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## --Men In Service--

### Wounded In Action

Pfc. Leslie Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bis Peterson of Burnsville, was wounded in the back on May 4th on Okinawa Island, and is now in the General hospital on Marianas Islands, he has written his parents.

Royce Silvers, S. 2c, is home on leave after 22 months on duty with the Pacific fleet. He is the son of Mrs. Vonnie Silvers and entered service on May 28, 1943. A brother, Harrell, has been with the U. S. army in Germany.

### Returns from Prisoner of War Camp

Andrew Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley of Pensacola, is at home on leave after returning from overseas. He was recently liberated after spending 17 months in a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

Pfc. Paul Hughes is back in the states and on his way home after returning from Europe. He was liberated after 6 months in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. He was wounded at the time of his capture and has spent most of the time since then in the hospital.

### Home From Overseas

1st Sgt. Ransie L. Hall has returned home from 14 months service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and is now assigned to the Lawson General hospital for treatment of wounds received in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hall of Green Mtn.

Sgt. Hall entered service on Jan. 18, 1941. He now wears the ETO ribbon with 3 battle stars, the American defense ribbon, the combat infantry and good conduct medals, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, awarded when he knocked out two enemy machine guns.

Cread S. Hylemon, Q. M. 3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hylemon, Jay King, S. 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard King, met in the Pacific area. Hylemon writes, "it is sure good, after 9 months over here, to meet some one from back home."

Pfc. Jack L. Laughrun has returned to the Finney General hospital, Thomasville, Ga., for further treatment after a 30 day leave at home.

Pfc. Paul L. McCourry is at home on a 15 day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mal McCourry Rt. 1, Burnsville.

Pvt. Frank B. Briggs from Fort Riley, Kansas, has been spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Briggs.

Pvt. L. Ray Hylemon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hylemon, is now taking training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

### Seriously Injured

Pvt. Jack B. Hensley, while in line of duty at Fort Knox, Ky. suffered injuries to his right foot and leg which necessitated amputation of the leg above the knee. His condition now is reported to be improving.

Pvt. Hensley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hensley of Bee Log, and husband of the former Miss Hazel Adkins of Ramseytown. He entered service on Oct. 13, 1944.

Mrs. N. A. Hensley, Mrs. W. D. Adkins and Miss Edna Wheeler went to Fort Knox when they learned of their accident. Mrs. Jack Hensley has been in Kentucky with Pvt. Hensley for several months.

### Liberated

Pvt. Oscar K. Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sparks of Green Mtn., has been liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany and is now awaiting passage home. His parents received a telegram from the war department last week stating that their son had been liberated by the Russian army and that Pvt. Sparks had been returned to the American army forces. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Sparks received a letter from their son stating that he was in France waiting to return to the states.

Pvt. Sparks was taken prisoner during the invasion of North Africa in 1942. He has written a number of letters from prisoner of war camp since that time. Ralph W. Ayers, G M 3c, has returned to the St. Albans hospital in New York after spending a 30 day leave with his wife and baby. He has been in service 27 months and spent 17 months in England and France. He returned to the states April 11, after being in the hospital in England for 6 months.

Sgt. Jack Bailey who served for approximately 28 months in the south Pacific area has received his discharge from service. He is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Bailey and served as gunner on an army bomber. He has been home on leave.

Pfc. Earl McPeters who was ill of Typhus fever for several months is out of the hospital and has rejoined his company in the India-Burma theatre.

### Register Here

The following boys became 18 during May and are registered with the local board:

Joe Webb, Claude Mitchell, Buló Riddle, Claude Hughes, Edgie Presnell, Otis Woody, Lee Garland, Woodrow Kincheloe, Don Fender, James Vernon Tillery, Charlie Wheeler, Cleophas Johnson.

A countrywide shortage of food containers of all kinds is reported by the War Food Administration.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services for Capt. Leftridge W. Honeycutt and Pfc. Bill Marsh will be held at the Presbyterian church, Micaville at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 10.

Pfc. Marsh who was killed in action in Manila on Feb. 23, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Marsh of Micaville. Capt. Honeycutt, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Octavus Honeycutt of Micaville, was killed in action in Italy on April 19.

### Awarded Bronze Star

The Bronze Star has been awarded to Pfc. Stanley C. Bailey, son of C. M. Bailey of Burnsville. The citation read: to "Stanley C. Bailey, pfc. of an Anti-aircraft artillery AW battalion who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on March 13, 1945 at Remagen, Germany. While Pfc. Bailey was manning his guns on a half-track vehicle, a disabled plane crashed in the immediate vicinity and sprayed the vehicle with flaming gasoline. He remained at his guns until the intense heat drove him out of the vehicle.

As he was leaving, an enemy plane strafed his vehicle. Despite severe burns and the imminent danger of an explosion from the burning gasoline, he immediately remained his weapon and routed the enemy plane with his volume of effective and accurate fire. Pfc. Bailey's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces.

### 28th Division Men Win Combat Awards

With the 28th Infantry Division in Germany—Sixty-seven soldiers of the 110th Infantry Regiment of this division were recently awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge at a regimental review by Colonel Daniel B. Strickler of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, regimental commander.

These men, receiving this coveted award, had shown exceptional courage and demonstrated outstanding leadership and ability in recent fighting in the drive for Colmar.

Among those listed for this award is Pfc. William E. Peterson of Burnsville.

### Passed Examination

The following men have passed pre induction examinations:

Charlie Miller, Ernest Gardner, Boyd M. Robinson, Royce Lee Hall, Carl Silver, Jr., David H. Silver, James E. Branche, Charles Smith, Claude Robinson, Glenn Fox, James D. Harris, Luther Higgins, Bruce Taylor, Nealy McIntosh, Rome Bailey, E. Y. Allen, Bob Williams.

The following have already been inducted: Jesse Phillips, Raymond McIntyre, Willie McCracken, Buló Riddle.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Yancey Baptist Missionary Union Convention will meet with the Byrd's Chapel Church on Friday, June 15th, at 10:30 a. m. A State Worker and a Missionary will be the guest speakers. A delegation from each church, and all Pastors are urged to attend.

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR J. S. MOODY

Joseph S. Moody, 77, of Green Mountain, died in an Erwin, Tenn. hospital Sunday morning following an extended illness.

A former masonry foreman with the Clinchfield Railroad company, Mr. Moody is survived by the widow, Mrs. Davinah Moody three daughters, Mrs. Gus Bailey and Miss Lois Moody of Green Mountain, and Mrs. Royce Masters of Burnsville; three sons, George C., of Chicago, Dr. J. R., of Erwin, and Ellis T. Moody of Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. V. E. Wolfe of Marion, Va., one step-son, the Rev. Fred E. Harrell of Green Mtn., a step-daughter, Mrs. Nat Howell of Memphis, Tenn., and seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Boyd-DeArmond funeral home in Erwin at 3 p. m. Monday. The Rev. Carl S. Miller and the Rev. Gus Laughrun officiated, and burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Johnson City Tenn.

### Commended

Pvt. John P. Wheeler has received the following letter of commendation from the commanding officers of his Auto. Weapons battalion: "It is my desire to commend the personnel of A and D Batteries on their highly efficient conduct against the enemy during recent operations on the Waal River from March 5 to March 14, 1945. Their efficiency and conduct under enemy fire during most difficult circumstances was most admirable. I personally extend my thanks to these men for their splendid cooperation accorded me during the operation."

Pvt. Wheeler is the son of Floyd Wheeler of Windom. He entered service in May, 1943 and went overseas in Sept. 1944.

Beecher Lee Allen, 23, machinist's mate, third class, USNR, of Barnardsville, N. C., arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., May 12, to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He is a veteran of 27 months aboard a battleship in the Pacific.

Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hascue Allen formerly of Pensacola. Before enlisting, he was employed by the Beacon Mfg. Co. He was graduated from Burnsville high school.

### BONDS FOR VICTORY

### NOTICE

The Day for Examination for Drivers License has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday of each week.

### Graduating Exercises

Graduating exercises will be held tonight at Bald Creek, Bee Log, Micaville and Burnsville high schools. Exercises will be held at Clearmont high school Friday night.

At Bald Creek, 34 members of the graduating class will receive diplomas. Micaville high school will graduate 35; Bee Log, 13; Clearmont, 16; and Burnsville, 24.

### Commended

436th Troop Carrier Group, France—Four times previously awarded battle participation credit for Troop Carrier sorties on the Western Front, Pfc. Homer Biggs, assigned to the mess section of a Troop Carrier squadron, has been presented with his fifth bronze battle star, significant of service in five major campaigns in the European Theater of Operations. Pfc. Biggs' unit, the 436th Troop Carrier Group, performed Troop Carrier operations in the areas of Northern France, Southern France, Normandy, Rome-Arno and Germany. The Group was cited for its successful fulfillment of airborne drop operations on D-Day in Normandy, and has since carried out thousands of resupply and air evacuation missions between combat sorties.

### With 15th Army

With the Fifteenth United States Army in Germany—Pfc. Roy Silver of Micaville is a member of the infantry regiment about which the following release has been received:

Typical of the manner in which the American troops who chased Hitler's Wehrmacht's across Europe and into oblivion are now settling down to administer the problems of a defeated Germany is the case of men of the Cannon Company of the 302d Infantry Regiment.

The company is now assigned to Lieutenant General Leonard T. Gerow's Fifteenth Army.

The gunners of the 302d arrived in France about three months after "D-Day" with the 94th Infantry Division. Their first assignment was to wheel their pieces onto line and help pin down the 60,000 Germans who had taken up siege positions in the ports of St. Nazaire and Lorient. From there they moved Eastward towards Germany and the cracking of the Siegfried Switchline the cleaning out of the Saar-Moselle Triangle and the crossing and bridging of the Saar river.

In their Division's sensational drive the Cannon Company set up what they claim as something of a record.

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## Pulpwood Production Must Be Increased, Say Officials

Greater production of pulpwood for V-boxes, shell containers, bomb bands and fiber drums, and of lumber for wooden containers, is urgently needed for prosecution of the war against Japan, the Forest Products Bureau of the War production Board said today.

Pointing out that fibre container requirements have been increased for the third quarter over the second quarter of 1945 by 159,287 tons, and that with conversion on the way, further increases in the third quarter are indicated, Benton R. Cancell, director of the Forest Products Bureau said:

"Victory in Europe has actually stepped up forest products requirements for military use in the Pacific."

As direct evidence of the volume of this material now needed, Mr. Cancell said that over 72,000,000 corrugated and solid fibre boxes and interior containers were manufactured in March, out of which 54,000,000 V-boxes were required for overseas shipments.

"Our supply routes have been lengthened to as much as 15,000 miles in instances where supplies will be re-packaged in Europe and shipped to our bases in the Pacific, while supplies shipped directly from the United States must traverse a distance of more than 6,000 miles to Manila, which is

still almost 2,000 miles short of the Japanese homeland," Mr. Cancell said.

The long supply routes are going to require more care in packing, according to the Forest Products Bureau.

"Additional care," Mr. Cancell pointed out, "must be taken to protect supplies from tropical rot developing in the humid conditions in the Pacific."

He said that where no large ports and docks are available to handle supplies, in many instances they have to be floated ashore and stored in the open, subject to tropical storms. All this requires waterproof packaging of the highest type, he added.

Mr. Cancell expressed the opinion that the original goal of 16,000,000 cords of pulpwood, set by WPB as the 1945 quota, may well have to be increased before the year is out.

"Pulpwood inventories at mills have seriously declined and first-quarter pulpwood receipts showed a downward trend, which is continuing into the second quarter," he said.

The situation was reported as already acute, and as likely to become more serious as time passes and increased demands for the Japanese war continue. In view of this, the combined efforts of all pulpwood producers throughout the year are called for, Mr. Cancell concluded.

opportunities for profit in the production of small fruits," Mr. Bailey continued. "They make good outlets for family and off-season labor, and because of high vitamin content are a very valuable addition to the family diet."

Mr. Bailey pointed out that the government is asking every farm family to grow as much as possible of the food needed for home use. He said that fruits and berries are especially adaptable for canning in these days of sugar shortage.

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### To the People of this Community

The 7th War Loan objective is four billion dollars of U. S. Bonds. At this time last year Americans had oversubscribed two war loan quotas, each three billion dollars in Series E War Bonds. It is obvious your personal share must be the greatest of any of the war loans. And yet it may be no higher than or even less than the combined amount you invested in bonds in the 4th and 5th War Loans.

Why should you continue to put every dollar above the cost of the necessities of living into extra bonds? 1. Uppermost you owe an obligation to your fighting men and women to back them to the limit as long as any enemy military strength remains. 2. Think about two Jims for a moment—sacrifice on the battlefields is still a way of life for your relatives and friends in uniform. 3. The self-interest motive is at a new high. Civilian goods are now scarcer than ever before. Every dollar you spend for non-essentials works for higher prices.

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