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--Men In Service--

Killed In Action

Staff Sgt. Ned W. Higgins who in November was reported missing in action has now been reported killed in action in the European area on Sept. 9, 1944, his mother, Mrs. Martha Higgins of Higgins, has been notified.

Prisoner of War

Pvt. Bill Bailey has written he is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was reported missing in action in December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bailey of Toledo and husband of Mrs. Jeanette Penland Bailey of Burnsville.

Pvt. Hobart Williams, son of Wm. G. Williams of Sioux, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Wounded In Action

Pvt. Carl A. Putnam was slightly wounded in Germany on March 24, his mother, Mrs. Sue V. Putnam of Estatee has been notified.

Pvt. Gar Blankenship who was recently wounded in action and was hospitalized in the European area, has now been returned to military control, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Rena Blankenship of Cane River.

Pvt. Paul T. Robinson has landed safely overseas and is now serving somewhere in the Philippines, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Robinson of Micaville.

Theodore A. Hensley, Ship's Service Man, 3c, has been spending a 20 day leave with his parents at Higgins, N. C. He has been aboard one of the Navy's fast carriers serving in the Supply department during all of the Third and Fifth fleet operations from the Wake Island Raid in October, 1943 to the strikes on Tokyo in February of this year.

During this period he experienced many Jap aerial attacks and took part in the Battle of the Philippine Sea and the Battle for Leyte Gulf.

S. Sgt. Wayne King who recently returned from overseas is spending a 21 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb V. King of Leicester, N. C. Sgt. King was formerly of Yancey county. He graduated from Clearmont high school and was employed in Greensboro before going into the army air force in Feb. 1943. He received his training at Tuscon, Ariz. and was attached to the 8th air force overseas.

Pvt. Emerson J. Woody has returned to Fort Knox, Ky. after spending a 10 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woody of Burnsville.

Pvt. Jarvis McIntosh is spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. C. McIntosh.

6th Army Group, France

Capt. Lucille Chase is chief nurse of the 117th Evacuation hospital, about which the following story has been released:

Attesting to the skilled medical care wounded Americans receive on the Western Front is one surgical achievement of the 117th Evacuation hospital—50 brain operations without one death.

This 400-bed hospital, following the advance of U. S. Seventh Army Troops in General Jacob L. Devers, 6th Army Group, has treated over 5,000 patients during three months of combat operations in France. Fifty six percent of all admissions were surgical cases and 44 percent medical.

"A battle casualty is received here from six to eight hours after he is wounded," explained Lt. Col. Alfred P. Thom of Washington, D. C., hospital commander. "He receives first surgical treatment and his physical condition is improved for safe transport to general and station hospitals where final surgical care is administered. Some patients are completely cured and returned direct to duty from here."

The 117th usually operates from 15 to 25 miles behind the front. Once, however, the hospital was set up in buildings just vacated by a German hospital staff, only six miles from the front.

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, France—"Keep your Marauder at 10000 feet and bail out near the field. You can't bring your plane in with your elevator controls knocked out. Too dangerous!"

That was the message Staff Sgt. Burns P. Gillespie, Portland, Conn., engineer-gunner in the Ninth Air Force "Tiger Stripe" Marauder group, heard over the plane's radio system as the flying control tower at an American base in France gave bailing out orders.

After adjusting his parachute Sgt. Gillespie crawled to the open bomb-bay doors of the B-26 medium bomber, badly shot up by flak during a bombing mission to a railroad bridge at Nuttall, Germany, dived out and began a six minute, 10000 feet descent via parachute.

"The first and last few feet are the hardest" said Gillespie. "First you sweat out the chute opening and then worry about how hard you'll hit the ground."

In keeping with the point bombing which they had just accomplished the crew performed some pinpoint parachuting. All of them, bailing out for the first time, landed within 100 yards of their quarters and the only man wounded landed ten feet away from his squadron dispensary.

Sgt. Gillespie is the son of Mrs. Cora Gillespie of Micaville.

Promoted

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pvt. Grason Hensley, whose wife Edith lives in Bee Log, N. C., has been promoted to private first class on the Fifth Army front in Italy. He is a demolition man with the 316th Combat Engineer Battalion of the 91st "Powder River" Division.

Leave for Examinations

The following men left Wednesday for Fort Bragg for Pre induction examinations:

Roy Hughes, Joseph C. Robinson, James Buchanan Oliver Lewis, Richmond Mitchell, Rexter Hughes, Floyd Huskins, Ernest R. Robertson, Craig Phillips, Blake Styles, Pershing Wilson, James Turner, James M. Miller, James D. Ray;

Doss Wallace, Wm. A. Curtis, Johnny Deyton, James Walter McKinney, Arcemus Byrd, Wallace Gurley, Bruce C. Laws, Arcemus Briggs, Isg Peterson, Reece King, Ray F. Riddle;

Robert Holloway, Jr., Donald Honeycutt, Jr., Emory Buchanan, Lester Briggs, Sam D. Randolph, Loyd Turbyfill, David A. Pittman, Robert Tipton, Delzie Styles, Paul Randolph, Salvie Ramsey, Oscar Renfro, Wright Silvers, Johnny W. Wyatt, Paul L. Harris, James C. Wilson.

RED CROSS WAR FUND

Donations to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund now total \$4384.26. Miss Ruby Robinson, chapter treasurer, reported this morning. The county quota was \$4300.

TRAINING UNION MEETING

A county wide Baptist Training Union meeting will be held with the Mt. Mitchell Baptist church on Tuesday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college, will be principal speaker. Each church in the association is urged to send representatives to this meeting.

T. 3 Mark W. Bennett has returned to the states after 14 months overseas in the European theatre.

Pfc. Boyd Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Edwards of Burnsville Rt. 1, has been returned to the States and is now in a hospital in Miami, Fla. He was wounded in action in France on March 5.

Pfc. Frances Hennessee, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hennessee of Burnsville, has been overseas since Nov. 1944. He is with the 66th Division.

BONDS FOR FREEDOM

Truck Crop Market Will Aid Farmers

Organization of the Tri-County Marketing Association to serve the areas of Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties is a progressive step which will improve the local vegetable marketing situation and, will add to the farm income of the communities, believes H. L. Meacham, Extension Marketing Specialist of the State College Extension Service. Meacham says, the association will operate a market center at Spruce Pine during the harvest season of the most important truck crops. Plans are now to open the market about June 20, with the sale of snap beans. Other crops such as squash, beets, cabbage, and potatoes will be sold as they are ready for the harvest.

"This market is a new enterprise for the area," Meacham says, and will establish a convenient place for farmers to assemble truck crops in volumes sufficient to attract car lot and other large buyers. This practice will further establish a market that can be quoted daily to all growers both large and small.

"Produce buyers from the commercial enterprises such as canneries, commission companies, chain stores, wholesale dealers, and others, are invited to buy on the farmers market and each buyer will be given an equal chance to get vegetables. The market will not hinder but will help the companies that now buy beans and other vegetables from the area because they

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Junior Red Cross members are asked to collect as many wire coat hangers as possible, to be sent to service men in hospitals. The coat hangers may be taken to the schools and will be collected there.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Men's Club was held at the club house on Monday evening with 40 present. Reece McIntosh, president, presided and B. M. Tomberlin was guest speaker.

In his address, Mr. Tomberlin discussed clubs and their place in the development of a community. He traced the influence of organized clubs since ancient times, and paid tribute to results which they have accomplished.

Several important items of business were discussed. The organization of a baseball club and plans for the club house were under discussion.

The Men's Club will operate during the next two weeks in the United National Clothing Collection.

National Clothing Collection. The club house will be used as central collection point, and donations will be packed there.

Much interest continues to be shown in the organization, and all men who have not yet joined, are invited to attend.

Promoted

Dover Army Air Field, Dover, Del.—Promotion to major of Captain Ray M. Hilliard, formerly of Micaville, N. C., a veteran of 146 fighter pilot missions in the Australia and New Guinea campaigns who now

is serving as operations officer at Dover Army Air Field, has been announced by his commanding officer, Colonel Harold J. Rau.

Major Hilliard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Hilliard of Micaville. His wife, the former Marie Bailey, is residing with him in Dover.

The Army Air Force flier held a private pilot's license before he entered the service in March 1941, having founded the Civilian Pilot Training program at Brevard College, which he attended until 1940. Turning to military flying, he was sent first to Americus Ga., with the first class to enter cadet training there. He received his commission at Craig Field, Ala., five days after Pearl Harbor.

There barely was time for him to pack his luggage before he joined a P-40 fighter unit headed for the West Coast and thence to Australia to begin a 20-month tour of duty during which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, both with clusters, as well as two Unit Citations.

He was assigned to Dover in November 1943 and has served in various capacities in the airfield's pre-combat training program for P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilots.

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Clean-Up-Days-April 12-13

The Board of Commissioners of the Town have named April 12 and 13, as "Clean-up Days."

Citizens of the town are urged to clean up, not only around their homes but also around places of business and any vacant lots that may need it.

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house each afternoon from 3 to 6 to receive donations. The clubs of the town are cooperating in this.

Kinds of Clothing

All types of good, serviceable clothing are needed, with bedding and infants' wear urgently requested. Coats, Sweaters, Skirts, Shoes, etc., in fact, any article of clothing that will be of use to men, women, or children may be given. Clothing that is out of date may be given if it is still serviceable.

All clothing donated should be clean but need not be ironed. It will be packed for shipment at the club

Meet In England

Cpl. John R. Allen, son of Mrs. Cora Allen of Cane River, and Ralph Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Edwards of Cane River, recently met in England and spent five days together. They grew up together and both attended Bald Creek high school. They have both been stationed in England for several months.

Weapons Men Motorize En Route With Sidecars, Fire Truck

With the 102nd Infantry Division in England. Going into Krefeld, blistering soles and weary backs sapped the endurance of the weapons platoon of E Company, 406th Infantry Regiment, but they improved their lot on the hoof by motorizing during their advance. When they arrived in town, they were catching their breath, riding in automobiles, motorcycle sidecars, and a fire engine complete with siren capable of wailing the lament of their sore feet.

Unloaded from the motley caravan were the burdensome mortars, base plates, machine guns, tripods, ammunition boxes and bags, and similar weighty equipment of a weapons platoon.

"When I spotted that fire truck, I just couldn't resist the temptation," chuckled Private First Class John L. Hilliard of Micaville, N. C.

Pfc. Walter E. Gibson of New Albany, Ind. remarked: "When your dogs are hurtin', the roughest roads in Germany make a motorcycle ride smooth as a streamliner."

Technical Sergeant Robert H. Clatterbuck, Washington, D. C., the platoon sergeant who led the motordriven "foot soldiers", commented: "Some Joe is

LAST RITES FOR MRS. MELISSA LAWS

Mrs. Melissa Laws, 76, passed away at the home of her son, Don Laws, of Day Book on Monday following a long illness.

Funeral and burial services, conducted by Rev. James Dayton were held at the Bailey Hill cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Surviving are six sons, Don, Sid and Lester of Day Book, Bis of Burnsville, and Frank and Walter of Burnsville Rt. 1; one sister, Mrs. Joe Kennedy of Shelby; three brothers, James Deyton of Erwin, D. C. Deyton of Hickory and Willard Deyton of Texas; 22 grand children and 23 great grand children.

Pvt. Wallace Edge is at home on leave. He will report to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Edward Anglin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anglin, is taking boot training at Bainbridge, Md. Bascombe Bennett is also at Bainbridge.

Sgt. Ben Wilson who has been at home on leave after 36 months in the south Pacific area, left this week for camp in Florida.

James P. Underwood who is now serving in Germany, has been promoted to the rank of private first class.

Edd Cassida, seaman second class, is now at the naval training center, Davisville, R. I. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cassida of Burnsville, Rt. 2.

S. Sgt. and Mrs. Wilbur Franklin were week end guests of Sgt. Franklin's sister, Mrs. F. R. Barber, and Rev. Barber. Sgt. Franklin recently returned from 27 months overseas and is now stationed at Orlando, Fla.

already wanting to know if he can send one of these vehicles home."