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**YANK AIR FORCE FIRES PALAU** — Smoke rises from Palau as planes of the Third fleet soften up Jap base. Thick columns of smoke mark bomb hits in Molokal harbor as navy planes from carriers, under command of Admiral Halsey, blast the way for the invasion which opened with the landing of marines.

## Pvt. Long 4 Months In English Hospital

Advised a few days ago that their son, Pvt. Ralph S. Long, has been wounded in action in France, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Long, Sr., of Roduco, learned in a letter from him this week that his right arm was broken and that he lost his left foot in battle.

Their original notice was in the form of an official message from the adjutant general, stating simply that Pvt. Long was wounded in France on August 24.

Their son's personal letter told that he has been in a hospital in England for one month and that he will be there for another three months.

## Piland Funeral Services Saturday At Cool Springs

Funeral services for William E. Piland of Roduco, who died Thursday of pneumonia after a three months' illness, were held Saturday afternoon at the Cool Spring Baptist Church. Burial was in the church yard cemetery.

Mr. Piland is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Eure Piland; six children, Mrs. Archie Ramsey of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Hilton Babb of Suffolk, Robert A. Piland of U. S. Navy, Mrs. Rainey Hoggard of Norfolk, Mrs. James Hamilton of Dallas, Texas and Thurman E. Piland of Portsmouth; three brothers, Richard E. Piland and Luke Piland of Portsmouth and Junnie Piland of La Cross, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Rufus Smith of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Will Hudson and Mrs. Annie Ward of Tarboro.

Active pallbearers were Hor-Hudson, Elbert Piland, Her-Piland, Elbert Williams, Edon Eure, and Jack Piland.

## Legion and Wives To Meet Thursday

Legionnaires and their wives will hold their quarterly meeting Thursday night, September 28, at 8 o'clock at the Legion hut. The one item of business to be considered, according to P. L. Hofler, commander, is plans for the annual Armistice Day supper meeting.

## Gin Buys 50,000 Lbs. Cotton For Single Day Record

Sunbury. — Reports from the Sunbury Trading Company cotton gin on the amount of cotton bought and weighed on a certain day takes precedent over all other records. In one single day it was reported that fifty thousand pounds were bought and weighed.

William H. Lassiter, prominent farmer living near Sunbury, reports a unique structure regarding his cotton. He states that instead of the usual five lock boll, he has found much of his to have six locks, and unusually large.

## Brother of Mrs. Bunch, Sunbury, Killed in France

Pvt. Elsbury P. Chappell of Tyner, brother of Mrs. Hillard Bunch of Sunbury, was killed in action in France on August 25, according to a telegram received by his parents from the War Department.

A member of the field artillery, Pvt. Chappell entered the Army in 1942 and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. Before entering the service, he worked for Johnnie Whaley of Elizabeth City for several years and had many friends there as well as in Gates county. He had been overseas since December, 1943.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell of Tyner, he is survived by Mrs. Bunch, two other sisters, Mrs. James Scherer of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Miss Edith Chappell of Norfolk; and a brother, Sgt. Gilbert Chappell now stationed in New Guinea.

### ATTENDS COMMISSIONING

Mrs. T. L. Carter returned Wednesday from Philadelphia where she visited her daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. L. Carter, Jr., and attended the commissioning of the U.S.S. Guam.

## Short Illness Is Fatal to Glenwood Boyce, Age 15

Ryland. — Funeral services for Glenwood A. Boyce, Jr., age 15, who died after a short illness in a Norfolk hospital late Sunday afternoon, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Ballards Bridge Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. J. T. Byrum officiated.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Boyce, Sr.; one sister, Miss Sarah Jane Boyce; his grandmother, Mrs. Julia Boyce of Ryland, and grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ellis, of Sunbury.

Active pallbearers were John Butler Byrum, Rudolph Ward, William Ward, David Ward, James Copeland and W. T. Ea-

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## Paul Long Sees Much of World In Two Years Duty Over Europe, Asia

By Margaret C. Riddick.

Sunbury. — Gates county has every reason to be proud of another illustrious son in Captain Paul Long, who wears the following awards for outstanding citations of service beyond required duty: an Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Presidential Unit Citation. On his two foreign service ribbons he wears three stars showing he supported two major campaigns in Europe and one in Asia.

His unit was the second to be cited by the President of the United States. Serving as a flight pilot he has completed 63 successful missions over enemy territory in his B-25 Mitchell plane.

Captain Long will be remembered by many in Gates county as the lad who was left an orphan at the age of 12. He was fostered by his aunts, Misses Annie and Lucy Lassiter, and his uncle, William H. Lassiter.

He attended Sunbury high school and upon graduation entered Elon College. He studied there for two years until he was ordered to Maxwell Field at the outset of the war as an aviation

cadet for his basic training. Later he graduated from Aurner Field, Albany, Ga., as a second lieut-



**63 MISSIONS.** Captain Paul Long of the 12th Bomber group has recently returned to the States after two years of active combat duty in Europe and Asia.

## Ward, Hofler Home Again After Many Months Overseas

### Cordie J. Jones Funeral Services Held at Parker's

Corapeake. — Funeral services for Cordie Jacob Jones, 59, who died at his home Monday afternoon were conducted at Parker's Methodist church Wednesday afternoon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, assisted by the Rev. Harry W. Craven of the Elm Avenue Methodist church of Portsmouth, Va.

He is survived by three brothers, Sidney, Hurlley and Wiley Jones of Portsmouth, Va.; two half-brothers, Henry Jones of Portsmouth, Va., and J. B. Jones of Ivor, Va.; one sister, Mrs. H. T. Taylor of Corapeake.

Active pallbearers were J. C. Vann, Herbert Jones, Floyd Jones, G. C. Hobbs, Tommy Jones and Grover Hollowell.

Honorary pallbearers were friends of the family. The body was removed to the Rountree and Hofler funeral home, Gatesville, where it remained until the hour of the service.

### Splendid Enrollment At Sunbury School

Sunbury. — The Sunbury high school opened Monday with "a splendid enrollment." J. W. George newly elected principal states that he is pleased with the outlook for the year's work.

The lunchroom was opened Monday, serving almost the entire student body. Miss Lucy Lassiter is supervisor, Mrs. Sam Pierce, and Mrs. Phillip Jackson are assistants.

tenant air pilot. After taking combat training in Columbia, S. C., he immediately left for combat duty in North Africa.

Captain Long states that of the campaigns in Sicily and Italy the latter to him was the harder. His six months duty in Burma gave him a deeper insight into the needs and hardships those people are undergoing. He spoke at length of the beauty of the pyramids and the sphinxes of Egypt, the Taj Mahal of India, the Isle of Capri, and many other places.

As he says: "I have seen and been to places I never expected to see and I was greatly impressed by them all; however, I have no desire to travel after this war is over. America is good enough for me. One cannot understand how in lands of such beauty there can exist the awful scenes of war; how nations would want to destroy the beautiful that it has taken God and man ages to construct.

"After seeing the horrors of this war it's hard to believe that anyone here in the good old U. S. A. can complain over anything

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Harry L. Ward and Ralph H. Hofler are back in the United States after many months overseas. Ward was in New York Sunday night and Hofler is dividing his time between Gatesville and Belhaven.

Mrs. Ward received a telephone call from her husband Sunday night saying that he expected to be in Gatesville either Monday or Tuesday. First Class mail specialist, Ward has spent the last 22 months in Africa. He is the son of the late O. E. Ward and the late Mrs. A. L. Hobbs. He arrived in Gatesville Tuesday.

Ralph H. Hofler, warrant officer, arrived here Sunday to spend a 21-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Hofler of Gatesville, and with his wife who lives in Belhaven. He was in England for nearly two and a half years and now will be stationed here in the United States.

Both young men have a host of friends in Gates county, all of whom are anxious to see them again.

## Mills P. Ellis Buried Tuesday At Reynoldson

Gates. — Funeral services for Mills Parker Ellis, age 64, who died at his home here Sunday afternoon, were conducted at Reynoldson Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial was in the church cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. Sidney S. Cobb, pastor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nina Edwards Ellis; three brothers, George T. Ellis, Whaleyville, Va., W. John Ellis, Norfolk, Va., and W. Cohen Ellis, Gadsden, Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. W. L. Matthews, Winton, Mrs. Charles Akens, Hopewell, Va., and Mrs. Maude Earley, Richmond, Va. He is also survived by a large number of nieces and nephews.

The body was removed to the Rountree and Hofler, funeral home, Gatesville, N. C. where it remained until Tuesday morning.

Active pall bearers were T. Beaurie Parker, W. T. J. Ellenor, John Lee Smith, John Langston, Ben Goodman and Lloyd Freeman.

## Armstrong Wins Infantry Badge

Corapeake. — Pvt. W. D. Armstrong, Jr., of Corapeake, with the 361st Infantry, 91st Division, somewhere in Italy, has been awarded the Army's newest award for infantrymen, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, awarded for "exemplary conduct in combat action or in a major operation."

The new medal is a silver rifle on a field of blue with a silver border imposed on a silver wreath.

Pvt. Armstrong is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Armstrong of Corapeake.