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Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96
Denver	854

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## Two Rallies Boost Red Cross War Fund Campaign

Praises Red Cross.



Pfc. Charles V. Johnson (above), who is in a hospital in England recovering from wounds received in action in France, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Johnson, of Route 1, that he is getting along fine and that the Red Cross was doing a wonderful job giving aid, cigarettes, etc., to the boys over there, and that he could not praise the Red Cross too highly. Pfc. Johnson's wife, the former Miss Christine Hipp, of Chase City, Va., is sending some time with her husband's parents and relatives.

### THE LINCOLN COUNTY RED CROSS—SOMEWHERE IN ITALY

Sgt. Geo. Whit Tobey, Jr., writes home to his mother in Italy, of an interesting experience which he shared second-handed, but all the same, brought a touch of home to him.

It seems that he ran into James Stroupe, somewhere in Italy. James, who used to drive a taxi for Blair Carpenter at the Pure Oil Station, is now in a Medical Detachment overseas. James told the following story to George Whit:

One day while packages of surgical dressings were being unloaded, the C. O. tossed a package to James, who started to send it along with its mates. The C. O. called out, "Hey, look at the label on that package." James did, and to his glad surprise saw that it was from the Lincoln County Chapter, American Red Cross, Lincolnton, N. C. It must have been as good as a letter from home.

The world is truly a small place when such things happen. When you contribute your money and services you are truly keeping the Red Cross at His Side.

### Miss Grace Hoke On Honor Roll

Mars Hill, February 21. (Special.)—The name of Miss Grace Jeanette Hoke, of Route 1, Iron Station, appears on the first honor roll for the first semester at Mars Hill College. To be eligible for first honor roll a student must average 40 quality points with no grade below "C."

Be prepared to give to the Red Cross War Fund.

## Churches To Observe Red Cross Sunday On March 4th

All of the churches in Lincoln county will give recognition to the great humanitarian work of the American Red Cross on Sunday, March 4.

Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, is chairman for this observance, and he has requested all pastors to devote a portion of each church service on that day to some phase of the Red Cross work.

### Plans Perfected For Quick Results Which Begin This Week

Two mighty successful rallies have been held to boost the Red Cross War Fund Drive which begins this week in Lincoln county for a minimum of \$14,100.00.

At the Lincolnton High School last Friday night, February 23, approximately 250 enthusiastic, ready-to-go volunteer workers received their final instructions for the all important job of soliciting and obtaining this year's financial requirements.

In addition to two Red Cross films portraying what service, Red Cross renders, a solicitors training film, giving helpful pointers, was shown. Mr. Waterhouse, Red Cross field director at the Morris Field army air force, base, Charlotte, related many experiences and case services performed by the Red Cross. Mr. Waterhouse's enthusiasm instilled every volunteer worker with added zest to put the Lincoln county drive across by a substantial margin.

The second annual public Red Cross rally was held Sunday afternoon, February 25, in the court house auditorium. A large appreciative audience enjoyed a program especially designed to acquaint everyone with the greatest humanitarian organization.

Mr. Charles L. Skaren, a native of Beaufort, N. C., and a returned overseas Red Cross field director, was the speaker for the occasion. His relations of first-hand experiences, and duties held the rapt attention of everyone present.

Mr. Skarren rendered actual battle front service from shortly after the invasion in Normandy, France, thence through Paris to Belgium and Germany. He is now temporarily assigned for home front duty so as to assist in the War Fund Drive and expects to return to battle duty.

"The Southerners," a local colored male quartette, rendered several negro spirituals and songs and gained great favor with a receptive audience.

The added feature of the rally was a selection of accordion solos by Mrs. Ruth Shaw, of Charlotte. She is fast gaining a unique reputation for a unique type of music, and her delightful renditions were well received.

Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., ably led the group singing. Rev. A. A. Kyles, Boger City, rendered the invocation. Mrs. Caroline D. Hill, Red Cross field representative for the district, which includes Lincoln county, was introduced.

Messrs. J. A. Burris and W. C. Henderson, co-chairmen for the Red Cross War Fund Drive, presided over both rallies. Both men were well pleased and have made the following joint statement: "Such genuine enthusiasm by both workers and the public can result in only one thing—success—and Lincoln county will be usual, do more than its share to keep the Red Cross at his side."

A DOLLAR, A DOLLAR. Irate Teacher—Don't you come to school to learn things? Smartly—No, teacher. Just to listen to you.

## Exchanged Prisoners Say Food Conditions In Germany Critical

New York, Feb. 22.—American merchant seamen repatriated on the exchange liner Gripsholm declare that food conditions are critical in the Nazi prison camps from which they have just been liberated. The situation, they say, has been rendered acute by the effectiveness of Allied bombing raids on the German transportation system.

One of the repatriated seamen, Capt. Henry Stephenson, of New Rochelle, New York, describes German rail traffic as completely snarled. Capt. Stephenson spent more than two years in a prison camp near Bremen after his vessel was torpedoed in the Atlantic in 1942. During the period of his imprisonment, the captain says, there was only one issue

of Red Cross food parcels. And because of the transportation tie-up, there appeared to be little chance that any more would be delivered.

A number of the seamen have disclosed that it took their train four to five days to reach the Swiss border, traveling by a round-about route. Normally, the trip would require only about eight hours.

There were 46 merchant mariners on the Gripsholm when it docked at Jersey City, N. J., yesterday. All of the men had been captured by the Germans when their vessels were torpedoed. They were among the first to disembark. In addition, there were 465 American soldiers, and 78 Canadian military personnel, all of them ill or wounded.

## VETERAN IN HOSPITAL



MEDICAL AID MAN.—Technician 4th Grade Horace A. Mauney, 25, of R. F. D. 3, Lincolnton, has been evacuated from the western front as a result of illness due to exposure to severe weather conditions. Sergeant Mauney was a medical aid man with a rifle company of the 28th infantry division and saw intensive action from the Normandy coast to the Siegfried line. He is pictured at Hallsboro General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., with a rug he wove on shipboard, featuring the keystone insignia of the division with which he served.

## Mrs. R. H. Dellinger, 75, Beloved Citizen, Is Taken By Death

### Mishaps On Highways Took 31 Lives in Jan.

The monthly report of the State highway patrol for January reveals 31 fatalities on the highways of North Carolina during that period, while 195 persons were injured as the patrol investigated a total of 230 accidents.

Among other things, the report disclosed the recovery of 69 motor vehicles, the issuance of 2,963 citations, the arrest of 2,529 persons of whom 189 were charged with driving while drunk.

The patrol reported 2,469 convictions as against 113 persons found innocent. Sentences aggregated 235 years, 15 days.

Cars and other property returned to individuals had an estimated value of \$58,051. Fines turned over to county school funds amounted to \$25,677. 32. Highway revenues collected for overloading, improper licenses, etc., amounted to \$49,213.

### WARNS CURFEW GOES IN FORCE AT 12 TONIGHT

New York, Feb. 25.—Mayor F. H. La Guardia and Regional War Manpower Commission Director Anna Rosenberg announced jointly today that the midnight curfew on entertainment places would become effective in New York City at midnight tomorrow but adjustments would be provided to meet individual cases during the week.

The two officials said, however, that "full and complete compliance" with War Mobilization Director Jas. Byrnes' request would be expected by Monday, March 5.

"The directives contained in the (WMC) order are so clear as to require no amplification," they said. "Violations will be reported as provided for in the order."

Previously La Guardia had told owners of the city's 12,000 places of amusement to "continue status quo until I make an official announcement."

### Capt. Robt. Rudisill Arrives In Florida

Miami Beach, Fla.—Capt. Robert S. Rudisill, 23, of Lincolnton, N. C., has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain at the redistribution station about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

Capt. Rudisill flew 65 missions as pilot and flight commander of attack bombers in the European theatre winning the DFC and the Air Medal. He is the son of Mrs. Cora Leola Rudisill, 302 Bonview street, Lincolnton, N. C. His wife, Constance Romell Rudisill, resides in Miami City, Fla.

## YANKS PERISH AT HANDS OF OWN MEN

Washington, Feb. 22.—A naval lieutenant has given the first eyewitness account of how a Jap prison ship loaded with Americans was sunk by American bombs. One of the survivors of the sinking told a Washington news conference today that 1,600 Americans were on the prison ship. Fewer than half of them survived and all but two of these apparently recaptured. The sinking occurred off western Luzon Island last December.

## GERMANS FORCE BOYS AND GIRLS TO DO WAR JOBS

London, Feb. 22.—The Germans conscripted some of their school children today—boys to dig trenches and fight and girls for auxiliary services—as their military commentators warned that a Russian frontal assault on Berlin was imminent.

The German official news agency DNB announced that the German equivalent of boy and girl scouts had been taken out of school for war service. The Bund Deutscher Maedel (Hitler girls' organization) has been "split up in small units which will be employed wherever necessary—in signal units or supply depots or nursing services—wherever gauleiters (provincial governors) order," the agency said.

"While boys have been called up for digging defenses and are being trained for Volkssturm (people's army) in order to be ready for any eventuality, these girl units will be responsible for preparing food, nursing the sick and other duties," said DNB. "For the time of service girls need not attend schools."

The military commentator for the Transocean News Agency said Russian preparation for a frontal assault on Berlin from the Oder river, less than 40 miles away "are completed."

## U. S. CASUALTY TOTAL 801,162 PLACES GERMAN LOSSES TO REDS NEAR 10 MILLION

Washington, Feb. 22.—Army and Navy casualties since Pearl Harbor have reached 801,162, the two services reported today.

Secretary of War Stimson set army casualties at 711,497 on the basis of individual names compiled in Washington through February 14. The navy reported its losses as 89,665.

The aggregate represented an increase of 18,982 over the previous week's report. Of the rise, the army accounted for all but 827.

A breakdown on the army casualties as reported this week and corresponding figures for last week:

Killed 128,722, and 135,510; wounded 420,465 and 408,553; prisoners 60,086 and 58,556, missing 92,223 and 90,723.

Stimson said 207,328 of the wounded had returned to duty.

Similar figures for the navy: Killed 33,862 and 33,536; wounded 40,783 and 40,607; prisoners 4,464 unchanged from the preceding week; missing 10,546 and 12,221.

### Know Your Red Cross

### Red Cross Services Such As These:

Two billion surgical dressings for military use. Twenty-five million comfort and recreation articles, ping-pong tables, game boards, etc. Overseas clubs which are visited by an average of 8,500,000 service men and women each month. The collection of ten million pints of blood for the armed forces. Aid in solving problems for more than four million service men, veterans and their families during the last year.

## American Troops Near Cologne In A Gigantic Drive

### Dies In Service



LINCOLNTON, Feb. 22.—Cpl. Ellis E. Clark, son of Mrs. E. G. Clark, died in New Guinea on January 14 while serving with the 301st Airborne squadron, according to a War department telegram received here. He died as the result of a cerebral concussion, the message stated. Corporal Clark was inducted into the Army in March, 1943. He received his training at Miami, Fla., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mountain Home, Idaho. He went overseas in January, 1944. Before entering the armed forces, he was employed by the Norfolk Navy yard at Portsmouth, Va. He had many friends in Portsmouth, Charlotte, and Lincolnton. Surviving, besides his mother, are one sister, Miss Janice Clark of Lincolnton; one brother, Pfc. Eugene Clark, now serving in France; two half sisters, Mrs. J. B. Clark of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Beatrice Clark of El Paso, Texas; and four half brothers, Rone Clark of Asheville, Ralph Clark of Winston-Salem, Roy Clark of Knoxville, Tenn., and Howard Clark of the United States Navy.

### Tanks, Artillery and Fresh Infantry Pour Over Roer River in Endless Stream.

Paris, Monday, Feb. 26.—A steamroller American offensive rumbled several miles beyond the Roer river to within 15 miles of Cologne yesterday, knocking out Dueren—keystone of the Rhineland's outer defense—and 24 other German towns against faltering enemy resistance.

In all, three American armies had hurled all major water barriers west of the Rhine after shattering the Siegfried line, for the United States Third Army, 60 miles south of the Rhine-bound offensive had smashed across the Pruen river and was driving the Germans before it in disorder.

Tanks, heavy artillery and fresh infantry units poured across the Roer in endless streams, broadening the breach in the river line to 28 miles and slashing with gathering momentum to within five miles of the Erft river, last enemy line of defense short of the Rhine.

A German broadcast declared Gen. Eisenhower had hurled perhaps 600,000 men into the United States First and Ninth Army offensive on the Roer, and Berlin said the Germans had blown a dam and flooded the Roer once more in a desperate attempt to stem the onslaught.

The menace to Cologne—Rhine city of 800,000 and a symbol of German war might in the industrial Ruhr and Rhineland—was growing hourly as spearheads of both the First and Ninth Armies drove eastward along the broad highways Hitler built for offense, not for defense.

The First Army's 104th Timberwolf division was fighting on east of fallen Dueren—second largest German city to fall to American arms—along the Dueren-Cologne highway 15 miles from Cologne.

Eight miles to the north, the Ninth Army's 29th division, driving along the Juelich-Cologne highway, seized Steinstrass, 17 miles from Cologne. Steinstrass was a rich prize, for there the Germans had refitted their armored divisions.

Hundreds of United States medium, light and fighter bombers heaped fresh destruction on German defenses all the way to the Rhine. The Germans said the two American armies were supported by tremendous artillery barrages that shook the earth for miles around.

## GERMANY CUTS FOOD RATIONS

London.—The German radio has announced that food rations for all Germans will be cut 12 and one-half per cent. The broadcast said the reduction was an emergency measure to help set up food reserves. And German farmers have been asked to step up their deliveries of food stuffs as much as possible to help bridge the gap between Germany's rationing periods.

### COMPLETES 100 MISSIONS.

Mr and Mrs. L. A. Keever have been notified by their son, First Lt. David E. Keever, of the Army Air Corps, that he has completed his hundredth mission as a pilot on a Thunderbolt. He is with the Ninth Air Corps. Before entering the service Lt. Keever had just completed his second year at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory.

no new man power reserves for Hitler to draw upon now. . . .

## Berlin Now Gigantic Fortress Teeming With Helpless People

Stockholm, Feb. 22.—A Swedish newspaper correspondent who has just returned to Stockholm from Berlin declares in a copyrighted article for the Associated Press that the German capital is being turned into a gigantic fortress. But it is a fortress teeming with helpless, bomb-dulled inhabitants who pack the city to overflowing and who have almost no chance of escaping. Refugee, from the east and deserters from the German army swell the struggling mass of humanity in Berlin and add to the confusion. The population of the city now is estimated at five and one-half million.

The correspondent says that with the approach of the Russian armies, more and more deserters from the German ranks slipped into Berlin. He overheard one mother telling a friend that her son and 37 comrades had just arrived from the front as deserters. Later, Nazi officials warned the populace that all deserters must be reported immediately. But the reporter does not believe that Berlin will fall quickly to the Red Army. For countless barricades and fortification, are being built, and soon it is expected that the city will be declared a fortress. Should the Russians decide on a frontal assault, they will face tens of thousands of barricades, thrown together from the debris left by the bombing, barricades which stretch from the suburbs all the way into the heart of the city. These defenses, the correspondent says, are being organized systematically, and he believes they will be difficult to breach.