

Floyd Putnam Awarded Bronze Star in Germany

Floyd Putnam, Infantry, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, has been awarded the Bronze Star for his achievement in connection with military operations during the enemy's retreat in Germany...

Sunday School Lesson

The Defeat of the Southern Kingdom

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for May 20 is I Kings 12:1-17; II Kings 11-25; Jeremiah 18-39, the Memory Verse being Romans 12:21, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.")

A LONG period is covered in the lesson today—from the division of the kingdom to the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B. C. Jerusalem is the primary location of the lesson.

The first king of Judah, Rehoboam, wanted to wage war on the northern kingdom, but was forbidden to do so by word from the Lord. Judah was later invaded by the king of Egypt, who took away the treasures of the king's house and all the golden shields Solomon had made.

We now turn to the reign of King Joash, who, when he was seven years old, was hidden by his aunt because there was a slaughter of the seed of David. He was hidden thus for seven years and then the high priest, Jehoiada, took him to the temple where he was proclaimed king and anointed, to the shouts of the people, "God save the king."

While this fine old priest lived Joash's rule prospered, but after his death the king and nobles overthrew the regime and began again to worship idols. Syria invaded the kingdom near the end of Joash's reign, and so frightened the king that he bought off the king of Syria by emptying the treasures of the Lord's house and giving them to him.

Reverts to Idol Worship

Amaziah, son of Joash, reigned for 29 years. He began to serve the Lord, but reverted to idol worship and was assassinated. Uzziah reigned for 52 years. He was an agriculturist, engineer and military strategist, and the land prospered under him, but his head was turned by his success and when he assumed the role of the priest the Lord struck him with leprosy. King Hezekiah started a revival which was fortunate for Judah as it was at a crisis in its history. She needed to be led back to God, which Hezekiah did. Of him it was said, "After him was none like him among all the kings of Judah nor any that were before him."

Hezekiah was victorious over the Philistines and then was attacked by Sennacherib, king of Assyria. At first he sent money to the Assyrian king and silver from the temple. This king's armies

were destroying every city they came to, as he said in a letter to Hezekiah. The king was much upset over this letter and took it to the temple, and spread it before the Lord. That night the angel of the Lord went out and smote the Assyrian hosts and killed them all.

The next 88-year period had at first two wicked kings, Manasseh and Amon, then Josiah, one of the greatest to sit upon the throne of Judah. He came to the throne when he was only eight years old. When he was 20 he began to correct abuses, beginning with the cleansing of the temple. During this work they discovered a parchment roll which proved to be the temple copy of the law which should have been kept within the ark. Hilkiah, the priest, gave the roll to Shaphan, the scribe, who read it to the king. The latter took the advice of Huldah, the prophetess, and called a vast concourse of people to hear the reading of the Book of the Law. Later they celebrated a great Passover.

Dies in Foreign Land

Jehoiach succeeded Josiah, but undid his father's good work and was put in chains by the Egyptians and died in Egypt. His brother, Jehoiakim, ascended the throne and reigned for 11 years, and at this time occurred the first of Nebuchadnezzar's four invasions of the kingdom. Jehoiakim became the servant of Nebuchadnezzar. He died a captive in Babylon.

Jehoiachin was put on the throne by Nebuchadnezzar, but only reigned three months. The 20th and last king of Judah was Zedekiah, third son of Josiah. Then occurred the last and final invasion of Jerusalem and its utter destruction. On orders from Nebuchadnezzar the temple, palace, nobles' houses, all were deliberately set on fire, and afterwards jackals wandered even over the sacred hill of Zion.

During these last years of the kingdom of Judah arose a great prophet, Jeremiah. He was a strong, firm, immovable man who loved his people but was compelled always to prophesy evil for them. Hezekiah allowed him to be thrown into a well, where he was sinking in the mire when he was rescued. He lived much under the king's "protective custody." King and nobles asked his advice, but didn't often act upon it. In the end he was carried off to Egypt by Jewish refugees, who felt it was well to have a prophet with them, even if they did not follow his counsel.

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Pfc. Wm. A. Dills Serving With AAF In England

Private First Class William A. Dills, of Waynesville, electrician, is serving at an Eighth Air Force Liberator station in England, according to information received from headquarters.

Pfc. Dills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Dills, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, and his wife, Mrs. Hazel Dills, also resides at the same address. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Pet Dairy Products Company here. He entered the army in 1942 and has been in England since March, 1944.

At the Liberator heavy bomber base, Pfc. Dills is among the men honored at a special review commemorating the services of those who, through faithful performance of their duties, have supported the combat fliers of the 445 Bombardment group in the course of 280 bombing missions during the past 17 months in England.

According to Col. W. W. Jones, station commander: "No one realizes better than those who fly in combat the essential role played by the men who back them up by work on the ground. Upon the performance of these soldiers, whose tasks are often tedious and seemingly remote from combat relations, has depended the welfare and safety of every combat crew and the successful completion of every bombing attack. They deserve great credit."

The group with which Pfc. Dills is serving has also been cited for distinguished and outstanding service.

Cpl. Fred D. Hooper Serving In Germany

Corporal Fred D. Hooper, son of Mrs. W. H. Hooper, of Cowarts, who was employed by the Unagusta Manufacturing Company, of Hazelwood, is now serving in Germany. He entered the service in June, 1940.

Cpl. Hooper has four brothers in the service. His mother recently had a letter from his commanding officer, who stated that her son was happy and in good health, and that she need not worry about him.

When he resided in Haywood county at the time he entered the service, Cpl. Hooper made his home with Mrs. M. L. Hooper on the Balsam Road.

Torch Hazardous

Don't use a plumber's torch to thaw pipes. In inexperienced hands, the torch may be a dangerous instrument. It may cause fire or an explosion of ice turned to steam in closed pipes.

In China



PFC. ROBERT JUSTICE, son of Mrs. Earl Justice, of Waynesville, who has spent the past fourteen months in India is now in China for a rest period according to information received by his mother from his commanding officer. He entered the service in 1942 and was inducted at Fort Dix, N. J. before being sent overseas. He was assigned to the following camps: Camp Swift, Tex.; Shreveport, La.; Camp Leonard Wood, and Ft. George Meade, Md. At the time he entered the service he was employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Pfc. Justice has two brothers in the service. Billy Justice, seaman first class, now in Pacific theater and Alvin Justice, S 2/c now stationed at the Jacksonville Naval Air Base, in Florida.

Excerpts from a letter to his mother follow: "Pfc. Justice is in good health. It will interest you to know that the troops of this unit have completed their combat missions. They are now at a position to write to their families and friends direct, therefore this will be the final letter from this headquarters. If at first you do not hear from him as often as you would like, please understand that he has been through a long and arduous campaign against our enemy.

"He and his unit did a splendid job and are now undergoing a period of readjustment. Please write him as often as possible. Your letters mean so much to him.

"To all of you who were worried and could not understand why you did not hear from your loved ones direct, it may now be stated

Sgt. Jack E. Wright Returns To Duty After Recovery

Sergeant Jack E. Wright, of Hazelwood, who was seriously wounded on November 22, 1944, in the European theatre, has recovered and recently been released for duty from the United States Army General Hospital, England, according to information received from the hospital.

Sgt. Wright entered the service in June, 1943, and was inducted at Camp Croft. From there he was sent to Fort George Meade, Md., and overseas, where he has served for the past year.

Sgt. Wright is a member of an Infantry unit. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company.

that they were a part of the Malt Task Force, which was engaged in a long hard fight in Burma. We are certain you have heard through your newspapers and magazines and radio of the large part they have played in our victories over the enemy in this theater. They were instrumental in effecting the reopening of the Burma Road which will have bearing on the final victory. We are proud of their achievements."

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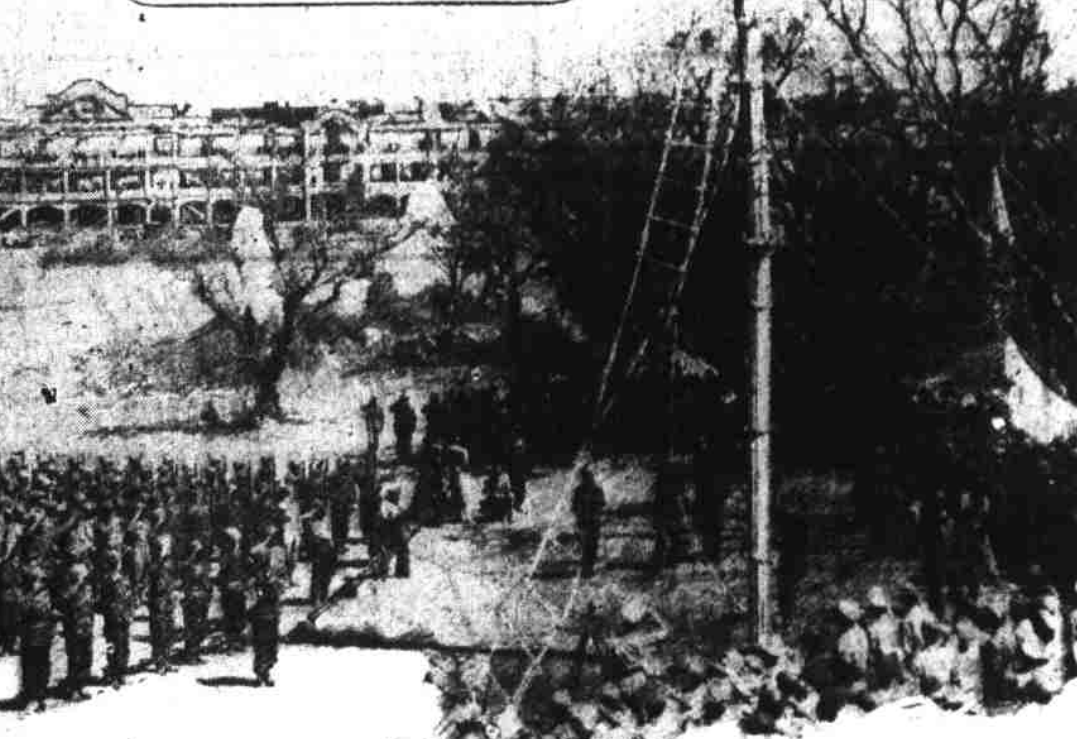
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