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**Cpl. Plott Here After Twenty-Six Months Overseas**

Corporal Robert Plott, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Plott, who entered the service in August, 1942 and served 26 months with the 34th Air Force in the European Theater has been honorably discharged from the service.

Cpl. Plott was attached to a B-17 heavy bombardment group as a mechanic at a base in England. He was inducted at Camp Croft and from there sent to Fort Jackson and later to St. Petersburg, Fla. Prior to being sent overseas he received further training at Keesler Field, Miss., Burbank, Calif., Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

"During the first year through April of 1944 it was tough going," according to Cpl. Plott, whose job it was to help to maintain and service the planes that were flying over the enemy territory.

"We had in our outfit during the two years eight planes to service. Five of them were lost through enemy action two crashed in training on the air field, and one plane only came back to this country, as the lone survivor. This plane had completed 102 missions, and three different crews served on this one ship," said Cpl. Plott.

"It was mighty hard to wait on the planes coming back. It would take them from 8 to 12 hours to complete a mission and if they had not come back in one hour after the latter number we knew something had happened," he explained.

"A plane was supposed to be ready and fit for combat duty in 12 hours after she had come in. Sometimes it would take longer, all according to the battle damage they had suffered," he said.

"Sometimes some of our men who were shot down escaped the Germans and made their way back to England with the aid of the underground agents, but they never told anyone how they did it. That was a secret they dared not tell," he pointed out.

Like most veterans of overseas service Cpl. Plott thinks there is

**Gets Discharge**



CPL. ROBERT PLOTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Plott, who served with the AAF 26 months in the European theater.

no country in the world like America and no place like Haywood county. He is entitled to wear the European Theater ribbon with six battle stars, Good Conduct medal, Unit Citation with cluster and the Soldier's medal for heroic service not on a battle field.

**Jonathan Woody Attended W.N.C. Bank Meet In Asheville**

Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank, was among the executive officials of banks from 12 Western North Carolina counties who attended a postwar bankers conference sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, by which the banks in this area are supervised.

During the meeting the results of research carried on in the 12 counties was revealed with encouraging outlook for business in the future. The study had been made on the effects of war on industry, trade and agriculture.

**DEATHS**

**Ernest Lee Withers**

Last rites were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Garrett Funeral Home for Ernest Lee Withers, III, infant son of Major and Mrs. Ernest L. Withers, who died on Monday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. E. L. Withers.

Rev. A. E. Rohrbacher, pastor of St. John's church officiated. Burial was in the family plot in Green Hill cemetery.

Surviving are his parents; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Polk, of St. Louis, Mo., and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. E. L. Withers.

The Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**Benjamin Mintz**

Graveside rites for Benjamin Aaron Mintz, two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mintz of the Plott Creek section of Haywood county were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bethel cemetery. The Rev. K. Allen officiated.

In addition to the parents he is survived by one sister, Mary, five brothers, James, Jr., Joseph, Harry, Eugene and Paul.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**Mrs. Lily J. Shelton**

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Dellwood Methodist church for Mrs. Lily J. Shelton, 73, who died at her home in the Ivy Hill section of the county at 6:30 Saturday afternoon. Rev. Ross, pastor, assisted by Rev. C. F. Owens officiated. Burial was in Dellwood cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons as follows: Lee, Claude, Roy, Fred B., and Lloyd Shelton, Jr. and Frank Tucker.

Surviving are three sons, Rev. Floyd B. Shelton, of Sweetwater, Tenn., Roy B. Shelton and Lloyd Shelton, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, one daughter, Mrs. Millard B. Gaddis, of Lake Junaluska; and

**In The WAC's**



PVT. MARY BALL, who volunteered in the Woman's Auxiliary Corps on July 23 of this year, who is now attending the Clerk's school at the WAC headquarters in Des Moines. Pvt. Ball is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ball, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1. She attended the Waynesville Township high school and the high school at Hampton, Va.

12 grandchildren. Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**Mrs. Sarah E. Lanning**

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Rocky Branch Baptist church for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Lanning, 75, wife of the late William B. Lanning, who died at 8:30 Tuesday morning at her home in the Allen's Creek section. Rev. Nando Stephens officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Corporal Melvin Lanning, now serving in the Pacific theater and Martin, Sam and Walter Lanning, all of the Allen's Creek section, one daughter, Mrs. Carl Mitchell, also of Allen's Creek; twelve grandchildren. Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Underwood and son, Kenneth, and Joe M. Tate spent Sunday in Newton with relatives.

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