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---Men In Service---

Wounded In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson of Bolens Creek have been informed that their son, Pfc. Jack E. Johnson of the U. S. Marine Corps, has been wounded in line of duty in the Pacific area.

The telegram stated: "Regret to inform you that your son, Pfc. Jack E. Johnson, U. S. Marine Corps, was wounded in line of duty in the Pacific area on July 27. I realize your great anxiety and shall keep you promptly informed as to change of condition of your son. For military reasons and to keep any beneficial news from the enemy, we cannot give you full details. All news of your son will be rushed through as fast as it is released. Letter will follow."

Pvt. Dean Higgins is back in the States. He has been overseas several months, and was wounded in the fight for Rome.

Chief Gunners Mate James Powell is on leave and is spending a few days here. He is with the Atlantic fleet.

Clay Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Thomas of Micaville, left this week for the Navy. All four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been in service, one of whom has received a medical discharge.

Pvt. Andy C. (Bill) Taylor who entered service two months ago is now at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Pvt. Leonard Haney of Camp Jackson, S. C. visited Mrs. W. I. Haney and Rev. Haney over the week end.

James Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, is home on leave from Randolph Field, Texas.

Carroll Angel is home on short leave from duties with the Atlantic fleet.

Pvt. Wm. Lee McIntosh has been home on a 10 day emergency furlough from Fort Knox, Ky.

T. M. Swann, Jr. who entered service recently is now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Pfc. Clayton Whitson has returned to Camp Atterbury, Ind. He spent a 15 day furlough with friends at Sioux.

Pvt. Reece Adkins has been home on a furlough. He is now stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas.

Pvt. Donald A. Thomas who was formerly stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. is now at Camp Maxey, Texas.

J. C. Perry is stationed at the army air base, Derringer, La.

Loss Hopson is home from camp on an emergency furlough.

Receives Purple Heart

Willard Beaver of Burnsville has received the Purple Heart award, given posthumously to his son, Cpl. Joseph C. Beaver who was killed in action off the Coast of Corsica Dec. 31, 1943.

Pass Pre-Induction Exams

The following men passed the preinduction physical examination at Camp Croft:

Thad Bradford, Ralph Ensor, Gay Robinson, Baxter Renfro, Claude Allen, Arvil Lewis, Arnold Whitson, Ray Edwards;

Horton Gibbs, Wm. Gather Edwards, Eugene Hall, Hermon Leonard Presnell, Roy Elzie King, E. F. Hunter, Jr.;

Ralph Wince Hylemon, Wm. Bryan Hall, Leslie J. Hensley, T. J. Peterson, Terrel Staton, Harold Luther Harris, John McKinney, Floyd James Robinson.

Inducted

The following men reported to Camp Croft for induction into military service:

Army: Everett Vint Banks, Clyde Anglin, Loyd Kenneth Peterson, Arthur Jarrett, Samuel Clyde McKinney, Loyd Davis Laws, Robert Deyton, Dale Lucius Gouge, Roger Allen Banks, Edd Swann Wilson, Lee Wallace, Isaac Walter Tipton, James G. Beaver.

Navy: Reed Hermon Moody, G. D. Robinson, Tom Webb, Wm. J. Presnell.

Gerard and Frank Butner of the Pacific fleet are home on leave.

Capt. Charles H. Hutchins has returned to the States after 4 years and 4 months service in the Pacific area. He was stationed in Hawaii when hostilities began and has taken part in a number of campaigns.

Pvt. Jack Whitson is home on furlough from Texas visiting his wife and son. He will report back to Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson of Burnsville Rt. 2 have received a letter from their son, Pfc. James Wilson stating that he is now safe somewhere in England. This is the first letter they had received in 18 months.

Ralph Beaver who is stationed at Chicago has been visiting his father, Willard Beaver.

Henry Banks, son of Willard Banks of Bolens Creek, has returned from duty in the Pacific area and is now at Lawson General hospital, Atlanta.

Among the Micaville boys who have been home on furlough are Alfred Hughes, Ed Dale, George Buchanan, Gibbs Jones, Wesley McCourry and Glenn Thomas.

CAMPS WILL CLOSE FOR SEASON

Mt. Mitchell Camp for Girls and Mt. Mitchell camp for Boys will close this week for the season. Most of the campers and counselors will leave on Friday for their homes.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPT. 18

The opening date for County schools has been definitely set for Sept. 18 in accordance with the recommendations made by the state board of health. The teachers will meet for conference on Sept. 14.

POLIO FUND

Contributions for the funds to assist in treatment of infantile paralysis victims now totals \$58.65.

Please send your contribution to Clarence Briggs at the electric shop.

Rebberin And Wife Are Serving in Navy



Charles H. Rebberin and wife, the former Miss Maybelle Higgins, are both serving in the U. S. Navy.

Named Commanding Officer Of Training Flights

Dover Army Air Field, Dover, Del.—First-hand information and practical tips on combat flying in the various theaters of war are provided for advanced student pilots of the Army Air Forces in training at the Dover Army Air Field where the staff of instructors is composed primarily of combat veterans of World War II.

Fourteen of the pilot-training staff gathered the other day for a "round-table" session of their own, and the inquiring reporter came up with these statistics concerning the officers:

200 months total overseas service—or an average of 14 months and 8 days each; 21 enemy planes to their credit; 2 Purple Hearts; 12 Distinguished Flying Crosses; 14 Air Medals; 69 Clusters for their medals; 13 unit Presidential Citations; Average age: 25 years.

Advanced gunnery training for pilots of P-47 Thunderbolt fighter planes is the primary activity of the Dover Field program, with the overseas veterans being detailed as instructors, to pass on what they have learned in actual combat with the enemy in the various theaters of war.

Chosen because of their skill and achievements, these highly experienced



S. SGT. SETH MCCOURRY Who was killed in action in France on July 2v. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayt McCourry of Day Book.

R. A. King returned Wednesday from an Asheville hospital where he has been undergoing treatment.

Somewhere in Italy

Record: I wish to thank you very much for the copy of the Record which I received this week. It's the first copy I've seen during the past seven months and believe me, I read every page and paragraph.

I am always glad to know what the folks back home are doing and I think the paper is the best means of learning such things.

Here's a big Hello to everyone in Yancey, and I'm hoping that the paper continues to come my way.

S. Sgt. Luther Bailey.

CADET NURSE CORPS

Durham.—North Carolina's campaign to enlist classes of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps was concluded successfully today, according to I. T. Reamer, Chairman of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association committee which co-operated with the State Nursing Council for War Service in the recruitment drive.

Reamer said reports from Miss Hazel C. Williams, of Raleigh, official recruiting officer, showed a 100 per cent increase in inquiries and indicated that by this fall's opening date every North Carolina nurse candidate in September school participating in the program would have capacity classes.

James M. Styles Returns From Overseas

To the extent that shipping space is available, the War Department will increasingly endeavor to return to this country under a rotation furlough plan men and women who have already served long tours of duty overseas.

The War Department has revised this plan of notifying hometown papers and broadcasters of returning personnel: At the time when personnel arrive at ports of debarkation, information will be sent local Army agency and thence to hometown paper and broadcaster. Meanwhile, personnel will be passed through a necessary processing before return home for furlough. In most instances this should result in your learning of impending arrival of returned personnel to your community before actual arrival.

Accordingly, the following information is forwarded:

Pfc. James M. Styles, Medical Corps, returning from 27 months overseas in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations will arrive on approximately August 23, at Ft. Bragg prior to reaching his home at Day Book, where he will visit his father, Carl Styles.

George A. Both, 1st Lt. A. G. D. Public Relations

DECORATION

There will be a decoration at the Wilson cemetery Sunday at 2:30.

Record: I have been receiving the paper for the past 6 months until I came to my new camp. I would appreciate it very much if you would send it to my new address here at Camp Van Dorn.

The paper is something to look forward to, to find out how things are going in "Yancey". Thanks for sending it to me.

Pvt. James V. Rathburn, Co. "I" 255th Inf. 63rd Div. APO 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Pvt. William O. Riddle of Fort Bragg spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Riddle.

Local Man With Famed "Rankin's Night Raiders"

Ensign Martin L. Baucum Returns After Exploits

Charleston, S. C.—Seven Georgians and seven North Carolinians, members of "Rankin's Night Raiders," which dropped 579,000 pounds of bombs and expended 2,000,000 rounds of .30 and .50 caliber ammunition on the Japs killing thousands, have returned to the United States with medals and citations.

Flying the Navy's grand old Catalina flying boats from bases successively at Guadalcanal, Munda and Bougainville, this famous Black Cat squadron has returned without losing a man or a plane in six months operations. The men will now be rehabilitated and reformed into new groups.

Favorite target of the Night Raiders were Jap barges which attempted to supply Nip forces which had been by-passed by the rapidly advancing Americans.

Working in close coordination with PT boats, the big PBYS—painted pitch black—contacted 186 of these barges and five merchant ships at night. Thirty-four barges and two merchant ships were destroyed and 23 barges were damaged by the "Black Cats." Their PT and destroyer

partners accounted for many more.

Of the 186 barges attacked, more than 105 were attacked in cooperation with surface craft. While "Black Cats" kept the enemy spotted and in the area lighted with flares, PT boats and destroyers closed for the kill. In the six months, these teams killed thousands of fully equipped Japanese soldiers and sent untold tons of critically needed supplies to the bottom.

The squadron got its name from its commander and its pitch black planes. During these operations, the "Night Raiders" were commanded by Commander Eugene P. Rankin, USN, of Sapulpa, Okla. His outstanding leadership earned him the Legion of Merit.

While coordinated night attacks with the fabled PT boats were the squadron's greatest achievement, the versatile "Black Cats" were used for numerous other missions—bombing spotting targets for cruiser and destroyer guns, coverage of task units and convoys, intelligence flights, open sea rescue missions, mail, passenger, weather and supply transport, night coverage of Enirau Island during the landing and construction period there.

"Rankin's Night Raiders," (Continued on page 4)

Attends T.V.A. Conference-Tour

Assistant county agents of the 15 western counties in the T. V. A. area went on a conference-tour last week to gain more information concerning the T. V. A. Program.

Two days were spent in Knoxville at T. V. A. headquarters where the group studied administration procedure, development of the program, and plans for future development.

The research department was also visited, where developments in dehydration, forest products, new types of farm machinery and other experiments and research was of especial interest.

From Knoxville the group went along the high-

land rim and central basin to Nashville. At Columbia they visited the phosphate reserve, one of the three known supply reserves in the United States.

They inspected the mines, the ammonium nitrate and concentrated fertilizer plants and other points of interest to them, and area demonstrations in Alabama and Tennessee.

The purpose of the tour was to acquaint new assistant agents with the work of the T. V. A. and give a fuller understanding of it and its relation to the test demonstration program.

R. F. Shepherd, assistant county agent, from Yancey county attended.

Given Award

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Outstanding achievement aerial combat over Nazi Europe has won the distinguished Flying Cross for Staff Sergeant Charles E. Hopson, 27-year old B-17 Flying Fortress engineer and top-turret gunner, of Green Mountain, N. C., veteran of more than 30 bombing attacks with the Eighth Air Force.

He has flown nearly 30,000 miles to aid in the destruction of enemy objectives, ranging from war industries in Central Europe, to Military Installations and Robot-Bomb sites along the French Coast. Previously, Hopson was awarded the

Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters for achievement in battle.

The North Carolina flyer's veteran fortress group holds a presidential citation for its attack on key Nazi Ball-Bearing plants at Schweinfurt, Germany, last October, and is a unit of the Third Bombardment Division, recently cited for its now historic England-to-Africa shuttle attack on Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, Germany, last summer.

Charles Proffitt, Jr. is now at State College, Raleigh where he is attending the army training program for students below induction age.