

Lewis Gibson Reported Missing Declared Dead

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Gibson of Canton, have been notified by the secretary of the navy that their son, Lewis Gibson, seaman second class, who was reported missing in action on March 1, 1942, is now listed as dead. The letter of Secretary Forrestal read as follows:

"On February 27, 1942, the Langley, while en route to Tjilatjap, Java, from Freemantle, Australia, was bombed by enemy planes when about 74 miles south of Tjilatjap.

"Survivors of the Langley were picked up and taken aboard two of the escort vessels. On the early morning of March 1, 1942, the survivors of the Langley, including the wounded were transferred to the USS Pecos which was headed for Freemantle, Australia, later that same day, carried a base enemy dive bombers' attack and sank the Pecos.

"The USS Whipple intercepted the distress signal from the Pecos and arrived at the scene of the disaster where it proceeded to pick up more than 300 survivors. While this rescue was in progress, a submarine detected on the immediate vicinity was attacked by the Whipple with depth charges.

"Although the outcome of the attack was not known, the Whipple continued to search the area and pick up scattered survivors before leaving for Freemantle, Australia. It is reported that your son was not among the survivors rescued by the Whipple and no additional information is concerning him has been received by the Navy Department.

"In view of the length of time that has now elapsed since your son was officially determined to be missing in action, because of the strong probability that he has lost his life, it is the policy and procedure of the USS Langley and the USS Pecos, and in view of the fact that his name has not appeared on any lists or reports of personnel liberated from Japanese prisoner of war camps, I am reluctantly

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Sharpe, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mease, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creson, of Lake Junaluska, announce the birth of a son on January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. O'Neal, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George Best, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, announce the birth of a son on January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cope, of Candler, R.F.D. No. 1, announce the birth of a son on January 21.

Sgt. Henry Foy Discharged From Army

Sergeant Henry Foy, son of Mrs. Lucile Foy, of Waynesville, has returned to the States after 22 months service in the South Pacific theater. Sergeant Foy entered the service in February, 1943, while he was a student at Mars Hill College. He was inducted at Fort Jackson and was trained at a number of posts in this country prior to being sent to the Pacific theater.

Sgt. Foy, who has received his honorable discharge from the army was attached to the 158th Recombinant Combat Team, "Bush Masters." He is entitled to wear the American theater ribbon with four battle stars, one bronze arrowhead, the Philippine Liberation medal with two battle stars, the Victory medal and the Good Conduct medal.

Sgt. Foy plans to re-enter civilian life during the current year.

It is known that he is, however, the formal and written word can be to help meet the burdens in your life, but in spite of that knowledge, I cannot refrain from saying very simply that I am sorry. It is hoped that you may find comfort in the thought that your son gave his life for his country, upholding the highest traditions of the navy."

Young Gibson entered the navy in June, 1937, and served aboard the Enterprise and the Langley. Four other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson also served in the armed forces: G. M. Gibson with the army, Robert Hubert and William M. Gibson in the navy.

Second Son Of Canton Family Dies In Service

Seaman First Class Charles Du-price White, 19, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan M. White, of Canton, died in Exeter, England, on January 5, according to a message received from the navy department by his parents.

Seaman White is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. White to lose his life in service in World War II. Their eldest son, First Lieutenant Logan M. White, Jr., was killed in action on Tsukuyu Island while on a special mission on June 8, 1945.

Seaman White enlisted in the navy on December 4, 1944 and took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. He was assigned to sea duty in March 1945, and sent to North Africa where he remained until transferred to England.

Seaman White had been suffering with rheumatic fever, and he had been confined to a hospital in England but was expected to be sent back to the States for hospitalization soon.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Sgt. Jack White, who is serving in Hamlet. It was learned here that Sgt. White has been granted an emergency furlough to return to the States and be with his parents in their sorrow.

T/5 J. C. Ridder Discharged From Army

T/5 John C. Ridder, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ridder, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, has been discharged from the service. He entered the army on Nov. 18, 1943, and was sent to the Pacific theater in June, 1945, where he served for seven months.

He was attached to the 40th Infantry and is entitled to wear the Asia-Pacific theater ribbon, Philippine Liberation medal, Victory and Good Conduct medal.

At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming in this county and plans to go back to his former occupation.

Jason Woodrow Smiley Discharged From Navy

Jason Woodrow Smiley, Seaman first class, of Waynesville, who has served for the past twenty-two months in the U. S. Navy, has been discharged from the service at the Naval Separation center, Charleston, S. C.

Smiley's last duty was aboard the SS John A. Campbell.

FILM STAR ON BELATED HONEYMOON



WHILE ENJOYING their belated honeymoon in the East, Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Dein posed for this picture at a New York night club. The bride is better known to radio and screen audiences as Ginny Simms. The groom is a socially-prominent advertising executive. (International)

PRICE BLITZ ON ARMY BOMBERS



FROM THE SKY TO THE BARGAIN BASEMENT have gone acres of one-time army bombers, used in war-time training and now massed by the Reconnaissance Finance Commission at Ontario, Cal. Their immediate mission is to land in the hands of private purchasers, who are offered a bargain price of \$2,000 each or three for around \$25,000. Here a sale sign is painted on one of the two-motored cabin models at the depot. (International)

Pvt. C. Robt. Henderson Now Serving In European Theater

Private Charles Robert Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Henderson of Canton, is now serving in the European theater. Entering the service last June, he received his basic training at Camp Croft, and later was given advanced training at Camp Pickett, Va., before being assigned to overseas duty.

Pvt. Henderson is a graduate of the Canton high school and was employed at Miami Beach at the time he entered the service.

Pfc. Noble C. Long Discharged From Army

Private First Class Noble C. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Long, of Donora, Pa., native of Haywood county is visiting relatives in the county. He entered the service in 1941 and has recently returned from three years spent in the European theater.

He was on duty in Africa, Sicily, Southern France and Germany. He is entitled to wear the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the European-African-Mediterranean theater ribbon with seven battle stars, two silver stars, Good Conduct medal and Victory medal.

At the time he entered the service he was employed at a steel mill in Pennsylvania. He was attached to the 5th, 3rd and 7th armies while serving overseas as a truck driver of ammunition.

Wallace Jackson Anders Serving On Palawan

Wallace Jackson Anders, yeoman third class, of Waynesville, is serving aboard the USS Palawan, a floating repair base at Sasebo, in Kyushu, Japan. The work of the ship includes servicing and repairing minesweepers which still have waters to clear of mines. Larger ships, which are landing occupation troops and coastal patrol craft.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Grover Henson to Edna Curtis, both of Canton.

Statement of Condition Of Haywood Home Building And Association

Of Waynesville, N. C., As Of December 31, 1944

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Cash on Hand and in Banks, State of North Carolina & U. S. Gov't. Bonds, Mortgage Loans, Share Loans, Office Furniture and Fixtures, Real Estate Owned, and Real Estate Sold Under Contract. Total assets are listed as \$25,197.49.

Table with columns for LIABILITIES. Liabilities include Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows: Installment Shares (\$25,197.49), Full-Paid Shares (161,100.00), and Other Shares. Total liabilities are listed as \$186,297.49.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HAYWOOD—ss: I, N. DAVIS, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association, personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of January, 1945. ELSIE McCRACKEN, Notary Public. My commission expires: July 13, 1946. N. DAVIS, Secretary-Treasurer.

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DEGNANS ON VISIT TO RELATIVES IN AN EFFORT TO RECUPERATE from the shock of the tragedy that hit their home in Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. James E. Degnan, parents of Suzanne Degnan, 6, kidnap-slaining victim, are shown with their other daughter, Elizabeth, 10, at the home of relatives in Worcester, Mass., where they were staying for a week of rest. (International)

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