during the session on Monday of last week. The court room was fairly crowded and the session lasted well into the dinner hour. A few of the cases were continued from a previous session, but most of them originated last week.

Proceedings: Judgment was suspended in the case charging Elijah Dixon with bastardy upon the payment of \$125 to the prosecuting witness, Sadie Lee Rhodes.

After pleading not guilty in the case charging him with damaging property and trespassing, Jero Jones, Jr., was adjudged guilty and Judge Smith sentenced him to the roads for sixty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the case costs and on the further condition that he do not put his foot in the lot on the farm of Miss Mildred Purvis.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Daniel Willis Wilson was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

Marshall Scott and N. S. Nichols, charged with larceny and receiving, were adjudged not guilty.

In the case charging Vance Price and James Lloyd Price with an assault, the defendants pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty of a simple assault, James Lloyd Price was fined \$15 and taxed with one-half the costs. Vance Price, adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$15 and taxed with one-half the case costs.

James Lloyd Prices, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty. Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Lloyd Price was fined \$20 and taxed with the case costs. He pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Charging with ripping a square out of a tent belonging to Jim Scott, near Hamilton, Chester Barnes was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months. Barnes had converted the piece of canvas into an automobile top covering.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Dewey Wade was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging it, S. Holloman with an assault with a deadly weapon and reckless driving was continued until the first Monday in December.

Marvin Woolard, charged with

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Sunday Services At The Local Holiness Church

Services will be held in the local Holiness Church Saturday night at eight o'clock. Sunday school will convene at 9:45 a. m. Sunday morning. The church will be held at 6 p. m., Sunday followed by preaching services at 8 o'clock, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Pope.

INCREASE

The acute stove shortage existing in this county was relieved, partly at least, this week when the allotment was materially increased. The original quota of 48 coal and wood-burning stoves was increased by 98, a member of the rationing board stating that the total of 138 will possibly care for the most urgent needs. Applications for nearly 200 stoves of this type are now before the board.

In addition to the 138 coal and wood-burning heaters, the October allotment includes two oil heating stoves, fifteen coal and wood stoves for cooking and eight oil cook stoves.

Former Member Of Royal Air Force Makes Visit Here

Lieutenant in Action Months Without Accident, But Injured in Blackout

Lieutenant E. E. Edwards, a former member of the Royal Air Force, recalled the unusual story that attracted the attention of radio commentators and broke into the headlines in many papers here and in England while visiting his friend, Lt. Russell Roebuck, here last night.

The young man, an interesting and entertaining talker but a bit reluctant to point out any of his many accomplishments as a member of the RAF, went into detail about the story. After flying for eighteen months over enemy territory and encountering anti-aircraft fire and opposition from the best fighters Germany had to offer without even a scratch, young Edwards fell and broke his leg in a London hotel during a blackout. To have lived eighteen months as a pilot in the RAF without an accident or even a slight injury and then to suffer a compound leg fracture during a blackout was recognized as an unusual story, and the broadcast telling it is remembered here by a number of people.

The lieutenant explained that an air raid was in progress over London just about a year ago, that he was running down the hotel stairs in the dark and missed a step. He was removed to a hospital in London and was later returned to this country and was in the same hospital with Russell Roebuck who was undergoing treatment there at that time. They became friends and when Lt. Roebuck arrived here this week, his friend came over to see him. His leave was a short one and he returned late last night for his station in Norfolk.

A native of Globe, Arizona, young Edwards with a bit of private flying experience to his credit, was anxious to get into the fight. That was before this country went to war, so he volunteered for service in the RAF. His training schedule was crowded into a very short period, and it wasn't so very long before he was on patrol over and along the English Channel. He became a master behind the wheel in all types of ships, and his crew downed a number of German planes. He participated in the Dieppe raid, knocking out two gun nests before he shot up all his ammunition and was forced to return to his base. His plane was

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Name Leaders For War Fund Canvass

Leaders for the United War Fund canvass in District No. 1 were named yesterday, and plans are going forward rapidly for handling the drive to raise approximately \$10,800 beginning Monday, October 25.

V. J. Spivey and J. C. Manning, directors of the canvass, announced the names of the following leaders: Mrs. H. U. Peel, Bear Grass; Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, Griffins; Mrs. Walter Brown and Mrs. Camille Fleming, Turner, Jamesville, and Mrs. R. J. Hardison, Williams Township. These township leaders will name their assistants, and it is now certain that the appeal of the United War Fund will be carried into every nook and corner of the district and county.

Rev. J. M. Perry, District No. 2 chairman, is going forward with his plans, and his line-up will be announced shortly. Members of the District No. 1 executive committee, canvass leaders and others interested in the all-important task are to meet in the courthouse here next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Township quotas will be determined at that time and all members of the executive committee and canvass leaders and others are asked to attend.

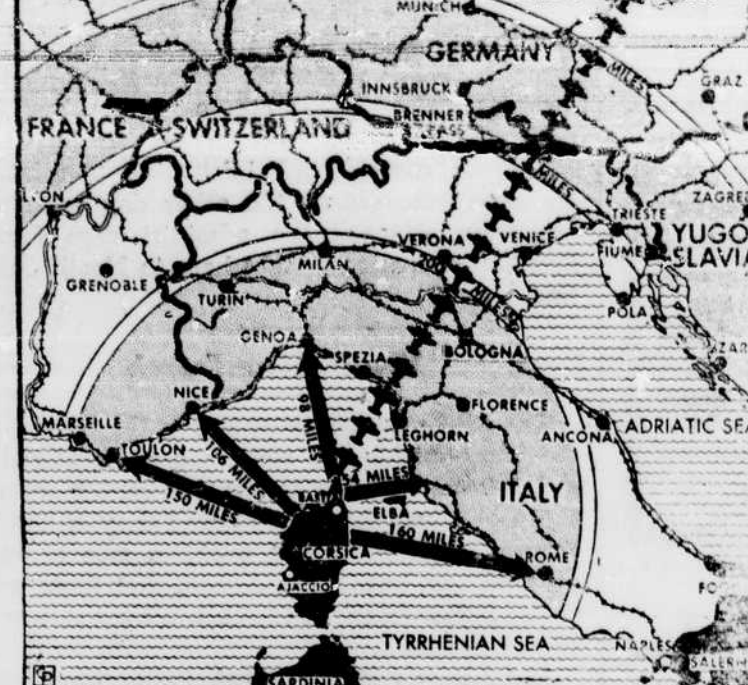
Enters Richmond Hospital Yesterday For Treatment

Mr. T. C. Griffin, prominent Griffins Township farmer and business man, was removed to a Richmond hospital early yesterday morning for treatment and a possible operation. Receiving an injury of the head the latter part of August when a mule jerked and struck him, Mr. Griffin had been feeling poorly much of the time during recent weeks. However, it could not be learned if that injury or something else was causing his trouble. A late report from the hospital stated that he rested very well last night, that he had only two attacks and they were not very severe.

Sweet Home Church Will Hold Home-Coming Service

The Sweet Home Christian Church will hold a home-coming day program Sunday. All former members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

CORSICA - ALLIED SPRINGBOARD



WITH THE WITHDRAWAL of Nazi forces from Corsica, the Allies now possess an excellent springboard for landings in France, and northern and central Italy. In addition, bombers operating from airfields on the strategic Mediterranean island are within effective flying range of many vital enemy targets. Black arrows show distances that would have to be covered to various invasion points; circular lines, the varied ranges for light, medium and heavy bombers. (International)

Local Young Officer Was On Ship Firing First Invasion Shot

Lt. Russell Roebuck Tells of Action in Sicilian Campaign

There were many exciting hours in the Sicilian and Salerno campaigns, Lt. Russell Roebuck declared last night while on a two-day leave here with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. C. B. Roebuck.

"It is no need for one to say he isn't afraid when the bombs start falling close enough to splatter your ship with water and shrapnel," the young man admitted when he was asked about the two campaigns. He explained that he was not at liberty to go into detail, but it was learned from him that his ship was the first one to fire a shell on the Sicilian coast when the Allies moved in at Scoglitti, about fifteen miles west of Gela. According to the young officer, they were assigned to a portion of the beach that was defended principally by Italians. "They turned their search lights on us and one could read a newspaper on our ship with the light, but they never offered to fire on us," the officer declared. The Germans came after daylight and dropped bombs all around us, but we were not hit," he said. The landing was effected at that point apparently without great difficulty, and once the infantry was entrenched, the naval units withdrew for other duties.

The young man did not draw a direct assignment in the Salerno invasion, but "we had a grandstand seat where we could see the fierce anti-aircraft units in action and the big fires ashore," he said. His ship drew an important assignment, but one that proved to be enjoyable rather than dangerous. "We were busy clearing the nearby islands, including Capri, of Germans. We missed Mussolini by less than twelve hours on one of the group," he said.

When they reached the Isle of Capri, about fifteen miles from Naples, the Germans had withdrawn, leaving the property and civilians unharmed for the most part. There was enough food on that particular island to last for two weeks, but on others, the officer said, the population was reduced to a few.

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Two Cases Are Heard By Justice J. L. Hassell

Following several weeks of considerable activity, Justice J. L. Hassell's court was unusually quiet this week. Only two cases were docketed.

Heber Congleton, drunk and disorderly on the highways, was taxed with the costs. A beggar character, was required to pay \$9.50 costs for being drunk and down.

RATION PLANS

Plans for handling the distribution of a gasoline and Book No. 4 for food rations in this county will be completed at a meeting of all white and colored school principals to be held in the courthouse here next Thursday afternoon, October 21, at 3:30 o'clock. A member of the rationing board will explain the procedure.

The schools will handle the distribution of the two ration books during the week beginning Monday, October 25. Eatlon Book No. 4 will be available at both the colored and white schools, but a gas ration will be distributed only by the white schools.

Allied Armies Push Forward On Several Major Fronts Today

Fighting Captured by Drives in Italy and Russia and Air Attacks On Germany

The Allied drive against Hitler's fortress is pushing forward on several fronts today with the American Fifth Army smashing across the Volturno in Italy in increasing volumes and with the Russians virtually eliminating large sections of the Dnieper River as a German defense life in the east. In addition to the progress on the land fronts, the Allies have scored in the air over Germany and on Rabaul, strong Jap base on New Britain.

Bloody fighting along the Volturno with heavy casualties on both sides is being reported as the Fifth Army, made up of British as well as American soldiers, continues to enlarge its bridgehead on the north bank of the stream.

So murderous was the aerial cover given Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's attacking troops that German infantry was pinned down to its defensive positions north of the Volturno and not a single Nazi tank was able to join the battle.

There was no exact information how far Allied vanguards had penetrated beyond the river, but an official announcement that bridgeheads had been established firmly indicated that Clark's troops had pushed northward far enough to insure them against German counterattacks.

Throughout today a stream of Allied tanks, artillery, supplies and men rumbled over the makeshift bridges, braving heavy enemy fire, to support the advance units that were fanning out along the Volturno's northern shore.

Weltering under the sledgehammer blows of Clark's fighters, the Germans were falling back toward the Gargliano River and the Aurunci and Ausoni mountains. There they undoubtedly will make another stand to delay the invaders and permit the Germans to hold on to Rome as long as possible.

A Berlin broadcast said seaborne British troops, following typical Allied leapfrog tactics, had landed at the mouth of the Volturno where it flows into the Mediterranean and threatened to flank the entire German defense system along the stream. There is also a possibility that the Allies will attempt additional landing farther up the coast and cut off the Germans in Rome.

The fierceness with which the Germans are defending Rome indicates their appreciation of the value of the possession of the Eternal City for its political and religious effect. Its eventual loss by them may have all the greater repercussions because of their determined fight for it.

Over in Russia, the Red Army has just about eliminated many sectors of the defense line the Germans were supposed to have established along the Dnieper. A two-pronged drive on the Ukrainian capital of Kiev is making progress, and farther to the south the Russians have captured the industrial center of Zaporozhe, shattering the enemy's defense and opening the way for a landslide into the Crimea. Still farther to the south, the Russians have entered Melitopol and are cleaning out the Germans hanging to roof tops and crouched in cellars. Back in the north, the White Russian city of Gomel is doomed.

A costly but devastating raid was directed against Schweinfurt, great German industrial center where roller bearers were made, yesterday by American heavy bombers. Complete information has not been released, but according to one report the Americans lost sixty planes and 600 men, a record high. It is believed the Germans used their rocket ships in combatting the raiders. On the other side, the Germans are said to have lost 112 or more planes. It was

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First Fathers From County Enter Navy

The first Martin County fathers, called under the Selective Service Act, entered the armed services yesterday. Included in the group were William Patterson, father of four children, and Verner D. Godwin, Jr., father of one child. Both of the young men are from Williamston. They reported to Raleigh where their immediate transfers to some naval training station are expected. It is possible that other fathers were included in the group, but no official audit of the group reporting to the induction center about a week ago could be had here immediately. Carl Mobley, Williams-ton married man, reported to the Navy at the same time.

Reporting to the induction center last week, about forty-one Martin County white men were either drawn for duty with the Navy or Army or were rejected. The men selected for the Navy had only one week to return home and arrange their private affairs. Those selected for army service have about two more weeks before reporting for service.

Enters Durham Hospital Yesterday For Treatment

Experiencing declining health for several months, Mr. C. B. Clark, prominent local druggist, entered a Durham hospital yesterday for treatment and possibly for an operation. He was said to be resting very well today, the report adding that it was likely he would undergo an operation tomorrow.