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---Men In Service---

William Briggs M O M M 3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Welzie L. Briggs of Mica-ville, is now stationed at Pearl Harbor. He has been in service over a year and has completed training at Great Lakes, Chicago, De- troit, Solomons Islands, Md. Portland, Ore. and San Diego, Cal.

Briggs is a diesel en- gineer and captain of a gun crew on an L G I (G). Prior to entering service he was employed by the United States Coal and Coke com- pany at Gary, W. Va.

Leroy McCourry is home on leave from the Marine Base, Parris Island. He will report to New River.

Samuel R. Garland of the Navy has been home on leave visiting relatives at Green Mtn. He is stationed at Jacksonville, Fla.

Pvt. Homer Hughes has been home on leave and has returned to camp in Texas.

Pvt. Hobart Elliott who has been at Fort Jackson, S. C. is now at Fort Sill, Okla.

R. M. Styles, A. M. M. 3c, has been home on leave from Norfolk, Va. His wife and small son accompanied him back to Portsmouth, Va. where they will reside.

Bill Peterson of Camp Wheeler, Ga. and John Peterson of Fort Bragg were called home Thursday on account of the death of their father.

Pvt. Dave Hylemon has returned to Camp Gordon, Fla. after spending a 10 day furlough with his wife, Mrs. June Hylemon.

J. C. Hensley of Higgins is stationed with the 3rd Field Artillery training re- giment, Fort Bragg.

Completes 50th Mission

15th AAF in Italy—Staff Sergeant John J. Tipton, 22 of Butler, Pa. has success- fully flown his 50th combat mission. Ball turret op- erator on an AAF Flying For- tress in the Mediterranean theater of operations, he flew his "golden" mission on June 23, when the Forts attacked the oil fields at Ploesti, Romania.

A graduate of Butler high school, he enlisted in the army on February 18, 1943, and attended the aer- ial gunnery school at Tyn- dall Field, Fla., where he won his wings.

Upon leaving the United States for flying duty over- seas, he was assigned to the oldest heavy bombardment group in the theater. This group has flown over 275 combat missions against enemy installations from bases in England, North Africa, Russia, and Italy. Sergeant Tipton flew on his initial mission on April 3, when the group bombed the railroad yards at Bel-

Wounded In Action

Pvt. Alvin C. Rathbone of Pensacola was wounded in action in France on Aug- ust 11, according to a mes- sage from the war depart- ment to his father, Willard Rathbone of Pensacola.

Pvt. Rathbone went over- seas in July.

Wounded In Action

Pfc. Lawrence Fortner, son of William Fortner of Mica-ville was slightly wounded in France on Aug- ust 6 according to a mes- sage received this week by Mr. Fortner.

Receives Purple Heart

Brady Fox who was re- cently wounded in France received the Purple Heart in a hospital in England where he was taken for treatment. He sent the aw- ard to his mother, Mrs. Zeb Fox of Bolens Creek.

Sgt. Bostian

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England.—As a part of the Eighth Air For- ce's extensive weather net in England, Staff Sgt. Wal- ter H. Bostian of Burns- ville, N. C., a weather fore- caster, is one of the men whose work contributes to the forecasts on which the operations of thousands of fighters and bombers are dependent.

The meteorological data gathered and analysed by S. Sgt. Bostian and men like him at weather sta- tions all over England, aids in the preparation of the final forecast which is laid before the commanding general before an operation over Europe can be planned. S. Sgt. Bostian received his weather training at the Weather Observers and Forecasters School, Chan- ute Field, Ill. He is a grad- uate of Burnsville High School.

His father, Mr. Floyd P. Bostian lives in Coalwood, W. Va. and his mother, Mrs. Molly Bostian, resides in Burnsville. He has two brothers also in the service; Ralph is a flying cadet and Floyd, Jr., is a gunner's mate, 3rd class in the Navy.

Sergeant Tipton has been awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters.

Sgt. Tipton is the son of Jason J. Tipton of Butler, Pa. formerly of Yancey county and is a grandson of Mrs. Nelson Tipton and the late Mr. Tipton. Mrs. Tipton has 9 grandsons in the ser- vice. All but one volunteer- ed for service to their country.

They are Luther Banks, Jr., who is in India, Lloyd White, Jr. on sea duty, Kenneth Honeycutt in New Guinea, Luke and Eugene Harris, somewhere over- seas, Howard Tipton, in the South Pacific, Richard White with the Navy, sta- tioned in Florida, and Char- les Honeycutt in Miss.

MOUNT MITCHELL TIMBER SOLD TO LUMBER FIRM

Asheville—Sale of 1,800,- 000 board feet of timber in Mount Mitchell ranger dis- trict of Pisgah National for- est to the Roberts and John- son Lumber company of Burnsville was announced this week.

The lumber, to be cut in the valley of South Toe river, in Yancey county, is to be used for war purposes. It was understood, but no details were available here. The sale was announced by Joseph C. Kircher, re- gional U. S. forester, in Atlanta, Ga.

Local Soldiers are Members Of Outstanding Infantry Regiment In Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Pfc. Don Renfro, rifleman of Higgins and Pfc. Emery L. Sheppard, weapons platoon squad leader, of Swiss, are serving with the 351st Regiment in Italy, one of General Mark Clark's Fifth Army units that helped to drive the Germans from the Garig- liano River to the Arno. Except for a brief rest pe- riod, the regiment marched and fought almost contin- uously 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 divi- sion to enter combat. After two months of aggressive patrolling in the Minturno sector, the regiment partic- ipated 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.

Soon after the city's fall, the regiment was given a well-earned rest. Three weeks later, however, the driving 351st was again slashing enemy lines and backing the defeated Ger- mans 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 Distin- guished Service Cross, and first to receive a battlefield promotion.

Pvt. William L. McIntosh is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Cpl. J. L. Gouge who has been stationed at Los An- geles is now at Camp How- ze, Texas.

Pvt. Richmond D. Young is now at Camp Pickett, Va.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHARLIE BRIGGS

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Riverside Baptist church near Burns- ville for Charlie B. Briggs, 69, who passed away in an Asheville hospital Tuesday morning.

The Rev. E. G. Adkins and the Rev. J. G. Allred officiated and burial was in the Briggs family cem- etery near Burnsville.

Surviving are one son, Charles Briggs, Jr. and two sisters.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR EDGAR RIDDLE

Edgar Riddle, 35, passed away at his home at Elk Shoal Monday morning fol- lowing an extended illness.

Funeral and burial ser- vices were conducted at the cemetery near the home at 3 o'clock Tuesday after- noon. Rev. J. G. Allred of- ficiated.

Surviving are the par- ents, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Riddle; a grandmother, Mrs. Cordelia McIntosh; five brothers, Ralph of Asheville, Vance of Eliza- bethton, Tenn., Carlo of Cane River, Clyde and Hudson both of the U. S. Army; two sisters, Mrs. Maude Riddle of Cane River.

Glider Forces Aid Victory

Pfc. Biss Byrd With Glider Troops

Headquarters, 82nd Air- borne Division, Normandy. While American, English and Canadian soldiers were wading to the beaches of France on D-Day, glider troops of the 82nd Airborne Infantry Division who had landed hours before, were engaged in hand-to- hand fighting immediately, yet within five hours, most of the regiment had assem- bled and forced crossings of both rivers.

The regiment was part of the force which drove the enemy northwest of Ste. Mere Eglise. After joining in the coordinated crossing of the Douve River at Pont l'Abbe, the regiment be- came part of the mighty drive toward La Haye du Puits, called the "Battle of the Hills and Ridge" and in- cluding the heavy fighting for Hill 131.

During one stage of the fighting, a squad of six men under Sergeant Clarence Rohrbacker, 1663 Oak St., Columbus, Ohio, captured 42 Germans who had taken shelter in a French farm- house. The French woman occupant had told Rohrbac- ker there were two wound- ed and one able Nazi in the house, but he had suspected her story and fired on the house with a bazooka.

On another occasion, Sgt. Rohrbacker's squad staged a feint which drew a German force from its strongpoint and enabled an entire American battalion to by-pass the place and later capture the Germans.

J. C. McINTOSH IN- JURED IN FALL

J. C. McIntosh sustained serious injuries in a fall Tuesday afternoon while at work on the new Feldspar plant now being built at Kona. The accident occur- red when a scaffold gave way and he fell head first into a firm built for con- crete.

He was taken to Asheville where examination showed that his back was broken and a bone in his neck was also broken. He is in St. Jos- eph hospital.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS SUBSIDING IN DISTRICT

Eight cases have been re- ported in Avery county, one in Yancey and one in Mit- chell. All have been remov- ed to hospitals for treat- ment and are getting along nicely. If your child be- comes ill, please call your private physician FIRST. If he desires it, the Health Officer will be glad to see the child in consultation with the attending physi- cian. He is not permitted to make calls except in consul- tation.

We hope that the quaran- tine may soon be lifted, but with new cases being re- ported in the State, we do feel that it is not safe to lift it now.

Dr. B. B. McGuire, Health Officer.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

When the Lone Star flag flew over the first capitol building of the Republic of Texas, ox-carts brought into the building supplies through stockade gates.

Austin in 1839

Today our fighting men are trading the first sight of a jeep for the first glimpse of an ox-cart in many parts of the world.

Back 'em up— Buy War Bonds

Funeral Services Conducted For Ellis Peterson

Ellis Peterson, 45, widely known citizen of Burnsville died at his home Thursday night at 10 o'clock.

Funeral services con- ducted by Rev. R. C. Arrowood and Rev. H. M. Alley, were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Hol- combe and Edwards fune- rial home was in charge of the arrangements, and burial was in the McCracken ce- metery.

Pall bearers for the ser- vice were Ed Bryant, Guss Peterson, Clarence Briggs, Jesse Cooper, Troy McIn- tosh and Salvie Ramsey.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Vashti Ramsey; five sons, Bill and John, both of the U. S. Army, Edward, Jimmy and Burdette; three daughters, Mrs. Vivian Edwards, Mary Belle and Polly Peterson; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peterson; one brother, Rabe Peterson, and two sis- ters, Mrs. Ernest Griffeth and Mrs. Henry Lewis both of Hunt Dale.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. PARM PETERSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Parm Peterson, former re- sident of the county, were held at 1:30 Wednesday af- ternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Proffitt. Mrs. Peterson had lived near Bakersville for sev- eral years.

Burial was in the Proffitt family cemetery.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Proffitt is another daughter, Mrs. Fonz Par- ker.

MRS. W. E. WILSON PASSES AWAY

Word has just been re- ceived of the passing of Mrs. W. E. Wilson in an Asheville hospital.

Funeral services will be held here tomorrow at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church. The body will lie in state from 2 to 3 at the church. Burial will be in Buncom- be county.

LETTERS FROM MEN IN SERVICE

Record: Please change my address to the above. I am now safe in England, and find it to be an inter- esting country, in spite of the Buzzbombs.

I wish to extend my love to all my friends and relatives and I invite them all to write me.

Again I thank you for the paper, I look forward to it every week. So keep it com- ing please.

Best regards to everyone. Pfc. Royce Brinkley.

LUMBER FOR REPAIRS

In answer to inquiries from home owners who want to know how they can get lumber and other ma- terials for emergency re- pairs, War Production Board officials explained that the Federal Housing Administration is respon- sible for residential property except farms, and therefore home owners should go to the nearest office of that agency for assistance.

"But don't ask for lumber right now unless your case is one of extreme emergen- cy, and your home is unin- habitable as a result of damage caused by fire, flood or some similar disas- ter," officials warned. "The demand for lumber for all purposes far exceeds pre- sent supplies. It is today the No. 1 critical building ma- terial."

Farm Needs
Farmers in need of re- pair materials for either homes or farm buildings should apply to the County Agricultural Conservation Committee, who will help them fill out the proper ap- plication forms.

It was explained that while WPB has control over these other agencies are responsible for assisting prop- erty owners at all times. It is WPB forms that must be filled in but it is neces- sary to go through the de- signated federal agency in order to obtain approval in each individual case.

Owners or managers of commercial residential prop- erty, such as apartment houses, hotels, etc., file ap- plication forms for repair materials direct with their nearest WPB field office.