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--Men In Service--

Wounded In Action

Pfc. Jack L. Laughrun was slightly wounded in action in France on Feb. 21, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Laughrun of Burnsville Rt. 1. He and his brother, Pvt. Floyd J. Laughrun entered service together, were together throughout basic training, went overseas at the same time and had written that they were still together in France and sleeping in the same fox hole. They are now separated for the first time.

Returns from Pacific

Marine Staff Sergeant Frank W. Bowditch, 32, of Hamrick, N. C., is on furlough following his return from the Pacific where he was an aviation ordnance man with the "Whistling Devils" fighter squadron of the Fourth Marine Air Wing, based in Hawaii and the Marshall Islands.

He was graduated from Marion (N. C.) high school in 1929, where he was a football letterman. Staff Sgt. Bowditch was the owner of his own business in Hamrick, prior to enlisting in October, 1942. He was promoted to his present rank in August, 1944.

Two brothers, also are in the service. John, 35, is a Navy seaman, second class, and Robert 30, is an Army technical sergeant, in Italy.

Pvt. Robert B. Deyton is now somewhere in France, his wife and parents have been informed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Deyton of Green Mtn.

Receives Commission

Durham, N. C.—Herrick R. Peterson, son of Robert D. Peterson, Burnsville, received his commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, this past week at Duke University.

Editor of the Archive, he was a member of the Duke Players, the Hoof and Horn, the Freshman Advisory Council, the Chronicle Staff, Pi Kappa Alpha and Beta Omicron Sigma. He belonged to the Duke Naval R. O. T. C., being platoon commander of Company B and president of the Commodore Club.

He previously attended Clearmont High School and the University of North Carolina.

Cpl. Hugh M. King who has been stationed at Walla Walla, Wash. has been on short leave visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Edd King. His wife accompanied him here for a few days visit and will leave for Pittsburgh.

Pvt. Fonzo L. Miller of Swiss has been home on leave because of illness of his wife.

Sgt. Wayne Ferguson has returned to camp after a short leave at his home at Bald Creek.

Awarded Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hilliard have received notice of the award of the Purple Heart to their son, Cpl. Robert B. Hilliard who was wounded in Belgium on Jan. 10, 1945. Cpl. Hilliard entered service March 14, 1944 and went overseas in Nov. 1944. He is now in a hospital in England.

Awarded 2nd Bronze Star

Technician 5 Grover D. Ray has been awarded a second Bronze Star for "heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sept. 6, 1944 in France. During a furious engagement with the enemy, T. 5 Ray moved several hundred yards over terrain exposed to very heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire to give medical aid and to evacuate wounded men." He had previously been awarded a Bronze Star for heroic action on Aug. 12 and the second was given him on Sept. 6th.

T. 5 Ray graduated from Pensacola high school in 1928, and was engaged in farming until he enlisted in the army in Sept. 1942. He received basic training in several camps in the states and was sent overseas, arriving in Ireland in Dec. 1943. He has since been in Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He is with a medical detachment attached to an infantry regiment.

T. 5 Ray is the son of H. L. Ray, 443 Broadway Asheville and the husband of Mrs. Marie Ray whom he married in Oct., 1939. She is now residing at Vixen.

Promoted

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—The promotion of John G. Low, 23 year old Burnsville, N. C., radio operator and aerial gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, from the grade of sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced by Colonel Charles B. Dougher of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., commanding officer of the 94th Bomb Group.

Sgt. Low is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Low, Sr., of Burnsville, N. C. He was a student at N. C. State College before he entered the Army Air Forces in May, 1942.

Pass Examinations For Service

The following registrants were qualified for general military service at Fort Bragg, N. C. on Feb. 21st: David K. Robinson, Celso J. C. Hilliard, Micaville; Addren R. Robinson, Hamrick; George R. Banks, Cane River; Isaac R. Wheeler, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Loyd C. Garland, Relief; Bill Ray Star Rt. Burnsville; Roy Lee Fox, Burnsville; Welford H. Bishop, Newdale; General B. Wyatt, Micaville; Glen Austin, Cane River.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FARMERS

Plans for a Truck Crop Market for the tri-county area are now being discussed. The Organization and Planning meeting will be held at the Carolina Theatre, Spruce Pine on Monday, March 12th at 9:30.

This is one of the most important steps that could be made at this time for farmers and truck crop growers of this section and all interested persons are especially urged to attend the meeting.

Fox Recovering From Operation in England

Wounded in action twice in a two months' period, Sgt. William Brady Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Fox of Burnsville, is recuperating in a hospital in England following an appendix operation. He was previously in the hospital for another major operation.

Sgt. Fox was wounded in France in July, 1944, and again the following September, being evacuated to England both times. He rejoined his company at his own request after his first wound. Sgt. Fox entered service in October, 1941, and went overseas last year. He has sent his family the Purple Heart which was awarded him and one cluster.

Prior to entering service, Sgt. Fox was employed in Winston-Salem. He is a graduate of Burnsville high school and of Cecil's Business college.

A brother, Pfc. Frank Fox, is serving at Camp Gordon, Fla., having entered service in May, 1944.

Mens Club Is Reorganized

A reorganization meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club was held on Friday evening at the club house. Twenty four business and professional men attended and joined, and a number of others have applied for membership this week.

Reece McIntosh was elected president, Dover R. Fouts, vice president, Troy Ray, secretary and Fred Proffitt, treasurer.

Serving with the officers as a board of directors are H. Grady Bailey, Dawson Briggs and H. M. Alley.

The club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of each month.

Local Board News

Selective Service regulations have recently been amended effecting all registrants through 33 years of age. All registrants under 34 years of age must be employed in an essential war effort and be essential to that particular kind of work before a deferment can be granted. Registrants under 30 years of age must file Form 42A (Special) setting out in detail the work they are doing. Such registrants must be employed in work essential directly to the war effort, must be doing work essential in the place of employment and the 42A special must show that he can not be replaced and that if inducted, production would be cut.

Registrants deferred for farming or requesting farm deferment will not have to file Form 42A Special. Farmers will file the usual

Certificate of Merit

Pfc. John E. Letterman of the 381st Field Artillery Battalion, now connected with the 9th Army, has been awarded "The Certificate of Merit" in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in France, Holland and Germany.

Pfc. Letterman is the son of Mrs. J. A. Letterman of Toledo, N. C. and has served 27 months with the armed forces of which six months has been in the European Theatre.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Burnsville held on March 1st it was agreed that, in order to promote public safety for the citizens and school children of the town of Burnsville, the traffic ordinance should be amended to read as follows: From the Yancey Theatre on the West to George W. Anglin's Store on the East and the Nu-Way Hotel on the South and Burnsville High School on the North the speed limit shall be 15 miles per hour. The speed limit for all other streets in the town shall be 25 miles per hour. All violators shall be fined \$5.00 and cost for the first offense, \$10.00 and the cost for the second offense and \$20.00 and the cost for each offense thereafter or 30 days imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. It is hoped that the Citizens of the town will co-operate with this measure.

H. G. BAILEY, Mayor.

RED CROSS

Miss Ruby Robinson, treasurer of the Yancey county chapter of the American Red Cross, has reported that approximately \$1700 had been turned in on the War Fund drive. The county quota is \$4300.

No report has been received from some of the townships but workers in all townships are urged to report so that in the next issue a report by townships may be made.

Two other schools are now 100 per cent in contributing, Micaville and Burnsville. Clearmont was reported over the top before March 1.

Wounded Burnsville Infantryman Recovering in England

The 61st General Hospital, England—Pfc. Emery S. Silvers, 26, of Rt. 1, Burnsville, who suffered shell-blast concussion when fired upon by a Nazi tank near St. Vith, Belgium is now recovering at this United States Army general hospital in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Pfc. Silvers said he was carrying mortar ammunition forward to his infantry unit which was holding a crossroads five miles west of St. Vith when the shell hit near him.

Within minutes after the blast, front line medics gave him medical assistance and he was able to walk from the combat area. Evacuated by jeep and ambulance to a field hospital, Infantryman Silvers was given further medical treatment before he was flown to England.

His ward surgeon, Capt. Abraham W. Feldman of Chicago, said, "Pfc. Silvers has made a rapid recovery and will return to duty soon."

Pfc. Silvers had been wounded once before while serving as a 40mm Bofors anti-aircraft gunner at Bizerto, Africa. His shrapnel wound, however, required less than a week's hospitalization before he was completely recovered.

Pfc. Silvers, who entered the Army at Fort Jackson, S. C. May 20, 1942, is the son of Mr. Harvey Silvers of Burnsville Rt. 1.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. JARLES BUCHANAN

Ralph Yourgare Mrs. Charles Buchanan, 46, died at her home in Micaville on Wednesday. She was 46 years of age.

Funeral services were planned for today (Thursday) at 2:30 and will be held at R. H. Pleasant Gap Baptist Church.

Surviving are the husband, one daughter, Mrs. Mest Wilson; one foster daughter, Mrs. Robert Cabell; one sister, Mrs. Fonz Hughes and one brother, Iss Wyatt of Micaville.

Mrs. R. C. Orr is visiting her husband who is stationed in Charleston, S. C.

BONDS FOR FREEDOM

B. B. Bonds for Freedom, Vivian Clare (M)

Court Will Convene Here On March 19th

The March term of Superior Court will convene on March 19. The following jury list has been drawn:

First week: Oliver Carroway, Fred McIntosh, Herman Angel, Fred Ayers, Charlie Wilson, M. A. Hensley, L. M. Hilliard, Alvin Wilson, S. T. Ledford, Herman Murphy, Frank Tipton, W. D. Gurley, Charles L. Brown, Sid Laws, Claude Allen, Isom Bradford, C. H. Higgins, S. M. Bailey, Arthur Ball, Elmer Phillips, W. L. Penland, Charles W. Silvers, J. W. Miller; Mack Bailey, Fred Buchanan, Grady Woody, John Fox, Adrain Buchanan, P. B. Wilson, C. E. Randolph, Sparks.

Fred Grindstaff, Charley Miller, Elzie Ray, B. B. Penland, Willard Angel, Virgil Freeman, Melvin Metcalf, Will Boone, Dan Phillips, J. R. Peterson, W. A. McKinney, Bascomb Robinson.

Second week: W. B. Miller, W. Z. Ponder, Tom R. Robinson, Clyde Silvers, Jason Masters, Hubert M. Hall, D. E. Byrd, Joe Gibbs, J. R. Shepherd, D. H. Brinkley, A. C. Ledford, William Briggs, E. M. Hensley, Oscar Renfro, Bradley Shuford, Sam Greene, Molt King, Ralph Dellinger, Rex Hensley, Horace J. Gibbs, Emory Roland, Andrew Edwards, Sam Gilley, S. B. Sparks.

Funeral [Services] Held For Harry Rotha

Harry Rotha, 65, general manager of the South Briar Pipe corporation of Burnsville, and a resident of Waynesville more than 45 years, died at an Asheville hospital Monday morning following a lengthy illness.

A native of Ashland, Ky., Mr. Rotha came to Western North Carolina in 1900. He was engaged in the lumber business for many years and for 12 years served as forestry products manager of the Farmers Federation. In 1942, he became general manager of the South Briar Pipe corporation, the position he held at the time of his death.

Funeral services were

held at the First Presbyterian church in Waynesville Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Dr. Williamson and Dr. Crockett officiating. Burial was in Green Hills cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Georgia Knight Rotha, five daughters, Mrs. Martin Berry of Pleasant Valley, N. Y., Miss Louise Rotha, a member of the faculty of St. Mary's college, Maryland, Miss Tillie Rotha, Miss Charline Rotha of Morganton, and Mrs. Charles Carter of Pleasant Valley, N. Y.; and two sons, George Rotha of Charlotte, and Pvt. Harry Rotha, Jr., serving with the armed forces.

FEDERATION STOCK HOLDERS WILL MEET SATURDAY

A meeting of the Yancey county stock holders of the Farmers Federation will be held Saturday morning, March 10 at 10:30 in the Burnsville warehouse. Business of the Federation will be transacted, and refreshments will be served. All stockholders are urged to attend.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR Wm. JASPER HENSLEY, 81

William Jasper Hensley, 84, passed away on March 5 following an extended illness. He was born on Dec. 16, 1860 and was a life long resident of the Jacks Creek section and a devout and loyal citizen of the county.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Honeycutt at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the family cemetery on Bailey Branch.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Horton of Hampton, Tenn., and Mrs. Myrtle Hensley of Burnsville; thirteen grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

June Blankenship who is employed with the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit has been home for a few days. Marie Banks returned to Detroit with her.

BONDS FOR VICTORY

LAST RITES FOR WM. ELISHA HONEYCUTT

Last rites for William Elisha Honeycutt, 51, were held at the Jacks Creek Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson conducted the services and Dover R. Fouts, member of the Burnsville bar association and former class mate of the deceased spoke.

Mr. Honeycutt, a native of Yancey county, was a graduate of George Washington school of Law and had practiced in Minneapolis for a number of years. He was serving his second term in the Minnesota state Legislature. Early in life he joined the Baptist church to which he remained a loyal member.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Ruth Haft; one daughter, Marna Lou; the mother, Mrs. G. B. Honeycutt; the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Rector, Mrs. Pansy Franklin, Mrs. Marvin Robinson, Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson, W. P. M. A. C. C., L. C. and D. G. Honeycutt.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 8 The Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hennessee.

Monday, March 12 The Business Woman's Circle will meet at the Baptist church at 7:30.

The Men's Club will meet at the club house at 8:00.