

POPULATION (1940 Census)	
Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96
Denver	354

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## First, Third, Seventh, And Ninth Armies Headed For Berlin

### Prisoner Of Germans



Pfc. Zeb F. Wease (above), who was reported missing in action in Luxembourg as of December 20, is a prisoner of the German government. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wease, of Lincolnton, Route 3, were officially notified of this fact last Friday, though the family had known for a week he was a prisoner, since his sister, Mrs. J. W. Barkley, had received a letter from him which was written January 11 and which stated he was in Stalag No. 3 prison.

Pfc. Wease had been overseas about eight months when he was taken prisoner.

### Is German Prisoner



T/5 Kenneth E. Keener, who was reported missing in action in Germany as of December 21, is a prisoner of the German government. The information came in three letters which his father, Lewis Keener, of Lincolnton, Route 3, received from him on March 21. He stated that he was well and was receiving Red Cross packages and asked his family not to worry about him. It was the first word they had since he was reported missing.

T/5 Keener was inducted in the Army March 12, 1943 and trained at Fort Jackson, S. C., and Camp Aterbury, Indiana. He landed overseas last October, as a member of the 423rd infantry, 106th division.

### Health Department To Conduct Clinics

The Lincoln County Health Department will conduct the regular pre-school clinic, according to announcements made by Dr. H. C. Whims.

All children entering school next fall for the first time should visit these clinics. It is especially important this year, due to the war and scarcity of doctors, that children be examined and defects corrected before the school term begins.

Below is the schedule for the clinics as released by the Health Department for 1945:

- April 2, North Brook No. 1, 9 a. m.
- April 3, North Brook No. 2, 9 a. m.
- April 4, North Brook No. 3, 9 a. m.
- April 9, Union, 9 a. m.
- April 10, Love Memorial, 9 a. m.
- April 10, Howard's Creek, 1 p. m.
- April 11, Triangle, 9 a. m.
- April 11, Macpelah, 1 p. m.
- April 12, Long Shoals, 9 a. m.
- April 12, Laboratory, 1 p. m.
- April 16, Asbury, 9 a. m.
- April 17, Mitchell, 9 a. m.
- April 18, Denver, 9 a. m.
- April 19, Crouse, 9 a. m.
- April 19, Hickory Grove, 1 p. m.
- April 23, Academy, 9 a. m.
- April 24, Aspen, 9 a. m.
- April 25, Iron Station, 9 a. m.
- April 26, Tucker's Grove, 9 a. m.
- April 26, Rock Hill, 1 p. m.
- April 30, Oak Lawn, 9 a. m.

### Lt. Gen. Geo. Patton's Famed Armored Division Spear- heads Break-Through.

Paris, Mar. 25.—U. S. Third Army tanks tore loose in a 27-mile break-through along Germany's waist, capturing intact a bridge on the Main river, as the U. S. Ninth Army on the north smashed clear through enemy lines into open country in the heart of the Ruhr.

Simultaneously, the U. S. First Army burst the bonds of its Remagen bridgehead in a general assault along a 35-mile front that ground three miles eastward, moving it 14 miles beyond the Rhine and smashing back the first big counterblow in that area.

The Third Army also forced new crossings of the Rhine only 11 miles south of the First Army's bridgehead.

It was Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's famed Fourth Armored division which spearheaded the new break-through and now has 40 miles east of the Rhine by road, and possibly 240 miles from Berlin.

Ten Miles From Essen.

The Ninth Army's break-through forces last were reported only ten miles from Essen, industrial heart of the Ruhr.

The Third Army from its Mainz bridgehead seized the German industrial city of Darmstadt.

The Third Army's new Rhine crossing were made at several points between Coblenz and Boppard, which are seven miles apart.

One force had pushed two and a half miles inland, but a second struck a hard core of resistance and was held to a foothold little more than a mile deep.

All resistance crumbled in the face of the Fourth Armored division, the hard-hitting outfit that began the rout of German forces west of the Rhine with its crossing of the Moselle river.

With the U. S. Ninth Army.—The famous "Old Hickory" 30th division broke clear through Hitler's Rhine defenses into open country north of the Ruhr today in one of the most brilliant infantry successes of the war.

The 30th troops found German resistance apparently completely disintegrated at a point eight miles from the Rhine and jumped on tanks shortly after noon and "took off."

London.—A second mighty Soviet army has entered Russia's Vienna road offensive and has slashed 28 miles across western Hungary within six miles of Komaron, Danube river key to the Austrian capital, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam.—U. S. carrier pilots destroyed an eight-ship Japanese convoy Saturday west of the East China sea inland of Amami in the Ryukyu group while fast battleships were bombarding Minami Daito, tiny island about 250 miles southeast.

The actions were a continuation of the carrier strikes Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher began against the Japanese homeland March 18.

With the British Second Army.—A glancing thrust by elements of the 5th Scottish division drove Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's bridgehead eight miles inland to a point northwest of Wesel—the deepest penetration on the British front.

The spectacular thrust from the tattered crossing area bowled over enemy opposition, including a small tank detachment which got in the way near forest crossroads.

Manila.—Nine freighters and a destroyer escort were sunk in the Cebu Sea by patrol bombers Saturday while Liberators with 145 tons of 2,000-pound bombs wrecked a big hydroelectric plant on Formosa and softened up Cebu, in the central Philippines, with 210 tons, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

With the U. S. First Army.—U. S. First Army troops and armor drove nine miles east in a massive attack which began before dawn today, burst out of the Remagen-Espel bridgehead on the road to Berlin and continued to plunge ahead.

Tanks and doughboys encountered opposition running from moderate on the right flank to heavy on the left flank which borders the strongly-defended industrial Ruhr district.

Whooping, dust-covered doughboys rode tanks in a series of leap frog attacks.

London.—Mosquitoes and American night-prowling planes joined in hammering Germany last night after German strong points and reinforcement centers in front of Field Marshal Montgomery's drive north of the Ruhr were pulverized in daylight by

### What War Has Done to Holland



Holland, most picturesque of countries in prewar days, presents this scene of devastation today. The two photos above were made on Walcheren Island, where one of the bloodiest battles was fought when the British opened the seaway to Antwerp.

### Awarded Bronze Star



Sgt. Gov. Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Anthony, of Cherryville, route 1, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action on Fifth Army front in Italy. He was decorated by Major General Geoffrey Keyes, 11th Corps Commander, in an impressive ceremony held just behind the front lines on December 11 in Italy.

Anthony left a protected position to fight a fire on a camouflaged net covering his tank. The blaze started when enemy shelling hit a nearby pile of ammunition. Despite numerous explosions he assisted in removing the burning net and in extinguishing the fire in the ammunition pile. He was cited for his courage and devotion to duty in the performance of this hazardous deed.

The Sergeant is a tank driver, fighting with the 157th tank Battalion. The unit was awarded the Croix de Guerre with vermillion star for cooperating with the French forces.

Anthony's deed saved a medium tank from destruction and prevented possible injury to perhaps 30 of his comrades. He has been serving in the Italian front for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony also have two other sons serving overseas. Pvt. Stowe Anthony is in Germany and Pfc. Charles Anthony of the U. S. Marine Corps, is in the South Pacific.

thousands of Allied planes.

The Mosquitoes hit Berlin for the 34th consecutive night.

With Allied Forces East of the Rhine.—Prime Minister Churchill crossed the Rhine today for an inspection of British and American bridgeheads and came within 50 yards of being struck by a German artillery shell while standing on the shattered western end of the bridge at Wesel.

Give to the Red Cross War Fund!

## RED CROSS WAR FUND Setting Proud Record

Cash on hand Saturday,  
March 24 \$18,220.50

Minimum Quota for Lincoln  
County 14,100.00

Donations will be accepted through Mar. 31

Go to the Colored Singing Festival, Court House, Wednesday night, Mar. 28, 8 P. M. Sponsored by Colored Division Red Cross War Fund.

### Local Men Given Demonstration In Aerona Champion

Dr. F. R. Burris, Robt. G. Wise and Leonard Wright were in Charlotte Sunday, going especially to see the new Aerona Champion trainer plane which was being shown and demonstrated by Al Bennett, director of sales, and Charles E. Smith, regional sales manager, of the Aerona Aircraft Corporation, of Middletown, Ohio. Each of the Lincolnton men, all being air-minded, took a spin in the new plane and all were much pleased with the many improvements and the maneuverability, visibility, etc., of the new Aerona Champion.

Mr. Bennett gave a number of demonstrations with the new plane, in one of which he took it off the ground, made a complete turn and landed back where he took off from in exactly 26 seconds, and, boy, that was fast. Bennett is famous all over the world as a flyer that knows how, and is at home in the cockpit of any plane when it comes to "stunt and test flying."

The Lincolnton men were guests of Don W. Frakes, genial vice-president and general manager of the United Aero Service, Inc., and enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner as well as flying.

Mr. Burris and Mr. Wise have been awarded the dealership for the Aerona and expect to secure one and bring it to Lincolnton at an early date. United Aero Service, Inc., of Charlotte, are Aerona distributors for this territory.

Dr. Burris secured a picture of the new plane in having this newspaper to make a cut which we plan to carry in Thursday's issue. Watch for it.

### Cpl. Wiley Smith Gets Good Conduct Medal

With the Army in the Philippines.—Cpl. Wiley E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley E. Smith, Sr., of Lincolnton, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal while serving with the Army Engineers in the Philippines.

Cpl. Smith, overseas more than 28 months, landed in the Philippines with the 14th Army Corps. This Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, directed all the army's fighting in the Solomons and is now in its fourth campaign in World War II. Principal combat units of the Corps for this operation are the 37th and 40th Infantry Divisions.

Cpl. Smith received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

### Pfc. Clyde Smith Wins Bronze Star

With the 100th Division Of The Seventh Army In France.—The 100th Division, in recognition of individual bravery and ability under fire, has made twelve awards to Carolina men of the division during the past month according to a recent announcement from division headquarters. Pfc. Clyde O. Smith, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, of Lincolnton, Route 4, is one of the twelve.

These awards, consisting of two Bronze Star Medals, singled out the part these men played in four months of the division's fight through the Vosges Mountains and the Alsatian-France sectors of the western front.

The 100th is the American division which has broken all previous records for time spent in the front lines during its first trip into combat. It is now celebrating its 135th consecutive day in contact with the enemy since it first reached the Seventh Army front in early November as a "green" division. Several other older organizations have piled up similar totals—although there are not many who can boast such a string—but they were already combat veterans before starting their long stretches. Never before has a new division gone through such a grueling period without a rest in the rear areas.

During those 135 days the 100th has helped in driving the Germans from the Vosges Mountains, the first time any army has broken through those virtually impregnable heights; cracked the strongest point in the entire Maginot Line, at Bitche; and staved off the onslaught of three enemy divisions in the vicinity of Bitche and Rimling during the Nazi counterattack on the Seventh Army front in January.

### Blanton Rites To Be Held In Cherryville

Cherryville, Mar. 25.—Funeral services for Jesse A. Blanton, 1500 Statesville avenue, Charlotte, who died Saturday at a Charlotte hospital, will be held at First Methodist Church in Cherryville Monday at 4:30 p. m. Rev. L. P. Barnett, pastor of First Methodist church, will officiate, assisted by Rev. E. S. Elliott, pastor First Baptist church.

Mr. Blanton was the son of Mrs. Enoch Blanton and the late Mr. Blanton, of Vale, Lincoln county. He married Miss Vida Moss, of Charlotte and was a dispatcher at the Charlotte Union Bus Terminal at the time of his death. His body will be at the home of Mrs. J. N. Moss, his

## Big Drop Foreseen In Draft Calls As Law Is Extended

### Killed On Iwo Jima.



Cpl. J. A. (Jay) Blackwell, Jr., (above), was killed in action on Iwo Jima on February 21, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blackwell, He joined the U. S. Marine Corps eight years ago and trained at Parris Island, S. C. He had been in the Pacific area for thirteen months.

Cpl. Blackwell is survived by his parents, his wife, the former Miss Georgia Lee Cone, of Charleston, S. C.; two sons, Donald Reece and John Arthur, Jr., the younger of which he had never seen; and one brother, Cpl. Reece Blackwell, who is now in Italy. Cpl. Blackwell's family has been making their home in Lincolnton for the past several months.

### His Regiment Is Awarded Citation



S/Sgt. Thomas L. Bost is a member of the 338th Engineer General Service Regiment, which recently was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

The citation reads as follows: "The 338th Engineer General Service Regiment, Penikese Island Base Section, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of an exceptionally difficult mission in Italy, from July 17, 1944, to September 30, 1944. This regiment, entered the Port of Salerno under artillery fire and through extensive mine fields, moved equipment over bombed out roads and bridges, cleared streets and dock areas that were completely blocked by debris from demolished buildings and other structures; removed thousands of enemy mines; built new roads and bridges, repaired utilities, and planned and constructed berthing and unloading facilities in one of the most completely destroyed ports as yet encountered in Italy. The 338th Engineer General Service Regiment by careful planning and proper organization, the efficient use of available materials and equipment, vigorous prosecution of the work over long hours of exceptional ingenuity and engineering skill placed the Port of Salerno in operating condition within six weeks after its capture."

Sgt. Bost is the son of Mrs. Pearl Bost, of Boger City, and the husband of Mrs. Jane Whitworth Bost, who is now employed by the Seth Lumber Co.

### Purple Heart Medal Awarded Cpl. Barkley

Mrs. J. Van Barkley last Friday received the Purple Heart medal awarded her son, Cpl. Ray Barkley, who was wounded in action in Germany.

Cpl. Barkley, who is now in a hospital in France and improving steadily, wrote his mother that his wounds were not of a serious nature and he expected soon to be out again.

mother-in-law, until the funeral hour. Surviving are his wife, his mother, one brother, Horace Blanton, of Hickory, and one sister, Miss Emma Blanton, of Vale.

### May Decline Average Of 31 Per Cent After July 1. White House Reveals.

Washington, Mar. 22.—Draft calls may drop an average of 31 per cent after July 1, the White House disclosed today coincident with a House military committee vote to extend the draft law without change.

President Roosevelt, sending up a request to Congress for \$54,500,000 to finance selective service another fiscal year, said this contemplated an average draft call of 93,000 a month.

This compares with a figure of 135,000 which Maj. Gen. Stephen Henry told the House committee is the expected average from now until June.

MAINTAIN REPLACEMENTS

The White House spoke of the after-July need as being merely one of replacements. It said that by then "mobilization of the largest armed force by far in the nation's history" will be complete.

After hearing only two witnesses—Army generals who emphasized the necessity of furnishing fighting replacements until the last enemy has quit—the committee sent the bill to the House floor for a vote probably early next week.

Without the legislation, the Selective Service act under which millions of men have been inducted would become inoperative on May 15. The bill approved extends it for another year, or until the end of hostilities, whichever is first.

The committee heeded, though reluctantly, the Army's request that no restriction be placed on the present policy of putting inductees into combat five months after donning the uniform, if necessary.

TEEN-AGE DRAFTEES

Many members had talked of keeping teen-age draftees out of combat until they had been trained a year in this country. They still may seek to write such a provision into the bill on the House floor.

Such a restriction, said Maj. Gen. Idwal Edwards, assistant chief of staff in charge of training, "very definitely would be harmful" to the orderly system of furnishing fighting men.

General Edwards disclosed to the committee the present training program by which a man can reach a fighting front five months after induction. He told of one man who was a combat casualty "five months and nine days" after entering the service.

The average training for a green recruit, he added, is about six months for a man going into the European theater and seven months for a man who will fight the Japanese. That time includes a furlough before embarkation and a short waiting period prior to assignment to a combat unit.

Edwards told the committee the Army never intended to give 12 months of home training to its combat troops. Any impression Congress had received to that effect during discussion of the teen-age draft bill, he said, was based on a misconception of the testimony.

## WAYS FOR SUGAR TO TURN SOUR

Sugar may be sweet to the user but it turns sour for the grocer who accents loose ration stamps, John D. Shaw, OPA's Enforcement division chief at Charlotte yesterday.

"A surprising number of counterfeit sugar stamps are turning up at our region verification center in Atlanta," Mr. Shaw said "and it's being pinned right back in the grocer."

"Any dealer who accepts counterfeit sugar stamps," explained Mr. Shaw, "will have the total value of the counterfeits deducted from his future allotments of sugar. And if it turns out he accepted the counterfeits willfully then appropriate action will of course be taken."

The best way a grocer can make sure he doesn't accept counterfeit stamps for sugar, Mr. Shaw emphasized, is for him to refuse any loose stamps that might be offered.

"The housewife, too, can cooperate with the grocer," he added, "by never tearing her ration books. Let her offer the books themselves to the grocer, and they'll both be playing safe. She won't have the danger of losing the loose stamps, and he won't be running the risk of taking counterfeits."

Many textile workers must return to their farms during the summer. Their textile machines may stand idle unless new workers are found. If you are not working see the U. S. Employment Service about a job in textile work.