

Mr. Howe Taylor Crockett Tells Of Experiences In Africa In Letter

Private Howe Taylor Crockett is the son of Rev. Mr. S. R. Crockett, of Hazelwood, and has been in the service since May, 1942. He has been in action in the Purple Heart. He is attached to the First Division headed by Gen. Terry Allen and Gen. ...

closer to the enemy position we began to see signs of battle—a dead horse or mule, abandoned equipment, and then rows of French and Italian and German helmets—mostly French. I think the French were caught here by some mechanized equipment and suffered heavy losses. They caused the enemy to retire to a position higher on the mountain though. We set up our guns and got pretty well dug in by daylight. I nosed about a little and found some Germans with bayonet holes in them. The French did a lot of their work at night with the bayonet. I didn't like the looks of this place. The Germans had the habit of giving up a position and withdrawing to one which dominated the one they had left. When Allied troops moved in they would receive punishing fire and generally a strong counter attack which was apt to force their withdrawal. This place looked like an ideal set-up for this kind of tactics to me. Just as it was getting good daylight one of our rifle patrols ran into enemy machine gun fire. It wasn't long before things began to happen. We got an order to

break down the guns and get out of there. It seems that we had been led to the wrong place. At this time mortar shells began dropping all around us. The gun I was with had been moved only about five seconds when a shell hit exactly where it had stood. Fortunately no one was hit at that spot. The battalion made, to put it mildly, a precipitate strategic withdrawal, hastened by shells which fell among us constantly until we had made better than two miles. There weren't as many casualties as you would expect though. A shell would land near a group of soldiers and when the smoke and dust cleared you could see most of them still on their feet. When we had gotten away from their shell fire the battalion reorganized and prepared for a counter attack. We moved out of this position that night and into a sector of the front that the Italian Marines had just been driven from. Another regiment of the First Division had slipped up on their position just before day and had given them the cold steel, bayoneting a large number and taking quite a number of prisoners. This place was where I picked up the Arab soldier's saddle blanket for a souvenir. The French fought here first. The Italians and Germans

made a strong counter attack, but had to fall back suffering heavy losses. They used everything they had, including flame throwers. A flame thrower is carried on the back and shoots a jet of flame seventy-five feet. We were told that Rommel's troops were expected to attempt to break through here and the position was to be held at all cost; however, we spent the easiest twenty days here that I experienced. They shelled our position so near the same time every day that you could about tell what time it was. At this time and place enemy planes were practically all we saw. They would strafe the troops once in a while. It was here that some humorist started the parody of "His famous last words—It's a Spitfire." In other words, it did not pay to make a mistake in identification. It turned out that Jerry chose Kasserine Pass to break through instead of our position. We were moved around to counter attack (the 16th). The success of this counter attack was said to change the complexion of the whole North African Campaign. It was comparatively easy for the infantry, as the air force, artillery and mechanized force did most of the work here. We did a lot of hard walking but did not suffer many casualties.

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The Army, the Navy and the Marines are doing everything they can to see that Japan's military plans are carried out—a stretch. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Joe Wyatt, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his office in Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 23rd day of June, 1944, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of June, 1943. T. L. GREEN, Administrator of the estate of Joe Wyatt. 1311—June 24 July 1-8-15-22-29

the Tunisian Campaign covered a good deal of territory; some like from North Georgia, through the Nantahala and Great Smoky Mountains and down through the mountains to Chattanooga. As you know the Atlas Mountains are over 13,000 feet; and the Sahara varies from the cork oak covering the slopes nearer the Mediterranean and the high plateaus which the Arabs use almost exclusively in grain. For miles all you can see is unbroken grain fields planted to the top of the big dome hills with the exception of the pasture land and the spurs and ridges which are too rocky and steep to cultivate. I wondered how so much land turned until I saw forty big plowing in one field. Five men to the plow. I also noticed McCormick binders and a few combine and tractors. In this well wooded country I also saw the cattle and finest horses. A horse sight was to see a pair of Arabs silhouetted on the ridge riding single file through green grainfield; all astride the stallions saddled with big brown saddle blankets and high-backed saddles, all wearing white wraps. The Arabs here were more prosperous looking than any others I saw. On the Sahara side there are pine forests blending into the mountains and then cactus in the scene changes to a huge mass of barren cliffs and jagged, grotesquely towering sand slabs of rock; with the barren valley floors lying between the ranges. Such was the country we fought over. After the battle of Oran the regiment I am in first went into action against the Axis in the Ouseletta where a German Panzer force had broken through. The night we moved into a position where the French had a fight the night before. We left our bivouac and the battalion started to move into the new position at twelve o'clock. As we got

LAST CALL FOR 1942 TAXES The Law Requires That We ADVERTISE and SELL All Property On Which 1942 Taxes Have Not Been Paid. The Names Of All Delinquent Taxpayers Will Be Published IN AUGUST And Sold On 1st Monday In September No Extension Of Time Will Be Given! Notice is also given that we will garnishee and levy on all personal property on which taxes are due. J. E. FERGUSON, Tax Collector and Tax Supervisor Of Haywood County

STATEMENT STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y. Condition December 31, 1942, As Shown By Statement Filed. Amount of Capital paid in cash \$1,500,000.00 Income Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$9,148,119.32; Total, \$10,648,119.32

STATEMENT STAR INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, N. Y. Condition December 31, 1942, As Shown By Statement Filed. Amount of Capital paid in cash \$1,000,000.00 Income Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$6,695,829.58; Total, \$7,695,829.58

STATEMENT STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILL. Condition December 31, 1942, As Shown By Statement Filed. Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, \$25,635,366.19; Total, \$26,635,366.19

ASSETS 6,981,948.74 Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest 2,091,167.04 Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1942 874,292.33

ASSETS 6,981,411.11 Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest 499,889.98 Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1942 473,362.78

ASSETS 1,489,830.07 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 1,377,707.06 Value of Bonds and Stocks 22,457,283.04

NOTICE OF SALE Monday, August 23rd, 1943. eleven o'clock A. M., at the court house in Waynesville, I will sell for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following lands, being in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, particularly bounded as follows: BEGINNING on a stake, which is six feet from the pavement on Pigeon Street, and is the southwest corner of Lot No. 2, and thence N. 45° W. 77 feet to a stake; thence S. 50° W. 110 feet to a stake; thence S. 60° W. 80 feet to a stake; thence S. 27° 30' E. 18 feet to a stake; westmost corner of Josephine Love's lot; thence with Josephine Love's line, 40° 15' E. 221 feet to a stake, the stake is six feet from pavement on Pigeon Street, and Josephine Love's northwest corner; thence N. 45° W. 18 feet to the BEGINNING, being all of Lot No. 2 and 18 feet off the northwest corner of Lot No. 2 of T. S. Brown state lands. Being the same lot or parcel of land conveyed in a deed from A. T. Morgan, Trustee, to J. R. Morgan, dated December 17, 1937, and recorded in Book 100, at page 288, Haywood County Registry. Sale made pursuant to the power of authority conferred upon the undersigned by that certain deed of trust dated February 22, 1938, and executed by Moses Osborne and recorded in Book 39, Page 147, Haywood County Registry, to which instrument and record reference is hereby made for all the terms and conditions thereof. Said sale will be made subject to a deed of trust on the lands conveyed, in favor of Home Owners Loan Corporation. This July 22, 1943. J. R. MORGAN, Trustee. 1311—July 29-Aug. 5-12-19