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## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Robert Covington Receives Promotion

DAVIDSON, Sept. 19.—Word was received at Davidson college today from the Eighth Air Force headquarters in England of the promotion of James Robert Covington of Raeford from major to lieutenant colonel. This announcement was made by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force.

Colonel Covington is in the maintenance and material section of this headquarters, handling matters relative to the supply and maintenance of the hundreds of fighters and heavy bombers dispatched over Europe daily by the Eighth Air Force.

Before entering the army in May, 1942, Colonel Covington was assistant advertising manager for the Vick Chemical company in New York City. He attended the Air Forces Intelligence school at Harrisburg Pa., and went overseas in August, 1942. He graduated from high school in Raeford in 1925 and from Davidson college in 1929, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Col. Covington was formerly with the News-Journal and after going to New York wrote a column, "A Tar Heel in New," for several years.

### Purple Heart Given Pfc. Ralph L. Cox

Pfc. Ralph L. Cox has written his wife here that he has received the Purple Heart for wounds received while in action in France with his paratrooper outfit. He was wounded on June 8th after having been in action two days. Pfc. Cox has been in the paratroops since 1942 and was sent overseas last November. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cox of Raeford.

### Hubert Cameron Is Home From Hospital

Augusta, Georgia, September 13.—Pvt. Hubert Cameron is a patient at the Army's Oliver General hospital here.

One of 63 great medical institutions located strategically throughout the United States, Oliver General Hospital has facilities for 1800 patients. Hundreds of soldiers returning from overseas have recovered from their wounds here, and have gone back to duty.

The hospital is located just outside the city limits of Augusta, and enjoys an even climate the year 'round. Outdoor recreational facilities, including one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the country, are available twelve months of the year.

Pvt. Cameron is home on furlough due to the illness of his family.

### John D. Stubbs Of Rockfish In Italy With 88th Division

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy.—Pvt. John D. Stubbs of Rockfish, a rifleman, is serving with the 351st regiment in Italy, one of General Mark Clark's Fifth army units that helped drive the Germans from the Garigliano river to Arno. Except for a brief rest period, the regiment marched and fought almost continuously for more than five months.

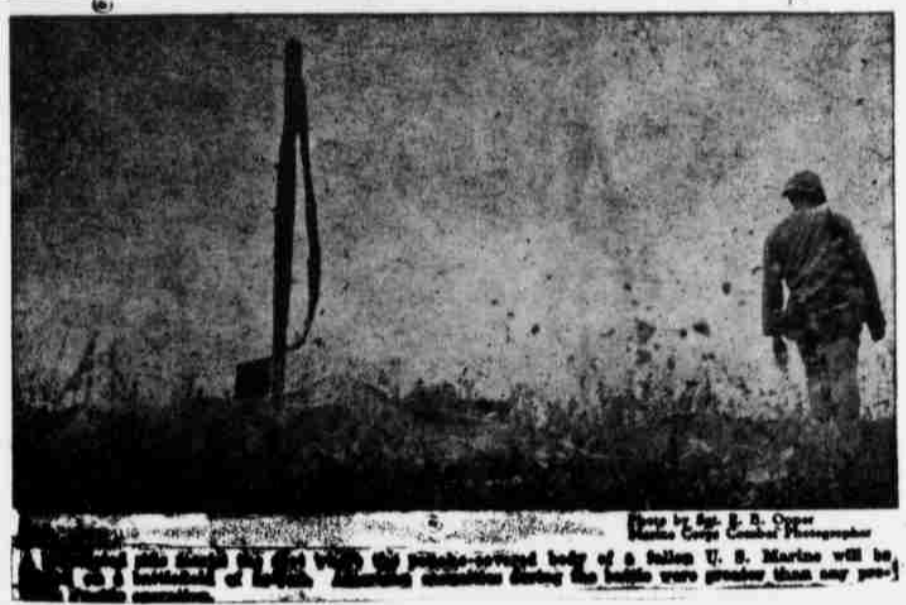
Part of the 88th Infantry Division, the first selective service infantry division to come overseas in World War II, the 351st was the first element of that division to enter combat. After two months of aggressive patrolling in the Minturno sector, the regiment participated in the smashing Fifth army drive beginning May 11th. Three days later the regiment stormed into Santa Maria Infante, a key enemy bastion. Over rugged mountains and across broad valleys, the 351st pushed forward and helped to liberate Rome.

After a well-earned rest, the driving 351st was again slashing enemy lines and barking the defeated Germans to the north. At times the infantryman had to move rapidly to keep up with the fleeing enemy. In other instances important points were captured only after bitter house-to-house fighting.

In addition to being the division's first regiment to enter combat, the 351st was its first regiment to arrive overseas, first to arrive in Italy, first to earn a Distinguished Service Cross, and first to receive a battlefield promotion.

Pvt. Robert W. Currie has been assigned to an ordnance unit for his basic training at Jackson, Miss.

## Resting Place For Fallen Soldier of the Sea



Here by Sgt. J. E. Opper, Marine Corps Combat Photographer, is the resting place of a fallen U. S. Marine who was killed during the battle of Iwo Jima. The body was recovered during the battle and was buried here.

### Daniel E. Blue Receives Wings

Flight Officer Daniel E. (Sonny) Blue, son of Mrs. Anna Patch Blue and the late Daniel Blue of Timberland, received his wings at Mather Field, Army Air base, Calif. on September 8th and is at home visiting relatives. He has with him his bride, the former Miss Merle Coz of Sacramento, Calif.

They were married in that city, having a formal church wedding on September 12th. "Sonny," as he is familiarly known to his friends, took preflight training at Santa Anna, Cal. and received advanced twin engine training at Mather Field, where he graduated. After his leave here he will go to Will Rogers Field, Okla.

### Jones Brothers Meet On Guadalcanal

Pfc. Richard G. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Jones of Sanatorium, is with the Army Engineers on Guadalcanal. A few days ago he wrote his parents:

"I guess you will be greatly surprised when you hear this. I was out working Monday (Sept. 4th) when a jeep drove up and who should step out of it but Robert! He really surprised me as I didn't have any idea he was in this part of the world. Our officers were very nice and gave us a jeep to go around the island in, and then Robert introduced me to some of the officers on his ship. I met the chief engineer and also the ship's doctor—both Lt. Commanders. The doctor is from Durham, a graduate of Duke university. I showed him all around my area and he said he thought I had it pretty nice in comparison with some of the conditions he has seen, especially on Saipan. That was really something, meeting 7000 miles from home on a place like this. I hope he will get ashore again before he leaves."

Lt. (jg) Robert L. Jones is an engineering officer on the U. S. S. Leon and is doing convoy duty in the Pacific.

Another brother Pvt. Roy A. Jones (Alton) is in the army air force and is receiving his training at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

### Ceiling Prices On Hogs To Remain Unchanged Til '45

Ceiling prices on live hogs will not be reduced from present levels prior to June 30, 1945, according to W. C. Hodgkin, chairman of the County AAA Committee. Ceiling prices are \$14.75 per hundred-weight, Chicago basis, for hogs weighing 200 pounds or less and \$14.00 per hundred-weight, Chicago basis, for hogs weighing more than 240 pounds. He also stated that support prices of \$12.50 per hundred-weight, Chicago basis, for good to choice butcher hogs weighing 200 to 240 pounds will become effective on October 1, 1944. This decrease from the present support price of \$13.75 was announced last January.

The North Carolina ceiling is \$14.55 for weights up to 340 pounds and \$13.80 for 241 pounds and up, while the Richmond terminal market ceiling is \$14.85 for weights up to 240 pounds and \$14.05 for 241 pounds and up.

Sgt. James N. Maxwell spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxwell. He is stationed at Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga.

Sgt. James Holland is spending a furlough in Raeford and in Wilmington with his parents. He is stationed at Fort Jackson.

### Blackout For West Hoke County Night Of Sept. 24-25

#### Airborne Maneuvers For Group Camp Mackall Men To Be Staged In Sandhill Section.

Farmers of Western Hoke, all of Moore, and parts of Montgomery and Scotland counties, as well as those living in towns in this area, are requested to observe a complete blackout Sunday-Monday from sunset Sunday September 24th until sunrise Monday September 25th. Hoke county East of Timberland is not effected by this blackout.

The entire night will be used for a special maneuver of an Airborne Division of Camp Mackall in which actual combat conditions will be simulated as nearly as possible. The army reports that the last maneuver held in this area was highly successful, and that the men in training learned many valuable lessons of combat.

The prolonged blackout period will be necessary, it was explained in the general circular sent to farmers and neighborhood leaders, because three separate waves of airborne troops will be dropped from planes and gliders on three separate occasions during the night.

There will be no air raid warning signals and all residents of the west half of Hoke are asked to observe complete blackout at sundown. Only necessary local travel will be permitted and traffic over the State Highways will be diverted from the area. All residents are requested to stay at home, off the highways and leave their houses only if absolutely necessary, according to Col. W. S. Pritchard, who states that the army realizes that they are asking much of the civilians of this area. He explains however, that for the men to receive the proper training as near actual battle conditions as possible must be obtained and the civilians cooperating are actually participating in the maneuver by setting the stage for this vital phase of their training, and this service will aid in saving the lives of soldiers in training and in combat, an act which is a very real contribution toward speeding the day of complete victory.

### Promoted

Arthur W. Gillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillis, who has been stationed in the Pacific area on a destroyer for some months, has notified his parents that he was recently promoted from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade. In a recent short visit to a West Coast port he phoned his parents that he had been in four separate actions. Lt. Gillis graduated from Annapolis in June, 1942. While there he was the mainstay of the Academy's pitching staff of the baseball team.

### Pvt. Robert M. McNeill is now stationed at Jackson Miss.

Pvt. Robert M. McNeill is now stationed at Jackson Miss. He is with the Army Service Force Training Center. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill to be in the Armed Forces. Sgt. Hector B. McNeill is now at Fort Sill, Okla., after having served overseas twenty seven months.

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Pvt. J. A. Niven of Camp Shelby, Miss., is spending a two-week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Niven.

Sgt. James C. McKenzie of Camp Butler is spending a 10-day furlough here with his wife.

### Methodist Women Gather Here For Mission Seminar

The annual Educational Seminar of the women leaders of this district's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday at the Raeford Methodist church with the local society and that of Parker's Chapel acting as joint hostesses.

Over 100 women representing some 60 churches of the district attended the sessions and heard talks on various phases of the work which is to be carried out by the societies in the coming church year. Mrs. B. F. Boone of Fairmont was director of the seminar.

The two Hoke county societies were also hostesses at a luncheon at noon served under the direction of Mrs. Jesse Gibson, president of the Raeford society.

### Add 21 Names To Honor Roll List

Twenty-one names were added to the list of Hoke County men and women in the armed services this week, according to Mrs. Ina Bethune, chairman of the Names Committee. Mrs. Bethune states that a steady stream of names have been reaching her and that the total now showed that more than a thousand men and women from the county were now in or had served in one of the branches of the nation's military service, and apparently there were others which the committee had not yet received.

She urges that the families of the men report these names to her immediately so that this list can be completed at an early date. Those reported last week were:

- WHITE**
- Andrews, Horace P.
  - Jackson, Coy
  - Jackson, Luther, Jr.
  - Lucas, Dallas Howard
  - Ray, Dempsey Benjamin
  - Ray, Gilbert McLeod
  - Ray, James Robert
  - Stanton, James W.
- COLORED**
- Baker, Jesse Lee
  - Clark, Walter Rallegth
  - Flowers, Walter
  - Graham, Howard Linson
  - Graham, James
  - Hadley, Walter
  - McAllister, William Garvey
  - McCall, Robert O'Neill
  - McQueen, John Walter
  - Morrison, Walter
  - Wade, James O'Bed
  - Wallace, Jack Junior

### Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisnant, Minister

The Baptist church extends a cordial invitation to the returning faculty members of the Raeford school to attend any or all of our church services.

Sunday School Sunday morning 9:45 A. M.—Mr. A. S. Knowles, supt. Preaching at 11:0 A. M.—sermon by the pastor

B. T. U. Sunday evening at 6:55 o'clock.

Preaching Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Friday evening of this week we plan a B. T. U. social and weiner roast at Mr. Upchurch's pond. If you desire a way out there, meet us at the church Friday evening at 6:00 o'clock. All members of the B. T. U. and any others interested in the union are invited.

### Dougald Cameron Is Home From Polio Hospital At Hickory

#### Spinal Tests Being Made Of Suspected Victim Of Rockfish, Says Health Officer.

Dougald Cameron of Little River is now at home with his mother at Vass after undergoing treatment for several weeks at the Emergency hospital of infantile paralysis patients at Hickory.

Mr. Cameron is, so far, the only known person of Hoke county to have suffered an attack of the disease during the present epidemic, but a three-year old boy of Rockfish, reported to have the disease, is still among suspects patients, though he has not officially been said to have the disease. Dr. J. W. Wilcox, district health officer, and Dr. D. S. Currie, child's physician, conferred yesterday and it was decided to have tests made before making a positive diagnosis of the child's ailment.

A new case at Pinehurst and one at Aberdeen resulted in the closing of the schools of Moore county until September 25th with the Aberdeen schools to remain closed until October 2nd, if no further cases develop, it was stated yesterday.

Spinal tests made late yesterday were reported to be inconclusive, according to word received last night from Dr. Wilcox, who stated that the child, aged 2½ years, the son of J. A. Capps of Rockfish, would be kept at Moore County Hospital for further observation. He advised that the other Capps be kept at home but notified County Superintendent of Schools K. A. McDonald that there was not sufficient reason for any interference with the operation of the schools of either Rockfish or the county.

### Enrollment In Hoke White Schools Less Than Last Year

#### High School Shows Slight Increase; Staff Meetings Held And Classes Now At Work.

Opening day enrollments at the schools of Hoke county last Monday show that generally the number of students is less than last year, with only the high school showing an increase of seven pupils.

Pupils enrolled at the several schools at Mildou, yet reported while the enrollment last year was 921. Mildou schools had 921 students enrolled last year.

Registrations at schools are as follows:

1943-44	1944-45
38	13
110	Ashmont 97
289	Hoke High 296
59	Mildouson —
341	Raeford Graded 83
83	Rockfish 83

A carload of apples, one of 15 cars brought to this state, has been assigned to the county for use in the lunchrooms. The apples have been purchased by the commodity purchase commission of the government from growers in Maryland and Delaware where orchards were damaged and fruit shaken from trees during last week's tropical storm. They are distributed only to counties having certified lunchrooms.

The Rockfish PTA began the new year at a meeting Monday night at which Mrs. M. S. Gibson presided. A luncheon will be sponsored and the necessary committees were appointed for this and other projects of the association. The group petitioned the county board of education for a short schedule until cotton and tobacco crops are harvested.

The teachers met Thursday and Friday for conferences. Representatives from County Health department, War Relief Fund, Bond and Stamps Drive and Welfare department were present and explained to the teachers their part in these agencies. On Friday the teachers met again for specific plans in their particular schools.

On Monday morning at 9:00 the formal opening of school was held in the high school auditorium. The Rev. J. D. Whisnant, pastor of the Baptist church, was speaker for the occasion. His topic "Study to Show Thyself Approved" was timely and well given. Mr. Whisnant urged the pupils to make the best time, so that they would not be ashamed of their work at the end of the year.

For the next week school will begin at 9:00 A. M. and close at 2:30. This schedule will enable the pupils to help with the farm work.

### Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. F. B. Sexton, Supt.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, sermon by the pastor.

7:00 P. M.—Pioneer Vespers, "What I Believe About the Church."

7:00 P. M. Senior Vespers, "Those Who Helped to Formulate Christian Statements of Belief."

8:00 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by the Rev. J. Walton Stewart, of Charlotte, N. C.

8:00 P. M. Wednesday—Mid-week service.

8:00 P. M. Thursday—Adult Choir rehearsal

7:00 P. M. Friday—Picnic dinner—Family Night at church.

8:00 P. M. Friday—Speaker, the Rev. M. O. Sommers of Raleigh

7:30 P. M. Saturday—Junior Choir rehearsal.

### Peoples Tabernacle

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School, Lester Baker, Supt.

11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor. Communion will be administered, all members are urged to be present.

7:00 P. M.—Young People's meeting.

8:00 P. M. Monday—Cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Nonie Chappel

8:00 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.

8:00 P. M. Wednesday—Missionary Meeting.

8:00 P. M. Friday—"Community Church."

### Army Wives Make Many Articles For Red Cross

Though much of the material received by the Hoke county chapter of the Red Cross has been made into articles, by members of the Army families residing here in the past several year, it was not until last Wednesday that the group formed an organization to promote greater activity in this work along the army personnel.

A meeting was then held at the high school in the home economics room and members of the Army Officers Wives Club made a large number of bedroom slippers for convalescent patients in army hospitals. The materials, as in the past, were furnished by the Hoke Red Cross chapter and the room was made available through school officials. A plan was also worked out for regular participation of the officers wives in the Red Cross activities and materials will be distributed bi-monthly at the regular meetings of the club. Already many members have drawn wool for knitting sweaters and gloves, and others are working on a woolen patch-work quilt made of small squares crocheted together.

Mrs. Edward G. Lyle is chairman of the work committee and supervisor of Red Cross work for the club. Mrs. H. A. Cameron and Mrs. Hampton of the county chapter have cooperated in supplying the materials and in making work assignments for the group.

### Revival To Begin At Edinburgh

Beginning Thursday night, October 5, the Rev. W. L. Maness will be in charge of a revival meeting at the Edinburgh Community church in Raeford. The meeting will be non-denominational and community wide, and will run through October 15. During the last week of the meeting, Mr. Maness will be assisted by his nephew, the Rev. Bennie Caness of Carthage.

### Mrs. Joe Hancock Falls From Window

On Tuesday night, Mrs. Joe Hancock was awakened suddenly by her baby. She got out of bed half asleep and stumbled over an electric cord on the floor, lost her balance and fell out of an upstairs window of her home. Her mother heard her groans and found her in the yard. She was taken to a Fayetteville hospital where she was found to have a broken nose, and probably a broken helvis. Her condition is serious. Mrs. Hancock and three children are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Morris, while Mr. Hancock is in the armed forces overseas.