

Blue Token System Will Be Abolished After Sept. 30

Use of blue ration tokens will be discontinued October 1 in line with the sharp reduction of the amount of processed food under rationing, according to the Office of Price Administration.

Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, said that in the future processed food point values will be set so that most items will have values in multiples of 10, "enabling housewives to use their 10-point blue stamps without point change being needed."

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes has announced and it went into effect September 17 that practically all canned and bottled vegetables and fruit spreads will be removed from rationing. Only canned fruits and a few other items will continue to require points.

In a modification of present usage of the 1-point blue tokens, OPA announced that between September 17 and October 1 retailers will not give blue tokens to customers as change. Also, during that period shoppers will be able to spend blue tokens only in units of 10.

Housewives will be permitted to pool their tokens during that time to make up groups of 10, OPA said, but fewer than 10 will not be accepted. None may be used after September 30.

The blue tokens, together with red ones for meats and dairy products, have been in use since February 27.

In France



PRIVATE DWIGHT HALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hall of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, and husband of Mrs. Alawayne Phillip Hall, is now serving in France. Pvt. Hall is attached to the 6th Armored Division which made a 250 mile push in a 10-day period up the Brittany Peninsula, under the command of Maj. Gen. Robert W. Gow.

The Sixth smashed from Lessay to the outskirts of Brest between July 28 and Aug. 7, capturing more than 5,000 Germans, including Lt. Gen. Karl Spang. Liberated French resistance groups played a major role in the Sixth Armored's advance, holding towns and road junctions, clearing road blocks, assisting engineers in building bridges and acting as road guides, after the Americans had swept through. The group surged forward so rapidly that they found themselves operating beyond areas covered by maps in hand, according to a news story in The Stars and Stripes of Aug. 22.

On August 27 the Sixth Armored division held a memorial in France for their fallen comrades in the Brittany Campaign. At the services Silver Stars and Bronze Stars were given various officers for their gallantry in action.

Pvt. Hall entered the service on Feb. 12, 1943 and was inducted at Camp Croft and from there transferred to Fort Jackson, and then to Camp Cooke, Calif. From the latter he was sent to an embarkation port in the East and then to England, from which he was sent

Woodmen To Meet In Brevard For Annual Meeting

Around 300 Woodmen and members of the Woodmen Circle, are expected to attend the semi-annual regional W. O. W. log rolling convention at Brevard on October 7th.

The afternoon sessions of the convention and the women's circle will begin at 2 o'clock. This will be followed by a barbecue at the Pink Beds, in Pisgah National Forest. In the evening there will be a program in the Brevard high school auditorium. M. B. Camak, principal of the Ware Shoals, S. C., high school, two national directors of the order, and other prominent figures in Woodman circles will speak at this time. This will be followed by a street dance, for which music will be provided by Rhett Talley's string band.

On Sunday, October 8, a banquet will be unveiled at the grave of the late A. B. Galloway in Gillespie cemetery.

Pvt. Chas. E. Russell Here On Furlough

Private Chas. E. Russell, son of Mrs. John G. Russell and the late Mr. Russell of Allen's Creek, has returned to Camp Cooke, Calif., after spending a 11-day furlough with his mother.

Pvt. Russell was inducted in the service on February 9th of this year at Fort Bragg and from there was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla. After taking his basic training he reported to Camp Cooke, Calif., where he is now serving with an Infantry division.

Before entering the service Pvt. Russell was engaged in trucking.

to France. Before entering the service Pvt. Hall was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Local Men Member Of Outstanding Infantry Division In Italy

Pvt. Robert L. Gunter, of route one, and a rifleman with an Infantry regiment, is fighting along the Arno River in Italy, according to a war department news release.

The unit that Pvt. Gunter is attached has piled up more hours in actual combat than many American divisions have time overseas, the release continued. First elements of this division sailed from Ireland in January, 1942, one of the first infantry units to go overseas in this war.

Cadet Harry W. Evans Now At Athens, Ga.

Naval Aviation Cadet Harry W. Evans of Waynesville, has reported to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Athens, Ga., for intensive physical training and ground school study. The course, of at least three months duration, is a preliminary step in the progressive stages of flight training for future Navy, Coast Guard and Marine combat pilots.

Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans, graduated from Waynesville high school in 1942 and attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in the Navy V-12 program for one year. He completed Naval Flight Preparatory School at Columbia, S. C.

Sgt. Edgar Williamson Now Stationed in England

Sgt. Edgar Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williamson, is now serving in England, according to information received by his parents this week.

Sgt. Williamson entered the service in March, 1942 and was inducted in Dallas, Tex. Prior to being sent overseas he was stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex., and Camp Ellis, Ill. At the time he entered the service Dallas, Tex. was his headquarters.

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