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Rules For Mailing Christmas Packages To Points Overseas

Mailing Period for Army and Navy Men Overseas Begins September 15

"Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping," Postmaster General Frank C. Walker advises Americans in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is the same—September 15 to October 15. After October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food, is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

"The response that our people made last year during the overseas mailing period demonstrated that they will cooperate in any measure designed for the welfare of our armed forces personnel," Mr. Walker said. "It is not easy to concentrate on Christmas gifts in the midst of warm weather here at home but our people recognized the need, and because they want the men and women who are absent from their homes to know that they are not forgotten at Christmas they took pains to assure prompt delivery of Christmas gifts.

"I know that our people will observe the overseas mailing schedule once more this year but I do wish to stress this fact: More care must be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them clearly and correctly.

"It is not a pleasant thing to visit a postal concentration center and see the numbers of Christmas parcels which will never reach servicemen and servicewomen. Post office personnel have orders to do everything they can to effect delivery of such gifts, because we know how important they are for the happiness of the armed forces. Too frequently, nothing can be done.

"I am sorry that anyone ever mentioned that the size of a shoe box is the approximate limit for packages intended for gift mailings overseas. Unhappily many people became convinced that a shoe box is the best possible container. We must be mindful that these gifts must travel far, with shipping space crowded. If the gifts are to be protected in transit they must be packed in boxes made of metal, wood, solid fiberboard ,or

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Jasper E. Jackson Wounded in France

Pvt. Jasper E. Jackson, 30-year-old son of Mrs. Emma Jackson Gurganus and the late Kelly Jackson, was slightly wounded in France on July 27, according to a message received from the War Department by relatives in the county over the week-end. No details were learned. The last letter received from the young man stated that he was getting along all right. It was written about a week before he was wounded.

Jackson volunteered for service in January, 1941, and after spending about eighteen months at Fort Jackson traveled around quite a bit in this country before going to Northern Ireland and a short time later or early June to France. He was trained at the South Carolina post, [redacted] Tennessee, California, and Colorado.

He is the 30th Martin County man reported wounded in the current war, and the eighth to have been wounded in France.

WOUNDED

Lewis T. Taylor, son of Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker, of Cross Roads Township, and the late Sam Taylor, was seriously wounded in France on June 11th, his mother was just recently advised by the War Department. A later report stated he was recovering.

More Cigarettes Sent To The Boys

The local Lions Club and patriotic citizens of Martin County have just sent another 20,000 cigarettes to be distributed free to members of our fighting forces overseas. The Club's Cigarette Committee requested that this shipment be sent to New Guinea, where quite a few Martin County boys are in action, and it is hoped that these smokes will reach them. The club has now sent 120,000 cigarettes to our front line fighters through the generosity of county citizens.

In a coast-to-coast radio broadcast last Wednesday night, the club and citizens of the county were recognized and congratulated for their generous contributions toward the comfort and enjoyment of our battle front servicemen. During the past few days the club has received cards from boys on the front who have recently received some of the free cigarettes, thanking the club for them. It is assumed that these cards were sent by boys in Italy, where the club sent its first shipment several weeks ago.

The Club's Cigarette Committee has just completed its fifth period collection and it wishes to publicly acknowledge the establishments at which were located the jars with the largest collections. For the second time since this project began, the jar at Terry Brothers Store at Bear Grass won top honors, where $8.50 was donated, due largely to the efforts of the management of that firm.

Second place goes to Martin Supply Co., where $4.60 was collected. Rounding out the "big three" was the Belk-Tyler jar, with $3.55 being contributed, mostly by the employees.

SHOOT 'EM UP BOYS

Possibly with no more experience than that gained on an occasional squirrel or rabbit hunt, three Martin County boys, all of RFD 1, Williamston, went out to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to lead their company in handling a machine gun. A recent report from the replacement center stated that the three young men made the highest scores in their company.

The names of the boys are, Pvt. Bruce W. Coltrain, son of Mrs. Virginia Corey Coltrain; Pvt. Robert D. Perry, son of Mrs. Tom Perry, and Pvt. Dallas T. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jones.

The three were inducted early last April, and Perry and Jones are just about 18 years of age.

Despite His French Local Boy Is Doing All Right in France

Bruce Whitley Says He Wishes He Had Paid More Attention to His Teachers

Making his quarterly war report to The Enterprise, Franklin B. Whitley who is now somewhere in France is apparently doing all right despite his poor French. "Now I surely wish I had paid more attention to Mrs. Bettie Harrell and learned my vocabulary when she was teaching me French. It certainly would come in handy now," Pvt. Whitley said, asking that he be supplied with a dictionary.

Whitley, one of quite a few Martin County boys to move into France during the past few days, was in England for quite a while, but lately he has been doing a bit of traveling. His report follows, in part:

"I have been moving from place to place so often and so fast lately that I haven't had much chance to handle my reports. We were on the alert in England and did quite a bit of moving. I really hated to leave one place where we were stationed for a while. I had become acquainted with quite a few families about the place and it was mostly in the rural district and most of the transportation was by foot. It gave me a place to go at night and really enjoy myself, and get away for the time being from the old grind of Army life and feel again what life was like on the outside.

"The first stop we made after leaving our old station was at a very nice place, but we weren't there but only three days—the fourth one we rode all day. When I left there it was for an embarkation point, and I surely hated to leave there because there was nothing to bother you, and all you had to do was eat and sleep and drink—if you could find enough money among the boys. I haven't been paid since May 15, and I have been broke well over a month. I was kept on pins there because we had to move out by night and when we went to bed we were expecting to be called at any hour. The call finally came and now I'm over here where they are really having a little fireworks.

"I haven't seen but very little here yet. The trip across the Channel was uneventful and was nothing more than another boat ride. I did see a load of prisoners moving from France.

"I really have been roughing it as far as living goes here. Haven't had a good meal since I left the boat. I have been eating K and C rations and heating them as best I could on an open fire around my tent and foxhole. And speaking of foxholes, they are something everybody wants around here.

"The people here seem to be rather friendly; that is, those I have seen. Most of them are rural people and they don't seem to have been affected by the war very much, but I guess one can get use to anything in four years whether he likes it or not. I don't know, but I guess it is quite different in and around the cities and towns, but so far I haven't been to any except to pass through.

"It is quite hard to talk with the people here, but I guess I'm doing very well with my hand pointing and head shaking. We are building an airdrome here at the present and my job now is on a machine gun, guarding against possible air attack. My emplacement is near a home of a widow with eight children. They work on the farm and their ages range from seven to twenty-four years. I have been taking French lessons from the kids. One can pick up right much from them and they seem very willing to help, but I do believe they will learn to speak English or American as they call it, before I learn to speak

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'Old Age' Triumphs Over Army Youths

All this talk about old-timers have no chance against youth was knocked into a cocked hat last Sunday afternoon when Foster, 53-year-old-[redacted] pitched the Williamston Bears, colored baseball team, to a six-to-three victory over Army youths from Camp Butner. The old-timer struck out ten men and allowed only five hits. While Foster's work featured the game, the team, as a whole, played air-tight ball and offered a bang-up defense and offense.

After playing along with the score tied at one-all the Bears forged ahead when Ridley, manager of the Bears, took Armstrong's place at bat and laid down a bunt to score one of three men on bases. From then on the Bears held to their advantage. The visitors used nineteen players, including three pitchers, but the "mill gang" turned back everything the Army could offer.

Four times previously the service team had turned the Bears back, and while the law of averages may have had something to do wth it, the "mill gang's" superb playing was really the pay-off. Mobley homered for the Bears to figure in one of the game's highspots.

Approximately 500 witnessed the game.

MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

(Reviewed from old Enterprise files twenty-seven years ago)

October 12, 1917.

Dr. John D. Biggs, who served for several months on the County Exemption Board, has resigned and Mr. John L. Hassell, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy.

On Saturday (tomorrow) the third squad of drafted men will leave for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. The men leaving are: Lanier Harmon Matthews, William Henry Carson, Henry G. Simpson, Robert A. Taylor, John Henry Peel, Levi L. Riddick, Wade Davis, Wiley, Luther Bailey, Murdock Ayers, Jesse C. Ange, Thomas H. Wynn.

Monday afternoon at the rest rooms of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, the women of Martin County perfected an organization of the Woman's Council of Defense for the County. Mrs. John D. Biggs was made permanent chairman, and the other officers were chosen for the work. The chief object of the council is to get the women to pledge for the safety of the nation by using strict economy in food, dress and in all things pertaining to household expenses.

October 26, 1917.

John Tyndall, who was in the selective draft and left here with the squad of Martin County men on September 21st, has been released from military service, and he arrived here to resume his work with the Williamston Telephone Company. On account of his usefulness in that special branch of the business of the country, he was given an honorable discharge. In speaking of the life of the camp at Columbia, he gave a very pleasant report, stating that the work was not so strenuous and that the food furnished was excellent and plentiful.

November 2, 1917.

The women of Williamston and Martin County registered for services on Saturday. It happened that the Chairman of Registration for the State, Mrs. Waddell, of Henderson, sent only 350 cards to Miss Mayo Lamb for distribution, and this number was wholly inadequate. Many of the women went to their respective school houses and signed the cards for service either at home or wherever the government wanted them to go.

Though Martin County did not make up its apportionment of $238,-140, the campaign was waged vigorously by both men and women. The

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Whitfield's Story Can't Be Told Now

Sgt. Melvin Whitfield, Martin County man who has had a hectic time in the current war, has told many hair-raising adventures, but his story can't be publicly released until after the war, he explained last Friday. Censorship rules and regulations apply to most of his adventures.

He confirmed the War Department messages, telling that he was missing and later captured and then missing again and his return to duty.

Whitfield, apparently in good health despite his ordeals, has promised to record his travels at an early date for publication after the war.

Navy Recruiter Will Be Here Wednesday

Harry Gatton, Navy recruiter from the New Bern recruiting station, announced today that he will be located in the Williamston Post Office building on Wednesday, August 16th.

Seventeen-year-old men are asked to contact him for information about the increased quota now open in the Navy. Ladies 20 to 36 interested in the Waves are also invited to contact Recruiter Gatton for information on the Waves.

Gatton is petty officer in charge of the Chief New Bern recruiting district.

BARN FIRES

At least six tobacco barns have been destroyed by fire in the county so far this season according to incomplete reports reaching here yesterday. The latest one to burn was in Cross Roads Township, and belonged to Farmer Ralston Gurganus and Pvt. Tom Barnhill, who is now overseas. The fire burned electric lines in two and threatened other buildings.

Others losing barns in the county include: C. C. Whitaker, Cross Roads; James Russell Cherry, J. W. Bailey and Edmond Harris, Bear Grass; Roy Edmondson, Goose Nest.

Using a new barn, Farmer Edmondson literally "graded" a barn in the field and that one was lost.

Allied Forces Launch Powerful Thrust On The Southern Coast Of France Early This Morning

Ninety-three Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

No Large Truck Tires Included in Rations Released Last Friday

Ninety-three tires—83 for cars and ten for small trucks—were released by the Martin County Rationing Board last Friday night. No large truck tires were included in the rations, and applications for that type of tires are beginning to pile up.

Local tire dealers are unable to meet the demand for auto tires, and the prospects are not bright for any immediate relief. One manufacturer, commenting on the shortage of car tires, said in a letter to a dealer this week: "Due to unexpected production problems, the factory will not be able to ship the number of passenger tires and tubes originally allotted." The problems were not explained, but it was stated that shipments would be reduced 50 per cent or more.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

L. H. Rawls, Oak City, two.
Gower Crosswell, Jr., Spartanburg, S. C., one.
David N. Hix, Williamston, one.
Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, one.
W .L. Brown, Jamesville, one.
John A. Ward, Williamston, two.
W. M. Harrison, Williamston, one.
T. B. Slade, Hamilton, one.
James D. Riddick, Everetts, one.
Maurice Moore, Jr., Williamston, one.
David A. Boyd, Hamilton, one.
V. G. Taylor, Everetts, one.
Crawford Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, one.
C. B. Saunders, Williamston, one.
John D. Lilley, Williamston, two.
Ottis Wainwright, Jamesville, two.
B. C. Chesson, Robersonville, two.
Clifton L. Powell, Robersonville, one.
W .O. Abbitt, Williamston, one.
C. F. Modlin, Jamesville, one.
Elmer R. Edmondson, RFD 1, Bethel, one.
Mrs. Patsy Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
Jessie Peel, RFD 3, Washington, one.
R. O. Purvis, Bethel, one.
Mosella Ebron, RFD 2, Robersonville, two.
Henry Pitt, Oak City, one.
A. S. Roberson, Sr., Robersonville, two.
Isaac Purvis, Hamilton, two.
W. E. Manning, RFD 1, Jamesville, one.
J. R. Rawls, Oak City, one.
Mayo Hardison, Williamston, one.
B. A. Daniels, Jamesville, one.
John Chance, Bethel, one.
R .J. Sydenstricker, Hamilton, four.
Royal E. Gurganus, Jamesville, one.
M. E. Jackson, Robersonville, one.
Lester Scott, Robersonville, two.
Thurston Jones, RFD 2, Robersonville, two.
Wiley Lanier, RFD 1, Williamston, one.
Mark Chesson, Williamston, one.
Jack Everett, Parmele, one.
Mrs. Shirley B. White, Williamston, one.
Gaston Andrews, Robersonville, two.
Elijah Council, RFD 1, Bethel, two.
Lawrence E. Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, one.

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Returns From Stay In Foreign Service

Robert Barnes, local young colored man, returned home from about eighteen months' foreign service in North Africa and Italy. Asked if he was glad to get back home, the young man said, "That's understood."

Assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, Barnes was in Africa about ten months and moved over to Italy for several months. While in Africa he fell out of a truck and was hospitalized for about ten weeks.

Barnes stated that he was not very favorably impressed by the Italian people, as a whole. "There are some good and some bad Italians," he said. Some of them, according to the returned soldier, look upon the United States as a country flowing with milk and honey, and they try to "milk you." Sanitary conditions were described as bad among most of the Italians, and morals, in many instances, are at a low level there, according to the impressions gained by Barnes who leaves the latter part of this month for Camp Davis for reassignment.

At least two other Martin County men, Harry Martin and Melvin Whitfield, recently returned from overseas, and a few others are expected shortly.

WOUNDED

Pvt. Jasper E. Jackson, son of Mrs. Emma Jackson Gurganus and the late Kelly Jackson of Bear Grass Township, was slightly wounded in France on July 27, relatives in the county were advised by the War Department last week-end.

Second Son Injured In Action Recently

Staff Sergeant William L. Taylor, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Minion Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, was painfully but not seriously wounded in action on the French front June 30, according to a message received by his mother from the War Department a short time ago.

Apparently the young man has recovered from his wounds and is back in service. In a letter received last week, the young man stated that he was getting along all right but that he was tired of fighting. It is understood that fragments from a bursting shell tore into his shoulder.

The young man volunteered for service four years ago. After spending two years at Fort Bragg he was in the vanguard that moved on North Africa nearly two years ago. He also participated in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, later going to London for a short stay before going to France the early part of June. He is in the infantry.

The casualty message was the second received by Mr. and Mrs. Minion Taylor. The other son, Dallas Marion, of the Navy, had a landing tank ship blown from under him somewhere in the Pacific in late May or June and he was burned. In a letter to his mother, the young seaman said that he managed to get his shoes off, that he swam ashore and then ran about two miles inland.

ROUND-UP

Five persons, three white and two colored, were rounded up by local and county officers and military police in this section last week-end. A youthful soldier whose name was not disclosed, was arrested and jailed by military police following a scuffle at the bus station. Night sticks were used on the fellow, who, according to reports, had been drinking. After receiving medical attention he was restricted and returned to Camp Butner yesterday for a military trial.

Four of the five persons arrested and jailed were booked for public drunkenness, the other for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Second Invasion Of France Meeting with No Great Opposition

Late Reports State That Allies Have Driven More Than Twenty Miles Inland

Allied forces, mostly Americans but including a special French Army and others, launched a powerful invasion attack on Southern France early this morning, first reports stating that the invasion encountered no great opposition and that the drive had been extended inland for a distance of twenty miles a few hours after the initial landing at 8 o'clock.

Only meager details of the new drive could be had immediately, but the undertaking is no little affair and one that would have startled the world had it not come at a time when other Allied forces are threatening entire enemy armies to the north and east.

Observers are guessing the goal of the new invasion, most of them agreeing that the drive will be aimed to connect Allied forces in the north and to mark the beginning of an all-out movement by patriots of the underground throughout a greater part of France. Vichy and other centers strongly dominated by Germans and pro-Germans have not been heard from since the drive was launched.

The drive was centered along the French Mediterranean coast from Marseilles and Toulon and possibly Nice. Allied bombers had softened the area and just before the regular Army forces started storming ashore this morning at 8 o'clock, large numbers of warships poured salvo after salvo into the shore installations. One report stated that the shore batteries did not reply, and that the landings were effected without great opposition. More than 800 ships, including American, British, French, Dutch and Belgian, supported the invasion.

It is generally believed that Hitler has pulled many of his men from that area in the apparently futile attempt to save his hide in the north. At the same time, the Allied drive in the south has not detracted any strength from the north.

It would seem that Hitler can't stand up so very much longer under the poundings now being directed against him in northern and southern France, in Italy, and on the Eastern Front. However, the outlook is five

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Sgt. Fred Taylor Now In Asheville

Recovering from an ulcerated stomach in an Asheville hospital, Sgt. Fred Taylor is expected to be able to return home soon, he told his sister, Miss Mamie Clyde Taylor, in a telephone conversation day before yesterday.

In England for almost two years, Sgt. Taylor returned by plane to this country two weeks ago and was removed to Asheville after a stay of one week in New York.

His brother, Eli Marion, has taken up on the other side about where Fred left off, and it is quite possible that some of the progress in France since the early part of July is traceable to his presence and work there.

Late reports from "Sammy" state un[redacted]ite serious now, that he is attending church regularly, and longs for the day when he can return home. He was quoted as saying that he'll never mind sitting up at a tobacco barn, priming tobacco or handling other tiring farm tasks.

County Servicemen Applying For General Election Ballots

Forty-five Martin County servicemen, many of them overseas, have already applied for ballots for use in the general election next November, Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, announced this week. It is fairly apparent that a large number of the approximately 2,000 Martin County men in the armed forces will participate in the general election.

Approximately 100 servicemen applied for ballots for use in the last May primary, but hardly one-third of the tickets were ever returned and of the small number returned some of them were received too late to be counted. Ample time is being allowed for the distribution and return of the ballots for the general election, and it is believed that a far greater number of the young men will cast ballots on November 7th than were cast in the primary last May.

Thirty-nine requests have been received through the office of the Secretary of State directly from the servicemen, while relatives have filed applications for ballots for their sons or brothers in the service. To save time and to make certain that those young men in remote corners of the earth will have a chance to participate in the general election, relatives at home are cordially asked to apply for the absentee ballots for the men in service, especially for those overseas. An application form may be procured from the various registrars, or a proper form will be found in this paper today. Cut out the application, fill it in with the proper names, home address and present address and mail it to Mr. Sylvester Peel, Chairman, RFD 1, Williamston. Parents, brothers, sisters or children of the serviceman may prepare and file the application or the serviceman may file it himself.

Delay School Openings Until September 18 In The County

Meeting in special session here yesterday, members of the Martin County Board of Education ordered the opening of the county schools delayed until Monday, September 18, the action conforming to recommendations made by health authorities. It was the opinion of some members of the board that the delay will be of no great aid in preventing the spread of infantile paralysis since many children are moving to and from various places and can be seen in small groups on the streets. However, the board dared not take a chance and called for the delayed opening date. It is possible, however, that the date will be changed to the 15th if there is any appreciable decrease in the spread of the disease between now and the early part of September.

Very little other business was before the special meeting. A counter offer, carrying a stipulated amount of $5,750, was made for a house and lot in Jamesville to be used as a teacherage. The owners had asked $7,600.

With one or two exceptions, the various school faculty elections are fairly complete, the office of the superintendent announcing that a principal had been elected for the Bear Grass School. Mr. B. M. Shacklette, a native of Kentucky but for many years a teacher in the schools of this State, was said to have formally accepted the position this week. Mr. Shacklette holds an M. A. degree, and during the past four years was a member of the Bowles Prep School Faculty in Florida. He comes to his new post highly recommended. He isn't a young man, but he enjoys good health, one report stating that he had not missed a class recitation in two years.