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July Bride



MRS. CHARLES LEE ISLEY

... whose marriage to Mr. Isley took place in Clayton, Ga., on July 19th at the Clayton Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. D. D. Harris officiating. The bride was before her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hubert Caldwell, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2. The bridegroom reported to Fort

Clyde Sergeant Is  
Given Citation

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Staff Sgt. Frederick J. Trantham, Clyde, recently was awarded the Division Citation for outstanding performance of duty in Italy.

He served on the Fifth Army front in the 346th Field Artillery Battalion of the 91st "Powder River" Division.

The award citation read: "As mess sergeant, Trantham performed his duties in such a superior manner as to effect the health, morale, and fighting efficiency of his battery in a most beneficial way."

His wife, Mrs. Matilda I. Trantham, lives on Route 1 at Clyde.

Miss Dorothy Richeson is spending her vacation at Virginia Beach as the guest of a classmate at Peace Junior College.

Bragg last week for active service in the armed forces. A graduate of Davidson College, he has been director of the high school band here for the past three years. The bride is residing for the present with her parents, but plans to continue her education while her husband is in service.

Marian Rickards  
Becomes Bride of  
Sgt. S. G. Kneale

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Marian Rickards, of Canton, and Sgt. Sam G. Kneale, United States Army Air Forces, which took place in a ceremony at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Central Methodist church.

The Rev. E. P. Billups, pastor, performed the ceremony. A program of wedding music was presented by Mrs. Roy Pless, organist, and Miss Joan Witt, vocalist.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. C. Rickards and the late Mr. Rickards, of Canton. She is a graduate of Canton high school and completed a special commercial course at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Sgt. Kneale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kneale, of Tulsa. He had completed three years at the University of Kansas when he enlisted in the army in March, 1943. He has recently been transferred from Asheville to the Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro.

Following the ceremony at the church the couple left for a wedding trip to Chicago and Tulsa, Okla.

Pfc. T. J. Gaddy, Jr.  
Arrives In States

Private First Class John J. Gaddy, Jr., of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, was among the men to arrive on board the troopship "Lincoln Steffens", which arrived in Charleston on August 7. From LeHarve, France, with 755 American field artillery and military police veterans aboard.

The ship is a converted Victory and the units aboard were the entire 767th Field Artillery Battalion and the following military police escort guard detachments: 324th, 327th, 331st, 335th, 341st, 346th, 349th and 351st.

When the men arrived they were given a field ration dinner, new clothing and their records were checked. Within 30 hours they left by train for 22 reception centers closest to their homes. Special telephone and telegraph facilities were available for the calls home.

Pfc. Gaddy was among those who reported to Fort Bragg.

Divided and unprepared as France was, we fared better than France only because we had some body to hold off the enemy while we got ready to fight.

Rufus McGaha Now At  
Camp Washington

Technician Fifth Grade Rufus McGaha, son of Thomas McGaha, of Mt. Sterling, is en route to the United States from the European theatre for a 30-day furlough before going to the Pacific, according to information received from headquarters in France.

Technician McGaha is being processed by the assembly area command at Camp Washington in Northeastern France. With headquarters in Reims, the assembly area command headed by Major General Royal B. Lord, processes 250,000 American troops a month for shipment to the United States or to the Pacific.

After 141 continuous days of combat including the battle of the Hurtgen Forest, south of Aachen, the 917 Tank Destroyer Battalion gained fame in the European theatre as one of the first tank destroyer battalions to cross the Remagen Bridge, and hold its own against German counterattacks.

The veteran tank destroyer outfit with which the Waynesville man is serving has four battle stars for campaigns in Northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

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