

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES

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WORLD WAR II

(Historical Terms) the war (1939-45) in which the Allies (principally Britain, the Soviet Union, and the US) defeated the Axis powers (principally Germany, Italy, and Japan). Britain and France declared war on Germany (Sept. 3, 1939) as a result of the German invasion of Poland (Sept. 1, 1939). Italy entered the war on June 10, 1940 shortly before the collapse of France (armistice signed June 22, 1940). On June 22, 1941 Germany attacked the Soviet Union and on Dec. 7, 1941 the Japanese attacked the US at Pearl Harbor. On Sept. 8, 1943 Italy surrendered, the war in Europe ending on May 7, 1945 with the unconditional surrender of the Germans. The Japanese capitulated on Aug. 14, 1945 as a direct result of the atomic bombs dropped by the Americans on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Also called **Second World War**.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 April 1940

US ARMY AIR CORPS FLYING CADETS WANTED:

Colonel F. A. Prince, recruiting officer for the states of Alabama and Tennessee, announces that some 375 vacancies now exist for flying cadets in the Air Corps for the May class.

Colonel Prince stated that qualifications for flying cadets were that those applying must be young men between the ages of 20 and 27; have at least two years of college work or be able to pass an equivalent educational examination; unmarried, an American citizen and physically fit.

Upon graduation from the flying cadet school each cadet is given of active duty as a commissioned officer of the Air Corps Reserve and also the chance to become a regular army officer.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Army Recruiting Office located in the Federal Building here.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 December 1941

PUTNAM COUNTIANS WHO ARE IN THE PACIFIC WAR ZONE:

Among the Putnam Countians reported in the Pacific War Zone are:

Dr. H. H. Taylor who is a Captian in the U. S. Medical Corps, located at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor sailed for Hawaii in July. Dr. Howard has received a cablegram stating that they are safe and well.

Eugene Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huddleston was on the U. S. Battleship Pennsylvania and a member of the U. S. Navy Band. Eugene has been in the Navy band for four years. The first two years were in the Navy's School of Music at Washington. His mother received a card from his yesterday stating that he was OK. It was dated at Hawaii, December 15.

Major Ivan DuBois who is located at Hickam Field. He and his wife, lived only two blocks from Pearl Harbor. No report has been received from them to date. Maj. DuBois who is the son of E. M. DuBois of Buffalo Valley has been in the service for several years.

James Harvey Medlin, son of Mrs. Lillie Medlin of Cookeville, has been aboard a United States battleship for the past five months, it was reported. He has been enlisted in the naval service for the past seventeen months.

Joe Nelson Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Scott of Cookeville, who joined the Navy in January, is aboard a United States battleship in the Pacific.

Paul Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Judd of Cookeville, is stationed with the United States Coast Guard in Honolulu, it was learned. Judd has been in the service about two years and was to have completed his service in June, 1942.

Lawrence Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burch Lamb of Cookeville, is stationed with the United States Engineers in Hawaii. He finished two years service with the United States Army Air Corps, about two weeks ago.

Ed Sanders, son of Mrs. Edward Sanders who is in the regular army and stationed 'Somewhere in Hawaii.'

There are possibly others from this county that have not been reported, which we will be glad to list as soon as received.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 February 1942

Ivan C. DuBois Commended By Commanding Officer:

Major Ivan C. DuBois a Putnam County boy has been signally honored and commended for his fidelity to duty. The letter of commendation from his commanding officer follows:

Headquarters Hickman Field Office of the Commanding Officer Hickman Field T. H. (N-103) January 5, 1942.

Subject: Commendation

To: Major Ivan C. DuBois, Infantry Reserve, Headquarters, Hickman Field, T. H.

On 7 December 1941, during the surprise aerial bombing and machine gun attack on Hickman Field by the Japanese you were commanding the Ground Defense Battalion, organized from Air Corps troops for the protection of Hickman Field. During the first attack you successfully organized your battalion.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 May 1942

This column is devoted to the boys in our armed forces and the Herald will be glad to publish any information reported by friends and families.

Private Ray W. Maynard of the U.S. Marine Corp, Quantico, VA, and Clay W. Maynard who is stationed on a U.S.S. ship have returned to their respective places, following a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van E. Maynard.

Major Ferris U. Foster of Cookeville is taking an advanced course at the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, MD. A teacher in civilian life, Maj. Foster is a reserve officer now on active duty with the Chemical Warfare Service.

Aviation Cadet Charles M. Nunally, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Nunally, Baxter, TB, recently reported for further flight instruction at the Greenville Army Flying School, Greenville, MS, a unit of the Southeast Air Corps Training Center.

At the end of his flight training in Greenville, Cadet Nunally will be sent to another Southeast Training Field for his final flight instruction. Upon successful completion of this course, he will receive the coveted wings and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Pfc. Ridley Parkerson, United State Marine Corps, son of Mrs. R. Parkerson enlisted in the Marines a few days furlough.

Parkerson enlisted in the Marines Immediately after war was declared. He was sent to Parris Island, SC for his six weeks of recruit training.

At the present time Parkerson is aboard one of the ships of the fleet as movie operator. He requested that he be sent to motion picture school. His request has been granted, and he will be transferred to the motion picture sound technician's school upon his return from this furlough.

Pvt. James E. Copeland of Btry C, 29th F.A.B.U. Camp Gordon, Augusta, GA, returned to Camp today after spending 10 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Copeland. Robert Copeland who has a civil service job in the Navy yard in Portsmouth, VA, joined his parents and brothers for a few days, has also returned to his work.

Frank Grace of Baxter, TN, has been commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve after completing a course of training at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University in Chicago, Eighth Naval District Headquarters announced today.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 September 1942

Putnam Men To Report For Induction At An Early Date:

The following Putnam County men will be inducted into the military service of the United States at an early date. The list follows:

Jack Dempsey Clemons, Douglas Decatur Howard, John Millard Rose, Daskell Edger Jackson, Woodrow Jackson, Douglas Apple, William Burgess Covington, Jessie James Godsey, Bethel Lee Mathis, Willis D. Manier, Ralph Hershel Davis, Carl Paskell Bean, Dave Crocket McCormick, G. L. Cowen, Jr., Morrison Allen, Henry Milton Carmack, Willard Jacob Buckner, Everette J. Gentry, Lee Burton Bilbrey, Elma Lee Holman.

James Clarence Phillips, Arlie Maggart, Henry Milton Edmonds, James B. Bradford, William Edward Echols, David Joshua Nelson, Woodford Abby Smith, J. T. Bell, Willie Shelva Hudgens, Buster Dixon, Oval J. Mackie, William Levi Cooper, Collie Brice Jared, Jr., Isaac Dow Proffitt, Carlos Vestie Presley, Carlis Thomas Loftis, Virgie Rittenberry, Williamlist continues.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 September 1942

Lieut Gid H. Lowe Receives Important Post at Camp Butner:

"The Durham Sun," a daily newspaper published at Durham, NC, in tis issue of Monday, contains a lengthy first page news article, giving the staff reorganization program at Camp Butner, located near Durham, as announced by Col. H. W. Huntley, Post Commander of Camp Butner.

One reference in the Durham Sun article is of interest here for the reason that it relates to our fellow townsman, Lieutenant Gid H. Lowe, the reference to him being as follows:

“All functions relating to supply, including storage operations, are under the direction of First Lieutenant G. H. Lowe. He will requisition and issue supplies and equipment to troops stationed at the Post; he will have the storage, inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement of supplies and equipment at the Post.”

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 October 1942

Edward C. Gracey, physical director U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gracey has been transferred from Norfolk, VA, to Davisville, RI, where he is stationed at the Naval base.

Frank Barnes, Lieutenant, U. S. Army, has completed his officer training course at Fort Benning, GA, and at the close of last week received his commission as Lieutenant. He arrived Saturday to spend a portion of his leave with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes. He has reported for further duty at Ft. Croft, Spartanburg, SC.

James Brown Thompson of 900 Douglas Street, Cookeville, was graduated recently from the Officers' Candidate School, Ft. Sill, OK, and has been commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in the United States Army. Lieutenant Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Thompson, and has been assigned to Ft. Bliss, TX. Before starting active duty he was teacher and coach at Rockwood High school.

Major T. L. Parsons was here recently for a visit with his family at their home on South Walnut Street.

Houston Haile, after spending a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Haile has returned to camp Claiborne, LA, where he is stationed with the Army Intelligence Department.

Robert Burgess, Lieut. U. S. Army, has been here recently for a brief leave with his parents, Jim and Ida Burgess on the Algood Road. He was commissioned as a second Lieutenant after completing the Officers' Candidate School at Fort Sill, OK, and is believed to be the first Cookeville Negro to be commissioned as an officer since the beginning of World War II. Lieut. Burgess was born and reared on a farm East of Cookeville and volunteered for service in the United States Army in October, 1941. He received his elementary and high school education in Putnam County. Working his way through high school he was employed during the four years by Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Darwin. He received his college training in Pineywood College, Pineywood, MS. He is at present stationed at Camp Custer, MI, with the 795th Tank Destroyers. His brother, George Burgess, also stationed at a Michigan camp spent his leave here recently.

L. D. Conley who is with the U. S. Armed Forces in a Georgia Camp visited his father, Wade Conley recently.

Harry Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Dixon has returned to Camp Claiborne, LA, after spending his furlough here.

Kenneth McLoud has returned to Drew Field, Tampa, FL, where he is in the Signal Corps. He spent a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McLoud.

Lieut, Roy Hugh Sullivan has recently been transferred from Camp Forrest to Camp Hood, TX. Mrs. Sullivan and son are in Gatesville, TX, in order to be located near Lieut. Sullivan.

Staff Sgt. Patrick H. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morris, who has been stationed at Camp Forrest for the past 18 months has been transferred to Camp Hood, TX.

Lieut, W. O. Terry who came from Ft. Knox, KY, for a week-end visit recently with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, has as his guest, Lieut, Keith Wells, also stationed at Ft. Knox.

A recent communication received by Cookeville friends of Lt. Col. and Mrs. I. B. Washburn, states that the former is now in command of the 71st Field Artillery Battalion somewhere in California having been

transferred from Ft. Sill, OK, recently. Mrs. Washburn and son, Dickey will go to California for a temporary stay and later will be at home in Goodman, IN.

H. S. Barnes, who has been stationed for several months at Ft. Jackson, SC, but who is now on maneuvers somewhere in Tennessee, was here for a visit last week with his mother Mrs. Susan Barnes.

Jeff Dyer Ray of Camp Claiborne, LA, is spending his ten day leave with his father, Robert Ray.

W. J. Erwin and John Darwin were here from Pickwick Dam for a brief visit with Mrs. Erwin and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin.

Billy Cox, who recently completed his training at Scott Field, IL, has been transferred to Doca-Raton Field, FL.

Lt. Col. W. H. Crawford was here Sunday for a brief visit with different members of his family.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 October 1942

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John Clarke Brown, 21, of Atlanta and formerly of Cookeville, has completed his training as a bombardier in the Advanced Bombardier School at the Albuquerque Air Base, Albuquerque, NM, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps. He is the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Brown of Atlanta. Dr. Brown, who is professor of dental prosthesis in the Atlanta-Southern Dental College, was for a number of years a prominent practicing dentist in Cookeville.

Lieutenant Brown was graduated from Boys' High School of Atlanta, and was an outstanding football player on the Boys' High team, playing the position of end. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Georgia, where he was captain of the freshman football team.

Maurice Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swep Rogers of Algood, was recently inducted into the Army as a volunteer flight mechanic. He was stationed for a short time at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, where his grandfather had been during the Civil War and his father during World War I. He carries with him a testament which was presented to his father by a Dyersburg Sunday School class, and which his father carried over seas in World War I. He is temporarily located in St. Petersburg, FL.

Earl H. Sams, of Granville, TN, who enlisted in the Navy December 18, 1941, has been advanced from fireman third class to fireman second class, according to an announcement from the Fourteenth Naval District headquarters, at Pearl Harbor. Fireman Sams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sams, of Granville.

Second Lieutenant Jarvis L. Knight, Cookeville, TN, is entering as Officer Pack Artillery Course in the Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, OK, Lieutenant Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Knight, Cookeville, TN, reported to Ft. Sill from Camp Forrest, TX.

A recent promotion in the military field of special interest in this section of Tennessee is that of Colonel Douglas Paschall, formerly of Franklin, who has in the past few weeks been promoted from Lt. Colonel to the higher rank of Colonel. Colonel Paschall served over seas with the A. E. F. during the World War I but did not continue his army service, immediately after the war. In 1936 he resumed his military duties and was stationed for a period of four years in the Philippines. Since returning to the United States, he has been assigned to army posts located at Ft. Hoyle, MD, Gainesville, FL, Upper New York State, Boston, MA, and Quantico, VA. A most recent transfer was from Camp Pickett, VA, to Norfolk, VA, where he and Mrs. Paschall, the former Miss Janie Lowe of Cookeville, daughter of Mrs. Gideon Harris (Lucy) Lowe Sr. and the late Mr. Lowe, are now making their home. Col. and Mrs. Pashcall have one daughter, Miss Mary Mai Paschall, a junior student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

H. S. Barnes, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army, on maneuvers in Tennessee, was here recently for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Susan Barnes.

Eugene Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huddleston, who has been in the Pacific War Area for several months, is now located on the West Coast. Mr. Huddleston has been with the U. S. Navy Band for the past four years and is a Musician First Class. He plans to come to Cookeville in the near future for a visit with his parents.

Howard Langford with the armed forces stationed at Hingham, MA, is here for a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Langford. He has been in service since early summer.

Bennett Jared Travis, son of Mrs. Hallie J. Travis, who reported for military duty in August has been in training at Kelly Field, San Antonio, TX until recently when he was transferred to Vernon, TX where he is furthering his pilot training at Victory Field.

Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, October 7, 1942 – Pvt. Bill Morgan, of Lewisburg, TN, arrived at the Finance Replacement Training Center here recently to begin his basic training in finance. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan, of Lewisburg. Prior to his induction, Pvt. Morgan was a student at Vanderbilt University, where he had completed his sophomore year.

Lieut. Robert Cox has transferred from Miami, FL, to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL, and Billy Cox, following a several months training period at Scott Field, IL, has been transferred to Boca-Raton Field, FL. Both are sons of Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox.

Jeff Dyer Ray who has been stationed at Camp Claiborne, LA, for the past several months is now on army duty at Ft. Bragg, NC, reporting there on October 5. He has recently been here for a ten-day visit with his father, Robert Ray.

William Ernest Brown, son of Ernest L. Brown, who was inducted into service early in September is now at Camp Lee with the Quarter Master Reserve Training Corps – Company E – No. 13th Engineers. He reported for duty at Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Charles Chaffin, son of C. M. Chaffin, who has been with Wright's in Maryville, for the past fifteen months has resigned and last week enlisted for U. S. Naval duties.

Mrs. Bennett Huddleston has received word that her husband, who is with the Marines, is now on Colomon Island. Mr. Huddleston's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston and the junior Mrs. Huddleston is the former, Miss Mary Frances Ferrell.

The following clipping is taken from the Chattanooga Times and with regards to Ralph Stewart, son of Mrs. Sam Stewart, it is of particular interest here. Lieut. Stewart was on duty for many months in Iceland and as he returned to the United States his boat was destroyed and he was seriously injured.

Fort Belvoir, VA, - Chester Owen Graves of Cleveland, TN, and Ralph Douglas Stewart, of Cookeville, TN, are members of the thirteen-graduate class of the engineer school here. Graduating exercises were held last Wednesday.

Graduates have been commissioned second lieutenants in the engineer corps of the United States army.

Staff Sgt. Charles Hawkins, is now with the Headquarter Company 810 – Tank Destroyer Battalion, stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX. He was with the original 181st Field Artillery and was stationed at Camp Forrest for many months.

Jeff Reagan came from Nashville recently to visit his father, Charley Reagan and his sister, Miss Rebecca Reagan, prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy.

Jimmy Broshear, son of Allen Broshear and Mrs. Broshear, and a grandson of Mrs. J. C. Barnes recently enlisted in the Navy and is now in training at San Diego, CA.

Finis Harris, Jr., who took his initial training at Kessler Field, MS, is furthering his pilot training at Kelly Field, San Antonio, TX. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris.

Lieut. Allen G. Gray who is with the armed forces, stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, has been here for a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Gray at their home on Hickory Street.

Walter M. Dietz is now with the Headquarters Company, 82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, NC.

Pvt. Clifford H Brewington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brewington, has returned to Co. F. 22nd Inf., Camp Gordon, GA, after a five day furlough with relatives and friends in Putnam County.

Staff Sgt. Howard Cecil Gentry has recently been transferred from Camp Forrest to Fort Bliss, TX.

Pilot Cadet James D. Crowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso C. Crowley of 411 West Spring Street, Cookeville, TN, was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Tuner Field, Albany, GA, Colonel John B. Patrick, Commanding Officer.

Turner Field, an Advanced Flying School is one of a group of Air Bases which composes the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center. It is here that Aviation Cadets, both pilot and navigation, are sent for culminates in their receiving their final phase of training which much coveted wings and commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

If every person that buys a bottle of beer would buy a 10 cent war stamp there would be enough dimes to sprinkle Berlin and Tokyo with shrapnel for two hours every day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

It requires as much power to carry 20 tons of 4-engine bomber through the sky as is needed by a crack passenger locomotive to haul 1,000 tons of cars and tender over the rails.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 October 1942

Local Women Become War Plant Workers: During the last seven days reports have been received from ten women who have attended the War Production Training School at Tennessee Tech saying that they were now satisfactorily employed in the defense plants. Each of these women expressed a feeling of pride for the new part she was able to play in the arming of the United Nations.

The beginning rate of pay is also attractive to the "lassies from the hills of Tennessee," namely 65 cents and 85 cents per hour, with time and a half for all over 40 hours per week.

These young ladies were trained in Aircraft Sheet Metal and Riveting, and in Machine Shop classes at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, but they are now in Akron, Cleveland, Detroit, and Nashville. They are as follows:

Hazel Kinnaird of Carthage; Marie Phillips of Carthage; Lassie White of Alpine, Anna Wright of Grimsley, Oleda Gray of Celina; Bonnie Jared of Baxter; Edna ___train of Crossville; Cynthia Pennycuff of Jamestown; Stella Buck of Jamestown; Flossie Clayton.

A visit in the Tennessee Tech shop classes reveals that seventy women, ages 17 to 45, are now learning to handle machines. They are looking forward to a job in a defense plant, in from eight to twelve weeks after they enter training.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 October 1942

Putnam Men Report Tuesday For Active Duty:

Each of the following enlisted Putnam County men will leave here Tuesday, October 17, at 7 a.m., to report for active duty. The name follow:

Brown, Charles B. Johnson, Alfred L., Hunter, Mitchell, B., Jared, Benjamin (NMN), Pinkston, Kenneth T., Bilyeu, Jr., Bennie (NMN), Haney, J. P. (10), Skimmehorn, John F. Teeter, James C.

Oake, Clarence Fr., Pippin, Herman L. Hammons, Guthrie A., Herron, Vestel L. Sliger, Thomas L., Horner, Milton O., Mcloud, Sherman S., Testament, Ralph C., Smith, William C., Maxwell, Estel E., Womack, Charlie M., Murdock, Johnnie S., Dunn, Ernest A., Flatt, Claudis R., Lafever, Lillard D.

Stout, Lonnie J. Ashburn, Bethel A., Mason, Waymon L., Riddle, Robert R., Ferguson, Thomas R., Sherrell, Wynne D. Jones, Ernest L., Hatfield, Elbert C., Piper, James H., Roberts, Eugene W., Richardson, Rupert S., Alcorn, James L. Bright, James A.

Whitson, Edsel U., Proffitt, Herbert L., Sliger, Willis C., Watts, William H., McDaniel, Millard H. Vaughn, Willard (NMN), Presley, William E., Smith.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 October 1942

Clothing Must Be Changed To Meet War Conditions: The Tennessee farm family must streamline its clothing program to meet war needs during the coming year, Miss Lillian L. Keller, U. T. Extension clothing specialist says.

There will be an adequate supply of needed goods, but frills are out for the duration, she says.

Since War was declared on December 8 and before price ceilings were set, the cost of clothing advanced 32 per cent. Tennessee farm families spent, on an average, between \$30 and \$100 every years to clothe a family of four. This is less than \$25 spent for winter and summer clothes for one person. To be well dressed for health and morale during war, families must take care of all clothing on hand and buy more wisely, than at any previous period.

The homemaker will find many changes in her buying program nest year. Shortages of clothing materials, necessitate adjustments in clothing rising prices, and labor problems with buying. The diversion of textile machinery to the production of materials for armed forces, development of substitutes, and efforts to forestall further inflation will also have an effect on the clothing budget.

The supply of wool goods this years will depend on military requirements and imports. Though civilians may have sufficient wool to meet essential needs, the material will be blended with other fibers. Rayon's will be used more to relived fiber shortages. Industry is expected to supply enough chemical for essential clothing needs. Fewer colors will be available, and since many present solvents are critical materials, petroleum products will be used more for home and commercial dry cleaning. No shortage of soap is expected, so more washable clothes should be purchased, Miss Keller says.

“War is Hell.” Losing it would keep us there – buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 December 1942

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

The promotion of Captain Gideon Harris Lowe, a native of Cookeville, acting director of the supplies division of Camp Butner, NC, was announced recently by Col. H. W. Huntley, post commander. Captain Lowe was promoted to his present rank from that of 1st Lt. He was one of the first officers to arrive at Camp Butner and participated in the activation of this combat training camp.

Before his entrance into the active military life, the captain was in the tire business and operated a service station here. He is married to the former Miss Mae Mott of Cookeville, and lived at 412 Washington Ave.

Ensign William Anderson, who received his commission from the Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, last week, will after a week's stay with his parents here report for further duty at Charleston, SC. Ensign Anderson volunteered for service last June. He is a graduate of Tennessee tech and received his Master's degree from the University of KY. At the time of his enlistment he was employed in Washington D. C.

Fowler Gupton Stanton, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Stanton, Baxter, TN, sworn to avenge Pearl Harbor, is being molded into a fighting Bluejacket at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL.

Sgt. Willis Carter, Jr., son of Mrs. and Mrs. Willis Carter of Cookeville is at home for a few days, after receiving his commission, November 25 in the Tank Destroyer School at Camp Hood, TX. Lt. Carter was a member of the 181st F. A. He joined in February 1941.

Pfc. Tilman Z. Lafever in a recent communication, states that he has recently been transferred to the Military Police Company, Camp Edwards, MA. He hopes everyone had a happy Thanksgiving season and extends greetings for a Merry Christmas.

Frank Allison Thompson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thompson, Buffalo Valley, Rt. 1, sworn to avenge Pearl Harbor, is being molded into a fighting Bluejacket at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL.

Pfc. Burl Phy, spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phy, of Cookeville. Phy took his basic training in Camp Walters, TX, since then he has been a member of the Personal Office Staff in Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. Private Phy will resume duty at Camp McCoy, WI.

Private James Howard King, Camp Prickett, VA, was a week-end guest of Miss Lorine Moore at Baxter Seminary recently.

Ernest Brown, II, with the U. S. Army, son of Ernest L. Brown of this city and a brother of Miss Edwina Brown of Sparta, has recently completed his training at Camp Lee, VA. There were 125 men in his class and he has the distinction of making the second highest grade of the entire group. Fourteen of the class were chosen for special training at the University of MS, in Oxford, MS, and Mr. Brown as one of the fourteen in now in Oxford. Entering the service in the late summer he was sent to Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, being transferred later to Camp Lee.

Technical Sgt., H. S. Barnes who is now stationed at Camp Forrest was here for a week-end visit with his mother, Mrs. Susan Barnes. Mrs. Barnes' son-in-law, Lieut. Ross Goolsby with the Signal Corps, who has been in Lexington, KY, for the past several months has been transferred to Ft. Monmouth, NJ. Mrs. Goolsby, the former Miss Margaret Barnes, has gone to New Jersey with Lieut. Goolsby.

Burgess Ray, son of Mrs. Robinson Ray, recently volunteered for military service and following a several weeks' training period at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, is now in Nashville, stationed at the Classification Center, U. S. Air Corps. Prior to his enlistment, Mr. Ray held a responsible position with the First National Bank.

Ensign Harry Buckney, formerly of Cookeville who has been in training at Columbia University, New York City, since the early summer is now on Naval duty somewhere on the East Coast.

Edward Cameron who has been on military duty since September, stationed in Memphis, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron.

Corporal Charles Stout has returned to Camp Gordon, GA, following a ten-day leave here, where he was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Morgan Stout.

Sam Young Moore was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States recently upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning. Lieut. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. Lieut. Moore enlisted into the army on February 24, 1940 and served with the 181st F. A. before going to Officer Candidate school three months ago. He held the rank of Technical Sergeant before being commissioned. Lieut. Moore is here spending his ten-day leave with his parents.

James Birch Williams, 25, with the U. S. Marines somewhere on the Solomon Islands was recently commissioned Lieutenant. Lt. Williams of Baxter Rt. 2, is the son of Arnton Williams and the late Mrs. Media Williams. He was graduated from Baxter Seminary high school, May, 1938 and enlisted with the Marines in September of that year. In 1939 he won the Sharp Shooter honor with the Service rifle and pistol and throughout his years of service has been stationed in a number of foreign countries, including San Salvador, Porto Rico, Cuba, and Guadalcanal Island. Since August he has been in active service on the Solomons. The last communication from him was received the early part of November by his sister, Mrs. Sam Clouse of Silver Point, Rt. 2, he stated that he was getting along fine and had just received his commission. Putnam County is proud of such young men as Lt. Williams who is carrying his ideals of Christian living with him wherever he goes.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 December 1942

Men and Women Wanted to Work in Airplane Factory:

Friday and Saturday until noon a representative from a large aircraft manufacturing concern will be at the employment office in the Shanks Hotel Building to interview men from the ages of 21 to 55 and women from the ages of 21 to 40 for work.

Learners will be given an opportunity to be employed with this concern at about 50 cents per hour and trainees and others at about 65 cents per hour. This representative will be in Cookeville only on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 January 1943

J. D. Gentry Drowns While Serving In Latin America Area: A telegram Friday from the War Department and a letter from his Commanding officer was received by Mrs. Bonnie L. Gentry, Cookeville Route 2, advising that her son, J. D. Gentry was drowned December 28.

The Commanding Officer stated: "J. D. went with an inseparable friend of his, Private Jesse R. Farthing, on either a fishing trip or a boat ride on a river adjoining our base on December 26, 1942. He never told anyone of their intentions and were last seen about 4 p.m. on that date. We missed them at bed check at midnight and we could not locate them. Yesterday afternoon a native informed us that he found their bodies on a bank of the river.

Services were held for them at 11 a.m. this date. Full military honors were rendered them. Chaplain Mines officiated at the services. They were laid to rest in a beautiful silver humatically sealed casket in the Base Cemetery. It is located on a quiet knoll that is surrounded by the beauties of tropical trees and flowers."

Pfc. Gentry attended school at Baxter Seminary before volunteering for service about two years ago. He has a brother, Pfc. Willie Gaines Gentry, who is serving with the Army in the South Pacific area.

Other survivors are, father, W. L. Gentry, Detroit, six sisters, Mrs. Mollie C. Huddleston, Cookeville, Mrs. Lula Martin, Akron, OH; Mrs. Juanita Nation, Detroit, MI; Misses Mary Edna, Jonelda and Anna Pearl Gentry of Cookeville, Route 2; Sparta and T. M. Gentry of Cookeville Route 1.

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List of Putnam Men To Be Inducted At an Early Date: The following is a list of Putnam County men to be inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States.

The list follows:

J. T. Litchford, James K. Willeford, Beecher Whittaker, Buster Smith Morris, Elbert E. McNeal, Sam M. Vaughn, Lex W. Dyer, William Lansford, Morris L. Williams, Maxwell R. Whitehead.

William F. Burroughs, Willie T. Stewart, Robert L. Coulson, Jr., Will Bussell, Arthur P. Pharris, Lionel Nabors, Charlie A. Lafever, Charlie L. Meadows, Dallas L. Blaylock, John Guin, William D. McDowell, James Cantrell king, Huland Draper, James H. Murphy, William C. Huddleston, Herman A. Garrison, Gilbert B. Leftwich, John H. Patton, Joe Patterson Minnear.

Marshall Andrew Perkins, Robert Taylor Chote, Bedford L. Stewart, Henry Walker, Okley Mott, Lex E. Miller, Willie T. Whitehead, Dow C. Whittaker, Jerry B. Phillips, Walter D. Smith, Benton T. Terry, Amos O. Perry, Dallas F. Maxwell, Morgan P. Pharris.

Walter L. Burgess, Robert C. West, Ovel C. Baker, Morgan Winell Campbell, Frank M. Ward, Charles E. Gentry, Andy C. Smith, Daivd L. Farley, Robert L. Farmer, Thurman L. Vinson, Arlie L. Hodge, Newell T. Halfacre.

Bolívar H. Carr, Emos E. Maddux, Marvin K. Jared, Jim S. Maddux, Loyd J. Henry, Omer L. Stafford, Joe G. Thompson, Freeman Waddell, J. B. Peek, Zina C. Goolsby, William R. Morgan, Hollis Jernigan, Alfred A. Vaden, Robert J. Mayberry, Jewell E. Pulley, Paul Bohannon.

Beecher C. Milligan, Robert H. Poteet, L. V. Herren, Camel E. Smith, Willard H. Boyd, Millard P. Hicks, Robert J. McCormick, Warren G. Tucker, Elmer H. Gamble, Winnell Harris, Jasper D. Lowe, James H. Patten, Henry H. Jernigan, Teddie T. Allison, Kenneth C. McBroom, William L. Palk, Jr., E. P. Anderson, Carl F. Dyer, Robert E. Lancaster, Gayther C. Cook, Jr., Howard R. Nelson, William O. Newman, Willie E. Tinch.

Eskil L. Davis, James D. Hall, Dillon V. Thomas, Delton Fields, Miles A. Ealey, Owen D. Gaw, John H. Greenwood, James Buckner, William Edward Jenkins, Harlen B. Allen, Ezell Carr, James M. Nichols, Charles W. Smith, Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., Buster Stewart, Frank E. Ashburn.

Dewey C. Hood, Dewey L. Chaffin, Virgil B. Cole, William J. Smith, Ernest C. Jones, J. E. Bradford, Warner F. Judd, Ralph E. Mahler, Ray D. Norris, John D. Lane, Bernice E. Stanton, Dow D. Roberson, Charlie M. Allen, Austin T. Whittaker, Thurman G. McCowan, Shirley B. Swafford, Owen M. Campbell, William H. Kirby, Clinton O. Jackson, Arnold L. Matheny, Alva Ford.

J. T. Henry, Carl B. Buckner, William H. Allison, Jesse W. Dunn, Billie J. Bain, William D. Alcron, Horace D. Dietz, Junior L. Maynard, Herman L. Haney, James Way, Julius N. Carr, William S. Carter, Willie D. Gentry, Robert E. McDonald, Lemon R. Bean, Walter L. Hallum, J. B. Gragg, Jr., Rapheal Scarlett, Albert P. McCrary and Haskell Nolen.

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H. S. Jones, Jr., Killed in Action In Alaska Area:

H. S. Jones, Jr., has been killed in Action in the Alaska Area. His father, H. S. Jones, R., and his mother Mrs. Minnie Johnson Jones, were reared in this county where they resided until their removal to Nashville a few years ago.

H. S. Jones, Sr., died on last Thursday at the family residence in Nashville. Funeral services were delayed until Sunday in order that another son in military service might be present.

On Monday, Mrs. Jones received a message from the War Department notifying her of the death, in action, of her son, who had been stationed in the Alaska Area for sometime. At the time she received the message informing her of her son's death she was with relatives in this county.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Harlan H. Taylor, Lt. Col. Medical Corps, who recently arrived in the States from the Hawaiian Islands where he was stationed at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, has been promoted from the rank of Major to the higher rank of Lieut. Colonel. He has been spending a portion of his leave in Nashville with Mrs. Taylor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Tom Parker (sp). On Tuesday they came to Cookeville for a three-day visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard. They also will spend a part of their time with Lt. Col. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Nora Taylor in Livingston. When he reports for further duty, he will be stationed at Woodrow Base hospital, Staunton, VA.

Lieut. and Mrs. Robert A. Cox, who came to Cookeville last Friday for a visit with the former's parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox, left Tuesday to return to Cape Girardeau, MO, where Lieut. Cox is stationed with the Army Air Corps.

Captain Gid H. Lowe left Wednesday to resume his duties at Camp Butner, Durham, NC, after spending his five-day leave here with Mrs. Lowe and son, at their home on Washington Avenue.

John Dyer "Buck" Carr, Sergeant, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. J. M. Carr has been with the Armed Forces for more than a year. He was stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, for a training period of four months before being ordered to the Pacific war zone. He was wounded in the Battle of New Guinea and according to a recent communication to his family he is in an Australian hospital where he is recovering. Since going over sea, he has been made a sergeant. Sgt. Carr was reared in Cookeville, but when inducted into the army was residing in Detroit, MI, holding a position with the General Motors Company. His wife and son are remaining in Detroit during his absence making their home at 11963 Russell Street. Mrs. Ottis Phillips of this city his sister and at present their mother is spending several months here.

Pvt. Leonard Billingsley, son of Mrs. Billingsley, who was inducted into the service some five weeks ago is in Wisconsin.

Buffalo Valley and surrounding sections of Putnam County have a splendid representation of their citizenship now with the Armed Forces and the following names have been submitted to the Herald:

Henry Taylor, stationed in Florida, Cyril H. Medley, Camp Shelby, MS, Gus Medley, Camp Coalinga, AR, Virgil Rittenberry, NY, Dillion Wallace, Miami Beach, FL, Beverly Medley, Ensign U. S. Navy, Corpus Christi, TX, Wm. McKinley, Camp Edwards, MA, Joe McKinley, Camp Davis, NC, Harry McKinley, Camp Davis, NC, John T. Jared, San Angelo, TX, Luke Denny, Ft. Sills, OK, Jas. Nelson Maddux, Washington D. C., Kenneth Hughes, Army Air Corps, Atlantic City, NJ, Thomas W. Ammonette, somewhere in England, James Fletcher, Atlantic City, NJ, Nodman Uhles, Ft. Belvoir, VA, John Uhles, Camp Gordon, GA, Othel Uhles, Jr., Camp White, OR, Henry Christian, Camp Shelby, MS, Thomas Christian, Ft. Riley, KS, Newell Helms, Camp Gordon, GA, Ivan C. DuBois, Major, U. S. Army, Pearl Harbor, HI, Howard Newman, Camp Claiborne, LA, Lynox Alcorn, Atterbury, IN, Sam Leftwich, Camp

Bevens, MA, Roy Jones, Camp Stewart, GA, Robert Neal, somewhere in Australia, J. R. Alcorn, Detroit, MI...list continues.

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List of Putnam Draftees To be Inducted Into the U. S. Armed Forces:

The following Putnam County men will be inducted into the Armed Service of the United States at an early date, according to a report from the local draft board of Putnam County.

The list follows:

John Thomas Bratton, Jr., Hubert Carrel Warren, William Martin Huddleston, Haskell Long, Otis Alexander McAlpin, Burley Maxwell, Joseph Raymond Masters, Odell Huddleston, Claude Carr, Albert Ray Herron, Lemuel Arlin Medley, Bertell Medley, Albert Record Morgan, Avert Perry Henley, Arva Deston McCormick, Tomie Christopher Hickey, Willard Eugene Stanton, Fred Donald Milton, Jep Tubb Askew, Ernest Boyd Wilmoth, Estel Sherrell, Rex Pearson, Marvin Dow Alcorn, Other Odus Ford, Henry Hazel Roberts, Wilburn Lawrence Dyer, Alfred Travis Phillips.

James Benton Grimes, Dave Crocket McCormick, Willie Edward Martin, Jim Dow Madewell, Charles H. Stanton, Billie Bracket Luke, Cordell Jackson Matheney, Noel Edward Smith, James Oscar Lack, David Alex Farley, Belton Comilus Lee, Romaine Bartlett, Millard Porter Hicks, Haskell Carr, Charlie Elmus Dockery, Samuel Neely Barr, Jr., Norville Leonard Bilbrey, Burl Earl Tinch, James Maddux Nichols, Lennell Sutton, James Howard Grimsley, Jr., Frank Bartlett, Arb Roberts, James Taylor Palmer, Connell Ray Martin, Donald Hubert Carr, James Robert Rodgers.

Reubin Cartwright, James Claude Baldwin, Claude Bryant, Jr., Robert Dale Buckner, Harvey Terry Davis, Freddie Ray Medlin, Carlis Edward Whittaker, Ross Elzie Williams, Doyle McKinness Whitley, Layton Ferrell Stanton, Jr., Jasper Thomas Johnson, Horace Kenneth Langford, William David Phipps, B. Fox, Jr., Mirel Kirby, Winton Lee Flatt, Dan Stokes, George Henry Phy, Fred Farmer Warren, Willard Lee McLoud, Millard Harris Sherrell, Tomie D. Holman, Oakley Arnold Sherrell, Jesse Albert Pullum.

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Lieut. Howard Sutton who is stationed at Augusta, GA, who has been here for a several days' leave. Coming with him were Mrs. Sutton and son, Bibby Gene. They have been visiting Mrs. Sutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Boatman and also his relatives at Silver Point.

Pvt. William Clay Farris is now stationed at Camp Davis, NC. He has been in the service for seven weeks. Mrs. Farris, the former, Miss Lena Mary Wright, is at home on Cookeville Rt. 5.

Sgt. Howard Brown of the U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, spent a recent leave at Bloomington Springs with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Brown. Before being transferred to Ft. Oglethorpe, Sgt. Brown was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, MS.

John Darwin who has been with the Coast Guards stationed at Pick Wick Dam since last summer, is now with the Coast Guard Air Corps and at present is stationed in New Orleans, LA. Following his training there he will be at Pensacola, FL, for an extensive training period. He was here last week for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin.

Roy Hugh Sullivan, Captain U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sullivan of this city, recently received his promotion from First Lieutenant to Captaincy. He is stationed at Camp Bowie, TX. He was with the

original 109th Cavalry and was stationed for several months at Camp Forest with the 181st F. A. Mrs. Sullivan and son are in Texas with him.

Pvt. W. N. Swallows, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Swallows of Algood has recently been inducted into military service and is stationed at Keesler Field, MS. He and Mrs. Swallows have made their home in CA for the past five years but the latter is now with her relatives in Algood.

Pvt. William Odell Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Newman, Cookeville, Rt. 2 is stationed at Camp Ft. Eustis, VA, he recently passed his entrance examinations for Officers' Candidate School and will begin his training soon in that capacity. Pvt. Newman received his education at Central High and Tennessee Tech.

Victor H. Hawkins, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hawkins of 510 W. 4th Street was inducted into service on February 24, 1941 and has recently been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Army of the United States at the graduation exercises held at the Officer Candidate School, Camp Hood, TX on Thursday, February 18, 1943. He received his commission in the Tank Destroyers. Lt. and Mrs. Hawkins and son who have been spending a week here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sullivan have returned to Texas.

Pvt. Harley Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Langford, who was inducted into service shortly after the first of the year has been at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA until recently when he was transferred to Camp Lee, VA. He is Mr. and Mrs. Langford second son with the Armed Forces, as Pvt. Howard Langford is stationed at Hingham, MA.

Asia Fox, Corporal U. S. Army, Ordnance Department reported for duty at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, on February 19, and left last week for Santa Anita, CA, where he will be for further military duties. Cpl. Fox, prior to his enlistment had business connections with Middle Tennessee and Lebanon. He is the son of Mrs. Asia Fox of Whitson Street.

Thomas J. Christian stationed at Ft. Riley, KS has been spending his recent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Christina of Buffalo Valley.

James Richmond McDonald USNR, yeoman, third class, son of Mrs. Effie McDonald, 1311 Love Circle, was in Nashville recently en route from his station in Chattanooga to St. Mary's College in California where he will enter preflight training, after having been transferred from Navy recruiting service to Naval aviation.

He is the first member of the Navy service in Tennessee to enter naval aviation. After three months to training at St. Mary's College, McDonald will be advanced to the status of aviation cadet for further training which will lead to a commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

A native of Cookeville, McDonald enlisted in the navy on April 26, 1941, and remained on duty at the Nashville Navy recruiting station until October 15, 1942, when he was transferred to the Knoxville recruiting station, and subsequently to Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hutcheson received a letter from their son, Staff Sgt. Phil Hutcheson, Jr., North Africa. Sgt. Hutcheson spent several months in Northern Ireland and his parents had not known of his location since he left there in December.

Ralph Hutcheson who is now stationed at the Municipal Airport at Memphis, was home on a three-day leave last week. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hutcheson and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hutcheson.

Your attention is invited to the fact that William C. Palmer, stationed at Florence, AZ, formerly residing at Rout 2, Silver Point, TN, was promoted to the grade of Pvt. First Class at this camp in the 174th MPEG Co.

Herbert Murphy is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Murphy of Algood to join the armed forces. He is with the Coast Guard Artillery and is located at Ft. Eustis, VA. Mr. Henry Clay Murphy is with the Air Corps and is stationed in Roswell, NM at present as an instructor. Sgt. Homer Murphy is in Ft. Leonardwood, MO.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn have two sons who are with the Armed Forces.

Charles D. Vaughn who is in the Air Corps is in Seattle, WA, and Sam Vaughn with the Quarter Master Division is at Camp Lee, VA.

James Hoffmeister, Ensign U. S. Naval Air Corps, stationed at Daytona Beach, FL, is here for a week's visit with his mother, Mrs. Jim Hoffmeister and other relatives.

Jimmy Broshear, who has been at the Naval Training school, Farragut, ID, for the past several months, was here for a recent visit with his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes. He is the son of Allen Broshear.

Recently the War Department announced that Pvt. Lattie E. Barnes, Cookeville, Rt. 1, had been wounded in one of the many war zones. A communication to his family here stated he was wounded in the Pacific area and is now recuperating in a California hospital. Mrs. Barnes left last week for California to be near her husband.

Lt James Crowley, U. S. Ferrying Command is again stationed at the Municipal Air Fort, Nashville after being stationed in Memphis for several months. Lt. Crowley spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowley.

Cpl. Arthur E. Watson who is stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA, gives the following interesting items concerning his military training. A part of his letter is quoted below:

"I have been in the Army for eight months, transferred in eighteen states, I did my training in the Medical Training Center, located at Camp Grant, IL, staying there ten weeks, was moved to Fort Lewis, WA. Sure is a good place, since coming to the Army. I have made friends from nearly every state, most of the boys I'm with now are from Missouri, only eight Tennesseans.

I am connected with the 27th General Hospital, a fine organization. I'm glad I am a medical soldier, so I can help those boys that need help, when aid is given to the wounded, the medical soldier will give it.

"Friends of Putnam County, will see you. Let's keep the Flag flying, Victory shall be won; men shall be free-only by working together and prayer.

"Your friend, Cpl. Arth E. Watson"

The following clipping is taken from a recent Greensboro North Carolina paper: "John S. (Jack) Lucas is at home with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Edwin F. Lucas, High Point road, before reporting Sunday to Miami, FL for training in the pre-flight school of the Army Air Corps. He left Davidson college Saturday. Lt. Edwin F. Lucas, Jr., his brother, has just been transferred from Shaw, Edwin Sumter, SC to Craig Field, Selma, AL, where he is taking his advanced training in pursuit flying."

These boys are grandson of Mrs. Cora Cox Lucas of Greensboro and nephews of Col. Jas. N. Cox of this city.

Pvt. Willie C. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenons White, was wounded in a battle in Guadalcanal on January 15, receiving a shrapnel wound in his left arm. He has been returned to the States for hospitalization and is in the Moore General hospital, Swannanoa, NC, where it is thought he will fully recover. Pvt. White entered the army February 24, 1942 and has been over sea for several months. Mr. and Mrs. White and son, James White have just returned from Swannanoa where they visited their son and brother.

Milton A. Acuff, Major in the U. S. Army has recently been promoted from a Captain to a Major. Formerly located at Camp Roberts, CA, he has just been assigned to command a new field artillery battalion at Camp Beale, CA.

A portion of a letter from Clifford S. Caruthers who is stationed at Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, CA, is given in part below. The full address is withheld but will be given to any interested party if they will call "the Herald."

To the Herald Editor, Cookeville, TN: Have been reading in the Putnam County Herald about various service men from Putnam County and thought you would be interested in knowing that three Putnam Countians:

Pvt. U. L. Hensley, Pvt. C. P. Caruthers and Pvt. Ira King Fields of Cookeville, TN, R.F.D., 3, and Pvt. Raymond J. Haley, McMinnville, TN, a former Tech student are in the 5th Ordinance Training Group.

We have been in Camp Santa Anita, since Christmas Eve and have finished our Basic Training and are in our Basic Technical Training at the present.

We are all "taking" to army life in a big way by now. Our entire company is made up of volunteers from Tennessee, with the exception of a few from Northern Mississippi.

We are in the 305th (Base) Reg. of the Ordinance Department.

The California weather is very warm, reached 72 degrees last week. However, the hospitality of the California people is warmer. They are really swell to the boys in the Armed Forces.

When a stranger will drive 10 miles out of his way with only an "A" card to get you to your destination, that is real hospitality.

We would enjoy hearing from any of our friend. Our address is:

Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, CA. Signed; Clifford S. Caruthers.

Ray F. Lambert, husband of Mattie Lee Langford, Cookeville, TN, R. F. D., No. 1, has begun an intensive course of study in aviation mechanics at the Army Air Field, Amarillo, TX, one of the newest schools in the Army Air Forces Technical Training command.

He will spend several months at this great mechanics' school and upon graduation will be sent to one of Uncle Sam's air bases, there to do his part in keeping America's "Flying Fortresses" harassing the Axis.

James Robert Myers, 20, son of Mrs. Armina Myers, Route 1, Box 5, Monterey, TN, soon will be a qualified electrician's mate in the Navy. He is enrolled in the U. S. Naval Training school for electricians at the University of Minneapolis, MN. Upon completion of the 16 week course he will be eligible for promotion to the petty officer rating of electrician's rate, third class, and will be assigned to duty with the fleet or at a short station. The Bluejacket was selected to attend the school upon the basis of a series of aptitude tests taken during recruit training.

Edward Cameron, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at the University of Alabama, University, AL, sustained very painful injuries in a fall recently and is now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron on Dixie Avenue where he will be until he has fully recuperated.

Pvt. Edsel Whitson has returned to Ft. Benning, GA, after spending his ten days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson.

Bill Wright, U. S. Navy, stationed at Sampson, NY, was here recently for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. W. N. Gattis. He formerly made Cookeville his home and attended Tennessee Tech. He spent a part of his leave with his mother, Mrs. Sue Wright in Nashville.

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John Clark Brown Obt.

b. 4 June 1921, TN – d. 20 February 1943, England, s/o Dr. Little B. Brown & Evangeline Glover.
Buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Lieut. John C. Brown Killed in Plane Crash Somewhere in England:

Lt. John C. Brown, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Brown, formerly of Cookeville but who are now residing in Atlanta, GA, has been reported killed in a plane crash somewhere in England.

Lt. Brown volunteered for military duty several months ago and at the time of his enlistment was a student at the University of Georgia. Serving with the Army Air Corps, as a bombardier, he received training at different U. S. Flight Schools and was ordered for over sea duty from Will Roger Field, OK, where his parents visited him last summer.

According to a story carried by the Nashville Banner of Friday, February 26, written by Nat A. Barrows, Lt. Brown was on an American flying Liberator and apparently had participated in many of the raids over France and Germany.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown's oldest son, Douglas Brown is now in England serving with the Finance Division Army Air Corps.

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Pvt. Harlon H. Allen of the U. S. Infantry, is stationed at Camp San Luis, Obispo, CA.

Pvt. Carl Bean, son of Mrs. Minnie Lee Bean, of Cookeville, Rt. 4, has been on army duty for several years. Since Christmas he has been in the African war zone. Prior to his going overseas he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Birch Dowell Wade, Lieutenant U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Claiborne, LA, was here last week spending a portion of his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade, and sister, Miss Becky Ann Wade. Following his stay here he completed his leave visiting with friends in East Tennessee.

Howard Tinsley, son of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, who volunteered for military duty some four weeks ago is in training with the Army Air Corps stationed at Miami Beach, FL. At the time of his enlistment he was a student at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

Harry McKinley, who has been in the service for the past two months, stationed at Camp Davis, NC, has recently been promoted from a Private to Corporal. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, of Buffalo Valley.

Ensign and Mrs. Glenn Gentry, who since their marriage at Christmas time have been stationed in Miami, FL, were here last week for a brief stay enroute to New Orleans, LA, where Ensign Gentry will be stationed at the Naval Base there. During their recent visit they were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Gentry, her and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift, in Algood.

James W. Witherspoon, Lieutenant, U. S. Air Corps, who was recently commissioned at an Officer's Training School in Miami, FL, was here last week spending a shot leave with Mrs. Witherspoon and son, at

the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper. He has now gone to Springfield, OH for further military duty.

James C. Brewer, Mail Clerk, U. S. Navy, is now located with Fleet Post Office, N.O.B., Norfolk, VA. He volunteered for service in August, 1942, taking his basic training at Norfolk, and was later assigned to the Naval Operating Base at that place. He is the son of W. R. Brewer, of Algood.

Sgt. Ben Vaden Mason is now serving with the Signal Air Warning Reporting Command in Alaska. He was inducted into the service in September 1941 and was stationed in California before being sent to Alaska, a year ago. Sgt. James Vernon Mason is with the Ordnance Division in Ft. Jackson, SC, and has been in the service since June of last year. They are brother of Mrs. Elton Gragg, of Algood, and Mrs. H. S. Wall, of Cookeville.

Pvt. Julian Ray White who has been in service since January, 1942, took his basic training at Ft. Belvoir, VA, and is now serving in the Pacific War Area. Pvt. Jessie H. White with the U. S. Army since February of this year, has been in training at Ft. Custer, MI, and Camp Barkley, TX. They are sons of J. J. White, Cookeville, Rt. 2.

John Moore, who since January has been stationed in Atlantic, NJ, was recently transferred to Baton Rouge, LA, where he is in training at Louisiana State university. Mrs. Moore will go soon for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amonett at Gordonsville, and later plans to join her husband in Louisiana.

Cookeville friends of Beverly Medley, Lt. (j.g) U. S. Navy, will be pleased to learn of his recent promotion from Ensign to his present rank. He has been stationed at Corpus Christi, TX, since volunteering for naval duty the early part of 1942.

Holland Dean Denny, PFC, Ordnance Corps, has been in service two months and is stationed at Pomona, CA. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denny. During her husband's absence, Mrs. Holland Denny is remaining at the home of Mrs. Gertie Denny Dillard on Oak Street.

Ensign Hargrave Piepmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Piepmeier, former residents of Cookeville, left Cookeville last week for Atlanta for special assignment to complete his Naval Air training course. He has been assigned to the Chicago Area, but his definite location is not yet known. Ensign Piepmeier completed his two years engineering at Tennessee Tech last spring and has been maintaining Cookeville as his residence since his parents left.

His many friends wish him well in his new assignment and will be glad to learn later of his permanent location in his naval Air work.

Leonard E. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Allen of Ferndale, MI is located at Camp McCain, MS, with the Field Artillery. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Allen and Mrs. M. W. Harp of Algood, with whom he has frequently visited.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford of Memphis, have received a telegram from their son, William Glenn, who has been stationed at St. Petersburg, FL, that he is now stationed at this address: South Grand Embassy Hotel, Los Angeles, CA.

Maxwell Field, AL, March 10 – Will Henry P. Pointer, of 301 Walnut Street, Cookeville, TN, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, located on the outskirts of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

Cadet Pointer is a graduate of Central High School and entered the service April 10, 1941, where he served as an enlisted man until he was appointed an aviation cadet in the Army Air Force on January 26, 1943, at Fort Jackson, SC. He worked as a shipping clerk in civilian life.

Great Lakes, IL – Two Putnam county men have entered the Navy as apprentice seamen and are undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Station here. Upon completing several weeks of basic training they will be given a nine-day leave after which they will be assigned to a Navy trade school for instruction in a specialized service or be sent to active duty at sea.

The Putnam county recruits are: Burl B. Bussell, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bussell, Baxter; Ira J. Cunningham, 19, husband of Mrs. Pauline Cunningham....list continues.

A recent communication from Pvt. Maurice Rodgers, formerly stationed at the Ohio Institute of Aeronautics, Columbus, OH, states he has been transferred to Cuyahoga Falls, OH. He also says he appreciates the Herald as much as if it were a letter from friends back home.

Jim Watts Moore, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Moore who have been here for a visit with relatives have returned to Rhode Island where the former is stationed at a Naval Base.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack have been notified that their son, Vadus Carmack, Sgt. U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, has recently been promoted to the position of Staff Sergeant. Sgt. Carmack, who has been in the service for several months was at the time of his induction an employee of Jenkins and Darwin Bros.

Gerald Miller, U. S. Navy, stationed in Brooklyn, NY, and Mrs. Miller have been here for a recent visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

Pvt. Clarence A. Cantrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cantrell, of Cookeville, Route 3, is stationed at Yuma Air Field, Yuma, AZ. Before being inducted into service, he was employed by Thompson Products Inc., of Detroit, MI. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, FL.

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A striking photograph of Lieut. Clark Gable, taken on the day he graduated from Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, FL, appears in the "Movie Show" of April. Adding local interest to the picture is the fact that it was made by a Cookeville boy, John R. Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison, who is an aerial photographer, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Panama City, FL. Besides this particular picture, others of Lieut. Gable, photographed by Pvt. Allison have appeared in the different Nashville papers and Mr. and Mrs. Allison have in their possession various pictures of this popular actor, made by their son. In recent weeks Mrs. John Allison has been here for a visit.

Sgt. James S. Bruce, of Nebo, KY, stationed at Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, TX, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips of near Algood.

Pfc. Ralph E. Mahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler of 605 W. 7th St., of this city, has been assigned to the Army Air Forces Technical School of Sioux Falls, SD, for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He was inducted into service on January 13, at Camp Forrest. He has also been stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, and Miami Beach, FL.

The following information comes from headquarters 12th Replacement Battalion Armored Force Replacement Training Center, Ft. Knox, KY, and is signed by Amel F. Kisonak, Major, Infantry, Commanding:

It is my pleasure to inform your office, regarding the marksmanship of Private James H. Patton, son of Verdie V. Patton, of Camp Wheeler, GA. For the interest of his friends and fellow townsmen, we feel the information of his ability should be passed on to those who know him.

Thanks to his mental alertness and conduct during the course of instruction, Private Patton attained a thorough knowledge of the handling of the pistol, with which he fired a score of 146 out of a possible 150. This weapon reacts in direct proportion to the skill with which it is operated. Private Patton's performance

justifies our belief that a man who is physically fit and mentally alert cannot help but make a good soldier. Praise for trainees of this type is a privilege.

Pvt. James R. Horn, who is in an automotive maintenance company of the Quartermaster Corps at Ft. Lewis, WA, was there recently to spend a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horn and other relatives. Pvt. Horn has been in the army service some ten months, six of which he has spent at Ft. Lewis. Returning to his post of duty he was accompanied as far as Knoxville by his mother and Jim Terry and the three were the guests of Pvt. Horn's brother, Terry Horn and Mr. Horn for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Plaxco have had as their recent guest the former's brother, Joe Plaxco, U. S. Army, stationed in Kansas, who has been spending his leave elsewhere in Tennessee. He was here for only a brief stay.

Edward C. Gracey, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, stationed at Davisville, RI, and Mrs. Gracey arrived Friday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gracey and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith. The former will leave to resume his post of duty the latter part of this week, but Mrs. Gracey plans to remain for a longer visit with her parents.

Pvt. Willie Earl Tinch, who has been in the army since January, stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, was here last week for a brief leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tinch, on Spring St. Mr. and Mrs. Tinch's older son, Paul Tinch, who reported for duty also in January, was stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, for several weeks, but on account of a physical disability, has received his discharge, and is now on defense work in Dayton, OH.

Billie Bain, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bain, of Baxter, who was inducted into the army in January, was promoted last week to the position of Corporal. He is now receiving technical training in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter, have two sons who are in the army, Lieut. Willis Carter, Jr., stationed at Camp Hood, TX with the 810th Tank Destroyer Bn., and Pvt. James D. Carter with the Army Air Corps, Yuma, AZ, who has been in service since January 1943. Lieut. Carter has been in the army for two years, volunteering for service with the 109th Cavalry in 1940.

Pvt. Charles Ezell Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gentry, Cookeville, Route 2, who is stationed at Camp Pickett, VA, has been in the Station Hospital for several days on account of an attack of flu. He has now recovered and has returned to his post of duty.

Dibrell Boyd, son of Mrs. Bell Boyd of near Cookeville, is now with the U. S. Army "Somewhere in Africa," prior to leaving the United States which was around Christmas time, he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Pvt. Clyde Bullington, Army Air Corps, is "Somewhere in England," where he has been since November, 1942. Before entering the service, Pvt. Bullington was a resident of Detroit, MI, where he had employment, and where his wife now resides. During his training he was stationed at Atlantic City, NJ. Staff Sgt. Ralph Bullington is stationed at Camp Gordon, Augusta, GA. His wife, the former Miss Margaret Boatman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abby Boatman, of near Cookeville. Both Pvt. Bullington and Staff Sgt. Bullington are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Bullington, of Hilham Road, Cookeville.

Lieut Victor Hawkins, who has been stationed at Camp Hood, TX, has been transferred to Ft. Benning, GA, for a special training course. Mrs. Hawkins and son who have been in Texas with Lieut. Hawkins, have returned to Cookeville for an indefinite stay.

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Lieut. Frank Barnes came from Ft. Benning, GA, for a weekend visit with Mrs. Barnes and son at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes. He had as his guest on this visit, Lieut Inman O. Scott, also of Ft. Benning. Recently the junior Mrs. Barnes went to Atlanta, GA, where she was joined by her husband for a weekend visit.

Cpl. J. Nelson Maddux, Detachment Medical Dept. U. S. Army who has been stationed in Washington, D. C. has recently been transferred to Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, NM. Cpl. Maddux was at home recently for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Maddux of near Carthage.

Cadet Finis E. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris, is now located with the Army Air Corps, Pampa, TX. His previous address was Enid, OK.

Clifford Massa, who left last Wednesday to report for Postal Naval duty, for which he had volunteered early in October, is now stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, VA. Prior to entering the service he had been a valued employee of the local post office, being employed there for many years. Mrs. Massa and son, Clifford Massa, Jr., are at their home on Eighth Street.

Mrs. Lula Qualls has been notified by the War Department of her son, Sgt. Walter T. Qualls' safe arrival overseas. Sgt. Qualls has been in the service for the past two year, and is in the Signal Corps. He has been stationed at Tampa, FL, Charlotte, NC and also the University of GA, in a radio school for six months. He embarked from Los Angeles, CA.

Sgt. Tom Sewell and Mrs. Sewell of Tallahassee, FL, who have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sewell, of Baxter, came to Cookeville for a visit with friends during their stay in Tennessee.

J. P. Bryant, who has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bryant, left Sunday for Outwood, KY, where he goes for medical treatment at the Army hospital there. Volunteering for service some months ago, he was formerly stationed at Camp Roberts, CA. While in California he became ill and since that time has been under medical supervision.

Dave S. Pincus, formerly of Cookeville, has been a resident of San Antonio, TX, for a number of years and as there are hundreds of boys stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Mr. Pincus, though this column wishes to extend an invitation to all Putnam County boys to come and see him and other members of his family. His business address is Dave Pincus Clothing Company, Houston Avenue, San Antonio, TX.

Joe K. McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, of Buffalo Valley, who has been stationed at Camp Davis, NC, since January, having been inducted on the 8th, has recently been promoted to Corporal.

Pvt. War Draper, stationed with the Airdrome Squadron, Army Air Corps, Topeka, KS, was here last week for a brief stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Draper, on Dixie Avenue. Pvt. Draper, who was at home for his first visit since entering the service, during the spring of 1942, spent from Sunday until Tuesday here.

Billy Buck, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, has been in the Navy since October 4, 1940. He had his basic training at Norfolk, VA, attending Sound School, at Key West, FL, has been serving somewhere in the Pacific for over a years, but is now spending his vacation at Sydney, Australia. He was recently promoted to Yeoman First Class. Their older son, Walter Dyer Buck, has been in the Navy since May 25, 1935. He had his basic training at Norfolk, VA, and attended Gunner's School in Washington, D. C., at two different times. He has been somewhere in the Pacific since October 7. He mailed his Christmas package home from Alaska. He is now Gunner's Mate, First Class.

Robert McKinley, of Cookeville, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, of this city is leaving this week for Fort Oglethorpe, GA, for induction into military service. The junior Mrs. McKinley will remain in Clarksville temporarily.

Kenneth D. Boyd, Sergeant, U. S. Signal Corps, who is now in service somewhere in Africa, was recently promoted to his present position. In service sine March, 1942, Sgt. Boyd took his basic training at Ft. Monmouth, NJ. He was formerly with the Southern Continental Telephone Company, residing in Glasgow, KY. During his absence, Mrs. Boyd is making her home in Cookeville, occupying an apartment on Dixie Ave.

According to information received from Mr. and Mrs. George Haile, their son, Houston Haile's new address is Army Air Base, Alliance, NB, where he is with the Gilder Infantry. Until recently he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Pvt. Rayburn V. Bryant, stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX, and Mrs. Bryant are here for a ten day visit, dividing their stay with Pvt. Bryant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant, and with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Gentry. They will leave Monday for San Antonio.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, of Algood, have been notified of their son's Lt. Fred Moore's promotion from Second Lieut., to his present rank, which went into effect recently. Lieut. Moore since October, has been Navigation Instructor at Barksdale Field, near Shreveport, LA.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farley, Sr., of Double Springs, have learned recently that their son, James Farley, Jr., who is in service in Africa, has been promoted to Sergeant. The following is a portion of a letter this sister, Mrs. Hooper Maxwell, has received from him.

Dear Sis,

Just a line to let you know I am still kicking. We are having lots of fun over here, but when old Hitler butts in we all get mad as the D--. He won't play fair with us. He is always trying to hurt someone, but one of these mornings he is going to wake up and find "Old Glory" waving over Berlin, and then he will wish he had. So long, will see you when the fun is over. Signed: James Farley, Jr.

Wm. B. "Billy" Cox has been promoted to Corporal and has been accepted for Officer's Candidate School, and for the present will be located at Miami, FL, later at Harvard University. He has been stationed at Boca Raton Field, near Del Ray Beach, FL, where Mrs. Cox has been with him, until he was transferred to Miami. She is now with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Leon Reeves, on Church Street.

Capt. Hugh J. Childress, former County Agent and a resident of Cookeville for a number of years, who was stationed at Berry Field, Nashville, and in Las Vegas, NM, with the Ferrying Command, prior to leaving the United States for an unknown destination, writes the Herald an interesting letter, a portion of which is quoted below, and like many others, he wants news from Putnam County by way of the Herald. A paragraph of his letter is as follows:

"This is a very interesting place - it's cold, plenty cold' but we have warm clothing and good tight buildings, so no one complains. I always thought I never could live if the temperature remained below zero for a whole week, but I almost like this weather. We have to watch our face, nose and ears which freeze before we know it-men are taught to observe each other for signs of frozen parts which are indicated by turning white like paper, after the "thaw" a large blister comes on much like a burn blister. Our food is good as any army chow, and we have considerable variety too. We get mail once per week and all mail going out must be censored, but not incoming mail. These soldiers write plenty of letters, but not so many as they did when we first came here-lately have started a picture show, the pictures are late and old runs but new to us. This takes some of the letter writing time and we do not have so many to read.....continues.

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Lt. Col. John A. Mitchell, United States Army, now stationed in Manchester, NH, following a stay of seven months at Camp Swift, near Austin, TX, arrived Saturday to spend a brief leave with his family on East Fourth Street. Mrs. Mitchell, John Alex and Ethel Barnes Mitchell went to Knoxville to meet him.

Lt. Col. Hubert Crawford, stationed in Memphis, who has been on an inspection tour of the maneuver area in this section of the State, was in Cookeville for a short stay Monday.

Major T. L. Passons came from Nashville, where he is stationed, for a week-end visit with Mrs. Passons and daughter, Miss Julia Passons at their home on N. Walnut.

Beverley Minor is spending his ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary Minor. He is stationed at Camp Stewart, GA.

The Herald is in receipt of a letter from Walter O. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson of 600 Chestnut Street, who is now serving with the U. S. Army "somewhere in Africa." His letter is greatly appreciated.

Fred Phillips, Jr., Lieut., U. S. Army Air Corps, who is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips, of McMinnville, has been in Cookeville for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Jarvis Matheney, his uncle, Edgar Phillips, and many other Putnam county relatives. Stationed at Spence Field, Moultrie, GA, for his advanced training he recently received the coveted silver wings and Second Lieutenant Commission....continues.

Milton L. Acuff received his commission as a Lieutenant Colonel March 30,

He enlisted in the 109th Cavalry Tennessee National Guard, in August 1927, received his commission as a second Lieutenant in 1928, and later was made First Lieutenant. He was inducted into the regular army in the 181st Field Artillery at Camp Forrest as Captain on February 23, 1941. In January, 1943, he was transferred to Camp Roberts, CA. He received his commission as Major February 1, 1943. He now commands the 173rd Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Beale, CA.

His wife, the former Miss Pearle Cornwall, of Algood and his two children, Leone and Anne, have established temporary residence in California but at the present time are visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Mrs. John E. Lowery has recently gone to New York to be with her husband, Ensign Lowery, U. S. Navy. Ensign Lowery has completed a period of training at Ft. Schuyler, NY, and is now stationed at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Lt. and Mrs. Forrest H. Nourse, Jr., will leave Ft. Benning, GA, May 1, and go to Camp Jackson, Columbia, SC, where Lt. Nourse will be stationed. Mesdames Lowery and Nourse are granddaughter of Mrs. A. W. Boyd and have frequently visited here.

Thurman Whitson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson, left Monday for Biloxi, MS, where he will be in training with the Army Air Corps.

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"V" Tree Planting At Baxter Seminary Featured Tuesday: The annual Tree Planting sponsored by the Baxter Class of Baxter Seminary, was held on Tuesday afternoon, April 6, 1943, at Baxter. Six trees were planted in front of Pfeiffer Hall, the planting arranged in the shape of two V's for Victory. One V was the gift of the Senior Class to the School, the other was set out by the Seminary in honor of some 200 young men and women, former students, graduates, and those of this year's student body, in the service of the Nation, and of all those who will go into the service in the time ahead. While the students who expect to go into the various branches of service when the Seminary closes its present school year stood in a group together, a prayer was offered by the Dean for them and for all who serve in this way. With this service Dr. Harry L. Upperman, President, announced that the custom is inaugurated of having at high noon each day the ringing of the old Seminary tower bell, signifying that at noon each day the Seminary will be in a period of prayer for all who are striving to save all peoples in the world from enslavement, from the enemies of

civilization and Christian ideals, praying for those serving the United States and Allied Nations. Everyone in the community of Baxter and within the sound of the bell is asked to pause and join with other in this moment of prayer.

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Completing the most intensive courses taught at the Technical Training Command School at Yale University, John Bullington, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington was commissioned a second lieutenant, during graduation exercises held at the Sterling Law Building. A graduate of the course in Maintenance Engineering given at the school, Lieut. Bullington has been thoroughly trained in the principles of aircraft, construction and operation. In a short time he will command a crew charged with the execution of aircraft maintenance assignments.

Lt. Bullington volunteering for service was inducted October 21, 1942, Chanute Base, IL, where he remained until January, 1943, going from there to Yale University. Mrs. Bullington went to New Haven last week to be present at her son's graduation when he received his gold bars. Lt. Bullington was numbered with the 18 students selected for special technical training to be stationed at Seattle, WA, for the next three months.

Billy Proffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt, who since being inducted into military service in March has been until recently stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, is now with the U. S. Army Field Artillery, Camp Butner, Durham, NC.

Word was recently received by Mrs. Bertha Rockwell that her son, Sgt. Ruben Rockwell, is a prisoner of war in the Philippine islands. The government assumes that he is in good health since the International Red Cross does not state otherwise. The family's last message from him was Christmas greeting mailed from the Philippines in November 1942. Sgt. Rockwell was not reported missing until May, 1942. Mrs. Rockwell has another son, Pfc. Arvil Rockwell in the service. He is with the Air Corps stationed in Texas.

David T. Dow, Special 3rd class, U. S. Naval Postal Service, who is stationed at Panama City, FL, is spending his seven day leave with Mrs. Dow at their home on Church St. He arrived Friday and plans to report for further duty the early part of next week.

James Copeland, U. S. Army, Camp Gordon, GA, is spending his seven day leave in Cookeville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Copeland came from Benton, KY, to be with Pvt. Copeland during his visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Davis have received word that their son, Pvt. Ralph H. Davis, has arrived in North Africa. Pvt. Davis was inducted into the service in October, 1942, and is in the Coast Artillery. Before going overseas, he was stationed at Camp Stewart, GA.

Pvt. Edward Neal, Jr., U. S. Air Corps stationed in Burlington, VT, had as his guests last weekend his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neal of Milburn, NJ, who are temporarily located in Boston, MA.

Lt. Robert A. Cox, with the Intelligence Department Flying Corps stationed at Cape Girardeau, MO, for several months has returned to his base station, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL. Mrs. Cox is also in Montgomery.

Charles Holladay's new address is, Grand Rapids, MI. He was inducted into the service in March, being stationed first at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, and later at Boca Raton, FL.

In a recent release from Allied Headquarters in North Africa it was stated that the tremendous air attacks over the weekend over the Stollian Channel and Sardinia by American Flying Fortress airmen that the Axis suffered its most terrific air loss. The reporter using this story quoted Lieut. C. M. Smart, of Cookeville, as saying, "It was a nice way to celebrate the 40th mission of my Fortress "Little Bill." Some weeks ago,

Lieut. Smartt's Flying Fortress, "Little Bill" was photographed in Life magazine. The Life photographer who visited the African War Area was permitted to fly over this territory in this particular bomber.

Mrs. Mary Frances Ferrell Huddleston, who inducted for service with the WAVES some weeks ago will leave Sunday for Hunter College, New York City, where she will take her basic training. Mrs. Huddleston's parents, are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferrell, of Church Street, and her husband, Corp. Bennett Huddleston, has been serving overseas with the U. S. Marines since May, 1942.

McGill Vaden, yeoman, third class, U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, CA, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wirt H. Vaden, of Monterey. He is a former Tennessee Tech student and was in Cookeville on Monday for a visit with friends.

Pfc. W. N. Swallows who has been stationed at Chanute Field, IL, has recently been transferred to Syracuse, NY.

Pvt. Jim Terry, now serving with the armed forces, is stationed with the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, MO. Pvt. Terry is the second son of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry who is in the service as his brother, Lt. Will O. Terry is stationed at Camp Hood, TX.

Harvey Proffitt, U. S. Army, stationed at Denver, CO, is here with his father, R. L. Proffitt, for a stay of several days. He arrived the latter part of last week.

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Largest List of Putnam Men Ever To Be Inducted:

The Putnam County draft board has submitted one of the largest lists of men ever to be inducted into the Armed Service of the United States from this county. This list includes several married men and a number of boys who have recently become 18 years of age. They will leave Cookeville at an early date for an induction camp.

Solon Denton Jared, Barney Clinton Gentry, Jasper Nuton Nash, Anthon Woolbright, Robert Gaskell Warren, Luke Danner, Dennis Levon Cass, Robert Lee Coulson, Jr., Arthur Palo Pharris, Bailey Millard McCowen, William Douglas McDowell, William Clarence Huddleston, Amos Ellison Hendrix, Ernest Bracy Clinton, Jerry D. Ledford, Marshall Andrew Perkins, Lemuel Earl Laycox, Robert Henry Leffew, Iva Thurman Lowe, Clifford Willard Barnes, Calvin C. Frey, Raymond Bennett, William Bradley Sliger, William Wrather Johnson, Melvin D. C. Thomas, Ottis Hansel Phillips, Cecil Eugene Montgomery, Thomas Woodrow Peek.

John Herbert Wilmoth, Riley Gibbons, Edward Lee Buckner, Johnnie William Jared, Billie Rastus Huddleston, O. William Winchester, Carl Asbury Ashburn, Verble John Tucker, George Ray Williams, Clarence Haskell Lee Baker, Hubert Dow Huddleston, Hubert Leo Alcorn, Frank Roy Hall, Everett Allen, Lonnie Hall, Haskell R. Billingsley, Armel Lee Petty, Orville Lee Whitley, Hopkins Turney Lee, Harold Amos Hatcher, Roy Baxter Ramsey, Henry Brown Ferrell, George Thurman Johnson, Ernest Winnell Julian.

Willie Burr West, William Virgle Jackson, Fred Harlin Roberson, Louis Leftwich Carr, Thurman Clinton Jones, Carver Eunis Hill, Ernest Lared Webster, Hubert Morris Ragland, Thomas Herbert Phillips, Cleon Ensor Wassom, Jacob Paul Swallows, Kasper Winningham, Edgbert Whitson, Vestel Martin, Elbert Founton Ramsey, Robert Allen Dedmon, Ernest Carlia Flatt, Jesse Allen Lyles, Norman Poston, Talmadge Nash, George Washington Hayes, Jeff Robert Farris, William Farley Phipps, Charlie B. Whiteaker, Lawrence Preston Allison, James Hargis Morris, Sidney Carson Hall, Cortez Greenwood.

John Harvey Roberson, Oliver Rice, Tillmon H. Phillips, James Ronald Loftis, John Burton Ragland, Jr., James Lilburn Dillard, Charles Ulus Tucker, Hershal Copeland, Charles Frank Countiss, Paul Oliver

Duncan, Charlie Lee Choate, Solon Henry Mitchell, James Howard Poteet, William Hubert Jared, Lawrence Eskew Hunter, Holla Otto Burgess, Clifton Hayes Ford, Kenneth Delaney, Verdon John Crawford, P. J. Bryant, Newton Clure Coffelt, Amon Ezra Gentry, Henry Cecil Jackson.

James Arthur Lynn, Rufus William Robbins, William Hartford Wilmoth, Minnis Dow Johnson, Louis Monroe Dillard, Virtes Mayzel Stringer, Finley Paul Brown, Olney Boyd Gentry, Jarvis Ellis Bean, Bailey C. Dabbs, Joe Elmer Leftwich, James Knox Polk Romines, Jr., Oscar Taylor Simpson, Dowson Morgain Steakley, Thomas Ray Stout, Clarence Wilson Jared, A. P. Stone, John Dallas Sparks, Joe Morgan, Burr Lee Cooper, Hollie Michael Shipley, Robert Frank Davis, Robert Casto Tinch, J. Verble Shipley, Toy Olen Thomas, Louis Ernest Terry, Jr., Willard Woodrow Johnson, David Lee Farley, William Harold Wilhite.

Jim Smith Maddux, Omer Harrison Clark, Solon Mance Rice, W. H. Clemons, James Bob Maxwell, James Monroe Robinson, Robert Cecil Bryant, Willie Dow Vinson, Everette Jeral Steele, Charles Freeman Horn, H. A. Wallace, Earl Kenneth Farley, Arb Roberts, Clarence Edward McLoud, Willie Lawrence Ford, William Drexel Waites, Clarence Edwin Hunter, Horace William Donaldson, James Arnold Jared, Joel U. L. Raines, John Douglas Watts, Olen Lee Martin, Premis Henley, Willie Carmon Copeland.

Douglas Howard Goodwin, Floyd Vernal Massa, Thomas Clinton Holloway, Billy Jeff Vick, William Cordell Franklin, Mack Leftwich, John Robert Hawkins, Otis Templeton, Cheerful Whiteaker, Joe Wheeler Franklin, James Kelly Ealey, Henry harley Anderson, Rowan D. Anderson, Delbert Lee Holloway, Charles Myrse Harp, Kenneth Algood Moore, Donald Vestell Whitaker, Rupert Curtiss Nunnally, Bon McCoy Shelton, John Talmadge Sutton, Pete Clemons, Farlie Richard Hodge, Henry Harold Tinsley, Ridley Mitchell Haney, Walter Camel Martin, Leslie Vernard Dawes, Willie Joe Hyder, Clyde Edmonds, Wilburn Sewell.

Tilbert Harrison Bice, Jr., Ralph B. Maxwell, Claude Ray Henley, James Howard heard, William Clifford Hicks, Jimmie McDaniel, Jr., William Henry Martin, Johnnie Edgar Stafford, Lillard Stanton Webb, William Carroll Williams, Joseph Edward Dowell, Willie J. Robinson, Warren G. Harville, Hugh Lee Huddleston, Raymond D. Stewart, Abraham Poteet McClain, Sam Harold Hicks, Ernest Wade Bussell, Clyde Huston Wilson, Jessie Peek, Murray Kenwood Bailey, Jr., Allard Clifton Pryor, Dellstrum J. Tucker, Alvin Dixon.

Walter Ray Vaughn, Stanley Charlie Palk, Charlie Dowe Farris, Claude Darwin Roberts, Thomas Martin Morgan, Kenneth Puckett, Johnny Lennell Austin, Charlie Tucker, Clarence Howard Lee, Joe Martin Pedigo, J. T. Cates, Ross Byrd Fields, Hollis Howard Bryant, Clarence Eugene Bradley, Lawrence Winnell Harville, Everett Lee Presley, Arnold Baskell West, James General Alcorn, Fred Dillard Bussell, Jesse Madison Farley, Albert Grady Fields, William Matthew Lacy, Thurman Harold Johnson, Harvey Leonard Gentry, Earley Doyle Langford, Dolphus James Foutch, Harvey Edgar Phillips, Jr., Hobert Haskell Allen.

Billy Rush England, Odus Dewey Jernigan, Charlie Edward Jones, J. B. Whiteaker, James Lee Sams, Coyle Jefferson Harris, Robert Floyd Maddux, St. T. Randolph, Kenneth Eugene Harris, Billy Bernice Mahan, Joe Carson Mabry, Hershel Gene Robinson, William Hershel Tabor, Robert Dewey Ramsey, Jr. Velbert Rex Gamble, Roy Avery Copeland, Verble Lee Roberts, Edward Arlow Arterburn, Louis Marshall Anderson, William Green Rhoton, John Thomas Nichols, Winters Lane.

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Pvt. Willie Earl Tinch came from Ft. Knox, KY, where he is stationed to spend from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tinch, on E. Spring Street. On Saturday a gathering was enjoyed when the entire family met for the noon day meal as arranged by Mrs. Tinch and Mrs. Casto Tinch. The occasion was in honor of Pvt. Tinch and his brother, Casto Tinch, who leaves soon for Army duty. Paul Tinch of Dayton, OH, came for the special event, and others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Swallows and children, and Carl Tinch.

Four men from Putnam county recently have been inducted into service in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completion of seven weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, CA, they will be assigned to regular Marine units for duty.

The four men are, Thomas Lee Young, 18, son of Mrs. Vesta Lena Young, of Baxter, TN; Sherman Dyer Lamb, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Birch Lamb, of 105 Ferguson Street, Cookeville, TN, Harry McCulley, son of Sam McCulley, of Bloomington Springs, TN, and Mrs. Roxie Lula Brown, of Route 5, Cookeville and Charles Thomas Roe, son of Mrs. Alice Ross Roe, Route 2, Cookeville, TN.

Howard Tinsley, son of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, who was formerly stationed in Miami, FL, is now in training at Allegheny College, Meadville, FL.

Pvt. Algood Vaden, who has been in Miami, FL, since being inducted into the service in January, is now stationed at Walnut Ridge, AR.

Carl Barlowe, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Naval Training Station, Farragut, ID, was here last week for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barlowe, on First Street.

W. C. Moore, who was inducted into service during January, has been at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, until recently, when he was transferred to Indian Town Gap, Military Reservation, PA. He is with the Port Battalion, and has been promoted to T. Corporal.

According to an announcement from the Army Air Force Antisubmarine command, S/Sgt. James L. Elrod, of Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Elrod, was recently graduated from its training school at Langley Field, VA.

S/Sgt. Elrod has now returned to his home station where he will continue his duties as Radio Operator on one of the multimotored aircraft the Antisubmarine Command is now using in its intensive campaign to hunt out and destroy U-Boats wherever they may be found.

S/Sgt. Elrod attended the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1938 and 1939.

Announcement has been made that Pfc. Horace Benson, stationed with the Holabird Ordnance Depot, Baltimore, MD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Benson, of Brotherton, has been promoted to the rank of corporal on recommendation of his organization commander.

Military authorities at Holabird, point out that promotion in the army, as in other fields of endeavor, is attained by the manner in which the individual applies himself, especially through his attention to duty and soldierly qualities. Corporal Benson is a member of the O.A.S. Detachment at Holabird.

Clyde Vaughn, U. S. Navy, is stationed at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, VA. Volunteering for service during 1942, he was called to service some three weeks ago. He was reared in Overton County, but for a number of years has called Cookeville his home, where he has been engaged in business with the H. T. Whitson Lumber Co., and the Cookeville Planing Mills. Mrs. Vaughn, the former Miss Mary Kirk, is now residing with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Greenwood, but plans to take possession of her home on Peachtree Street, in the near future.

The following item does not concern those of the armed forces, but as an act of patriotism, it can appropriately be used in this column. A portion of a letter written to Mrs. Hop Bohannon by her daughter, Miss Bettye Bohannon, who at present holds an important government position in Washington, D. C., is quoted below:

“Dearest Mother:

“I was a bit indisposed yesterday so neglected to write you my usual weekly letter. I gave my third and last blood donation yesterday morning. So many dread them, but I suffered only slight inconvenience. They

were getting a large consignment ready for a supply ship sailing for North Africa, and had wonderful response to the appeal.

“I cannot help fight this terrible war, but by giving my blood I can help save the lives of the boys who are fighting, and I gave it gladly.

“I am pleased with my two bronze buttons, and am exceedingly proud of my silver medal received yesterday.”

William B. Carlen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carlen, who volunteered for army duty several months ago, reported for service at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, the latter part of March. He is now located with the Army Engineering Corps at Camp Belvoir, VA, a short distance from Washington, D. C. He attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and Vanderbilt University. His wife, the former Miss Cathreen Osment, of Nashville, is remaining with his parents on Dixie Avenue, until early summer.

Pvt. Henry D. Grimes, with the Army Ordnance Department....continues.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Hugh Childress, Jr., U. S. Army came from Memphis to spend Easter Sunday with his mother, Mrs. H. J. Childress, at her apartment on Washington Ave.

Col. Ben H. Chastaine, former Nashville newspaperman, is being held by the Japanese as a prisoner of war at a camp at Taiwan, Formosa, his niece, Miss Alda Eaton, Washington, D. C. advised Nashville friends yesterday.

The information according to Miss Eaton, was received recently by Mrs. Chastaine, a teacher in Pittsburgh, over a phone broadcast of a prisoner's hour from Tokyo.

Colonel Chastaine, who went to the Philippines in November, 1941, was a prisoner of the Japanese. A flight surgeon from the Orient told Mrs. Chastaine last September that he had seen the colonel a few days before the island fell into the hands of the Japanese. The surgeon said that the commanding general and his staff had decided to capitulate rather than sacrifice their ill-equipped native troops.

Col. Chastaine at one time had his home in Cookeville and his sister, Mrs. Nora Eaton is now residing near here. The above account of his being a prisoner of war is taken from the Nashville Tennessean of Tuesday morning.

Odus Dewey Jernigan, 18, of Algood has been inducted into the United States Marine Corps for general service. Upon completion of seven weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, CA, Jernigan will be assigned to a regular Marine unit for duty.

Jernigan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Jernigan, of Algood, and attended the Algood High School. He expressed a preference for service with the Marines when he reported to the joint Army-Navy Induction Center at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. He was transferred to Nashville, where he was sworn into service by Major S. F. Drew, officer in charge of the Nashville Induction and Recruiting Station of the Marine Corps.

Solon Gentry, Jr., Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve, recently received his commission at the completion of his training course taken at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Ensign Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solon Gentry, of Cookeville, reported for duty in Charleston, SC, shortly after his graduation. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech and University of Kentucky and at the time of his enlistment was teaching in Winthrop.

Ensign L. P. Shanks, USNR, 26, of Crossville, TN, visited at the Nashville Navy Recruiting Station Saturday while enroute from a U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School to his home in Crossville. Ensign Shanks, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shanks of Crossville, enlisted in the Navy in June of 1941 and was on duty with the Navy Recruiting Service in Tennessee from that time until he was appointed a midshipman in the naval reserve in December of 1942.

He took his officer's training at the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, and finished April 23. Ensign Shanks attended TPI at Cookeville.

Following a visit to his family in Crossville, he will be given further training for duty at sea. Ensign Shanks is one of three in the Navy Recruiting Service in Tennessee to be appointed midshipmen from the enlisted ranks. The others were L. R. Brooks and James R. McDonald.

Earl Clouse, who has been stationed at Fort Custer, MI, for several months, has received his honorable discharge from the army duty and is now at home with Mrs. Clouse and daughter, Jane Ellen.

Jimmy Broshear, U. S. Navy, is now on sea duty somewhere in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. David Allison of near Cookeville, have received a message from the War Department, advising them that their son, Pfc. Elrony Allison, is reported a prisoner of war of the Japanese government in the Philippine Islands. He joined the regular army in 1939 and went to the Philippines in 1941.

Pfc. Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., recently graduated and received his silver wings from Las Vegas Gunnery School, Las Vegas, NV. He is now in radio school at Sioux Falls, SD. Before being inducted into service in January, he was a student at Tennessee Tech. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey, of East Broad Street.

Howard Thompson, U. S. Navy, who has been in training at San Diego, CA, is here for a several days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson.

Pvt. Ridley Parkerson, with the U. S. Marines since December 13, 1941, has reached his destination overseas. He is somewhere below the squalor with an Engineering Detachment. He is the son of Mrs. Ridley Parkerson, of this city.

Joe Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane, of Walnut Street, who volunteered for military service some months ago, received orders the early part of the week, to report to Cincinnati, OH for induction into the U. S. Navy. Reporting there on Tuesday he received his commission as Ensign. Ensign Lane graduated with honors from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute last June, going later in the summer to the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, where he studied for his M. A. degree and was an assistant instructor in the physics laboratory of that institution until the time of his enlistment. Following his induction into service Ensign Lane was ordered to Ft. Schuyler, NY, for further duty.

Charles Chaffin, son of C. M. Chaffin, formerly of this city, but now of Detroit, MI, volunteered for naval service in October, 1942. Going to Nashville for duty assignment he was sent to San Diego, CA, where he got his basic training completing his course there in December. From San Diego he went to Seattle, WA, where he is now stationed at the U. S. Naval hospital. Prior to his enlistment he was connected in business with Wright's Store, located in Maryville.

Pfc. Willie D. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson is stationed at Tyndall Field, Panama City, FL. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's other son, Albert B. Wilson, is stationed at Bainbridge, MD, in the U. S. Naval Training School. The Wilson boys are former WHUB radio performers.

Pvt. Joe F. Wiggins, of Nashville, formerly of Algood, with the U. S. Marines, took his basic training in San Diego, CA, where he won two medals. He and one other were selected from his platoon to attend Sea School and at the completion of this training he made instructor rating on the 20 MM gun. At present he is stationed near San Francisco, CA.

After a week's visit in Cookeville, Alexander and Allensville, KY, Major and Mrs. L. T. Reeves have returned to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, SC, where the former has been stationed on military duty since the autumn of 1942. Major Reeves was with the Army Reserves and before reporting for active duty was one of the leading dentists of the city. Major and Mrs. Reeves spent their time here at their home on Washington Ave.

Pennock Moores, Army Air Corps stationed at Berry Field, Nashville, was here to spend Tuesday with Mrs. Moore.

Pvt. Andy L. Johnson of the Armed Forces Induction Station Armory, Evansville, IN, is here on leave and is spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, on N. Jefferson Ave.

Bennett Jared Travis, recently commissioned a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, Blackland Field, TX, arrived Sunday to spend a week's leave with his mother, Mrs. Hallie J. Travis, at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lowe.

Frederick Ezell, Second Class Petty Officer, Air Force Radio Patrol, Norfolk, VA, is spending the week here with his mother, Mrs. J. Petty Ezell, at her home on North Academy. The Rutherford Courier, Murfreesboro.

Cpl. Charles Stout, son of Mrs. W. M. Stout, who has been stationed for several months at Camp Gordon, GA, has been transferred to Ft. Dix, NJ.

Glenn Gentry, Ensign, U. S. Navy, stationed in New Orleans, LA, and Mrs. Gentry are here for a week's visit and are dividing their stay with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Gentry here, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift, in Algood.

Sergeant Hollis Hyder, of camp Roberts, CA, has received his commission in the U. S. Army, as Warrant Officer, and will be transferred soon to Camp Cook, CA. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hyder, of Algood.

Lt. A. C. Harding formerly stationed at Camp Campbell, KY-TN, was here to spend Easter Sunday with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. R. H. Harding. Lt. Harding is now at Ft. Knox, KY, where he is taking special training in tactics. Joining him here for a weekend visit were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harding and children of Owasso, MI.

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Edgewood Arsenal, MD, May 1 – Graduation exercises of the Noncommissioned Officers' Staff Course were held at the Arsenal today.

The course is designed to qualify enlisted men of the Chemical Warfare Service to fulfill the duties of Noncommissioned Officers in the chemical sections of a division, corps. Army Staffs of the Army Ground Forces, the Air Force, and the Service of Supply.

The studies ranged from offensive and defensive tactics of gas warfare to prevention and treatment of gas casualties.

Among the noncommissioned officers who were graduated was: Thomas C. Maynard, Route 2, Baxter, TN.

Virgil Clouse, United States Navy, who has been in service for several years, having volunteered during the summer of 1941, spent his five day leave here this week with his sister, Mrs. Wendell Gentry, and Mr. Gentry. Leaving Monday, he returned to New York City, his home port.

In a communication from Mrs. Creola Harris Thomas of 639 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, IL, it is learned that Capt. B. N. Fleenor, Jr., of Manhattan, KS, has been missing in action since April 16. With the Army Air Corps he was somewhere in England. His mother is the former Jessie Harris, of Cookeville and Baxter, and he is the grandson of Rev. J. D. Harris, of Baxter. Mrs. Fleenor has been in Baxter for a recent visit.

Arthus Piepmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Piepmeier, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Black River Falls, WI, has recently been inducted into the service of the U. S. Navy. He has been commissioned as Ensign and is stationed at Camp Peary, VA. Mrs. Piepmeier, the former Miss Mildred Massa, is with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Dilalrd Massa, on Dixie Avenue.

Percy S. H. Gilmore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Gilmore of Monterey this week was elevated to the rank of Corporal in the U. S. Army Air Corps, it was announced from William Northern Army Air Field, Tullahoma on May 4.

Corporal Gilmore is on duty with the Base Intelligence Office. His promotion comes as an award for excellence and proficiency in the performance of his duties. The Corporal entered the Army Air corps from Fort Oglethorpe on October 3, 1942. Prior to entering the service, he was employed as a civil service worker at Smyrna Air Base. He is a graduate of Monterey High School, class of May 15, 1942.

Corporal Gilmore is married to the former Byrnie Ruth Reed. They are at present in Monterey enjoying the Corporal's furlough. He was formerly stationed at Keesler Filed, MS.

Pvt. Willie C. White, son of Mr. and Mr. Zenona White, who was wounded in an overseas war area the early part of the year, has been awarded the Purple Heart decoration. Pvt. White is now recuperating in Moore hospital in North Carolina, where the ceremonies occurred. The following article is taken from a North Carolina paper:

"The Purple Heart decoration, awarded to men who have suffered wounds in the armed service of the United States, was bestowed upon a group of soldiers at Moore General hospital in impressive services yesterday afternoon. The ceremony held in the auditorium of the Red Cross Building, was attended by members of the hospital staff, the personnel of the hospital detachment and many of the patients, as well as friends of the men being honored. The citations were read by Lt. J. C. Geddings, the adjutant, and the actual presentation was by Col. Frank M. Wilson, Commanding officer. All of the men receiving the decoration had been wounded in action, overseas. Censorship rules do not permit the identification of the theaters of war. The decoration is given for any type of wound."

A long list of names and addresses of the men honored were given, including Pvt. Willie C. White, RFD No. 2, Cookeville, TN.

Cpl. Henry R. Brewington has been spending a fifteen day leave here with his father, Luther Brewington, and other friends and relatives in Putnam County, enroute from Lexington, KY, where he has been in training with the Army Engineering Corps, to camp Claiborne, LA.

Pfc. Clifford H. Brewington has returned to Ft. Dix, NJ, after spending his ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brewington, and other relatives.

Joe C. Mabry, U. S. Navy, who was recently inducted into service is now stationed at Bainbridge, MD. He is the son of Mrs. Pearl Mabry, and his wife, the former Miss Reba Maxwell. The junior Mrs. Mabry is remaining in Cookeville at present.

Jasper Johnson, who has been in service since January, has been stationed with the U. S. Naval Air Corps at Bainbridge, MD. For the past week he has been here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

Russell Anderson, Lt. U. S. Army Air Corps, has been spending his recent leave with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. J. Anderson, in Gainesboro, and with relatives and friends here. Lt. Anderson, who was recently commissioned in Texas, will report for further duty the latter part of the week, at Mitchell Field, NY.

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W. C. Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, who left recently for induction into military service, is now stationed with the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach, FL. At the time of his enlistment, he was attending the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and was a member of the senior class, majoring in business.

Robert Poteet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Denton Poteet, who was formerly stationed at Miami Beach, FL and Warner, OK, has recently been transferred to Langley Field, VA. He is with the Army Air Corps.

Hardy Vaughn, U. S. Army, is spending his furlough with relatives here and in Overton county.

Pvt. Ralph Poe, who has been stationed since January at Camp Perry, OH, was here last week for a two day stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Poe. He has now been transferred to Camp Chaffee, AR.

Lt. James Dyer, U. S. Cavalry, who has been stationed for several months at Ft. Riley, KS, is now located at Camp Livingston, LA.

William Hershel Tabor, 18, who went into the service on April 13, is now stationed at Keesler Field, MS, where he will take some basic training, before entering a school for training in Meteorology. Tabor is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Tabor, formerly of Brotherton, but now residing at Brush Creek. He graduated from the Algood High School in the class of 1941 and was a student at Tennessee Tech until his entry into the Army. His address is 51 Training Group, Flight 164, Kessler Field, MS.

Pfc. Jasper D. Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lowe, of Boma, today wears the silver wings of an aerial gunner in the Army Air Forces. He received the right to wear the coveted insignia after successfully completing training at the AAF Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field. He was thoroughly trained in operation of .30 and .50 caliber machine guns, first on ground ranges and later in the air, in preparation for service as a crew member on a bomber.

Taken from the Nashville Tennessean of Sunday is the following account of Virgil Clouse's sea exploits. The article is head "Former Cookeville Youth Tells of Landing Made in Africa" is the head line for the interesting article.

"Virgil Clouse, 19, seaman first class in the navy, whose former home was Cookeville, has seen plenty of action since enlisting in July, 1941. His most thrilling experience, he says, was being in the first task force invasion of Africa last November. At the time of landing, he saw three dogfights, and a bomb dropped near him, but was a miss. Clouse has made four trips to Africa convoying troops and ran into a few subs on each trip. Before that, he was a member of a crew on an aircraft carrier. He says the French soldiers and sailors in Casablanca were very friendly. His parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Luber Clouse of Cookeville, and he is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wendell Gentry, of that place. This is the first time he has been home in two years."

Cpl. Dallas L. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Montgomery of Cookeville, R. 2, is now "Somewhere in England." In a Mother's Day letter to Mrs. Montgomery, her son tells of many interesting incidents which occurred while on a thirty hour furlough in London, and according to his views it is a small world after all – as while on the London streets he saw and visited with Compton Clark, son of Mrs. Nellie Clark of this city. Cpl. Montgomery has been overseas since January 1- he was inducted into service at Camp Roberts, CA, where he took his basic training, but prior to going overseas he was stationed at Camp White, OR

Carson Stanton, who has been in training with the Army Air Corps for the past nine months is now at home for an indefinite stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stanton, awaiting further military orders.

Billy R. Lee, U. S. Marines, stationed at New River, NC, has presently been promoted from Pfc. To Corporal. He has just completed a course at the Marine Weapon School where he made an average of 98% on every subject. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee of Whitson Street. Mr. and Mrs. Klee's younger son, Clarence H. Lee, U. S. Navy, recently inducted into service, is now in training at Bainbridge, MD.

Algood Vaden, U. S. Signal Corps, stationed at Walnut Ridge, AR, is spending a ten day leave with his mother, Mrs. Rosalind Vaden and his sister, Miss Polly Vaden at their home on Spring Street.

Clare Coffelt, formerly of the Coffelt and Alloway Service Station, is now with the U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Miami Beach, FL, inducted into service several weeks ago. He reported for duty at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, being transferred later to the above address. Mrs. Coffelt, who before her marriage was Miss Anna D. Sparks, is a senior student at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and is remaining for the present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparks. Cecile Montgomery and Wrather Johnson, who left for army duty in April, are also with the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach.

Jack Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore, of Algood, who left in April for Keesler Field, MS, where he was called for duty with the Air Corps Reserve, is now in training at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. At the time of his induction he was a student at Tennessee Tech.

Bob Grace, son of Lawrence Grace of Baxter, Wesley Flatt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Flatt, of Cookeville, Claude Cuzzort, and Morris Grayson all former Tech students, with the Air Corps Reserve, who were called to Keesler Field, MS, for military duty, have been returned to Tennessee Tech for their basic training.

Ensign James Hoffmeister, U. S. Naval Air Corps, is here on a twenty day leave, visiting his mother, Mrs. J. A. Hoffmeister, his sisters, Mrs. Herman Mott and Mrs. Claron Loftis, and other relatives. He received his training at Jacksonville and Daytona Beach, FL, where he received his commission. For the past few months he has been at Glen View, IL, but at the completion of his leave he will again be located at Daytona Beach, where he serves as an advanced instructor.

U. S. Fifth Army, North Africa – General P. Spears has been promoted to sergeant. It has been announced in the armored unit with which he is now serving. Sergeant Spears, who is the son of Jeff Spears, of Silver Point, was formerly a farmer.

James Hargis Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morris, is in training at Bainbridge, MD, with the U. S. Navy and has been in service for the past two weeks. This is Mr. and Mrs. Morris' second now in service, as Pat Morris is stationed at Camp Hood, TX, with a Tank Destroyer Battalion. He was with the original 181st F. A., formerly stationed at Camp Forrest.

A message was received Wednesday by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford from their son, Will Glenn Crawford, who is with the Army Air Corps, stating that he was being transferred from Los Angeles, CA, where he has been for the past two months, to Pemberton, OR.

Pfc. Thurman Mayberry, of Camp Bowie, TX, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Mayberry, of Cookeville, Rt. 3.

John Williams Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Firm Clark, who was recently inducted into the army, is located for the present at Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Butler Bush, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bush of near Baxter.

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Manhattan Kansas paper carries a picture and the following write-up concerning Capt. B. Harris Fleenor, 24, who has been reported missing in active. Capt. Fleenor, whose mother is the former Jennie Harris, of Baxter, is a grandson of Rev. J. D. Harris of Baxter, and it is with sincere sorrow that their many Putnam County friends learn of his being missing. In a recent letter to her family, Mrs. Fleenor states they are still hopeful of hearing from her son.

Capt. B. Fleenor, son of Prof. and Mrs. Fleenor, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross shortly before he was reported missing in action on April 16. His parents received a telegram from the War Department Monday stating that he was missing in the European area. Professor Fleenor is in the Department of Education Extension at the College.

"Tuesday they got a letter from their son mailed April 13, three days before the date mentioned in the telegram. In his letter, "Buddy," as he was known to local friends, told of having been given the Distinguished Flying Cross.

"He had been serving as a bomber pilot in the United States army air corps presumably operating out of England over the German-occupied continent.

"The War Department assured his parents that further information concerning him will be immediately sent to them when it is obtained."

Fred Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Barton, of Silver Point, who was formerly an employee of the Citizen Bank was with the original 181st F. A., which was sent from Camp Forrest to Camp Roberts, CA, soon after Pearl Harbor. He was in training there until shortly after the New Year when he was transferred to Fort Benning, GA, where he is with the Parachuter Troops. Out of a class of some 300 only two-thirds completed the course and are now classed as Paratroopers and at the same time have received their wings. Pvt. Barton, in a recent letter to his family, given an interesting account of his exploits while training to be a paratrooper, whose job is to jump from airplanes with parachutes. The purpose of this, he says, is for faster transportation and is one of the highest branches of service and about the toughest, and takes a man of good physical and mental ability and one who has lots of ambition to get in an outfit like this. The training is very difficult, but most thrilling to step out into space from a ship going at a rate of 100 miles an hour. He is now serving as an instructor at Ft. Benning, and his duties as a rigger is packing all kinds of parachutes, learning the various types of repairs, packing equipment, and then jumping it from transport planes, etc.

The letter below is to Col. J. N. Cox from his nephew, Major Sam Epperson, with the U. S. Army, somewhere in Africa.

"I received my first Putnam County Herald today. It is dated April 8th and I am enjoying it so very much, this paper is addressed to my first AFO number. Please have my address changed to the above address and I will receive the paper more promptly.

"I know all of you are pleased with the press and radio news from all fronts. The British and France are doing a swell job and the U. S. soldier is second to none. You will hear a lot from the French army before this war is over. They have a lot to fight for and are determined to win this war.

"As we pass thru cities, towns and villages on troop trains and in motor conveyes, the French and Arabs stop and hold up their right hands towards us making a "V" for victory salute to us, they do it with determination and it makes you realize how thankful they are to have the British and U. S. armies here and to be delivered from the Axis yoke. They give us every cooperation and wish us victory with these salutes.

"I am well and all right. Ask Ellise or Tommy to tell you about my meeting a boy from Cookeville recently that would be a good story for your paper. He is Toy Roberts, who lives 11 miles from

Cookeville, on the Dodson Branch Road. A fine looking soldier, and just as good as he looks. It is Roberts and many more just like him who are winning this war for us, we have the greatest admiration and respect for these boys. They are good soldiers, doing a fine job and are grand guys.

Love to all, Devotedly, Sam.”

William Burgess Allison, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Croft Allison, Pearl Street, Cookeville, has enlisted for Officer Pilot training in the United States Naval Reserve, according to an announcement made by the naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, in Atlanta.

Allison, born in Monterey, has two brothers, Joe Allison and Virgil C. Allison, Jr., who are in the U. S. Navy, and another brother, John R. Allison who is in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

He was recently graduated with honors from Putnam County Central High School.

W. C. Moore stationed at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, PA, has been spending a ten day leave at home, visiting his mother, Mrs. W. C. Moore, and his sisters, Mrs. U. H. Holt and Mrs. Robert Bilbrey.

Aviation Cadet William Joel Pedigo, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pedigo, Arnold Ave., Cookeville, recently reported to Greenwood Army Air Field as a member of the fourth class in basic training. Cadet Pedigo is a graduate of Central High School and attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He was accepted as an Aviation Cadet on November 13, 1942, at Nashville. While in training at Greenwood Army Air Field, Cadet Pedigo will go through the transition state from student flyer to combat pilot and will be initiated into the mysteries of night flying in addition to learning to overcome the problems encountered in handling the faster basic training planes. Upon graduation from Greenwood, Cadet Pedigo will proceed to an advanced training school which will be the final step preliminary to being awarded the coveted “silver wings” and membership in the ranks of the world’s finest pilots.

Pvt. Ken Bailey, son of Mrs. Clarissa Bailey, and grandson of A. G. Maxwell, who entered the service in April is with the 770th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Bowie, TX.

Woodrow Walker, who is stationed in Florida, has been spending his leave with is parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker.

Stacy Mott, who volunteered for Naval duty some months ago, has been spending his first leave with his mother, Mrs. Louisa Mott, on Clover Street, and his brother, John Mott, on Cedar Street. At the time of his enlistment, he was an announcer over WHUB. He is taking his primary training at Bainbridge, MD.

S/Sgt. Murray Owen is now serving with the Army Quartermaster Corps, somewhere in India. His wife, the former Miss Anna Marie Carmack, is living in Lubbock, TX, where she holds a position with the Lubbock Cash Wholesale Co.

Sgt. Thomas C. Maynard, who is stationed with the 181st F. A., at Camp Roberts, CA, has been in training for the past month at the Chemical Warfare Service School for non-commissioned officer staff, at Edgewood Arsenal, MD. He was in the graduation class there on May 1.

He will return to Camp Roberts, after a 15 day furlough which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Maynard, of Baxter, and a week in Detroit, with his brother and sister.

Billy Carr, son of Mrs. Mattie Carr who has been in service since the early part of the year, has been transferred from Camp Perry, near Toledo, OH, to Camp Chaffee, AR. Mrs. Carr recently visited her son at Toledo.

Pvt. Swep M. Rodgers, Jr., son of Mrs. Swep M. Rodgers, Sr., of Main Street, Algood, has been promoted to the rank of private first class, at the Dyersburg, (Tenn.) Army Air Base. Pfc. Rodgers, a graduate of Algood High School, attended Tennessee Tech and was a member of Tennessee Tech Basketball team,

Cookeville. Before entering military service in November of last year, he worked as an airplane mechanic for Vultee Aircraft, Nashville.

Pvt. Robert G. Warren, who was inducted into the army in April at Oglethorpe, GA, is now in the 512th Military Police Battalion at Camp Shelby, MS. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Warren, of Algood, Rt. 2. The junior Mrs. Warren, who remains at her home on W. Stevens, will join her husband soon.

Capt. Roy Hugh Sullivan, of Camp Hood, TX, came by plane to Nashville on Saturday, and on Sunday came to Cookeville to spend a few hours with his parents. Coming to Nashville with him were Major C. A. Quinn and Lieut. Dave Quinn, of Camp Hood.

Pfc. Herlan R. Upchurch, son of F. M. Upchurch, of Byrdstown, is attending the Enlisted Motor Mechanics Course at the Infantry School at Fort Genning, GA.

The Motor Mechanics Course is a twelve week program designed to produce skilled mechanics capable of performing and supervising second echelon maintenance on all vehicles in the Infantry regiment. The students come to the Infantry School on detached service from their permanent units, and they return to those units upon completion of the course.

Stories of Army and Navy boys are numerous these days, but an incident which is amusing and proved to be a happy one, concerns the Hughes brothers of Baxter, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes. Robert Hughes is in the army and Wilburn Hughes is serving with the Navy. They have been in service for some time, and had not seen each other for more than a year. Recently the soldier, stationed at Norfolk, VA, arrived. Imagine the brothers' surprise on knowing they were spending their leaves at home together, when neither knew the other was even close to Baxter.

Grover W. King, who was recently inducted into service at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, has been assigned to the Field Artillery, and is now stationed at Fort Bragg, NC.

Lt Birch D. Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade, has recently been transferred from Camp Claiborne, LA to Camp Hood, TX.

Cpl. Billy Stanton, who has been stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, for many months, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Stanton. He is with the Field Artillery.

Pfc. Billy Lee, of Cookeville, has been graduated from the Infantry Weapons Course, Weapons School, Rifle Range Battalion, at the Marine Base, Camp Lejeune, New River, NC, and is now ready to serve as a qualified instructor.

Graduation came after six weeks of study and brought promotion to students successfully completing the course. Students were trained in the use of the bayonet and in hand-to-hand fighting and received instructions in the mechanics, maintenance and employment of infantry weapons.

Joe Allison, U. S. Navy, stationed at Delray Beach, FL, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison.

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Two Negro Girls Enlist In WAACS from Putnam:

The first Putnam County girls having the distinction of being the first to volunteer and be accepted for service in the WAACS at the Nashville headquarters are two negro girls.

Auxiliary Purney D. Strobe, daughter of James Clark Strobe, of Cumminsville, enlisted February 27, and is now stationed with Co. 2, 33rd Reg., Ft. Denvens, MA.

Auxiliary Opal G. Johnson is the daughter of John Johnson of Silver Point. She attended Darwin High school in Cookeville for two years, and was a student at A & I, Nashville for the same length of time. Volunteering for service on March 4, she was sent to Ft. Devens, MA, for training, and is also with the 33rd Regiment.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 May 1943

Horace Roberson, Dies Today as a Result of Truck Wreck Last Night:

Horace Roberson, of Algood, died today in a Madisonville, KY, hospital from injuries and burns sustained when his truck was sideswiped, overturned and burned on a highway near Madisonville, about midnight last night. Mr. Roberson and James Littrell left Cookeville at 7 p.m. yesterday for Evansville, IN, and it is reported that a moving van undertook to pass the Roberson truck, pushing it into the ditch, where it overturned and burned, seriously injuring Mr. Roberson and a soldier who it is thought was riding on the Roberson truck. The soldier died today. The Littrell boy was not seriously injured.

Levi Roberson, father of the wreck victim and a brother, Fred Roberson, went to the scene of the wreck. As we go to press they have not returned to Cookeville with the body. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 May 1943

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Finis E. Harris, Jr., Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris, of Cherry Street, in this week receiving his wings and commission as Lieutenant at the Pampa, TX, Training Field, where he has trained as a pilot. A news release from Randolph Field, TX, has the following to say regarding the completion of his training.

Out of the sun baked Southwest today rose another sky-darkening swarm of fighting pilots to supplement America's burgeoning air forces as the AAF Gulf Coast Training Center's ten advanced flying schools awarded silver wings to the fifth 1943 class of graduating flyers.

Behind the youths who became army pilots today lay 36 weeks of rigorous training-ahead of them lies the task of blasting the way for America's victory march through Axis-held Europe and the Jap-dominated Orient. Before assignment to active combat, they will receive post-graduate specialized training. Then some will pilot sleek, lethal fighter planes and others will be at the controls of giant, multi-motored bombers.

The hundreds of new pilots completed their advanced training at ten advanced flying schools, nine located in Texas and one in Oklahoma – Altus.

Texas fields graduating pilots include Aloe, Foster, Brooks, Moore and Ellington, and the flying schools at Pampa, Lubbock, Blackland and Eagle Pass.

Among America's new fighting birdmen is one from Cookeville, who is Lieut. Finis E. Harris, Jr.

Pfc. Thomas R. Ferguson, formerly of this city, stationed at Windsor Locks, CT, with the Airborne Engineers, has recently returned to his post in Connecticut, after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Ferguson, of this city.

Eldon Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Presley, of Bloomington Springs, who has been in the service since April is stationed with the Medical Detachment, Camp Grant, IL. At the time of his induction he was

a student at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and just prior to going to a training center, was married to Miss Mattie Lee Goolsby, who holds a position with Neely-Harwell Co., of Nashville.

Robert Harold Judd, who volunteered for Naval duty last September, has been spending his first leave with Mrs. Judd and their son, Hackworth, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Judd. At the time of his enlistment, he was employed at a local café. He is taking his primary training at Corpus Christi, TX.

S/Sgt. Ralph Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddux, of this county, is with the F. A. Battalion, stationed at Camp Butner, NC.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard have two sons in the service, one in the Navy and the other with the Marines. Clay Maynard with the Navy, whose home port is New York City, recently enclosed in a letter to his parents a picture of himself, Major Sam Epperson and a buddy from Connecticut, which was made on one of his numerous trips to an African port. In this connection he wrote most interestingly of seeing Major Epperson and how pleased he was to see someone from home. Ray Maynard with the Marines has been in service many months and is now "Somewhere in the Pacific."

Ernest Terry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry, of First Street, who has been in service since April is stationed for his basic training at Camp Stewart, GA. Prior to his induction he was a student at the Tennessee Polytechnic, where he had completed his junior year majoring in accountancy.

Tillman Phillips, U. S. Navy, is stationed at Bainbridge, MD, where he has been since entering the service in April. He has many friends here interested in his whereabouts, as he was for several years prominently identified with the educational circles of this section of Tennessee and particularly in Putnam County. He has serviced as County Superintendent, principal of both the Algood High School and Central High, as well as holding official positions in the State Teachers' Association. Mrs. Phillips, a member of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute faculty, is remaining in Cookeville where she is residing on Maple Street.

Clyde Pippin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Pippin, of Bloomington Springs, is in the army, stationed near Jackson, MS. He has been in the service for several months.

Ezell Carr, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, who recently entered the service, is in training at Camp Rucker, AL. Mr. Carr spent last week-end with his son at Camp Rucker.

Ensign Joe Lane, Tennessee Tech graduate is now at Fort Schuyler, NY, for indoctrination into the Navy. From there he will go to Princeton University and then to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for further training. He was at the University of Kentucky doing graduate work in Physics before he received his commission on April 27.

Pvt. H. J. Phillips, who was inducted into service last November has been spending a seven day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Phillips. He is stationed at Fort Jackson, SC.

Herbert Murphy, who was stationed at Ft. Eustis, VA, since entering the service several months ago, has been transferred to Camp Stewart, GA.

S/Sgt. Joe Frank Hudgens spent last week with Mrs. Hudgens at their home on Freeze Street, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hudgens. Since entering the service in January he has been in training at Camp Perry, OH, and Savannah, IL. At the completion of his leave he went to Fort Smith, AR, where he is now stationed. W. C. O'Neal who has also been stationed at Savannah, IL, and is now in Fort Smith, was here for a week's visit with Mrs. O'Neal and daughters. Mrs. O'Neal and Mrs. Hudgens met their husbands, in Nashville and accompanied them that far on their return to camp

William B. Cox, who has been attending Officer's Candidate School in Miami, FL, is now at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, where he will be for an additional five weeks' training period prior to receiving his commission.

Pfc. Joe Lee Anderson, a son of William Grover Anderson, Route 2, Silver Point, has reported for training as an airplane mechanic at the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School, at Gulfport Field, MS.

Before entering military service, Anderson was employed by the Briggs Manufacturing Company, as an electrician.

T/Sgt. Harvey C. Ford, son of J. M. Ford, has been spending his furlough with members of his family in Cookeville, Monterey, Nashville, and Memphis.

He received his basic training at Camp Roberts, CA, attended Artillery Mechanical School at San Luis Obispo, CA, and is now stationed at Camp Rucker, AL

Pvt. Fred D. Bussell, who was inducted in the army in April, at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, is now at Camp Barkley, TX. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell, of this city.

Pvt. and Mrs. Hubert Bussell, of Pass Robles, CA, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell, of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Roberts, of Gainesboro. Mrs. Bussell plans on spending some time with her parents in Gainesboro.

Layton Stanton, Jr., U. S. Navy, stationed at the Great Lakes Training School, was here last week for a visit with relatives. He has been spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton, in Glasgow, KY.

W. J. Erwin, U. S. Coast Guards, stationed at Wheeler Dam, AL, is spending his ten day leave with Mrs. Erwin at their apartment on Dixie Avenue.

Major Harry Jenkins, Army Medical Corps, stationed at Camp Breckenridge, KY, Mrs. Jenkins and daughter, Carol are here for a visit with Major Jenkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins. Before returning to Kentucky, they will also visit in Knoxville.

Robert Dewey Ramsey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, who volunteered for service with the Army Air Corps, and was inducted at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, April 11, receiving his basic training at Keesler Field, Ms, is now in a school of meteorology, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Lt James Dyer, who is stationed at Camp Livingston, LY, and Mrs. Dyer are here for a visit with the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 June 1943

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

James Murphy, Ensign, U. S. Navy, was here last week for a forty-eight hour leave with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Murphy, coming especially for a visit with his mother, who has been ill.

Cpl. Brownie Stout, of Camp Hood, TX, is here to spend a twenty day lave with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout, and other relatives.

Cpl. William Benton Carlen, Jr., has been transferred from Camp Belvoir, VA to the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, where he is with the U. S. Engineering Corps for special study. Mrs. Carlen plans to go to Lexington this week-end for a visit with her husband.

Cpl. John Buckner, who has been in the service since November, is now stationed with the Medical Detachment, Army Air Base, Birmingham, AL. His wife, the former Miss Nell McCormick, is remaining in Cookeville for the present.

Mrs. Frank Alexander has been notified that her husband, Ensign Alexander, U. S. Navy, has reached a foreign port, "Somewhere in the Pacific," and is quite all right.

Capt. Eugene Mayberry will arrive today from Ft. Sill, OK, to spend his ten day leave with Mrs. Mayberry and sons, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mayberry, of Peachtree Street. He has been at Ft. Sill for several months, taking an extensive course in Field Artillery tactics.

Robert Ray recently received word from his son, Jeff Dyer Ray, stating that he had arrived safely "Somewhere in Africa." The letter further stated that he was well and happy. Before leaving the United States, he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Arnold Cameron, Ensign, U. S. navy is here for a visit with Mrs. Cameron and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron following his graduation from Notre Dame University, May 27. The junior Mrs. Cameron was present when he received his commission and returned to Cookeville with him. A news release has the following to say regarding Ensign Cameron:

Arnold Cameron, of Cookeville, and who graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1937, was among more than 1,000 midshipmen to be graduated May 27 from the U. S. naval Reserve Midshipman's School located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, with a commission as ensign.

Speakers at the graduation exercise were Rear Admiral Wat T. Calverius, president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, and Capt. H. P. Burnett, U.S.N., commanding officer of the Midshipmen's School.

Two sons of J. H. McCulley now serving in the armed forces are, S/Sgt. George Dewey McCulley of the Army Air Force, who has been in service since February, 1942, graduated from Army Gunnery School at Las Vegas, NV, received his wings as an aerial gunner, has had training at Gowen Field, Boise, IN, and at Wendover Field, UT.

Pvt. Paul McCulley, inducted in March at Los Angeles, CA where he has made his home for several years. He is attached to the Tank Destroyer Division, taking his basic training at Camp Bowie, TX. He is now stationed at Camp Hood, TX.

Pvt. Clarence Bartlett, son of Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, is stationed with the Training Group, Flight Training Center No 4, Miami Beach, FA. Prior to his entering service he was graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. While attending school here he took a course in flying and upon completion of this course, he received his wings.

Pvt. Elms Lee Holman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holman, of Detroit, but formerly of this county, is serving with the United States Army, and for the past several weeks has been stationed somewhere in North Africa. Another son, Tommy D. Holman, U. S. Navy is stationed at Bainbridge, MD, where he has been since entering the service in February. Both attended school at Baxter Seminary.

Pvt. John E. Gunn, who has been stationed at Brooklyn Army Base, has recently been moved to Staten Island Terminal, Stapleton, S. L., NY. He is with Co. "C" 719th M.P. Bu.

Edward C. Gracey, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, is now Physical Education instructor at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. He was formerly stationed at Davisville, RI, and at a base in Maryland. Mrs. Gracey is residing in Swarthmore, at the present.

Herman Johnson, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, for several months, is here for a visit with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Hershhal Johnson.

Cpl. Will Glenn Crawford has recently been transferred from Pendleton, OR, to Santa Marie, CA. He is with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Harvey Taylor, who is on Tennessee Maneuvers, spent his Saturday's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Taylor in Rhea County. Going with him were his aunt, Mrs. Beecher Gentry and cousins, Thomas Gentry, Misses Oneta and Carlisle Gentry.

James Grimsley, U. S. Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, MD, has been spending his recent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsley of Cookeville, Rt. 2.

Sgt. Robert L. "Bobby" Maddux, of Camp Clotsup, OR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maddux, has returned to Oregon, after spending his furlough with relatives and friends.

Pvt. Lester Sliger, U. S. Army, is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sliger, of Cookeville, Rt. 2.

John Moore, U. S. Army, stationed at Grenada, MS, spent last week-end here with Mrs. Moore at the home of his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

Lt. Margaret Denton, American Nurse Corps, daughter of Mrs. R. A. Denton, formerly of Algood, but now of Detroit, is stationed at Camp Gordon, Johnston, FL. Lt Denton took her training at the General Hospital in Nashville and practiced there prior to entering the service in December, 1942. She has recently been spending her leave with her mother and other members of the family in Detroit.

Burgess Ray, stationed at the Nashville Classification Center.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris have as their guest their son, F. E. Harris, Jr., Lieut, Army Air Corps, who is here to spend his leave of ten days. Last week, Lt. Harris received his commission and wings at an interesting graduation ceremony held at Pampa Field, TX.

A letter in its completeness as received recently from Clyde Bullington son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bullington, Hilham Road, is printed below:

An Airdrome in England, May 21, 1943:

The Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, Tennessee:

I have been receiving and enjoying the Herald for some weeks now and would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation.

Having been away from Cookeville for a number of years I had grown stale on the happenings in and around Putnam County, but now I am beginning to feel at home again. I think your column "Our Men in the Forces" is a wonderful idea and should be available to all Cookevillians stationed outside of Tennessee.

I find things rather quiet at present but then I remember the old saying – "There is always a lull before the storm," and hope this will be one storm that is violent and destructive.

I am enclosing a clipping from our army paper that I thought might be of interest to you and your readers. I was unable to attend the meeting referred to but noticed that another Cookevillian did.

I must be getting back to duty, so I sill sign off for now. Hoping to be back with you all soon, I remain,

Yours very truly, Clyde Bullington.

The following is a portion of the clipping as referred to in the above letter as taken from the Stars and Stripes, and among those at the reunion were: Pvt. Hollie Lafever, of Cookeville, Pfc. George Collier, Pikeville, Pfc. Willie C. Webb, McMinnville, and Pfc. Oscar C. Johnson, of Tullahoma.

Service men from Minneapolis will meet at American Red Cross Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., Ondon, W. I, on Monday night, to see old friends and make new acquaintances with others from their home state.

The sons and daughters of Tennessee and Kentucky held a joint "State Night" reunion at the club on Wednesday.

Lt. J. R. Bogart, of Knoxville, TN, headed a delegation of men who rode in two trucks to the reunion. Pfc. Harold Bishop and Sgt. Leslie Bobb, of Falmouth, KY renewed a lifelong friendship, as did Cpl. Clyde Butcher and Cpl. Roberts Hoimess, of Carrollton, KY.

Entertainment was provided by Pfc. Homer Harris, of Knoxville. "The Smiling Cowboy" of radio station WNOX, who sang several songs, and Cpl. Joseph N. Goldman, of Memphis, who whistled some selections. Messages were sent to Gov. Prentice Cooper, of Tennessee, Gov. Keene Johnson, of Kentucky, and Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, a native of Tennessee.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 June 1943

Heavy Scrap Metal Wanted From Putnam Farms in June:

Every pound of good unused scrap metal is needed for tanks, ships, guns and shells. Get in touch with your county chairman, Sam Denton Poteet, at once and tell him how much scrap you can find on your farm and around your home.

This scrap is badly needed to supply the implements and ammunitions needed for victory.

Tennesseans and Putnam Countians are always loyal and responsive to the call of their government in time of war, and we will not fall in this drive.

The goal for Tennessee is 50,000 tons. This goal can be reached if every farm in the state will give.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 June 1943

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pvt. William D. Brown, of Cookeville, Route 3, who has been with the Armed Forces for the past several months, and who has been stationed with the Infantry, Camp Buckner, AL, is now with the Second Army on Tennessee maneuvers. At present he is spending a six day furlough at his home here. Pvt. and Mrs. Brown have named their son, born June 2, at the City Hospital, Donald William.

Cpl. E. B. Dyer, Jr. and Mrs. Dyer came last week from Camp Roberts, CA, where the former is stationed to spend his five day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dyer. He has returned to his post of duty, and Mrs. Dyer left Tuesday for Detroit, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Qualls, before joining her husband again in CA.

Pvt. Clyde Kilgore, son of Mrs. Johnnie Kilgore, of Cookeville, with the U. S. Army, has been on foreign soil for several months. Entering the service last August, he received much of his training at Camp Stewart, GA. His whereabouts are, "Somewhere in Africa."

Mary Frances Huddleston, age 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferrell, of 403 Cedar Street, Cookeville, a member of the women's reserve of the U. S. Navy, was included in a group of 90 women Bluejackets and Marines who started a four-month course in radio operation at the Naval Training School on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, last week.

They will receive instruction in the transmission and reception of radio messages in International code, radio theory, electrical theory, and procedure of handling messages. Upon completing the term they will be eligible for promotion and be assigned to duty at shore stations within the continental limits of the United States, relieving enlisted men for active duty with the fleet or abroad.

Bernard P. McDonald, son of Smith McDonald, of Monterey, has entered the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School located on the campus of Notre Dame University. After he has completed the prescribed course in officer training, he will be commissioned an ensign and assigned to active duty. The school is under the command of Capt. H. P. Burnett, U. S. Navy.

With the Fifth American Army, in North Africa – Private Wilburn D. Sadler, tank driver in an armored regiment of the U. S. Fifth Army, has been promoted to corporal. He is the brother of Verdie Mae Sadler, of 410 W. Main Street, Cookeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz have recently received letters from their son, Pvt. Walter Milton Dietz, telling of his safe arrival in North Africa. He had been at Fort Bragg, NC, for some time before leaving the States. Another son, Cpl. Shelia Paul Dietz, of Camp Rucker, AL, who is now on maneuvers in TN, spent a few hours recently with his parents.

Lemon D. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Williams, is at present stationed with the Coast Artillery. He has been in the service since October.

Pvt. Woodrow Stockton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stockton, is now "Somewhere in North Africa." Pfc. Stockton received his basic training at Drew Field, FL.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Roberts have been notified that their son, Pvt. Toy Roberts is with the American Forces in North Africa. Pvt. Roberts was inducted into the service in November. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, GA.

Pvt. Austin Whiteaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Whiteaker, of Algood, Route 3, who entered the U. S. Army in January, is now receiving training at Camp Rucker, AL.

Pvt. Robert J. Mayberry, of Camp Ruckner, AL, entered the service in January, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Mayberry, of Cookeville, Route 3. Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry have two other sons in the service, Pfc. Thurman Mayberry, of Camp Bowie, TX, and Pvt. Enso Mayberry, who until recently has been stationed in MI.

Pvt. William Hartford Wilmoth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Wilmoth, of Cookeville, Route 3, entered the service in April, 1943, and is now located at Camp Stewart, GA. Mrs. Wilmoth is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Mayberry.

Isaac Smith, Cookeville, Route 1 has two sons with the U. S. Army, Charles W. Smith, who was inducted in January, 1943, located at Camp Stewart, GA, and Pvt. Woodford A. Smith, who entered the service in October, 1942, is located at Fort Bening, GA.

Pfc. John Roy Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dillard, of Monterey, who recently graduated from a school of photography at the Air Forces Technical School, in Denver, CO, is with the Second Army Air Force, in Washington. He was praised for the fine work he did while in school.

Clay W. Maynard, of the United States Navy, is spending a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard.

Billy Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, who has been serving sixteen months with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific War Area, has recovered from an appendix operation. While recuperating he was at a receiving station, Noumea, New Caledonia. At present he is "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

Dave H. Maddux has been commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve in which service he volunteered for duty some months ago, and is now stationed with the Personnel Division, Washington, D. C. Prior to entering the service, Ensign Maddux was associated in business with the Poteet and Maddux Hardware Company. Mrs. Maddux, the former Miss Margaret Carlen, and son, Robert Algood Maddux were to go to Washington to reside sometime in the summer.

Ensign Maddux's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee "Bob" Maddux.

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Hubert Bush, Staff Sgt. Aerial Signal Corps. And Mrs. Bush were here for a recent visit with the former's mother, Mrs. Frank Bush. Sgt. Bush, who is now stationed at Shreveport, LA, had been spending a portion of his leave at his former home, in Somerset, KY, where the junior Mrs. Bush is making her home while he is on military duty.

Mrs. Lula Qualls in receipt of an interesting letter from William H. Kupeck of "Somewhere in India," where her son, Sgt. Walter T. Qualls, is stationed. In the letter he states "Within the last few days it was my pleasure to have as a guest in my home your son, Sgt. Walter T. Qualls, and I promised him that I would write to you. Well I must say he looks as fit as anyone could be. He sends his love to everyone at home and hopes that they are all well. He says he likes our country over here. I think most of the boys from over there are enjoying this place, as we have lots of things in common, mainly we are good mixers and try to get the best out of life."

Cpl. William Ernest Brown will leave today for Camp Myers, VA, where he is stationed after spending a five day leave here with his father, E. L. Brown and grandmother, Mrs. Alice Brown.

Pvt. Howard Horn is located at Camp Robinson, AR, near Little Rock, for 13 weeks of basic training. He reported to Fort Oglethorpe, GA, for army service April 6, having been called to active duty from Enlisted Reserve Corps at University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Pvt. Horn has now completed six weeks of the prescribed basic training. His brother James Horn, is stationed in Washington State. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horn, of near Cookeville.

Kenneth Dyer, U. S. Navy, with the hospital corps, stationed in San Francisco, CA, has been spending his recent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Dyer. At the completion of his visit here, he went to Nashville for a brief stay with his brother, Ed Dyer, and Mrs. Dyer, and was accompanied by his mother and another brother, Billy Dyer, who remained in Nashville for several days. Miss Gladys Dyer came from Cincinnati, OH, for a vacation visit during her brother's stay at home.

In a recent letter to the Herald from James Hollis Clouse, U. S. Navy Fleet Post Office, New York City, an article from the Detroit Free Press, concerning his brother, Seaman Hargis Clouse, was enclosed. These brothers are sons of W. B. Clouse, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Detroit, and grandsons of Rev. W. S. Clouse, of Cookeville, and the late J. A. Hawkins. Seaman Clouse was born here and the lengthy article from the Detroit paper tells of his recent marriage and his thrilling sea exploits. He was wounded in the New Guinea area, but according to his brother, is recovering satisfactorily. The Free Press story is given below:

A twenty-three-year-old sailor came back to Detroit Monday to marry the girl he set his heart on a year ago. Behind him was a nightmare of death, for he had survived a storm of Japanese cannon fire that blasted away the lives of 73 of his shipmates on a New Guinea beach.

The sailor was Hargis W. Clouse, of Klamath Falls, OR, a water tender second class, in the United States navy, who has seen plenty of service and stopped a lot of Jap shrapnel and who doesn't wear his Purple Heart medal but carries a cane as his badge of valor.

The girl was – until Monday night – Miss Ida Sorokanski, 20, of 11613 Fleming, Hamtramck, an elevator operator in the National Bank Building.

Before the simple ceremony, which was performed at the Downtown USO, the bridegroom seemed a bit nervous for a man who had served four years in the Navy. Two of those years were spent on a destroyer battling submarines in the North Atlantic and the other two were spent fighting Japs in the Pacific.

Clouse was wounded seven months ago while operating a landing barge in a combined Navy and Marine attack on a Jap beachhead.

“We set out for the beach in a barge loaded with 116 men,” he said. “We didn’t expect much resistance but when we neared the beach concealed Jap shore batteries of 95 manned guns blasted us at point blank range.

“It was like walking into the mouth of a furnace and the next thing I knew I was hit in three places and blown 25 yards out into the water.”

The sailor was revived by the cold water and swam to shore, where he crawled in to an abandoned church. Then followed a day of agonized waiting until a successful American attack drove the Japs out and Medical Corps men found him.

“Life after that was just a parade of hospitals from Australia to San Diego to Brooklyn and Philadelphia,” he said, “but I finally got back to Detroit.”

The sailor left his bride Monday night because duty called him to Philadelphia.

“But life’s not so bad,” he said. “I’ve been promised a thirty-day leave which begins next week. that’s heaven after the Japs.”

Shortly after leaving the United States for a Pacific War Area, Frank Alexander, U. S. Navy, was promoted from the rank of Ensign to that of Lieutenant (j.g). Lt. Alexander volunteered for service several months ago and was stationed at Charlotte, NC, Williamsburg, VA, and Los Angeles, CA, prior to his sailing for overseas duty.

Cpl. John Allison, stationed with the Army Air Corps, Aerial Photography Division at Tyndall Field, FL, and Mrs. Allison have been spending his two week’s leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison, and other relatives.

James Starnes with the 181st F.A., stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, has been spending his leave of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Starnes. He left Friday to return to his post of duty at Camp Roberts.

Cpl. Robert Turney, who has been stationed at Sioux Falls, SC, was some weeks ago transferred to Boca Raton, FL.

Mrs. Emma McDaniel, of Cookeville has two sons in the service and both year (sic), and his brother, Howard McDaniel with a Construction Battalion, has been in Iceland for more than a year, and his brother, Howard McDaniel, U. S. Navy, has been in the service since October, 1942, and at present is stationed in Hawaii (sic).

Pvt. Reamon Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, of Monterey inducted into the army January 13, 1943. He has been in training in Vancouver, WA, Camp Adair, OR, and is now in New York, NY. Before going into the army he held a position in Dayton, OH, with the Master and Electric Co. His wife and son are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers, on Willow Street.

A/S Edward F. Neal, Jr., of Milburn, NJ, who is stationed for the present at the Nashville Army Air Center, was here to spend Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Edward F. Neal, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ford. Prior to coming to Nashville, he was in training in Burlington, VT.

Sgt. Charles Holladay, who is in training at the Army Weather School, Grand Rapids, MI, arrived Sunday to spend a week's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay.

Ray D. Norris has recently been transferred from Tampa, FL, to the Headquarters Squadron, Los Angeles, CA.

Capt. H. J. Childress, who for several months has been stationed in the Northern part of Canada, is here to spend his leave of two weeks with Mrs. Childress and son, Robert Childress, at their apartment on Washington Ave. Mrs. Childress went to Chicago, IL, to meet him.

Pfc. Robert R. Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Robbins, 515 Peachtree St., was graduated recently from the Chanute Field, IL, school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

While at Chanute Field he was trained in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

William H. Boyd, son of Judge and Mrs. Ernest H. Boyd, of Cookeville, has been promoted to Sergeant. It has been announced by Headquarters of the Antiaircraft Artillery School, at Camp Davis, NC.

James D. Buckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Buckner, E. Broad St., recently inducted into the U. S. Navy, has been assigned to the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, MI, where he is now undergoing a period of recruit training. He will be given eight weeks of instruction, stressing physical conditioning, and an indoctrination into Naval customs and procedure.

Cpl. William R. Morgan, of Algood, is attending the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, NC.

Pvt. Bethel Goolsby, who has been on military duty for many months, was first stationed with the original 181st F. A., at Camp Forrest, later going to Camp Roberts, CA. Being transferred to the Air Corps, he is now with the Paratroopers, stationed at Camp McCall, NC, and has made six successful jumps. He was recently at his home in Bloomington Springs, to spend his furlough. He has two brothers in the service. Mitchell Goolsby is in the U. S. Navy and the last message from him was received in December, at which time he was stationed in Brooklyn, NY. Eugene Goolsby is with the infantry at Camp Shelby, MS. They are sons of Clay Goolsby, of Bloomington Springs.

Amos E. Gentry, who was inducted into the service in April, was first sent to Fort Oglethorpe, GA, induction center. He is now stationed at Camp Barkley, TX.

According to news release from Lowery Field, CO, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Pfc. Ralph Kittrell Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Hutcheson, of this city, was graduated...continues.

Pvt. Earl Hyder, who was inducted into service at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, in the early spring is now with the Medical Training Detachment, U. S. Army, Camp Berkeley, TX. His wife, the former Miss Winona Johnson, is with her parents in Sparta. Pvt. Hyder is a graduate of Central High, and attended Tennessee tech. Sgt. Willis Clyde Hyder, who has been in service for a year, took his basic training at Camp Rucker, AL, but is now stationed at Camp McCain, MS. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hyder, of Brotherton.

Houston Haile, Tech, Sgt., Glider infantry, stationed in Alliance, NB, is here spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Haile. His sister, Mrs. Claude Horner, Mr. Horner and son of Nashville, are also visiting here, coming especially to be with Sergeant Haile. Arriving on Friday, he was met in Nashville by his mother and another sister, Mrs. F. A. Lewis.

A recent message from Ralph Pedigo, Army Air Corps, to his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pedigo, states that he has recently landed in Australia. He has been out of the States since December at some unknown part of the Pacific War Area, and prior to his leaving was stationed in California.

Cpl. Vincent Whitson and Mrs. Whitson have been spending his ten day furlough with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson.

James Haile, who was inducted into service the early part of the year, has been spending his first leave here with Mrs. Haile at their home, on Maple Street, and with his father, Henry Haile, and Mrs. Haile, on Washington Avenue. He will return today to Camp Davis, NC, where he is stationed with the Antiaircraft Division, Coast Guard Artillery.

A/S Thurman Whitson spent the wee-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson. He is stationed in Knoxville, where he is taking air student training.

Graduated today from the Naval Training School for Electricians at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, Bluejacket James Robert Myers, 20, son of Mrs. Armina Myers, Route 1, Monterey, was advanced to the rating of a fireman, second class, and is now qualified as a "striker" with an opportunity to gain a petty officer's rating after a short period of practical experience. He will soon be assigned to active duty at sea, or at a naval shore station.

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Putnam Draftees To Be Inducted Into The Armed Service of the U. S.

The following is a list of the Putnam County men to be inducted into the Armed Service of the United States at an early date. The list follows:

Hubert B. Thompson, Pete Clemons, P. J. Bryant, Calvin C. Frey, Carlia B. Flatt, Fred Powell Turner, Ernest Boyd Wilmouth, Hollie Michael Shipley, John Robert Mott, Clyde Featherston, Johnnie Arvil Smith, Jason Henry White, Charles H. Stanton, Ralph Arnold Maxwell, Golden Herren, Jessie Raymond Peek, Charlie Elmus Dockery, Samuel Neely Barr, Jr., General Jackson Lewis, Jr.

William Taylor Stout, J. T. Holloway, Donald Hubert Carr, John Dave McCormick, James Way, Vestal Boatman, Harold Harvey Long, Doyle McKinness Whitley, Luther Eugene Bussell, William Alton Phipps, Floyd Alton Hickey, Vernon Webster Halfacre, Harold Thomas Clark, George Tucker Brown, Everette Ewin Judd, Edward Alvin Roberts, Clyd Allen Whittaker, Herman Lee Stewart, Arnold Lester Brown, James Arnold Jared.

Johnnie Virgil Dunn, Paskel Sterling Allison, James Carl Cobble, Cecil Clennie Allen, Lloyd Wesley Steele, Harry Clay Uhles, John Ben Sparks, Walter K. Bartlett, Luther Chester Dyer, Cecil Richard Walker, Stanley Charlie Palk, Floyd Coolidge Herren, William Ralph Palk, Waymon Lowe Stewart, Edward Mott, Kenneth Paul Daniel, Ross Byrd Fields, Clarence Eugene Bradley, James General Alcorn.

Willie Odis Talley, William Matthew Lacy, Thurman Harold Johnson, Charlie Odell Stallings, Mitchell Edward Dyer, James Meadows, Luther Herrin Burton, C. D. Whitefield, Coyle Jefferson Harris, Robert Floyd Maddux, Willis Lee Gaw, Clinton Douglas Harget, Billy Bernice Mahan, Thomas Lafayett Buckner, Arnold Lester Lee, Devon C. Sadler, Robert Lee Freeman, Lawrence Grady Grimes, Warren G. Lee, Charlie Moody Richardson.

Johnny Estil Nelson, James Chess Waites, Larry Cooper, Everett D. Eldridge, Arvil Odell Roberts, Mack Ray Henley, Frank Bartlett.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Ensign Joe Lane, U. S. Navy will complete his several months training at Ft. Schuyler, NY, today and is expected to come for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane, arriving the latter part of the week and remaining until Tuesday of next week. July 1, he will report to the Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, for further training. Joining him here are his sister, Mrs. Jared Maddux. Mr. Maddux and their daughter, Virginia Lane, of Elizabethtown.

Sgt. William Hardin Boyd, Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Devon, NC, is here to spend his ten day leave with his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd.

James Fitzpatrick, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas Fitzpatrick, Stephens Street, recently enlisted for Officer Pilot Training in the United States Naval Reserve, according to an announcement today by the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Atlanta.

Fitzpatrick was graduated from Cookeville Central High school, where he participated in varsity football and was a member of the "Letter Club."

Upon reaching the age of 18, or shortly thereafter, he will be called into active duty for training. After completing all required courses he will qualify for the Navy's "Wings of Gold" and be commissioned as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve or as Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

The following letter is from Cpl. William G. Crawford, son of Lt. and Mrs. W. Hubert Crawford, who is stationed at Santa Maria, CA: June 11, 1943.

"To the Putnam County Herald

"Dear Friends:

After spending eight weeks in St. Petersburg, FL, eight weeks in Los Angeles, three weeks in Oregon, and the past three weeks here, I am now assigned and have a good job in a Service Group. It is really nice out here near the Coast, we have plenty of sun and sand, and no rain.

"The people out here are really nice to us and I am sure if the people of Putnam County are equally as nice to the boys on duty there, it will help them a lot.

"I enjoy the letters I got very much and would like to hear from lots more of my friends.

"Good luck to all, Will Glen Crawford.

Cecil Gentry, First Sergeant, U. S. Army, who has been here for a ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Gentry and his sister, Miss Dimple Gentry, left Thursday to resume his military duties at Ft. Camp Hood, TX. Until recently he was stationed at Camp Bowie, TX. Sgt. Gentry was with the original 109th Cavalry being later transferred to the 181st F. A. stationed for many months at Camp Forrest.

A/C Charles T. Holladay returned to Grand Rapids, MI, Saturday to complete his training in the Army Air Force Weather School after spending a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay.

Billy Jeff Vick, who has been in service since April, is stationed with the Quartermaster Detachment at Camp Lee, VA, where he is taking his basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vick, of Cookeville, Rt. 1, and before entering the army, was employed in Detroit.

Joe C. Mabry, son of Mrs. Pearl Mabry, Cookeville, is now in the Navy taking his recruit training as an apprentice seaman at Bainbridge Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, MD.

During this period of training he is also the news reporter of his company on the station's weekly newspaper.

Pvt. Solon H. Mitchell, who was recently inducted into the U. S. Army, is with the armed forces in Fort Leonard Wood, MO, in the Engineering Training School. Mrs. Mitchell is at their home on Stevens Street, at present, but plans to join him in Missouri, soon.

On July 2, 1943, Technical Sergeant William T. Morris, of the 1539th Service Unit, Camp Campbell, KY, will round out his 25th years in the military service of his county.

The sergeant's left sleeve, between cuff and elbow, is lined with service strips, or "hash marks," as the Army terms them, and the quarter of a century that they signify is at once evident in the bearing of the man who wears them.

Sgt. Morris, whose home was in nearby Cookeville, started his military career by enlisting in the Army on July 1st, 1917. In World War I he served with the 71st Infantry, which was the famous LaFayette Division, the 11th. After the war he served with the 17th, 22nd and 29th Infantry in almost every state in the country.

On May 31, 1940, Sgt. Morris, then a corporal, received a certificate to show his participation in "the largest peacetime maneuvers in the history of the United States Army." In the intervening years, he won his expert rifleman rating and his expert pistol man badge. At various times he served as bugler, bandsman, drillmaster, and acting first sergeant.

Each time he re-enlisted after his three-year enlistment period was served. His character always was rated "excellent" on his honorable discharge papers.

Pfc. Shirley V. Stamps left last Saturday for Camp Davis, NC, where he is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack have been notified that their son Pvt. Douglas Carmack, has arrived safely in England. He was inducted into the service in December, 1942, and took his primary training at Camp Croft, SC. He is a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and of Vanderbilt University, receiving his degree from the School of Law. Prior to his induction he was located in Bristol, connected with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Lt Col. I. B. Washburn, formerly of Cookeville, but now with the U. S. Army stationed at present in Nashville, was here last week, while in command of maneuver troops. Mrs. Washburn and son are making their home in Nashville.

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The local Red Cross office has in its possession two letters written by soldiers which indicate how much the efforts of the Red Cross are appreciated by the boys on foreign soil.

The first letter is from Pfc. Henry Sawyer, Second Supply Squadron, Second Air Depot Group, and reads as follows:

"Just writing a few lines to let you know that I am the proud owner of a pair of wool socks which were sent by some kind person back home. In a roundabout way now I will be stepping on Good Old America no matter where I go. It is really things like this that make a fellow feel proud that he is an American and working or fighting for the best people in the world. I only wish that whoever made these socks had put their initials or name on them so I could thank them personally but instead I will just thank the Red Cross as a whole. You folks will never realize how much good you are really doing both at home and abroad. There isn't much more I could say except thanks again, I remain,

Sincerely yours, Pfc, Henry Sawyer."

A V-mail letter comes from T/Sgt. W. M. Burham, which is quoted below:

"I wish to thank your chapter very sincerely for the pair of wool socks I received through the Special Service office of our station. Something like this makes one think and appreciate what you all are doing "Over there." I am "Somewhere in England," and let me tell you these wool socks are going to feel mighty good. Thanks again and best wishes from us guys 'over here' to you all 'over there.'

Very truly yours, William Burham"

Frederick, OK, today hatched its first brood of pilots to sell by hundred of flyers the graduation total of the Gulf Coast Training Center's sixth 1943 crop of aerial destruction experts.

The addition of Frederick's new school to the Gulf Coast Training Center brings to eleven the pilot factories operating in the great Southwest. Bomber and fighter pilots, trained to hair-trigger perfection in the art of modern aerial warfare, receive silver wings today, not only from Frederick, but from Altus, OK, and from Aloe, Brooks, Pampa, Lubbock, Blackland, Ellington, Eagle Pass, Moore, and Foster Fields, all in Texas.

Today's simultaneous graduation exercise add thousands of American youths from all over the nation to the throbbing AAF armada which is carrying relentless warfare to the Axis over measureless global areas.

In the current graduating class is Hobert R. Maddux, of Baxter, who was in training at Lobbock Field, TX.

Mr. & Mrs. John Lafever received a telegram that their son, Johnny Marshall Lafever, was killed in action in North Africa, April 23, 1943. He was born October 7, 1920, was drafted for the Army in September, 1942, and was in training at Camp Butner, NC, until he went overseas in February, 1943, where he served his country until his death. He was a grandson of Joe Wright, of Cookeville.

Bill Clark, U. S. Naval Reserve, left Wednesday for San Diego, CA, where he is attached to the Marine Corps Aviation Base. He has been spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark, in Algood, and with relatives here.

Pfc. Ralph Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hutcheson, of this city, has been transferred from Lowery Field, CO, where he has been in the Armament Technical School, to the Municipal Airport, Memphis, to be with the Ferrying Command there. Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson have another son, S/Sgt. Phil Hutcheson, Jr., who is now serving with the U. S. Air Corps in North Arfrica.

Sgt. Arvil M. Rockwell, son of Mrs. Bertha Rockwell, has recently graduated from Air Gunner's School at Tyndall Field, FL, receiving his silver wings, and is now stationed with an Army Air Base, at Salt Lake City, UT. His mother and sister, formerly of Brotherton, Route 1, are now residing in Dayton, OH.

Pfc. Swep M. Rodgers, son of Mrs. Swep M. Rodgers, of Algood, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, at the Dyersburg Army Air Base.

Stationed at this base since March, Cpl. Rodgers is a member of a bombardment squadron. He worked as a mechanic for the Vultee Aircraft Corp., at Nashville. He is a graduate of Algood High School and attended Tennessee Tech, in Cookeville, where he was active in sports.

Pfc. James C. Clouse has returned to Fort Jackson, SC, after spending a ten day leave with his sister, Mrs. Wendell Gentry, and other relatives here. He has been at Fort Benning, GA, with an Infantry School, for about three years before being transferred to Fort Jackson.

Charles Stanton, Jr., Radioman, second class, U. S. Navy, is here for a furlough visit of 18 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanton, and brother, Carson Stanton. This is his first visit home since his enlistment eighteen months ago, and during this period he has seen much active sea duty.

William Anderson, Ensign, U. S. Coast Guard stationed at Ft. Lauderdale, FL, arrived Monday to spend his leave of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, and his sister, Miss Mary Ann Anderson.

Richard L. Harris, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Judd, has enlisted for naval duty and is now stationed at Barin Field, Pensacola, FL.

According to a letter received Tuesday by Mrs. James C. Partin, the former Miss Willa Curtis Wright, of Algood, her husband, Lt. James C. Partin has arrived safely in North Africa. He is with the U. S. Infantry and prior to leaving the States, some time in June, he was stationed at Camp Robinson, AR, and Vamp Edwards, MA. He received his commission as lieutenant in January. A resident of Dechard he formerly attended the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, of which institution Mrs. Partin is now a faculty member.

Lt. Will O. Terry, of Camp Cooke, CA, is here to spend his leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry.

Lt. Willis Carter, Jr., has been transferred from Camp Hood, TX, to Camp Forrest. He and Mrs. Carter visited with their parents the past week-end.

Ralph Stewart, Lieut., U. S. Army, who has been taking special training at Harvard University, Boston, MA, has recently been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. Jack Stewart, stationed at Drew Field, FL, is now a Private, first class. They are sons of Mrs. E. J. Stewart, of this city.

Cpl. Shelah Paul Dietz recently spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz. He is in the Medical Detachment, and came here from Camp Rucker, AL, for maneuvers.

Pvt. Hubert C. Warren, son of Mrs. Virgie F. Warren, who has been stationed at Ft. Sill, OK, was recently transferred to Ft. Bragg, NC. Mrs. Warren has two other sons in the service, Fred Warren, with the Air Corps Ordnance Detachment, is in training at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, and Raymond Warren, who recently entered the service, is with the U. S. marines, stationed at San Diego, CA.

Sgt. Robert Denton Patton's new address is New York City. He has in the past few weeks, been transferred there from Camp Sutton, NC. Mrs. Patton, who has been spending some time with him at Camp Sutton, is now at her apartment on Oak Street. Sgt. Patton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Patton, are in Detroit.

Cpl. Huland Draper, former Coach of Central High, is now with the Finance Division, Army Air Corps, located at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, NC. Mrs. Draper and son, who have been in Memphis, were here recently for a visit enroute to Wake Forest, where they will be with Cpl. Draper for an indefinite stay.

The following Putnam County men with the U. S. Navy who are stationed at Bainbridge, MD, are at home to spend a short leave: James H. Heard, Rowan D. Anderson, Clarence Huddleston, John H. Roberson, Tillman Phillips all of Algood; Marshall Perkins, Joe Mabry, Ernest Webster, O. H. Phillips, Ray Stout, J. A. Danner, Clarence Lee, and James Morris, all of Cookeville; John Jared and I. T. Lowe, of Boma; Ralph Maxwell, Silver Point; Claude D. Roberts, Sam Hix, James K. Polk Romines, Jr., of Monterey.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED BY WAR RATION BOARD HERE:

Volunteers are needed by the War Ration Board, Arcade Building, Cookeville, to help renew Basic "A" Gasoline ration books. High school girls are especially invited to apply to the OPA Board, Arcade Building.

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Pvt. Henry D. Grimes has returned to Camp Rucker, AL, after spending his furlough here with Mrs. Grimes and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Grimes.

Pvt. Kenneth McBroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McBroom, of Cookeville, has returned to Camp Rucker, AL, after a furlough visit of 15 days at home. He came especially to be with his wife and infant son, born June 12. Pvt. McBroom was inducted into the army in January, 1943. His brother, V. Frank McBroom, U. S. Navy, 2/c seaman, who has been in the service since March, 1942, took his training at Pearl Harbor.

Pfc. Howard S. Walker, who on April 4, was wounded in the North African area, has been returned to the States, and is spending a few days with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Beecher Walker, on Route 3. He returns to Woodrow Wilson Hospital, Friday.

Pfc. Walker, in a ceremony which took place at the hospital, on Tuesday, June 29, was awarded the Purple Heart. He has been in the Army since October, 1940, and was sent to foreign service in August of 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have another son in the armed forces, Pvt. Ernest Walker, formerly of Camp Shelby, MS, but now on desert maneuvers, "Somewhere in Arizona."

Commander John Q. Owsley, United States Navy, Mrs. Owsley and their son, Jack Owsley, arrived Saturday from San Diego, CA, to spend this week with Mrs. Owsley's father, A. G. Maxwell, Mrs. Maxwell, and other members of their family. Commander Owsley, serving as head medical officer on the carrier Enterprise, has been on active duty in the Pacific War area for the past fifteen months, arriving in San Diego some two weeks ago. At the conclusion of their visit here they will go to Annapolis, MD, where Commander Owsley will be stationed at the Naval base hospital.

Eugene Dietz, who was at home recently for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz, was inducted into the U. S. navy last week, and in a letter to his parents, states that he is taking his training at the U. S. naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL.

Bennett Jared Travis, Lieut. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed in Austin, TX, for several weeks, was recently transferred to Grenada, MS.

Dell Tucker, U. S. Army, stationed at Miami Beach, FL, is spending his furlough with relatives and friends in Boma.

Joe Elmer Leftwich, formerly of this city, who was inducted into service the early part of the summer, is now stationed in New York City. He is with the U. S. Army.

Arthur Piepmeier, Ensign, U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, VA, spent from Wednesday until Monday, with Mrs. Piepmeier and son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa.

Lieut. Cox is spending his leave of two weeks here with his wife. She is the former Miss Catherine Reeves, and his parents, he then reports to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL, for further military duty.

Jimmy Massa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa, who volunteered for Naval duty several months ago, left Thursday, July 1, for Louisville, KY, where he is taking his basic training at the Naval Training School, University of Louisville. He was in his senior year at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he is taking his basic training at the Naval Training School, University of Louisville. He was in his senior year at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he was a popular student, taking an active part in all the college activities and where he was a star football player, playing on the varsity team for two years.

Ray F. Langford, son of John Langford, of Cookeville, Route 5, has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in the school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, at Amarillo, TX.

His graduation from this technical school now fits him for airplane maintenance, and he will be sent to some air base where he will assist in keeping America's Flying Fortresses in the air for Allied victory.

In addition to completion of the schedule of academic and practical studies as an aviation mechanic, he has been thoroughly drilled in military tactics and defense and a course of physical training that has conditioned him to meet all requirements of an American soldier.

Three men from Camp Stewart, GA, reported at Ft. Monmouth, NJ for a radio repair course. Among them was William D. Waites, of Cookeville, Route 1.

Ninety-one aviation cadets from Tennessee were included in the latest class to complete pre-flight training for pilots at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. Included in the class was one from Algood.

The future pilots headed for primary schools and first flights in training planes which they hope will carry them to assignments as pilots in the Army Air Forces. Tuned by intensive training at the cadet center the youths are prepared for the vigorous program they will undergo at primary, basic and advanced schools.

From Algood was Aviation Cadet, John P. Pointter, Route 1.

John Allison Bullington, Lieutenant, Army Air Corps, arrived Sunday from Seattle, WA, where he has been stationed for several months, to spend a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington. Lieut. Bullington will report for further duty at Salina, KS.

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Lawrence D. Ansley, of Battens, NY, the husband of the former Miss Mary Frances Reeves, of Cookeville, is now in training at Bainbridge, MD, in the Hospital Corps School. He will be in this school for six weeks, and then will be transferred to a Naval hospital for further training.

Joe E. Leftwich, who was inducted into the army about two months ago, and received his basic training with the Engineers Battalion, at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, has been promoted to Private, 1/c, and sent to a specialist's school for electricians in the Engineer Corps, in connection with radio and television.

Sgt. Henry Joe Stamps, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stamps, of Baxter, was recently graduated and received his silver wings as serial gunner in the Army Air Forces at Harlingen Field, TX.

Now qualified as expert triggerman, he was automatically promoted to gunner-technician sergeant upon completion of the six week training at the flexible gunnery school. Before learning to double in gunnery, he completed one other technical course, and while at Harlingen he fired every type of weapon from BB guns to Browning caliber .50, and spent from 12 to 16 hours a day in study.

Sgt. Stamps received his basic training at Amarillo Field, Amarillo, TX. He has been transferred from Harlingen Field to Sheppard Field, TX, for further training.

Lt. Sam Moore, with the Paratroop Division, stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, is here to spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. He arrived Monday.

Lieut. James W. Witherspoon, stationed at Springfield, OH, has joined Mrs. Witherspoon and son here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper.

James Ragland, a former Tennessee Tech student, now stationed at Camp Crowder, MO, with the Signal Corps, was here last week for a visit with friends. He also visited his parents in Springfield.

Joe D. Ramsey, U. S. Navy, who has been in the service since April, has returned to Bainbridge, MD, after spending his furlough here with Mrs. Ramsey, on First Street. A former resident of McMinnville, he and Mrs. Ramsey came to Cookeville to make their home some two years ago, serving as district field manager of the AAA. Mrs. Ramsey, whose former home was in Dunlap, is remaining in Cookeville during her husband's absence, and occupying her home with her are Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Eblen.

Pvt. James A. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Brown, Cookeville, Route 2, who was inducted into the service of the United States Army April 17, is now with the Army Air Corps, Greensboro, NC.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dyer, of near Cookeville, have received word from their son, Pvt. Wallace R. Dyer, stating that he had arrived safely in Alaska. Prior to leaving the States, he was stationed in Seattle, WA, with the M. P. Division. He wishes his friends to write him, and particularly on his birthday, which is July 29. Those who care to comply with this request may do so by obtaining his full address from his parents.

Clarence Wilson Jared, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Jared, of Gentry, is stationed with the MP Division at Camp Shelby, MS. He has been in the service since April, and his wife is residing in Hattiesburg, MS, to be near him while in training at Camp Shelby.

Lt. Frank Barnes, who has been stationed at Camp River Head, Long Island, NY has recently been transferred to Port Republic, near Atlantic City, NJ. Mrs. Barnes and son, Sam Taylor, who were on Long Island with Lt. Barnes, are now residing in Atlantic City.

Mrs. J. C. Barnes has had a recent letter from her grandson, Jimmy Broshear, stating that he is now on a most beautiful island "Somewhere in the Pacific." He is with the U. S. Navy, and has been in the service for almost a year.

Soldier from Cookeville Reports on Red Cross in North Africa:

"North Africa", June 22, 1943:

Dear Mr. Byron:

I decided to write to you again to see how everyone is making out. As for myself, I'm still OK.

I sincerely hope that the classes and work at the training school are still going on, and that everyone is putting their heart and soul into trying to better themselves and also us boys over here. You can warn them that we are very short on equipment now, and maybe that will make them want to learn faster and put more into their class work.

By all means, don't forget the "Red Cross" for they are "working wonders" over here. So keep the good work going.

A true friend, Sgt. Willie T. Walker.

Pvt. Clifford Caruthers, who has been stationed in California since December, was last week called to his home here on account of the critical illness and death of his mother, Mrs. S. B. Caruthers. He was accompanied to Cookeville by his wife, who has been residing in California for several months.

Capt. Eugene Mayberry has been transferred from 181st Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Roberts, CA, to Ft. Sill, OK, and assigned to the staff and faculty detachment of Field Artillery School, as an instructor in the department of tactics.

Pfc. Francis John Frey, who has been spending his furlough here with Mrs. Frey and infant son and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frey, left Monday to return to Camp Chafee, AR.

Pvt. Samuel N. McBroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McBroom, who was inducted into the service several months ago, is now stationed at Camp Phillips, KS. During Pvt. McBroom's absence, the junior Mrs. McBroom is with her relatives in Livingston.

Mrs. Mildred Louise White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Grooms, will leave soon for New York City, where she will receive her basic training at Hunter College for service with the WAVES. She is the first

girl to enlist for this branch of the service through the local Naval Recruiting station. Mrs. White's husband, Sgt. Gaskell G. White, is in the U. S. Army stationed at Camp Cooke, CA.

Cpl. Ben Asia Fox has recently been transferred from Camp Santa Anita to Camp Cooke, CA.

Lieut. James Thompson, who was recently transferred from a Texas camp to Camp Forrest, was here over the week-end with different members of his family, coming especially on account of the death of his aunt, Mrs. S. B. Caruthers. Lt. Lucile Thompson, stationed at the base hospital, Smyrna Air Base, was here also on Sunday to attend the funeral of her aunt.

Pvt. Robert Lee Terry, who was inducted in the army in April through the Enlisted Reserve Corps, is now receiving basic training in the Medical Training Battalion at Camp Grant, IL. He has been accepted for Officer Candidate School in the Division of Chemical Warfare Service, and will start his training at a future date. Pvt. Terry received a BS degree from Tennessee Tech in June of 1943. He was connected with the teaching personnel of Jackson County some years before his induction. He is the son of Mrs. Addie Terry, of Cookeville, Rt. 3.

Major Ivan C. DuBois, who is stationed in the Pacific Area, is spending his fifteen day leave with Mrs. DuBois on the West Coast. They plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank DuBois in Vancouver, B. C., Mr. and Mrs. John McCracken in Grant's Pass, OR, Mrs. M. Shelby Jared in Seattle, WA, and James DuBois, in Los Angeles, CA.

Pfc. Jesse A. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, Cookeville, Route 5, was inducted into the army on March 30. He took his basic training at the Army Air Force Technical Training Command, Miami Beach, FL, but recently was transferred to Army Air Force Technical School, Chicago, IL.

The following article is taken from a recent edition of a Johnson City paper concerning Staff Sgt. Ralph Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bush, of Granville. Mr. and Mrs. Bush have three sons in the service, the one mentioned above being the youngest.

Staff Sgt. Ralph Bush of 623 South _____ Avenue of this city, was presented the Air Medal June 8, in a wonderful military ceremony in Miami, FL, by Col. Harry A. Halverson, commanding officer of the 26th Anti-Submarine Wing for outstanding achievement in over 200 hours of combat flying under many adverse conditions.

"The citation for the medal read in part, that Staff Sgt. Bush had displayed outstanding initiative, resourcefulness and a high degree of skill under many trying conditions. Possibility of encountering enemy ships of fighter type or anti-aircraft fire.

Pfc. Coran Whitson, formerly of Camp Roberts, CA, and later spending several months in Alaska, has according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. M. W. Whitson, arrived safely "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

Cpl. James A. Alloway has returned to the Smyrna Air Base where he is stationed after a furlough visit of ten days here with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway, on Freeze Street.

A happy reunion this week is that of the Stanton brothers, including Doss Stanton, who has been stationed for several months at Sault Ste. Marie, MI, with the U. S. Army, and who has this week received his honorable discharge on account of physical disability; Charles Stanton, Jr., U. S. Navy, who will leave Friday to resume his Naval duties, after spending his furlough of several weeks at home, and Carson Stanton, who is also at home awaiting further military orders. The three are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stanton. Mrs. Doss Stanton, who has been in Michigan with her husband for several weeks, returned to Cookeville with him. Arriving Tuesday, they were met in Nashville by Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, Sr., Charles and Carson Stanton.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 July 1943

Local Men Complete Training in State Guard at Ft. Benning, GA:

Tennessee State Guard Officers in this section have recently returned from Fort Benning, GA, where they underwent an intensive course at the Fort Benning School of the Line and the Command and Staff School. Those who graduated from the State Guard course and who have been awarded a Certificate of Merit upon completion of the work are: Col. Walter Keith Crawford, Lt. Col. Maurice E. Haste, both of Cookeville, and Major Roy J. Smith, Livingston, Command and Staff School; 1st Lt. James C. Davis and 2nd Lt. E. K. Stephens, Livingston, Line School.

The Military School was arranged by the Adjutant General of Tennessee as further supplemental training to the numerous schools which have been made available to the officers of the State Guard. The Infantry School at Fort Benning is considered one of the finest and most rigid of any Army school in the world.

The course of instructions at Fort Benning School, which was completed by the above officers, included plant protection, mob control, map reading, many hours of actual field work in the practical solution of military problems, and exercises in various defenses of cities and villages against subversive and domestic elements. Stress was laid on mobility and fire power of foot troops and the execution of Command and Staff functions.

Tennessee is very fortunate in having had various officers schools commencing November, 1942, when over 200 Officers attended the Provost Marshal General's School at Fort Oglethorpe, and also two periods of training at Camp Forrest. According to Major General T. A. Frazier, the Adjutant General and also Commanding General, First Division, Tennessee State Guard, other schools in cooperation with the United States Army are planned for advance training of Tennessee State Guard units, and as new tactics are developed.

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Walter Dyer Buck, GMC, first class, who has been serving in the U. S. Navy since May, 1937, spent his leave of 15 days with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Clay Buck. For the past nine months he has been in the North Pacific, around Alaska and on the Aleutian Islands. His ship took an active part in the battle of Attu, and was cited for honors at different times.

Pvt. William McCowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McCowan, was inducted into the Army January 8, 1943. His basic training was at Atlantic City, NJ, and at Drew Field, FL, where he received his certificate as chief radio-telephone operator. Last week, Pvt. McCowan was moved to Seattle, WA, for further training.

Edward Bilyeu, formerly of 300 Oak St., Cookeville, presently stationed at the Air Depot Training Station of the Army Air Forces, at Albuquerque, NM, has been promoted from the rank of Private to the rank of Private First Class. Pfc. Bilyeu is assigned to the 1896th Ordnance Company, and is serving as mech. Auto helper with his organization. Before entering the Air Forces on January 1, 1943, Pfc. Bilyeu was employed at Victory Tire Co. in Detroit.

Sgt. Aaron L. Lane, who is stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, is visiting his grandfather, John Lane, of Route 1, and his aunt, Mrs. H. C. Gentry, and other relatives. Sgt. Lane has been in the service since 1941. He was with the 109th Cavalry of Tennessee. He will return to camp August 1.

Lt. Wilbur Johnson, stationed in Boston, MA, and Wrath Johnson, Army Air Corps, Miami Beach, FL, are here on account of the illness of their father, W. T. Johnson.

Lieut. Sam Moore of the Paratroop Division, NC, Gerald Miller of the Merchant Marine, recently returned from North Africa, and John Moore, of the Army Air Corps, Ft. Benning, GA, have been spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore and other members of their family.

Lieut. (j.g) Eunice Alonzo Hamblin USNR, of Pikeville, has been promoted from the rank of ensign, according to an announcement from the Sixth Naval District headquarters in Charleston, SC, where he is stationed.

He enlisted in the Navy in November, 1942, and was commissioned an ensign in August of 1942. He holds a B. S. degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and was employed by the TVA in Knoxville before entering the service.

Lt. Col. John A. Mitchell, stationed in New Hampshire and Massachusetts since April, arrived Wednesday to spend a short time with his family here on E. Fourth Street.

Pfc. Ernest Terry, Jr. who is stationed at Camp Stewart, GA was here for a five-day pass over the weekend, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry, who went to Chattanooga to meet him.

Cpl. Charles Stout, who has been spending his ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout, and other relatives, left Wednesday for Ft. Dix, NJ, where he is stationed.

Charles Gentry, Technician Medical Corps, U. S. Army, stationed in new Orleans, LA, is returning to his post of duty this week, following a furlough visit with Mrs. Gentry and son, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Gentry.

A/C Edward F. Neal, Jr., Army Air Corps, who was at the Nashville Army Air Center for several weeks, is now stationed at Maxwell Field, AL, for his pre-flight training.

Mrs. Frank Richmond has recently received notification that her husband, Col. Richmond, is now on military duty in the Pacific war area and her son, Lt. Frank Richmond, has arrived safely in North Africa. Mrs. Richmond, another son, Harry Richmond, and daughter, Susan Richmond, are making their home here for the present being located on Freeze Street.

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29 July 1943

Pvt. James Kelly Ealey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ealey, Cookeville, has entered the Basic Training Center at Keesler Field, MS, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, for several weeks of recruit drill.

After a period of orientation and physical training at Keesler Field, Private Ealey will be given instruction in the use of the gas mask and bayonet, a course in camouflage, and target practice on the rifle range. Then he will be assigned to duty or sent to one of the Training Command's schools for special technical training.

Capt. Henry E. Mayberry, Cookeville, is in charge of one of the newest services of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, OK.

Captain Mayberry, who recently joined the Field Artillery School staff, in reception and transportation officer for incoming students and official visitors to the school.

Hardy Vaughn, with the Army Air Forces, stationed in Salt Lake City, UT, has been here for a furlough visit with his brother, Rex Vaughn, and family. He also spent a portion of his stay in Tennessee with Overton County relatives.

Pvt. Hubert Slagle, New England School of Aviation, Boston, MS, and Cpl. Henry T. Slagle, 181st F. A., Camp Roberts, CA, recently spent their furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Slagle, and family

in Detroit, MI. Pfc. Slagle, following his visit in Detroit, returned to Boston, while Cpl. Slagle, Mrs. Slagle and baby and the former's sister, Lucile Slagle, came here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Slagle. At the completion of his visit here, Cpl. Slagle will return to California, leaving his wife and three-months-old son, Henry T. Slagle, Jr. for an indefinite stay in Tennessee.

Pfc. Ralph E. Mahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, of W. 7th St., Cookeville, recently completed an intensive course in radio operator-mechanics at the Technical School, Army Air Forces Training Command, Sioux Falls, SD. In addition to attending school, he went through a rigid drilling and physical training program in order to be fully prepared to take over as assignment in a combat area, if necessary.

He is now prepared to join the crew of a bomber, or to take up any other radio duties to which the AAF Training Command may assign him.

Willie Manier, who is serving with the U. S. Army, has returned to Camp Stewart, GA, after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Manier, in the Sadler community.

Verble Eugene Carrington, with the U. S. Navy, stationed at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN, where he is receiving his training. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington.

Pvt. Edward T. Sadler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sadler of Bloomington Springs, was inducted into the army January 1943. His basic training was given at Miami Beach, FL, being later moved to Kearns Field, UT, where he is now stationed.

James Stout, of the U. S. Army, has returned to camp after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stout.

An interesting letter under date of June 2, was received recently by Mrs. Ridley L. Parkerson, from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, written by a friend of her son, Ridley L. Parkerson, U. S. Marines, who is now on foreign duty. The writer states that this Cookeville boy is in the best of health, and has never been sick or injured.

Mrs. T. L. Parsons in the past week has had several letters from her son, Thomas L. Parsons, Jr., since his arrival in the Southern Pacific War zone. Volunteering for service last December, he was stationed for training at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, MO, Westover Field, MA, and Fort Bragg, NC. He is with the Airborne Division.

"Somewhere in Africa," May 23:

We'd like to take a little time to express our gratitude for the receipt of the Putnam County Herald. There isn't anything like getting mail from home here but a person doesn't get the whole county news in a letter. In your paper, our paper, we should say, for we are natives of Putnam County, you cover the county news more completely.

We have lots of friends there in the county and are interested in what they are doing while we are over here doing our small part in this great cause.

There are a few fellows here from Cookeville and its vicinity in this division. There are four in our battalion from there. When we get the Herald as soon as one finishes it he passes it on to the next man, in doing this we all keep up with the home news, although it is a little late. The papers are about a month old when we get them. They are greatly appreciated though they were six months old.

So here is hoping the best for you and all of Putnam County.

Yours truly, Floyd Smith, Dave Bullock, Alvin Horn, Walter Thompson.

Clure Coffelt, with the Ground Crew, Army Air Corps, formerly stationed at Miami Beach, FL, has in the past few weeks transferred to Westover Field, MA.

Billy Fiske, son of Mrs. Cora Hicks Piske, of Dayton, OH, and Monterey, was graduated in June from the United States Naval School of Electrical Engineering at San Diego, CA, and is now with the Ships Company at that base. Seaman Fiske anticipates a leave from his duties soon, when he will visit relatives and friends in Monterey, and with his mother in Dayton.

Harold Tinsley, son of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, who since entering the service in April, has been stationed at Miami Beach, FL, was recently transferred to Camp Crowder, MO. He is with the Army Air Corps.

Lt. and Mrs. Fowler L. Wright and daughter are spending a few days here with relatives. The former, who has been in service more than two years, is a present stationed at Camp Pickett, VA. Mrs. Wright, before her marriage was Miss Martha Ann Green. She is during her husband's absence, making her home with his father, B. J. Green, in Dayton, OH.

In a recent news release from Clemson College, B. C., it is learned that eight Tennessee boys recently arrived on the Clemson College campus, as members of the Army Air Forces 37th College Training Detachments, and are now undergoing intensive training there. Among the boys reporting there is John Clarence Bartlett, of Route 5, son of Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, of Route 2, who was formerly stationed at Miami Beach, FL.

Seaman James Watts Moore, U. S. Navy, who since volunteering for service some nine months ago, has been in training at Davisville, RI, has recently been ordered to the West Coast for active sea duty. Mrs. Moore who has also been in Davisville for several months, has returned to Cookeville, and will be with her mother, Mrs. Bilbrey and sister, Mrs. Hudson, on Oak Street, for an indefinite stay.

Lt. Bennett Jared Travis, Army Air Corps, stationed at Grenada, MS, came for a brief visit over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Hallie Travis, and sister, Miss Nancy Travis.

Pvt. Hubert Murphy has returned to Camp Stewart, GA, after spending his furlough with his wife here on Church Street. He also visited relatives in Algood and Nashville.

Sgt. Robert Poteet, stationed at Langley Field, VA, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Denton Poteet. This is his first visit home since entering the service in the early part of 1943.

Lieut. Frank Just, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Just of Brick Church Road, Nashville, has just received his wings and commission as second lieutenant in the Marines, at the Pensacola Naval Air Base. Married recently to the former Miss Louie Johnson, of Cookeville. Lieutenant Just attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute here. He will report to Cherry Point, NC, for duty.

Lt. E. Fred Phillips, Jr., Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips, of McMinnville, and a nephew of Mrs. Jarvis Matheney and Edgar Phillips of Cookeville, as well as several others in this community, has the distinction of being the youngest commissioned officer from Warren county, in World War II, and the Southern Standard, McMinnville, has the following to say regarding this young flyer's record.

"Lt Phillips is following in the footsteps of a long line of his ancestors who have fought for the country they love in previous wars. An uncle, on his mother side, was a commissioned officer in the War Between the States and also two of his father's uncles were officers in the same war. The Phillips and Quarles families, of which Lt. Phillips is a descendant, was one of the pioneer families of Putnam county, when the county was formed as a part of White County.

"As a fighter pilot on combat duty overseas, Lt Phillips is one of the boys who have to be the best pilots in the world. Besides piloting the plane, they must be their own navigators, gunners and bombardiers. At twenty years and three months he was a flying officer with Tallahassee, FL, as his home base.

“He entered the service shortly after completing his high school career. While a student at Central high school here, he made an outstanding record in his scholastic work aside from his athletic career which will be remembered by football fans for a long time to come.

“Lt. Phillips was stationed somewhere on the East coast previous to his going overseas.”

The article below taken from the Carbondale Free Press, Carbondale, IL, concerning Lt. Charles N. Sharpe, will be read with much interest by his and Mrs. Sharpe’s many friends in Cookeville. Lt. Sharpe is now stationed at Camp Peary, VA, while Mrs. Sharpe, the former Miss Nan Holladay, and daughter, Nancy Holladay Sharpe, are with her mother, Mrs. O. K. Holladay. Lt Sharpe served as pastor of the First Presbyterian church here for several years prior to his marriage.

“Rev. Charles N. Sharpe, Jr., 41, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale for the past 14 years has been appointed a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve to serve in the Chaplain’s Corps.

“Rev. Sharpe was sworn in at the St. Louis Office of Naval Officer Procurement and successfully completed his active duty physical examination at that time. He will report at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, VA, on July 15 to begin his indoctrinal training.

“Lieutenant Sharpe came to Carbondale from Cookeville, TN, in 1929 and is widely known in religious circles both in Southern Illinois and throughout the state. He is at present chairman of the General Council of the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois and has served as Moderator of the Cairo Synod of Illinois.

“The new Navy officer received his degree from Princeton University and from the Princeton Theological Seminary and during 1913 and 1919 served as supply sergeant in the Tennessee National Guard. He and his family have resided at 302 W. Elma Street in this city.

Lieutenant H. W. McKee, Senior Reviewing Officer at the Navy procurement activity, administered the oath, commenting that other Southern Illinois ministers and civilian specialist could be of untold assistance in the was effort as officers in the Navy Reserve.”

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5 August 1943

Seven young Tennessee women who recently enlisted in the Women’s of the U. S. Naval Reserve have been ordered to report for training this month, according to an Naval District announcement. Among them is Mildred Louise White, Cookeville.

Pvt. Cecil E. Montgomery, who has previously been in training at Miami Beach, FL, is now stationed at Gulfport Field, MS, where he will go to school for several months.

Clarence Harold Winfree, of Baxter, a private in the Army Air Forces, is now a member of the College Training Detachment of Massachusetts State College. Pvt. Winfree, in common with hundreds of other potential air crew men stationed at the college, is taking courses in geography, physics, mathematics, English, history, and Civil Air Regulations as a preliminary to later assignment in a school of the Flying Training Command for intensive training as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier. Ten hours of elementary flight training is given at a nearby flying field.

Pvt. Winfree was graduated from Baxter Seminary with his class of 1942.

Cpl. Beverly Minor, stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, will return to his post of duty today after a furlough visit here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Minor, and other relatives.

Harold Shipley, who was inducted into military service in July, is with the Army Air Corps, in training at Biloxi, MS. Mrs. Shipley is located at present with her mother, in Crossville.

Billy Chapin, who is in the Signal Air Corps, stationed in New Orleans, LA, has been spending his furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapin. As he returned to New Orleans, he stopped in Nashville for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Ed Dyer, and family. Accompanying him that far was another sister, Mrs. Lawrence Bartlett, who also visited Mrs. Dyer for several days.

"To the Draft Dodger," was recently sent to the Herald by Pvt. Kenneth Moore, who is stationed at Camp Grant, IL. Lack of space does not permit the reprint of this article, but the Herald appreciates hearing from Private Moore.

Cpl. N. C. Smith is now stationed at Camp Joseph Robinson, AR.

A letter from Jeff Dyer Ray recently received by Cookeville friends which was written May 21. He was at the time the letter was mailed "Somewhere in North Africa," and according to his statement was in excellent health and doing splendidly.

John Mott, who reported for military duty early in July is for the present attached to the classification center at Fort Oglethorpe, GA. Mrs. Mott and daughter, Janice, are with Mr. Mott's mother, Mrs. J. Mott, on Stephens Street....continues.

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After seeing action in the Coral Sea Battle and the raids on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Harry Harris, son of Ward Harris, of Monterey, is now enrolled at the Navy submarine chaser training center, in Miami, FL.

Harris, now a motor machinist mate, second class, joined the Navy in January, 1938, prior to which time he was connected with the Leland Electric Company in Dayton, OH. He graduated from the Monterey High school, where he played guard on the football eleven, and first base on the baseball nine.

Upon completion of his training Harris expects to see action with a sub chasing unit.

Pvt. Orren E. Cameron, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Orren Cameron, 428 Dixie Ave., started his recruit drill this week in the Basic Training Command.

Private Cameron will undergo several weeks of orientation, gas mask and bayonet drill, camouflage and physical training, and rifle firing. He then will be assigned to duty or sent to a technical school for special training.

Pvt. Robert Jones Byrne, son of Mrs. W. H. Byrne, 200 Maple St., has entered the Basic Training Center at Keesler Field, MS, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, for several weeks of recruit drill.

After a period of orientation and physical training at Keesler Field, Private Byrne will be given instruction in the use of the gas mask and bayonet, a course in camouflage, and target practice on the rifle range. Then he will be assigned to duty or sent to one of the Training Command's schools for special technical training.

William G. Crawford, stationed at the Santa Maria Army Air Base, Santa Maria, CA, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant. He is the son of Col. and Mrs. William H. Crawford of Cookeville and Lebanon.

Tillman H. Phillips, U. S. Navy, is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Base, Great Lakes, IL, where he is a First Class Petty Officer, and is serving as an instructor of mathematics.

John Little, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Little, and grandson of Mrs. A. J. Stewart, is now stationed with the U. S. navy at the Great Lakes Training School. He has been in the service since the early part of July.

John Bush, son of Mrs. Frank Bush of Peachtree Street, who has been residing in Norwich, CT, is now serving in the U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Peery, VA, where he is taking his basic training. Mrs. Bush is remaining in Norwich.

Dr. Kenneth Haile, of Nashville, who with Mrs. Haile has been visiting his father, Henry Haile, and Mrs. Haile, on Washington Avenue, will report for military duty around August 20, in San Diego, CA. He will be with the Hospital unit.

Last week the Herald carried an article, regarding Phillip Anderson, which according to the Jackson County Sentinel story, was not exactly correct, therefore, the wording of the letter as printed in the Gainesboro paper, is given below:

“I am interned in the Osaka Prisoners of War Camp. My health, is excellent. I am working for pay. Please see that everything and everyone are taken care of.

“My love to you, Phillip J. Anderson”

Jerry Agee, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Agee, who was inducted into service in July reported for duty last week, going to Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. He is with the U. S. Navy.

The following article, taken from the Jackson County Sentinel, concerns Lt. Kit Keith, who formerly attended school at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute:

“Lieutenant Kit Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Keith, of Whiteville, has been awarded the Air Medal for his participation in the bombing of Germany, occupied France, and the low countries. His wife, the former Miss Nell Rose Storas (sp), of Houston, TX, has been informed of the award.

“Lieut. Keith has been overseas in active duty since early in April, and has taken part in many of the major air battles over the continent. He is a navigator on a flying fortress.

“Entering the Army Air Corps in October, 1940, Lieut. Keith completed a course in airplane mechanics at Chanute Field, IL. He was then accepted as a cadet and graduated from Hondo Field, TX, in September 1942.”

David T. Dow, who enlisted last December for duty in the Navy, has been promoted to mail specialist, second class. Specialist Dow is in charge of the Navy Post Office at the U. S. Naval Station Base, Panama City, FL. Prior to his enlistment, he was a clerk in the Cookeville post office. His wife, formerly Amelia Nell Swallows, of Monterey, joined him in Florida recently, where they have a cottage for the summer at Betty Lou Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Dow were here recently for 12 days, having been called because of the death of her mother, Mrs. P. L. Swallows, of Monterey.

Pfc. Herman Moran, son of Mrs. Elva A. Morgan, 202 Hickory, Cookeville, this week entered the airplane mechanics school at the Army Air Forces Training Command at Keesler Field, MS, after qualifying by virtue of a high score on his mechanical aptitude test.

Pvt. Morgan will undergo a rigid training period of approximately 17 weeks at this B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school. Upon completion of the course, the solder-mechanic will be qualified for active line duty or will be sent to a gunnery or factory school.

The B-24 today is playing a vital role in the around-the-clock bombing of Axis positions all over the world and more and more soldiers are being trained to “Keep ‘em Flying.”

Private Gaskell Warren who is in the 512 M.P. Bn., stationed at Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg, MS, spent the weekend at his home on West Stevens St. Mrs. Warren, who is employed at Camp Shelby, did not accompany her husband home.

Pvt. Albert G. Fields, who is stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, for his basic training is in the Coast Guard Artillery. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fields, of Cookeville, Rt. 3.

Cpl. D. B. "Pat" Cornwell, who is stationed at West Palm Beach, FL, has been spending a portion of his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cornwell. Before resuming his military duties, he will visit his sister, Mrs. Ban McDearman, and Mr. McDearman, in Dothan, AL.

First Sgt. Robert Henry Bradley, stationed at Camp Hood, TX, and Mrs. Bradley are here for a furlough visit of two weeks with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley, and other members of his family. They will leave Saturday for Texas.

Clyde Vaughn, U. S. Navy, who has been here for a visit with Mrs. Vaughn and infant daughter, returned Thursday of last week to New River, NC, where he is now stationed. He was recently transferred there from Camp Perry, VA.

Sam Lee Terry, Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, who has just returned from sea duty in the Sicilian war area, will arrive Thursday afternoon from Norfolk, VA, for a four day furlough. He joins his wife here at the home of his mother, Mrs. P. Terry, on First Street.

A/C Charles B. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, who has been in training in Memphis, has recently been transferred to Miami Beach, FL. He is with the 410th Training Group, Army Air Corps.

Cpl. Bennett Huddleston is here arriving Tuesday, for a furlough visit of several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston.

Only last week he arrived in San Diego, CA, after being on active war duty with the U. S. Marines for 15 months in the Southwest Pacific war area.

Cpl. Huddleston, who has been with the Marines since January, 1942, could not reveal the places he had been, but says he likes the Southwest Pacific countries very much and finds the people most interesting. His wife, the former Mary Frances Ferrell, who is new with the WAVES is stationed in Georgia.

At the completion of his furlough, he will report to New River, NC, for further military duty.

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According to a message received recently by Jim H. McCuley, from the War Department, his son, Dewey McCulley, a tall gunner on one of the largest bombers was reported missing in action on July 25 in the aerial attack on Hamburg, Germany. He had only been overseas a short time as he was home for a visit on Mother's Day, May 9. He attended the Putnam county schools, being a graduate of Central High. Entering the service in February, 1942, he was in training with the Medical Corps until September, 1942, when he transferred to the Air Corps. It is hoped that Dewey bailed out and is alive as a prisoner of war and will be liberated when the Allies invade Germany.

Pfc. Robert Paul Judd, who is with the 50th Armored Infantry, stationed at Camp Cooke, CA, has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Judd, on North Walnut Street.

Pvt. Bradley Brewington, who was formerly located at Fort George Meade, MD, is now stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, VT.

Burgess Ray, stationed at the Army Air Corps Classification Center in Nashville, is here on account of the critical illness of his mother, Mrs. Robinson Ray.

Don Wall, of Louisville, KY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, of this city, has received his call of induction into the U. S. Navy, and reports for duty at the Great Lakes Training Station the latter part of this week. Mrs. Wall is remaining in Louisville for the present.

A/S Howard Tinsley, who has been in training for several months at Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, is now at the Classification Center in Nashville. Sunday, his mother, Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pendergrass and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Clark will go to Nashville to see him.

Billy Carr is here, spending his furlough with his mother and sister, Mrs. Mattie Carr, and Miss Doris Carr, on Church Street. At the completion of his visit here he will return to Camp Chafee, AR, where he has been stationed for several months.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 August 1943

Putnam Men Who Will Be Inducted At An Early Date:

The following is a list of Putnam County men to be inducted into the armed service of the United States at an early date. The list follows:

Robert Oscar Huddleston, Johnny Van Chesney, James Willard Ramsey, Sherman Edward Brown, Willis Arthur Allison, William Joseph Boswell, Hugh Edward Skimyhorne, D. C. Farley, Gene Delaney, William Gordon Jared, Charles Hobson Bruce, Greely Bussell, Howard Cronk, Robert Arlin Robbins, Robert Jimmie Haney, Avertt Hayden Brown, James Clifford Honeycutt, Walter Haston Judd, Jr., Alfred Walker, Donald Mitchel Ford, C. J. Jones, John Benton Walker, Charles Ezell Hunter, Charles Edward Trisdale, Burl Allen Brown, Rex Brown, Walter Russell Dale, Beecher Cordell Hunter.

Billie Louis Messenger, George Williams Stout, Erby Debs Howell, Jesse Allen Lyles, John Demsey Norris, Willie Haskell Jones, Henry Clay Dyer, Willie Mansfield Scott, Thomas Ray Boman, Clark Wilson Smith, Melvin Eugene Maxwell, Oren Guesclin Rockwell, Guy Thomas Jackson, Morris Jarvis, Ozro Garrison, Charles Edward Lollar, Robert Anderson West.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Clarence Stewart, who was recently inducted into military service, is stationed with the Army Air Corps, in Miami, FL. Prior to entering the service he was connected in business in Detroit. Mrs. Stewart, the former Miss Sara Terry, and son, Jack Craig, have come from Detroit to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Terry, for an indefinite stay.

A good Conduct Medal was awarded this week to Sgt. Tom S. Nunally, of Baxter, by Commanding General R. W. Simpson, of the West Coast Ordnance Training Center, Camp Santa Anita, CA.

In addition to the medal, Sgt. Nunally is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Ribbon. These awards are made to soldiers whose performance of duty has been faithful and efficient and the conduct meritorious.

Awards are made to soldiers who have completed three years of peacetime or one year of service while the United States is at war.

Sgt. Nunally was recommended for this award by his company commander and the award was approved by the Commanding General.

Before entering the armed services St. Nunally was employed by the Putnam County Elementary School System. He attended the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. His parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Van D. Nunally, reside in Baxter.

Three Tennessee WAVES have just completed their basic training at the Naval Training School at Hunter College in New York City, and have gone to their new stations, one to the Naval Hospital at Jacksonville, FL, and two to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis.

Among them is Margaret Reeves Coggins, 21, of Route 3, Monterey, daughter of W. G. Reeves, and native of Davidson County. She was rated Seaman, second class, and ordered to the Aviation Machinist's Mates School at Memphis.

Pvt. Owen M. Campbell, son of Mrs. Maggie Campbell, of Cookeville, has been promoted to the grade of private first class at Camp Bowie, TX. Pfc. Campbell is at present on duty with a field artillery battalion. He was inducted in January, 1943, at Camp Forrest.

Pvt. Ralph H. Davis stated in a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Davis, that he is now "Somewhere in Sicily." Pvt. Davis entered the service in October, 1942, and has been overseas since March. Before going to Sicily, he was stationed in North Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby have had recent letters from their son, Harry Cumby, who is now in the Sicilian war area. Entering the service in September, 1942, he has been on foreign duty since the early part of 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn have had as their guest their son, Pfc. Charles Vaughn, with the Signal Air Corps, stationed in Seattle, WA. Pvt. Sam Vaughn, who is with the Quartermaster Corps, Camp Lee, VA, was here on a furlough visit with his wife and family, and with his parents at the same time his brother was here.

A/C Donald Mitchell is stationed at the present at the Nashville Classification Center, Army Air Corps, and who has classified for pilot training, was here for a weekend visit with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell, and other members of the family. Prior to coming to Nashville, he took his basic training at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. At the time of his enlistment in April, he was a student at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. Mrs. Mitchell has been to Nashville for a recent visit with her son.

Robert Dewey Ramsey, A/S Army Air Corps, stationed at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey.

Frank Allen Harris, formerly of Algood, received his commission as a second lieutenant when he graduated from Lake Field, Phoenix, AZ, on July 22. He received his silver wings as a pilot. During his training at Lake Field, he received the Expert Gunners' Medal, and was also awarded a trophy as Cadet Captain.

Lieut. Harris has been sent to Randolph Field, San Antonio, TX, where he will attend the Basic Instructors' School for four weeks.

Lieut. Harris is the son of Mrs. Thurman Loftis, of Cookeville, and the grandson of Mrs. B. L. Judd of Algood.

Pvt. Amos Hatcher, United States Army Transportation Corps, has returned to New Orleans, LA, after spending ten days with Mrs. Hatcher and friends here, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hatcher, of Hartford, AL.

The following letter was received this week by Mrs. W. A. Howard and Mrs. Aubrey Johnson from their brothers, Major Sam Epperson and Lt. Sanford Shipley, respectively shows that it is a small world after all. The letter was written August 2, in North Africa.

“Dear Elise and Amy:

“You see your giving us each others address worked and we are spending a couple of hours together today, and are located near enough to report this many times in the future.

“Sacky came over some 40 miles on his camel today, to look up Sam, and we have discussed you and everyone in Cookeville. We have not missed anyone at all. Sam says Sacky says Sam is well and looks fine. Now not one of you can doubt our own words and good judgment, however, we both decided we would like very much to be at home for awhile and see all of you rather than discussing you at this distance, however it is great to see someone from home who knows everyone you do. We are enjoying being together very much.

“We think we know where Phil Hutcheson is located, but unfortunately he is not very near to our present location however, changes come fast and furious and you can't tell when our paths will cross.

Sacky received the package he requested from Any and many thanks for same.

“We are going to have dinner together and try to find something of interest to do for an evening very soon but that is very difficult where we are at the present.

“Our best to everyone and lots of love to our respective families.

Sincerely, Sacky and Sam”

Pfc. J. C. Goolsby, with the Coast Artillery, stationed at Ft. Rosecrans, CA, has been spending his furlough of one week with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Goolsby.

Lieut. Jere Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe, of Cookeville and Nashville, reported for military duty in July, and is stationed with the Medical Unit at Carlyle Barracks, PA. Lieut. Lowe, prior to entering the service, was serving his internship at the Cornell Medical Center, New York City, where he had been located since receiving his degree at Vanderbilt University in June, 1942.

Joe M. Pedigo, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pedigo, Route 3, Cookeville, has completed the first phase of training which will soon qualify him as a radio specialist in the U. S. Navy. He has been graduated from a month's "refresher" course at the U. S. naval Armory, Chicago, IL, and now will be transferred to a Primary Radio Material school for the second part of his training.

Afc. Koger successfully completed a course of six weeks instruction in army administration. Her new assignment is one which prior to the inception of the WAC would have been given to enlisted men. Many army administrative jobs are being handled by WAC auxiliaries and the number will increase as graduates of the branch schools are available.

Billy Elrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Elrod, left Wednesday of last week for Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. He has been inducted for limited service in the U. S. Army.

Pvt. William Lacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lacy, is now stationed at Camp Haan, CA.

Aviation Cadet Ashley Smith, 21, son of L. D. Smith, Silver Point, has reported to the two engine advanced flying school at Altus Army Air Field, Altus, OK, to begin the last nine weeks of his flight training. Upon completion of his course he will be awarded the silver wings of an Army Air Forces pilot and appointed a flight officer or commissioned a second lieutenant.

Smith was an aircraft worker before he was appointed an aviation cadet. He studied science for three years at Tennessee Technical College.

While Smith is at Altus, he will spend 70 hours flying two engined advanced training planes and 70 hours in ground school studying the principles of military aviation. From here he will go on to train with the type of multi-engined aircraft that he will ultimately fly in the combat zones.

Fowler G. Stanton, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stanton, Baxter, has been enrolled in a special training course for aviation mechanics at the naval Air Technical Training Center, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL. He will receive several months of intensive training in the principles and theory of flying and the repair of all types of aircraft.

Selected to attend the school upon the basis of a series of aptitude tests, taken during recruit training and his civilian experience, the Bluejacket will be eligible for a promotion upon completing the course.

Sgt. Vincent Whitson, who has been here for a few days visit with Mrs. Whitson and infant daughter, has returned to Jefferson Barracks, MO.

Pfc. J. A. Moore, a member of the Army Air Force, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, GA, has recently been promoted to the grade of corporal.

Lawson Field, established in 1932 is named in honor of the late Capt. Walter R. Lawson, a native Georgian and Air Cops hero of World War I.

Cpl. Moore was advanced of his commanding officer because of his outstanding qualities as a soldier.

He has been a member of the Army Air Force since his induction on January 1, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Moore, lives here.

S/Sgt. Ralph J. Maddux, who is located at Camp Butner, NC, was recently awarded the Army "Good Conduct Medal." According to a letter his parents received from Lt. Col. James Montgomery, 269th FA Bn.

The message read: "This award was established by the War Department as a reward for those enlisted men who have demonstrated their fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation."

St. Maddux who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Maddux, of Granville, volunteered for the armed services November, 1940, and has been located at his present address since April, 1943.

J. C. McKinley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, of Washington Avenue, who volunteered for military duty a short time ago, has been promoted to Private First Class. He is with the Airborne Division, stationed at the Richmond, VA, air base. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley's older son, Pfc. Robert McKinley, also with the Army Air Forces, is stationed at Gulfport, MS. The junior Mrs. McKinley is making her home in Gulfport, while her husband is there.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Bullington announce the birth of a son, July 28, at City Hospital, who has been named Stanley Ralph. Sgt. Bullington has returned to Fort Dix, NJ, where he has been stationed since April, after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bullington, Mrs. Bullington and son.

Pfc. Robert R. Denny has arrived safely in England, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denny, of Baxter. Pfc. Denny received his education at Baxter Seminary and was inducted into service April 7, 1943.

Lt. Finis E. Harris, Jr., has been spending his leave of ten days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris. For the past several months he has been stationed at Avon Park, FL. He is with the Army Air Corps.

News of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley's three sons, who formerly made their home with them at Buffalo Valley, is that Will McKinley has been commissioned a second lieutenant, at Camp Lee, VA, Sgt. Harry McKinley has been transferred from Camp Davis, NC, to the West Coast, and Joe McKinley, recently promoted to corporal, is at Camp Davis, NC, where he has been for several months.

Sgt. Joe Adams, who has been here for a ten day furlough visit with Mrs. Adams at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, left last week for St. Petersburg, FL, where he is stationed with the ground forces of the Army Air Corps. Before coming to Cookeville, he visited with his mother in Coeburn, VA. Mrs. Adams went to Knoxville, to meet Sgt. Adams.

John C. Darwin, seaman second class, USCOR, of Cookeville, has completed three months of physical conditioning and ground school work at the U. S. Navy Pre Flight School at Athens, Ga. He has been ordered to the Naval Air Station at Dallas, TX, to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Darwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin graduated from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, GA, and attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville for three years. He enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in March, 1942, and was transferred to Athens from the Naval Flight Preparatory School, Natchitoches, LA.

Lt. James Crowley, with the Ferrying Command, stationed in Nashville, has been spending his five day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowley. Lt. Crowley recently returned from his first sojourn on foreign soil.

Clifford Massa, Jr., son of Clifford Massa, U. S. Navy and Mrs. Massa of Eighth Street, who volunteered for naval duty the early part of the month, was inducted into service last week, and is now enroute to San Diego, CA, for his several weeks of basic training. In May he graduated from Central High School where he was a popular student, serving as football captain last year. He was a star player on the team for two years. The senior Mr. Massa, who has been stationed at Camp Peary and Norfolk, VA, is at present being transferred to an undetermined port. Mrs. Massa, who holds a position at the Cookeville Post Office, will continue to reside here during her husband and son's absence.

Cpl. Henry D. Grimes who has been stationed at Camp Rucker, AL, will be on maneuvers "Somewhere in Tennessee," in the very near future.

T/Sgt. Tom Sewell, and Mrs. Sewell of Perry, FL, are spending his furlough in Baxter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sewell.

Pvt. J. D. Harris, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harris, of Baxter, with the U. S. Army, is stationed at Camp Fannin, near Tyler, TX, where he will complete his basic training in September.

A card has been received by Mr. and Mrs. David Allison, of Baxter, Route 2, stating that their son, Pfc. Elkony Allison, a prisoner of war in a Japanese camp, somewhere in the Philippine Islands, is well and employed.

W. C. Davis, Jr., Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Miami Beach, FL, since his induction into service in the early spring, was recently transferred to Camp Lee, VA, where he is taking training in the Quartermaster Depot Supply Clerk School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, of First Street.

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Life in the Army isn't all drilling, marching, and KP. Cpl. Charles E. Gentry, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gentry, of Route 2, Cookeville, is using some of his time while off-duty to go back to school.

The local youth, now stationed at Unit Training Center, New Orleans Staging Area, New Orleans, LA, has enrolled with the United States Armed Forces Institute, an official War Department school, which provides high school, college, and vocational correspondence courses for men and women in the service.

T/5th Gr. J. Dolphus Jones of Cookeville, was awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon, at Headquarters, Panama Canal Department recently, it was announced by Army officials.

Jones, stationed with the armed force guarding the vital Panama Canal, entered the Army in January, 1942. Upon being decorated, he was congratulated on his efficiency and deportment during the performance of his daily duties.

The Good Conduct Ribbon supplements the medal authorized by executive order of President Franklin d. Roosevelt for award to those enlisted men of the Army of the United States who on or after August 27, 1940, served three years of active federal military service or who completed one year of continues service since the Untied States entered the war. They must also be recommended by their commanding officers for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

Jones arrived on the Isthmus in May, 1942. He is the brother of Willie Jones, of Cookeville.

Cpl. Alex J. Stanton, who volunteered for the armed forces November, 1940, is now stationed at Camp Cook, CA. Cpl. Stanton is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solon Stanton. Before entering the armed forces he made his home in the Martin's Creek community.

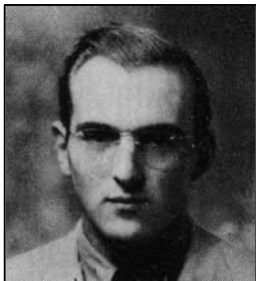
S/Sgt. Ralph Fuqua, son of W. M. Fuqua, and the late Mrs. Fuqua, is stationed at Bridgeport, CT. Before volunteering for service with the U. S. Marines in 1937, he attended Baxter Seminary, and made his home at Martin's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Collie Jared, of Baxter Star Route, have received word from their son, Beatrice, that he has arrived safely "Somewhere in North Africa". They also have two others sons in the service, Willard, "Somewhere in England", and Collie, Jr. stationed at Ft. Benning, GA.

H. S. Barnes, Warrant Officer, now stationed at Camp Forrest for a period of several weeks, was here to spend Sunday with his mother, Mrs. H. S. Barnes. He has been on desert maneuvers in Arizona throughout the summer.

James Sloan, son of Mrs. Jessie Sloan, who volunteered in the Army Air Corps, is now stationed at Miami Beach, FL, where he is undergoing intensive training.

Eugene Dietz has returned to the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, IL, after spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz.



Pvt. Edmund E. Zegarske, son of Mrs. Mary Zegarske, 117 Camp St., New Britain, CT, reported today at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., for reclassification in the Army Specialized Training Program. He received his basic training at Camp Pickett, VA. Prior to his admission to the Army, Pvt. Zegarske graduated from Baxter Seminary, and attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute from 1942 to 1943. While at Georgetown, he will be classified for higher studies in some university or college, under the auspices of the Army.

(Pictured Edmund E. Zegarske, Senior of the Class of 1942, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

The following is a portion of a letter recently received by the Herald from Clarence Stamps, who is stationed at Camp Pinedale, CA:

“Just a word to say hello to mother and dad and all the people of Putnam County. Quite some time has passed since last I saw you home folks. Sorry this is the first time I’ve written to you, we have been busy lately. I’m in Fresno, CA, the weather is fine here you get used to it, warm in the day and cool at night. As my thoughts roam back to home, a memory comes to my mind of Shady Grove church. How often prayers have been sent up to the Lord of all, from this littler church.”

The concluding part of the letter is a prayer, which is beautiful, but from lack of space cannot be printed.

A/S Howard Tinsley, stationed for a short time at the Nashville Classification Center, was here to spend Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. Y. Gibson and Mr. Gibson. He had as his guest, Quenton Smith, of Nashville. During their stay they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pendergrass and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Clark, at their home, on Dixie Avenue.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Carrol Lloyd Dabbs, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Dabbs, of Route 2, Cookeville. Now undergoing ‘boot’ training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy’s service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea. Upon completion of his recruit training, he will be granted a nine-day leave.

Sgt. Erwin Stout, son of Ira Stout, Baxter Star Route, is now stationed at Camp Forrest.

Cpl. W. B. Carlen, Jr., who has been stationed throughout the summer of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, was transferred last week to Camp Claiborne, LA. Mrs. Carlen, who has been with him since June, attended the summer session of the University. She has been in Nashville for a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Osment, but came to Cookeville on Tuesday for a visit with Cpl. Carlen’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carlen.

Ben A. Hensley, Jr., who has been on maneuvers in Louisiana, is spending his five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Hensley, of near Cookeville. At the completion of his visit he goes to Camp Pope, Shreveport, LA. His brother, Luke Hensley, is expected this week from Camp Edwards, MA, where he is stationed, for a furlough visit at home.

Thomas T. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry, who volunteered for naval air duty some months ago, has reported for duty in Atlanta, GA, leaving Cookeville Monday night. From Atlanta, he goes to the University of South Carolina, Columbia, for his basic training. In June he received his B. S. degree from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and prior to his induction into service was employed in Ann Arbor, MI.

In a recent news release from the European Theater of Operation, U. S. Army, S/Sgt. Compton H. Clark, son of Mrs. Nellie Clark, of Walnut St., has been selected to attend Identity of Enemy Personnel and Equipment Course, “somewhere on foreign soil.” He has been overseas many months.

A resident of Buffalo Valley, Cpl. Joe K. McKinley is attending the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, NC.

W. O. Hollis Hyder, of 154th Engineers, of Camp Cooke, CA, is in Santa Anita, CA, for an extended course in officer ordinance work.

First Lt. Jere W. Lowe, Medical Corps, of Cookeville, well trained for duty with troops in the field after six weeks of rigorous preparation, today was graduated from Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, PA. Following the exercises in Tugo Hall, he left for his new station where he will put into actual practice the military training, medical tactics, military sanitation, logistics, field medicine and surgery, and administration, which he learned thoroughly at this “West Point: of the Medical Department. He was among a class of 450 physicians, and sanitary engineers who prepared themselves at this Army school to convert their professional skills from peacetime to war conditions. Lt. Lowe, 25, attended Vanderbilt

University where he received his M. D. degree. He interned at the New York Hospital. Lt Lowe is now in Nashville and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jere Whitson, and other relatives. He will report for further duty in Aberdeen, TX, at the completion of his leave.

Ralburn Bryant, formerly stationed in Texas, is now in Louisiana, at Camp Pope, near Leesville. Mrs. Bryant, who was in Texas, with her husband, is spending some time in Cookeville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gentry, and with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant.

Lieut. Travis H. Ford, Army Air Corps, received his wings and commission on Monday, August 30, at the Williams Field, AZ. He is expected to arrive in Cookeville the latter part of the week to spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ford.

Pvt. Kenneth Moore left Wednesday for Camp Grant, IL, where he has been stationed since entering the service in the spring, after spending his furlough here with Mrs. Moore, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

Cpl. J. E. Grizzard, Jr., is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. J. E. Grizzard. He had been in service since November, 1942, and is stationed at Camp Gilbert, Gadsden, AL. He was privileged to be at home for his birthday when he observed his 22nd anniversary.

Major A. L. Campbell, of Ft. Bragg, NC, was here recently, coming particularly to be with Mrs. Campbell during the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Robinson Ray, whose death occurred last week.

Pvt. Cordell Huddleston, of the U. S. Marines, stationed in Quantico, VA, has been here to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston, and to visit with his brother, Cpl. Bennett Huddleston, who recently returned from overseas duty. Cpl. Huddleston has been spending a portion of his furlough in Georgia, with Mrs. Huddleston, who is on duty there with the WAVES.

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Cpl. Hubert Roberson, of Camp Gordon, GA, has returned to camp after spending his furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson, of Cookeville. His wife, who has been with him for some time, accompanied him home, and is now residing with her mother, Mrs. Samuel Thomas.

Sgt. Perry L. Phipps, of Cherry Point, NC, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Phipps.

Pvt. Bill Smith left for Camp Stewart, GA, Tuesday afternoon, after spending his seven days furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith.

T/Sgt. Walter Shipley, Jr., after a four years' absence from his home town, is here for a 30 day furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shipley. Serving as a bombardier he has been on active duty with Army Air Corps, in the South Atlantic for a long period of time. He arrived in Cookeville last week. He volunteered with the Air Corps more than two years prior to the United States' entrance into the war and took his basic training at Maxwell Field, AL. His twin brother, S. L. Shipley, is with the Naval Air Corps, at Pensacola, FL, and his older brother, Harold Shipley, is in training at Keesler Field, MS. At the completion of his furlough, Sgt. Shipley goes to New Orleans, LA, where he reports for further foreign service.

In a recent letter from Thomas J. Christian, stationed in California, is the statement as follows: Sgt. H. D. Christian and Pvt. T. J. Christian met on August 28, for the first time since induction into the U. S. Army, and wish to extend greetings to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Christian, of Buffalo Valley.

The Herald acknowledges the receipt of an excellent letter from Pvt. Robert Gaskill Warren, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, and appreciates same very much, but for lack of space is unable to print the letter in its entirety, but if possible will use some of the helpful suggestions contained therein at a later date.

Lt. Russell Anderson, who is stationed with the Army Air Corps at Mitchell Field, NY, has been spending his recent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Anderson, in Gainesboro, and came to Cookeville for a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, and other relatives and friends.

Bernice E. Stanton, son of Mrs. Maggie Stanton, of Smithville Road, Cookeville, has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in the school of the Army Air Forces in Technical Training Command, Amarillo, TX.

1st Staff Sgt. Hubert Bush, son of Mrs. Frank Bush, Peachtree Street, has been transferred from Shreveport, La, to Gainesville, FL. He is with the Signal Corps, Army Air Force, and was recently promoted from Staff Sergeant to his present position. The junior Mrs. Bush, who is residing in Somerset, KY, expects to join her husband in Gainesville around September 15.

Lt. Col. Bedford Morgan, a former resident of Cookeville, has been here for a visit with relatives and friends. Prior to the United States entrance into the war he was with the Reserve Officers Corps, and was called into service some months ago. At present, he is stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, SC. He served as County agent of Smith County for several years, and at the time of reporting for military duty, was connected with the Extension Service, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Sgt. Lawrence Roberts is now stationed at Ft. Meade, MD. Before going to Maryland, he was stationed at Camp Wheeler, GA. Sgt. Roberts was inducted into service in June, 1941.

Cpl. Benjamin A. Fox, Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, CA, son of Mrs. Ada Fox, of Whitson Street, is now taking an eight weeks course in military administration ordinance. Chosen for this special course was one soldier from each camp on the West Coast and Cpl. Fox has the distinction of being selected from his camp.

Clyde Vaughn, U. S. Navy, formerly stationed at Camp Peary, VA, and New River, NC, is now stationed in Los Angeles, CA.

A/C Charles Holladay spent from Sunday through Thursday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay. He has been in training in Grand Rapids, MI, and was enroute to Chanute Field, IL.

Pfc. Raymond H. Warren, U. S. Marines, who has recently finished his basic training in San Diego, CA, has been spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Vergie Warren.

Ottis Phillips, U. S. Navy, who took his basic training at Bainbridge, MD, is now stationed at Ledo Beach, Long Island, NY, and was recently promoted to the position of Petty Officer. Mrs. Phillips spent a month with her husband in New York, and Edgar Philips has just returned from a visit with his son.

Cpl. John Moore, of Ft. Benning, GA, is spending his two weeks furlough with Mrs. Moore at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. He will return to camp the early part of next week.

Mrs. Mary McBroom, of Madison, formerly of Bloomington Springs has received word that her son, Pvt. Fred McBroom had arrived safely in the Hawaiian Island. She also has two other sons in service, Pvt. Ernest L. McBroom, stationed in Ft. Lewis, WA, and Thurman McBroom, of Detroit, who was inducted into the Seabees, U. S. Navy, August 9, and will be stationed at Williamsburg, VA.

Fred Fitzpatrick, who entered the service during the early summer, is stationed at Camp Hann, CA, with an Anti-Aircraft Division. Mrs. Fitzpatrick, the former Miss Hazel Terry, and son are remaining here at their home, on Church Street.

First Sgt., Ira Winningham, who has been in service for more than two years, has recently been transferred from Camp Forrest to Camp Phillips, KS. Sgt. Winningham is with the 80th Division Ordnance Company, and before coming to Camp Forrest, was stationed in Maryland and South Carolina. He is the son of Mrs. H. L. Winningham, and his wife is the former Erma Nell Freeman, of Cookeville. Mrs. Winningham, Sr., has another son in service, Kaspner Winningham, who was inducted into service in the spring of 1943, and who is in training at present in Denver, CO, with the Medical Corps. In civilian life, he was an employee of the Jere Whitson Hardware Co. His wife, who before her marriage, was Miss Ann Maxwell, is residing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell.

Algood Vaden is here from Walnut Ridge, AR, where he is stationed, for a 15 day furlough visit with his mother Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, and his sister, Miss Polly Vaden.

Pfc. Cecil R. Presley, who was inducted into service and stationed at Camp Edwards, MA, with an Anti-Aircraft training unit, will spend his furlough with his father, Denton Presley, of Baxter.

A/C Jack Moore is now taking his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, AL.

Pfc. Bruce Ensor Bean, 19, son of Mrs. Essie Ray, 508 Third Street, of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Lowry Field, CO, and his wife, are here for a furlough visit with his mother and other relatives.



(Pictured: Bruce Bean, Senior of the Class of 1942 of Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "A Mirth-quake of laughter", Y.M.C.A. 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Ridgefield High).

He was inducted into service March 25, 1942, at Ft. Custer, MI, took his basic training at St. Petersburg, FL, Buckley Field, and Lowry Field. Prior to entering the service, he was employed in Detroit, with the Aircraft Metal Assembly, of General Motors Company. He attended school at the Cookeville City School, Jere Whitson, Center Grove and Baxter Seminary, graduating in 1942. He was a star basketball player and a member of the National Honor Society. Mrs. Bean makes her home at 1364 Corona Street, Denver, CO.

"Tyndall Target" is a publication of Tyndall Field, FL, and the cover of a recent edition carries the picture of a sailor, a WAC and a soldier. The soldier chosen as the typical American soldier of this camp is Cpl. John Allison, Aerial Photographer of the Army Air Corps, who is stationed at Tyndall Field. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Allison of this city and his honors received while in the service of his county is noted with much pleasure and pride by the citizens of his own county and town, Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee.

Cpl. Ralph K. Hutcheson, who has been stationed for the last three months at the Municipal Airport at Memphis, was transferred recently to Seymour Johnson Field, NC, and at the present time is on maneuvers in that state. Cpl. Hutcheson, who volunteered for duty with the U. S. Army Air Corps, eleven months ago.

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Putnam Boy Dies in Japanese Prison Camp:

In April, Mr. and Mrs. David Allison of Baxter, Route 2, received a message from the War Department advising that their son, Pfc. Elrony Allison, was reported a prisoner of war of the Japanese government, in the Philippine Islands, where he had been since 1941.

Two weeks ago they received a card from their son sent from a concentration camp in the Philippines, stating that he was well and employed.

Again on Saturday of last week they were notified by the War Department that their son had died in a Japanese prison, further details of his death were not given.

Young Allison, who attended the Cookeville schools and Baxter Seminary, had been in the regular army since 1939.

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John Dyer, of Bloomington Springs community, is in the U. S. Navy. In a recent letter to his family, the first in several weeks, he states he is all right.

Cpl. Wesley E. Goolsby, stationed at Camp Pickett, VA, was home recently for a furlough visit. During his visit he had as his guest, Miss Ethel Mae Edmonds, of Detroit.

In a letter from Pvt. Albert G. Fields, at Camp Stewart, GA, he says he enjoys the Armed Force column in the Herald and thinks it is fine, as it gives the soldiers an idea where many of their friends are located. He also says he has completed his basic training in the coast artillery. (Antiaircraft) and is now attending an electrical school, preparatory to a course in radio mechanics. An original poem is attached to the letter, but lack of space does not permit its publication.

Pfc. Jim Hunter was at Bloomington Springs, this wee-end to be with Mrs. Hunter and his father, Seth Hunter. He is on maneuvers in the Tennessee area.

Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., who was here recently to spend his three day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, has been ill for more than a week at the army hospital in Richmond, VA.

Stationed at Camp McQuaide, CA, are five Putnam County boys who are in the second highest branch of the service, the Coast Artillery, and who will undergo 13 weeks of training and from there they will probably be sent to a gun commanders school in Illinois. They are: Billy Mahan, Baxter, Thurman H. Johnson, Baxter, Arnold Brown of Buffalo Valley, Eugene Bradley and J. D. McCormick, of Cookeville.

Lawrence G. Grimes, U. S. Navy, was here last week for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grimes. He is stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes have two other sons in the service, Pfc. James D. Grimes, U. S. Army, recently returned from an eight weeks course at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Baltimore, MD, and Cpl. Henry D. Grimes U. S. Army, who was injured on duty about two weeks ago, and has been in the hospital at Camp Forrest. Both are in the 3529th Ordnance Company, and were formerly stationed in California and Alabama. They are now on maneuvers "Somewhere in Tennessee."

Pvt. Edwin E. Sanders, son of Mrs. Audry Sanders, is "Somewhere in Australia." He entered the service in August, 1940, and has not been home since his induction. He has spent much of his time on foreign soil, being stationed three years in Hawaii prior to being sent to Australia.

John Skimmyhorn came to his home in Bloomington Springs, on a week-end pass to be with his brother, Hugh Skimmyhorn, who leaves soon for induction into the army.

The Methodist congregation of the Shipley community are in receipt of a V-Mail letter from Lt. Jarvis Lloyd Knight, who is "Somewhere in the Pacific." The contents of the letter are as follows: "Mind if I come to life and enter the doors that are always open to a stranger. Well anyway for a moment I'll come along. How goes it around the community? Would you like to see me? I might walk in some day, who knows. Well folks I would love to be with you and I feel you are with me and all of us that are in the forces. I have heard from Herman. He is well, so am I. We both wouldn't mind seeing the hill of our homeland again. We have a chaplain with us who is doing a marvelous work. I go to church every Sunday and read at least a chapter in the Bible most every day, it helps one in this area very much. Letters from the homefolks also help a lot. Love to all, Lloyd."

Pvt. C. D. Brown, son of Evans Brown, and a grandson of Will Brown, of this county, is "Somewhere in the South West Pacific." A letter received from him last week by his parents, is the third they have gotten from him in the year and seven months he has been overseas.

A/S Charles B. Brown with the Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Miami Beach, FL, has been transferred to Raleigh, NC, where he is in training with the 59th College Training Detachment, North Carolina State College. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, of Hickory Street.

Cpl. Joe McKinley, of Camp Davis, NC, will come this week to Buffalo Valley to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley.

Robert Apple, of Litchfield, IL, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Apple, of this City, has received an honorable discharge from the army and has resumed his position with the Buster Brown Shoe Co. Mr. Apple, Sr., has three nephews in the service, one of them being overseas.

Herman G. Hensley, Ph M 2/c, U. S. Navy, writes Mrs. Hensley, "I am well, don't worry about me. I like ship life, have been ashore twice and collected some souvenirs which I will send home sometime soon." He enlisted in the Navy, February, 1942. He was in Maryland, taking training in X-ray when he was ordered to the West Coast and assigned to a ship.

A news release from Headquarters Office of the Public Relations Officer, Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Williams Field, Chandler, AZ, has the following to say, regarding a Cookeville boy:

"You will be very glad to know that another man from your vicinity has won his wings. Travis Henry Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ford, of Cookeville, has successfully completed the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School training at Williams Field, Chandler, AZ. The pilot has been commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Lieut. Ford is a former student of Central High School.

Mrs. Mildred Louise White, of Cookeville, a member of the WAVES, reported at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Great Lakes, IL, recently after completing a course of indoctrination at Hunter College, Bronx, NY. Mrs. White's husband, Sgt. Gaskell Gordon White, is serving in the U. S. Army. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Grooms, of Cookeville.

Mrs. White is a graduate of the Cookeville Central High School. Prior to her enlistment in the Navy she was a sales clerk at Camp Chaffee, AR.

Pfc. Cecil E. Montgomery, who is stationed at Gulfport Field, MS, and Mrs. Montgomery recently visited relatives in Cookeville.

S/Sgt. Jack Skimmyhorn, who has been on maneuvers in California, is now stationed at Camp Forrest. He expects to get a furlough around September 20, and joining him here is his wife, from Akron, OH, who will visit her sister, Mrs. A. J. Gilliam.

Bob Barnes, youngest son of the late J. C. Barnes, who has been with the U. S. Navy on sea duty near the Aleutian Islands for many months, has been ill for some time at the naval base hospital at Dutch Harbor. Recently he was brought by plane to the United States, where he is improving at a hospital in Washington State. Mrs. J. C. Barnes hears from him often and learns that his condition is much better.

The First Presbyterian church of Charlotte, NC, issues an interesting publication each month which contains a column relative to men in the service. Sgt. Walter T. Qualls, a member of this congregation, formerly of Cookeville, is now "somewhere in India." In a current edition of the church paper the following was said concerning Sgt. Qualls, whose mother is Mrs. Lula Qualls, of this city:

"Sgt. Walter T. Qualls joined the First Church in 1941 while stationed at Morris Field. An interesting letter received last week tells us something of his activities since leaving Charlotte. He attended two radio

schools in Georgia, studying Radio Operation, Radio Theory, and Mechanics. He was then sent to Tampa, FL, for a few months before leaving the good ol' U. S. A. According to his letter he has seen and gone through plenty. We, too, wish he could tell us more. It is difficult to realize, as he says, that their only contact with civilization there in India is by mail. Sgt. Qualls, your greetings to Dr. Alexander, Judge Currie, Mrs. Philo Caldwell, Bob Glasgow and Sgt. Knebel were genuinely appreciated."

Cpl. Ralph E. Mahler, of the Army Air Corps, who is stationed at Boca Raton, FL, came home last week to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler. Since entering the service in January, he has received training at Miami, FL, Sioux Falls, SD, and is now in a Radar School at Boca Raton Field.

Mrs. Willie Hensley received a letter from Pfc. Joel C. Hensley this week. He writes: "I am well, eating, sleeping and working. I will be glad when the boys can come home, but we want to stay and do a good 'job' of this thing." He enlisted in February, 1942, and arrived in Africa on Christmas Day, 1943. He is with the Hospital Corps. He was in hospital thirty-five days, but did not say why.

A/S Edward Cameron, who has been stationed at Keesler Field, MS, is now recovering from an illness of some two weeks at the army hospital in Atlanta, GA. Spending the past week-end with him in Atlanta were his mother, Mrs. O. E. Cameron, and Miss Clair Bruner.

Pfc. U. L. Hensley, son of Mrs. Frances Hensley, Chestnut Street, is with the Ordnance Department, and is on the West Coast. He enlisted in December, 1942.

Cecil Hensley, son of Frank Hensley, of Detroit, spent some time with his wife in Los Angeles, recently. He is gunner on a destroyer.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Capt. Gid H. Lowe, who is stationed at Camp Butner, Durham, NC, has been spending several days with relatives here and with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Lowe, of Buffalo Valley. He returned to Camp Butner on Saturday. Coming to Cookeville with Captain Lowe were his wife and son and his sister-in-law, Miss Billy Mott, who has been in Durham since early summer. Mrs. Lowe and son, Gid H. Lowe III, will be at their home on Washington Avenue, for the winter season.

Lieut. Robert Walker, U. S. Navy, of Roanoke, VA, is spending his leave of three days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Walker, on the Monterey Road. Lieut Walker, formerly stationed in Nashville, is now located in Roanoke and is the officer in charge of the Navy Section of the Armed Forces Induction Center.

Jack Harris, son of Mrs. Thurman Loftis, of Cookeville, formerly of Algood, received his commission as a second Lieutenant on August 30, when he was awarded this silver wings as a pilot from Yuma Advanced Flying School, Yuma, AZ. Lt. Harris is a graduate of Algood High School, and served with the 181st Field Artillery prior to entering the Air Force in 1942. After spending a few days of last week with his parents, in Cookeville, Lt. Harris reported for duty as Bombardier Pilot at Kirkland Field, Albuquerque, NM.

Lt. Col. Milton L. Acuff, F. A. Bn., Camp Beale, CA, sends the following interesting letter to the Herald. It should be an incentive to other Putnam Countians and aid greatly in reaching the county's quota.

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Gentlemen:

My wife and I have decided that we can purchase two additional bonds this month and, since our home is there, we wish to have them credited to Putnam County's quota. I am enclosing an application and check

for \$150.00 made to you. I will appreciate the favor if you will purchase these bonds for me. The Herald is a great help to those of us who cannot visit home, and the feature "With Our Armed Forces," is of especial interest.

Yours truly, Milton L. Acuff.

Billy Buck, U. S. Navy, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck. This is his first visit home in almost three years, during which time he has seen much active service. He has been in the South Pacific war zone approximately 21 months.

John Mott came from Fort Oglethorpe, GA, where he is stationed, for a recent visit with Mrs. Mott and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard received a V-Mail letter this week from their son Cpl. Ray W. Maynard, who is "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific." He stated in the letter that he was quite all right. This was the first news from him in three months. They also had a letter from another son, Clay W. Maynard, Seaman, first class, who says he is well and all right.

Sgt. William G. Crawford, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crawford, of Lebanon, writes that his organization has arrived at their new station, at Fresno, CA.

The Herald thanks Pvt. Mackie Flatt, for his recent letter. He is stationed at Ft. Riley, KS.

Charles Holladay's new address is 35th T.S.S., Chanute Field, IL, he was until recently stationed in Grand Rapids, MI.

A/C Billy Pedigo, Army Air Corps, was here from Boca Raton, FL, for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pedigo.

Pfc. John E. Clouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clouse, is in Memphis, with the U. S. Medical Corps, University of Tennessee School of Medicine. He completed his academic course at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, last spring.

Ray M. Langford, here for a furlough visit with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Langford, is stationed at Burbank, CA.

A/C Edward F. Neal, formerly of Cookeville, began his pilot training with a new class at the 62nd Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment at Jackson, MS. Reporting from Maxwell Field, AL, where he underwent two months of arduous toughening-up exercises and study at the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School (Pilot), Aviation Cadet Neal sat at the controls of an Army ship today for the first time, embarking on the second phase of a training program that will make him a member of the world's best-trained air force.

The 62nd Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment is a civil contract primary school located just outside of Jackson in the heart of Mississippi. Civilian flight instructors, many of them "barnstormers" in the youth of aviation and all of them veterans of many hours in the air, are doing the actual instruction under the supervision of Army flying officers.

Aviation Cadet Edward F. Neal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Neal, of Cookeville, and Millburn, NJ.

Joe Mabry, U. S. Army, is now a hospital attendant 2/c, stationed with the medical corps at St. Albans, L. I., NY. He was formerly stationed at Bainbridge, MD.

Wilson Jared, of Camp Shelby, MS, and Staff Sgt. Gordon Huddleston, of Camp Carson, CO, visited their relatives at Gentry, recently. Mrs. Jared who came to Gentry with her husband, is remaining in Tennessee for a longer visit, spending a part of the time with her relatives in Rockwood.

Aviation Student Warren G. Lee has been transferred to the Army Air Forces Thirtieth College Training Detachment (Aircrew), Xavier University Cincinnati, OH, from Miami Beach, FL, where he will take a five months preparatory pre-flight course of military and academic training.

The academic instruction at Xavier University under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, Randolph Field, TX, consists of college-level courses in physics, mathematics, English, history and geography. The Aviation Students sprout their wings through ten hours of dual flight instruction at the Cincinnati Airport and at Lunken Field. They also receive requisite training in navigation, meteorology, Civil Air regulations and military indoctrination.

Upon completion of the course, he will be classified as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier, and after training as an Aviation Cadet, will be awarded the silver wings of the United States Army Air Corps.

Aviation Student Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra A. Lee, and the husband of Mrs. Louise C. Lee, Baxter. He was called to active duty in the Army Air Forces on July 19, 1943.

Among the hundreds of young men in training at Duke University here as the U. S. Marine officers of the future under the V-12 college training program are Privates Charles K. Billings, 21, son of C. L. Billings, of Route 1; and Joe Conry, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conry, Sr., of 1215 Dixie Avenue, both of Cookeville.

Private Billings attended Tennessee Tech, where he took part in football, basketball, baseball, track, intramural sports, and was a member of the T-Club, class president, secretary of the student body, and a member of the State Guard. Conry also attended Tech, where he was a member of the band, glee club, and Agriculture Club.

Wearing Marine uniforms, the college Marines live in barracks, eat in mess halls, receive the \$50 a month pay of a private, and are under the command of a Marine officer. They take regular college courses with emphasis on the sciences which will help them in war. A hard-driving physical conditioning course is a part of the curriculum.

Cpl. Clure Coffelt, is now stationed at the Army Air Base, Westover Field, MA. Mrs. Coffelt, who has been in Massachusetts since July, is employed as a secretary with the Traveler's Aid in Holyoke, where she is residing while her husband is stationed near there.

Robert and James Copeland have returned to their respective military posts, Norfolk Naval Yards, Portsmouth, VA, and Ft. Dix, NJ, after furlough visits here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, on King Street.

Pvt. Albert G. Fields has returned to Camp Stewart, GA, after spending his three-day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fields, of Cookeville, Route 3.

Lt. Fowler L. Wright is now located at Ft. Dix, NJ. Mrs. Wright and daughter, Lurlene, have joined him there, where they will reside.

Cpl. Rymon Robbins spent two days of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Robbins, while transferring from Pocatello, ID, to Miami Beach, FL, where he is entering Officers' Candidate School.

Pvt. Amon E. Gentry, is here to spend his fourteen day furlough. He is stationed at Camp Livingston, LA, and is with the Medical Corps. He has been in the service since April, 1943.

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Putnam Men To Be Inducted At An Early Date:

The following is a list of Putnam men to be inducted into the armed services at an early date. The list follows:

Kenneth Mitchell Austin, Berlin Ezell McBroom, Freeman Travis Phillips, Doyle Ardell Jackson, Earl Louis Allen, Wayne Monroe Cravens, Charlie McCoy West, Finis Aaron Bryant, Fred Wallace, Calvin C. Frey, John Denny Holladay, Merda Cecil Chaffin, Cecil Wilson Marlow, Jesse Harold Bradley, Billie Thomas Gentry, Ernest Frank Boatman, James Cecil Robinson, Frank Martin Morgan, Henry Clay Dyer, Dow Waller, Jr., Carmon Earl Price, Houston Paul Maddux, Morris Jarvis, Willard D. Rippetoe, Kenneth Keith Huddleston.

Roberth Coulson, Jr., William Orby Dildine, Louis Leftwich Carr, Leonard Cooper Herren, Dillard Bethel Rice, Joseph Doyle Jaquess, General Jackson, Lewis, Jr., Frank Bartlett, Willis Dow Smith, John Douglas Bray, David Kenneth Sullens, Lee Herman Stewart, Dawson Clyde Phy, Herman Ray Long, Robert Floyd Maddux, James Earl Parkerson, Hugh Merrill Billingsley, Odell Whitley Sliger, Sammie Lee Dennis.

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Pvt. Freeman Harris, who is serving with the 512th Military Police Bn., at Camp Shelby, MS, has completed his basic training, and was home recently for a furlough visit with his wife and daughter, Peggy Sue, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris, Cookeville, Route 5. He is now on maneuvers in Louisiana and Texas.

Lt. Willis Carter, Jr., spent the weekend with Mrs. Carter and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter. He is an umpire with the 2nd Army, and is on maneuvers "Somewhere in Tennessee." He was formerly with the 181st F. A. He is an expert with a pistol and rifle and for his efficiency has won medals. He is authorized to wear both the national defense and good conduct ribbons for three years of good behavior while on military duty.

Pfc. Horace Chaffin, who has been on military duty in the Panama Canal Zone for a period of three years, but who is now stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Chaffin, of near Cookeville.

Cpl. Alvin W. Boyd came last week from Camp Shelby, MS, for a few days furlough visit with his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd.

Pfc. Troy Blaylock, stationed in California, spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blaylock, near Monterey.

John Allison Bullington, Lieutenant Army Air Corps, came last week from Salina, KS, to spend his leave of ten days with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington. September 28, he reported for further military duty at Pratt, KS.

A/S Wesley Flatt, Jr., stationed at the Nashville Classification Center, was at home for a brief stay last week-end, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Flatt.

Pfc. Ernest Terry, Jr., stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, is here to spend until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry, on First Street. He has been in the service since April of this year.

Pvt. W. C. O'Neal will leave Saturday for Camp Chaffee, AR, where he is stationed, after a furlough visit here with Mrs. O'Neal and daughters at their home on Freeze Street.

A/S Howard Tinsley came from the Classification Center in Nashville, on Saturday for a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, and other friends. Quenton Smith, of Nashville, was his guest during his stay here.

Pvt. John R. Mott, formerly stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, was recently transferred to Camp McClellan, AL. Mrs. Mott and daughter, are in Oxford, MS, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor.

James Harvey Medlin, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Medlin have named their son, born August 15, James Harvey Medlin, Jr. Coxswain Medlin, who has been on overseas duty for many months, has been spending his 20-day leave with Mrs. Medlin and son, in San Francisco, CA. Mrs. Lillie Medlin and daughter, Miss Louise Medlin, have just returned from a visit in San Francisco and Oakland, CA, where they visited their son and brother, and his family.

Bernard Price McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith McDonald, of Monterey, was among more than 1100 midshipmen graduated September 22, from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, with a commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Speakers at the graduation exercises were Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, U.S.N., Chief of the Bureau of naval Personnel, Washington, D. C., and Captain H. P. Burnett, U.S.N., commanding officer of the Midshipmen's School. Ensign McDonald is spending a short leave at his home.

In recent letters received by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins from their son, Major Harry Jenkins, who is with the medical corps, "Somewhere in Africa," he states he is getting along splendidly. The junior Mrs. Jenkins and daughter, Carol, are in Knoxville, during his absence with her mother, Mrs. Dale May__.

Pvt. Jack Bratton, who has been stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN, for several months, is now located with the Post Finance Division, Fort Meade, MD. Mrs. Bratton, formerly Miss Felice Burch, of Algood, is now residing in Baltimore, MD, to be near her husband while he is stationed there.

Pfc. Robert Watson, with the Medical Corps, U. S. Army, Northwestern University, Evansville, IL, was here last week for a furlough visit with his grandmother, Mrs. G. W. Alcorn, and other relatives. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watson, of Williams, AZ. Mrs. Watson is remembered here as Miss Mamie Alcorn.

Major Sam R. Epperson arrived in the United States last week from a stay of many months in the North African War Zone. His return to the States is due to an illness of several weeks. Prior to his sailing for home he was hospitalized and his condition necessitated his being sent to the States for further medical treatment. Upon his arrival he was sent to the Army hospital, Staten Island, New York, and later transferred to Jackson, MS, where he will receive medical treatment at a large government hospital there. Major Epperson, in France during the first World War, reentered the service some two-years ago, and before sailing for foreign duty in January, 1943, he was stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN, and Ft. Hayes, Columbus, OH. Mrs. Epperson who has spent the summer with relatives in Canada and Cincinnati, OH, came to Cookeville last Saturday for a brief visit with Major Epperson's sister, Mrs. W. A. Howard and Dr. Howard. She left Tuesday for Jackson, where she will be indefinitely.

Ray Boman, a former Cookevillian, who was making his home in Nashville at the time of his induction into the service, is with the U. S. Maritime Service, stationed for training in St. Petersburg, FL. Mrs. Boman, who before her marriage was Miss Willa C. Mott, continues to reside in Nashville.

Birch D. Wade, Lieutenant, U. S. Army, stationed with the Engineering Corps, Camp Hood, TX, was here last week spending his leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade. During his stay in Tennessee he visited his sister, Miss Becky Ann Wade, in Knoxville, and with friends in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Kenneth Boyd, cashier, Southern Continental Telephone Company office, received a letter recently from her husband, written September 8. At the time the letter was written he was in Sicily with the 7th American Army, and quite well.

Mrs. Belle Boyd is in receipt of a recent letter from her son, Dibrell Boyd, former member of the County Court, which was written September 2, from Sicily. He stated he was very well. He is with the 2nd American Division.

The following article comes from the Public Relations Office, AAF Bombardier School, Big Spring, TX. An excellent picture of Major Hendrix and his "Flying Saint" was attached to the write-up but lack of photographic facilities prevented the printing of the same.

Nicky, a St. Bernard, and the only canine aerial observer in the country, is just nuts about flying. He regularly accompanies his master, Major William M. Hendrix, on routine bombing missions, dons his headset and listens carefully over the plane's interphone to the conversation of crew members. Nicky, acquired as a puppy by Major Hendrix from Luther's Kennels in Missoula, MT, is now 15 months old and weighs 160 pounds.

Major Hendrix, son of Mrs. M. D. Hendrix, of Cookeville, is the Air Inspector at the Big Spring school. He graduated from the Branham & Hughes Military Academy in Spring Hill, TX, and has studied both at Duke University in Durham, NC, and Alabama Polytechnical Institute, at Auburn. He is a pilot with over 2,000 hours flying experience.

Pfc. William McCowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McCowan, Monterey, Route 2, entered the services January 1943. He had his basic training in Atlantic City, NJ, Drew Field, FL, and Seattle, WA. Pvt. McCowan, who is with the Signal Corps, has landed safely in Alaska. He says he likes it, and the food is grand.

The following article was taken from an Ada, OK, paper will be read with interest in Cookeville, as the soldiers referred to are nephews of Mrs. W. C. Davis, and formerly made their home in Hillham:

Two brothers, two corporals, Carl and Cluster Christian, finally found the other in North Africa. The security of seeing one's own brother after months in perilous campaigns was felt by both soldiers. They had tried for months to get together.

Cpl. Carl Christian of the Signal Corps, and Cpl. Cluster Christian, Medical Corps, were the lucky soldiers. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Christian.

James Sloan, stationed in Miami, FL, with the Army Air Corps, has been awarded a silver medal for superior rifle marksmanship, his score being 139 hits out of a possible 1500.

Mrs. Fate Burgess recently received a letter from her son, Sgt. Charlie H. Burgess, stating that he had arrived safely "Somewhere in Africa." In his letter, Sgt. Burgess said he was well and getting along fine. He has been in the service since March, 1941. He is a graduate of Central High School, and attended Tennessee Tech. He received his basic training at Camp Grant, IL, Camp Forrest, Fort Sam Houston, TX, and at a general hospital near Hot Springs, AR. He is serving with the Medical Corps, composed of the Vanderbilt group.

Mrs. Burgess also has another son, Pfc. Shelia T. Burgess, who has been in service since April, 1943. He has had training at Camp Walters, TX, Camp Blanding, FL, and Charleston, SC. He is at present located near Atlanta, GA.

Sgt. Jasper Bailey, Jr., will arrive Saturday to spend his 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey and sister, Barbara Bailey. He comes from Sioux Falls, SD, where he has been stationed since April, and his parents and sister will go to Nashville to meet him. Sgt. Bailey, U. S. Air Corps, entered the service in January, and took his basic training at Las Vegas, NV, remaining there until April. He was a student at Tennessee Tech at the time of his induction.

Lieut. (j.g) Barney B. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, of Monterey, has been promoted to that grade from Chief Yeoman, it was announced Thursday at the Nashville Navy Recruiting Station, where

Lt. Phillips has been on duty for the past two years. Lt. Phillips lives in Nashville with his wife and young daughter at 1403 Sharpe Avenue.

Two brothers also are in the naval service. One, Elbert B. Phillips, was promoted to warrant officer while on duty recently at the Nashville Recruiting Station, and is now on duty in the Pacific. The other, Arthur, received an appointment as ensign, and is now undergoing training at the Navy Armed Guard School, in Gulfport, MS.

Lieut. Phillips enlisted in the Navy in 1919 while attending Draughton's Business College, was trained at Great Lakes and went to New York, where he assisted in commissioning the U.S.S. Pueblo.

His first sea duty was with the flag of Admiral McDonald on the U.S.S. Arizona on the Presidential Commission to Lima, Peru, in 1921. Subsequently he service on the U.S.S. Arkansas and Wyoming, flagships of the Commander, Scouting Fleet, until 1925, and during this period made Midshipman cruises to England, France, Holland, Spain, Gibraltar, the Azores, all East and West Coast ports, and Hawaii.

From 1925 to 1927 he was on recruiting duty in Nashville, going in 1927 to the U.S.S. Billingsley, a destroyer, and in 1928 back to the Wyoming. While in the Wyoming he assisted in picking up the survivors from the Vestus (1928 or '29).

Next he did recruiting duty in Buffalo, NY, from 1931 to 1933, then joined the U.S.S. Salt Lake City, a heavy cruiser. From Salt Lake City he went to another heavy cruiser, the now famous U.S.S. San Francisco.

His last ship was the U.S.S. Vestal, a repair ship, where he served from 1935 to 1939, when he was transferred to the Fleet Naval Reserve. In 1940 Lt. Phillips volunteered for recruiting duty, ending his retirement almost as soon as it had begun.

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Central Flying Training Command schools, a part of the nation spanning Army Air Forces Training Command, bestowing flying status on their graduates.

Included among the graduates is a man from the Putnam County area, who is Ashley Smith, of Silver Point, receiving his wings at Altus, OK.

Pvt. Grover King, U. S. Army Field Artillery, who has been stationed for the past several months at Fort Bragg, NC, spent several days of last week at his home here before reporting for further military duty at Fort George Meade, MD.

Cpl. Billy Proffitt, Medical Detachment, U. S. Army, who has been stationed at Camp Butner, NC, since his induction into the service in April of this year, is here for his first furlough visit, spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt, on Spring Street.

Clarence Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee, of Whitson Street, who was here recently for a furlough visit, returned to his post at Richmond, VA. Since that time he has been sent to a training school in New London, CT, and is with the U. S. Navy Submarine Division.

Butler Bush, stationed at College Park, MD, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bush, at their home near Baxter.

Pvt. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore announce the birth of a son, who has been named Kenneth Algood Moore, Jr. The baby, born Sunday, October 3, and his mother, are at the City hospital. Pvt. Moore, stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, since early summer, is here for a 12-day visit with Mrs. Moore and son.

Pfc. Howard Walker, of the Woodrow Wilson Hospital, Staunton, VA, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Walker, of near Cookeville.

Pvt. Sidney McCoy Verble has now arrived at Kent, OH, Kent University for a course of Army Air Force instruction, lasting approximately five months, prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces. During this period, he will take numerous academic courses as well as elementary flying training and upon completion of the course he will be classified as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier, and go on to schools of the Flying Training Command for training in these specifications.

Sam M. Vaughn, Sr. of Laurel Street, Cookeville, has been promoted from Private First Class to Corporal in Camp Lee's Quartermaster Replacement Training Center. Cpl. Vaughn is assigned to Company F. of the 11th Quartermaster Training Regiment. He was formerly employed in a café, in Cookeville. Cpl. Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn, of Route 1, was inducted at Camp Forrest, on January 12, 1943, and arrived at Camp Lee, VA, on February 1. His wife, the former Miss Clio Vickers, prior to their marriage in 1941, is living in Cookeville. She will join him at Camp Lee in the near future. Assigned to the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center, he is one of thousands of soldiers trained in one or more than 70 different fields of technical specialization for service in streamlined Quartermaster Corps., which feeds, clothes, and equips the modern American Army.

Pfc. Charles Whitaker came from Camp Perry, OH last week for a furlough visit here with Mrs. Whitaker. Formerly connected with the National Youth Administration, Pfc. Whitaker entered the service in April.

Lt. Kenneth Haile, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, CA, and Mrs. Haile, of Nashville have named their infant son William Henry Haile, for his paternal grandfather, W. H. Haile, of this city. The baby was born September 22 in Nashville. Lt. Haile came by plane from San Diego to be with Mrs. Haile and son, and was joined in Nashville by his father, and Mrs. Haile, who visited with him and his wife and son for several days.

Major Thomas L. Passons' present address is Office of Civilian Defense, Atlanta, GA. He was formerly located in Nashville.

Howard Langford, who has been stationed at Hingham, MA, was recently transferred to Ft. Devons, MA.

Mrs. James Haile and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haile have had a message from James Haile, stating that he was safe and well "Somewhere in the South Pacific." With the anti-aircraft division he was stationed at Camp Davis, NC, prior to being sent to the west Coast. Before entering the service he was an employee of the McMurry Company.

Pvt. Billy Elrod, who entered the service during the summer, and was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, for two or three weeks, has been transferred to Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, GA, and is with the Medical Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Elrod, of the Hilham Road.

Dorwin Whitley received an honorable discharge from the War Department on September 18, for physical disability and is now at home. He and his wife are residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitley, on Fourth Street. In service for almost two years, he was with the Paratrooper Division, stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, at the time of his release. Doyle Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. Whitley's youngest son, is also at home following a period of training at Camp Hann, CA, where he had been for the past two months. He, too, received an honorable discharge for physical disability, but is subject to a recall at the end of six months.

Pfc. Jasper D. Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lowe, of Boma, has graduated from an intensive course in airplane mechanics and now is prepared to join the ranks of "coverall commandos" who keep American planes aloft. Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, TX is one of the largest schools of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, training specialist technicians for the ground crews which "Keep 'em Flying."

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Sgt. George Dewey McCulley, 384th Bombardier Group A.A.F., who was reported by the War Department as missing in action over Hamburg, Germany on July 25, has since that time been located in a German hospital, and a letter written by him to his father, J. H. McCulley, of Route 4, under date of July 28, is given below:

“Dear Dad: Hope this finds you all OK. As for myself, I am bunged up a little, otherwise OK. They are treating me all right. I am in the hospital at present, but don’t expect to be here long though. Don’t worry about me, as I will get along OK. Tell all my friends I said hello. Take care of yourself and I will write again when I can. Answer soon. Goodbye, George.”

Sgt. McCulley received the following commendation from his commanding officer under date of July 26:

“To Sgt. George McCulley, 44th Bombardment Squadron, 384th Bombardment Group (H) AAF.

“Although you failed to return from our last mission over Germany on July 25, 1943, I take great pleasure in being able to commend you for your meritorious achievement on that date. Your performance of duty on this important mission was superior. In spite of heavy fighter and flank opposition, you coolly accomplished your duties as Tail Gunner. By your skillful airmanship and courage you enabled our Group and Wing to deal a vital blow to the enemy. It is though such acts that we are able to continually press home our blows to the enemy and assures us of ultimate victory. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by you reflects great credit upon yourself, the 384th Bombardment Group (H), AAF the Army Air Force and the Armed Forces of the United States.

“Myself, as well as the whole 384th Bombardment Group (H), AAF, are proud of you for your gallant actions and we sincerely hope that you are safe and we shall be able to again fly with you wing to wing.

Buddy J. Peaslee, Colonel, Air Corps Commanding.”

The Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to First Sgt. Owen Keith Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Ball, of Cookeville.

Cpl. W. C. Moore’s new address is Ft. Lawton, located near Seattle, WA. He was recently transferred from Ft. Hamilton, NY.

Dr. H. H. Taylor, Lt. Col., U. S. Medical Corps, stationed at Woodrow Wilson hospital, Staunton, VA, was here Friday through Saturday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard.

Sgt. John Moore, who is stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, has recently been promoted from a corporal to that of sergeant. He is with the Army Air Corps.

Bob Titsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Titsworth, of near Cookeville, who has been stationed at Camp Fannin, TX, since entering the service during the summer, was transferred recently to Blacksburg, VA, where he will be in training for several months at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was a student of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute when inducted into the service. The junior Mrs. Titsworth, formerly Miss Elizabeth Dyer, has gone to Blacksburg, to reside while her husband is on assignment there.

Pvt. Thurman Johnson has come from Camp Crowder, MO, to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Johnson. Mrs. Johnson and baby, who have been in Missouri with him, are also here for a visit and they and Pvt. Johnson are dividing their time with her mother, Mrs. Effie Little, of near Monterey.

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Pvt. Bradley M. Brewington, who has just completed his basic training at Ft. George G. Meade, MD, and Ft. Ethan Allen, VT, spent his ten-day leave with his wife and son, Jimmy, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brewington. Pvt. Brewington has been in service since April 29, 1943, during which time he has studied engineering.

Pfc. Doyle L. Allen, of N. Walnut St., Cookeville, son of Mrs. Etta Allen, and a graduate of Central High School and attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. His civilian occupation was teaching and a machinist. He was inducted on New Year's Day of the current year at Camp Forrest. Upon his arrival at the Army Air Base, McCook, NB, on April 28, 1943, he assumed the responsibility of Administrative and Technical Clerk. The junior Mrs. Allen is a member of the Monterey high school faculty.

Clarence L. Stewart and James D. Sloan, both of Cookeville, have arrived at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, for a course of instruction lasting approximately five months, prior to appointment as Aviation Cadets in the Army Air Forces Training Command. During this period they will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of the course, they will be classified as navigator, pilot or bombardier and go on to schools of the Training Command for training in these specialties.

Cpl. Brownie Stout, following a 15-day furlough visit with his wife and his mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout, has returned to Camp Hood, TX.

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Sgt. Harry McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, of Buffalo Valley, who had his training at Camp Davis, NC, is with an Anti-Aircraft Division, "Somewhere in Australia". He was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant. James Haile, of Cookeville, is in the same battalion with him.

Word was been received here by Mrs. Clay Farris that her husband, Cpl. William C. Farris, has arrived safely "Somewhere in Australia", and is well.

Lieut. Col. John A. Mitchell, who has been stationed for the past few months in different eastern army camps, principally in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, is here for a five-day stay with Mrs. Mitchell and family, enroute to his new assignment at Patterson Field, OH.

According to a message recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fitzgerald of Celina, their son, James Fitzgerald, has been missing in action in the North African War Area since September 25. He is a nephew of A. J. Pedigo, of Cookeville, and attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute prior to his training in the Army Air Corps. He has been on active duty for five months, serving as a navigator on a Flying Fortress.

Capt. Riley F. Lynch, commanding officer of the 46th College Training Detachment, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, on Monday of this week was promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain. He has been at Tennessee Tech with the detachment since the first assignment came last April, and has been in command since September, when Capt. Frank Day was transferred to New York state.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Franklin have received a V-mail letter from their son, Pvt. Willie Reid Franklin, who is now "somewhere overseas." Pvt. Franklin, who has been in the army almost two years, was first stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, later being transferred to Camp Ord, CA. While there he was trained in amphibian warfare. He has been overseas since August.

Pvt. Hobert R. Allen, of Cookeville, Rt. 1, is stationed with the M.P. Bn., at Ft. Meade, MD, and in a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. A. A. Allen taken from a Baltimore paper, of the M.P.'s on review, and he is in the group.

Below the picture are the following comments: Well-trained, sharp stepping members of the AGF Deport Military Police Battalion swing past the reviewing point. The picture was taken this week while the

policemen went through their training paces here. These men have been carefully selected for their physical ability, intelligence and stature and are being welded into a smoothly functioning unite to cope with their jobs when the depot reaches full strength.

Lt. Col. Murray M. McGowan is the commanding officer.

A news release from Chanute Field, IL, states that Pfc. William W. Johnson, Seventh Street, Cookeville, has completed his training and has been graduated from this school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. While attending this school he received instruction in the weather Observer's course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Cpl. Ralph K. Hutcheson, who was recently transferred from Seymour Johnson Field, NC, to Greenville Army Air Base, Greenville, SC, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hutcheson, of 25 Elm Street. Cpl. Hutcheson enlisted in the Army Air Corps October 5, 1942, and has a splendid record in his years' service, having been awarded the following medals, namely; the Good Conduct, the Sharpshooter's and the Armorer's".

With the U. S. Marines since July, Pfc. Williard Griffin, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. Apple, has returned to the Marine Air Corps base, at San Diego, CA, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Griffin, in Louisville, KY.

Sgt. L. B. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West of Algood, entered the armed forces January 1, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Davis, NC, and is now serving in Australia. Before entering the service he was employed at Bohn Aluminum, in Detroit, MI.

A/C Arnold Smith is now at Basic Training Center in Miami, FL, and writes it is rather interesting to watch fish 18 to 24 inches jump in the water. The boys are living in nice hotels on the beach.

Pvt. Robert J. Mayberry, in AL, was called to his home here last week on account of the critical illness and subsequent death of his father, Davis Mayberry. Mr. Mayberry's death occurred Wednesday October 13.

The promotion of Lieut. Wilburn C. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson of 708 Seventh Street, Cookeville, to the rank of First Lieutenant was recently announced by the War Department.

Lieut. Johnson, a graduate of Central High School, class of '40, also attended Tennessee Tech. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal, MD, December 23, 1942. He was then assigned to the Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District, where he is now stationed. Lieut. Johnson now resides with his wife, the former Elisabeth Qualls, at 231 Park Drive, Boston, MA.

Capt. Hugh Childress, who spent many months of last winter in Canada, but since midsummer has been stationed at Camp Luna, Las Vegas, NM, where he was prior to going to Canada, has been spending a week at his home here. He left Wednesday for Las Vegas. Hugh Childress, Jr., who was here for a week-end visit with his parents, has returned to Camp McLain, MS, where he has been located for the past few months.

The promotion of 17 enlisted men of the 95th General Hospital, was announced today at Fort Jackson, SC. Promoted to technician fifth grade was James Ragland, Route 2, Cookeville.

T/Sgt. Arco Ford, stationed at March Field, CA, has just completed a special training assignment in Peoria, IL.

While in Peoria, Sgt. Ford studied the repair and maintenance of LeTourneau earthmoving equipment in a school conducted by R. G. LeTournean Inc., for the training of mechanics in the U. S. Engineers. The equipment covered is used by Aviation Engineers for construction work and emergency repairs at the front and in advanced bases. One hundred to 120 specially selected soldiers take this course each month.

Tillman Phillips, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, who was here recently for a week's stay at his home on S. Maple Street, recuperating from a knee injury, recovered, sufficiently to return to his post of duty at the Great Lakes Naval Training Base early last week.

Charles Dee Hunter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter, of Cookeville, who recently completed his training at an Electrician's Mate School, Bainbridge, MD, has returned to "Somewhere in Maryland" or further training after spending ten days at his home here.

Harold Tinsley, son of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, who has been stationed at Camp Crowder, MO, since entering the service in April, has recently been transferred to Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, TX, for a course of training at the Radio School, Army Air Corps. His twin brother, A/C Howard Tinsley, is at Maxwell Field, AL, for his pre-flight training having classified as co-pilot at the Nashville Classification Center.

A/C Wesley Flatt, Jr., is now stationed for his pre-flight pilot training at Maxwell Field, AL.

J. D. Harris, Jr., of Baxter entered the service four months ago and took his basic training at Camp Fannin, TX. At the completion of this course he was selected as one of the 20 to go to Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, for a full course of special training. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harris, of Baxter.

Pvt. Walter H. Judd, son of Mrs. Walter Judd and the late Mr. Judd, has been in the service since August 1943, and is now stationed at San Diego, CA.

The Herald is in receipt of the following letter from Alvis J. Johnson, U. S. Navy, who is "somewhere in the Pacific war area."

"As I enjoy your paper so very much and reading of my hometown news, I would like to tell you of my change in address so that I will not miss a copy (The address is inserted).

Sincerely yours, Alvis J. Johnson, Ph. Mc/c

Lieut. Lucille Thompson, of the Smyrna Air Base is here spending her leave with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, and other member of her family. She planes to visit with her sister, Mrs. Paul Haile, in Spring City and another sister, Miss Anna Ruth Thompson, who is teaching at Erwin.

John Martin Horner, U. S. Army Air Corps who has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, on Freeze Street, has returned to Albuquerque, NM, where he is stationed at Kirkland Field.

Don Wall, U. S. Navy, who recently completed his basic training at the Great Lakes Training School, Great Lakes, IL, has been spending a portion of his furlough in Louisville, KY, with Mrs. Wall, will arrive in Cookeville today to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, for several days. The junior Mrs. Wall will accompany him.

Lt. Frank H. Barnes has been here for a nine day visit with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes, and had as his guest Lt. Mark T. Russell. They are both stationed near Atlantic City, NJ. Lt. Russell spent a portion of his leave with friends in Memphis.

Cpl. W. B. Carlen, Jr., is here for a furlough visit to two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carlen. This is Cpl. Carlen's first visit home since entering the service in the early summer. He was first stationed at a Virginia Camp, later taking special training at the University of Kentucky, and since August, has been stationed at Camp Claiborne, LA. The junior Mrs. Carlen, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Osment in Nashville since her husband has been located in Louisiana, is also here for a visit of two weeks. They came to Cookeville on Monday.

Seaman 1/c Jimmy Broshear, U. S. Navy according to a recent letter received by his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes, is at a Pacific submarine base.

Pvt. William Harold "Sonny" Wilhite, now with the armed forces, stationed at Fort Riley, KS, who has been on a visit with his mother, Mrs. Valeria Wilhite, and sisters, Margaret and Pauline Wilhite, of Cookeville, Route 5. He left Tuesday for Fort Riley to resume his military duties.

Sgt. Willie Malone, stationed at Camp Young, Los Angeles, CA, writes an interesting letter to the Herald, stating that he considers it a great privilege to get his home paper, as he has made this community his home for 20 years.

Major Sam Epperson, who has been located for medical treatment at the U. S. Army hospital, Jackson, MS, since shortly after his return to the States, following an absence of several months in the African war area, is now in Cookeville with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Howard, and Dr. Howard, for further recuperation. Mrs. Epperson, who came from Cincinnati, OH, to join Major Epperson in Jackson, is in Cookeville also with Dr. and Mrs. Howard for an indefinite stay.

Pfc. William Cooper Loftis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Loftis, has been transferred from Camp Fannin, TX, to the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, where he is taking a special engineering course. At the time of his enlistment last April, Pfc. Loftis was a junior student at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He will be stationed at Newark for several months.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Lt. Patrick H. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris, is in the hospital at Camp Hood, TX, recovering from an appendix operation. Lt. Morris has been at Ft. Sill, OK, until recently, attending an Officer's Training School, and has been promoted from Second Lieutenant to the rank of First Lieutenant. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, James H. Morris, U. S. Navy, is "Somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands."

Billy Buck, Yeoman 1/c, has returned to San Diego, CA, where he will enter Stenographic School, after spending 31 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck. This was his first visit home in more than two years, having spent 21 months of the time on sea duty. He was in the area for eleven months, and saw much active service. His ship was cited for honors in seven major battles, besides a number of minor combats.

Lt. Alard C. Harding, U. S. Army, on maneuvers in Tennessee, and Mrs. Harding were here for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harding. Lt. and Mrs. Harding have leased an apartment in Nashville while he is in the Tennessee area.

Joe Mabry, H. A. 1/c, U. S. Navy, has returned to St. Albans, L. L., NY, after spending ten days here with Mrs. Mabry and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Mabry. The junior Mrs. Mabry is now located in New York City, to be near her husband while he is on duty at St. Albans.

Mrs. E. J. Stewart is in receipt of a letter from her son, Lt. Ralph Stewart, who is now with the U. S. Army in Australia. He says he is getting along fine, and it is a beautiful country and the weather is perfect. He makes a request for the Herald to be sent to him and refers to his brother, Jack, a former employee of The Putnam County Herald, who is also in the service and who plans to come to Tennessee for a visit soon. Lt. Stewart spent more than a year in Iceland, but was returned to the United States to attend Officers' training School.

Mrs. Clifford Massa has received a message from her husband, Clifford Massa, Specialist (PN) First Class, U. S. Navy, that he is now on foreign assignment. Volunteering for service, he reported for duty the early part of 1943 receiving training at Camp Peary, VA, and later being transferred to New Orleans, LA.

Cpl. Govy J. Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Whitaker, of Algood, with the U. S. Army Air Corps, is now stationed at Manchester, NH. He has been in the service since November of last years, and was formerly stationed at Lansing, MI.

Birch D. Wade, Lieut, U. S. Army with the Engineering Division, now stationed at Camp Hood, TX, was according to the War Department, promoted last week to the rank of First Lieutenant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade, of Cookeville, and some weeks ago, was at home on leave. He was formerly stationed in North Carolina and Louisiana.

Seaman A. J. Oakes, U. S. Navy has been spending his nine-day shore leave with his mother, Mrs. A. T. Matheny, and with relatives elsewhere in the county. He was in the service many months before the United States entered the war, and during this time was in practically all of the pacific areas, especially in the South Pacific. He has been on a transport, but his new assignment will be a carrier. This is his first visit home in three years. The early part of December, 1941, he had come into Pearl Harbor. The Japanese attacked and his leave was cancelled.

Cpl. James Long, following a 10-day furlough visit with his wife and mother, Mrs. J. H. McCulley, has returned to Camp Cooke, CA.

James Massa, Naval Engineers stationed at the University of Louisville for his basic training is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa. He was an engineer major at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, at the time of his enlistment, and reported for active duty the early part of this summer.

John B. Little, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Little, who is in training with the U. S. Naval Air Corps, as a technician, is now located in Memphis, following his basic training at Great Lakes, IL.

Pvt. Clarence Roberson, U. S. Army, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson, of near Cookeville, is now "Somewhere in the Pacific War Zone." Shortly after entering the service he was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and prior to sailing was in training at San Luis Obispo, CA. He is with the Ordnance Dept.

A letter has been received by Miss Opal Luke from her brother, Cpl. Roy Luke, stating that he had landed safely in Australia. He has been in the service since January, 1943.

Henry Thomas McCaleb, son of E. H. McCaleb, of Cookeville, Route 2, recently went into service with the Navy. He is stationed at Camp Scott, Farragut, ID, for his "boot" training. Before entering the service he was connected with a dairy company in Junction City, KS. His wife is residing in Council Grove, KS.

William C. Davis, Jr., with the Quartermaster Corps. Army Air Force, who has been stationed since August at Camp Lee, VA, arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Davis and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis. He entered the service last April as a reserve from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and received his primary training at Miami Beach, FL in September he was married to Miss Ruth Danner, of Cookeville. He will be at home for ten days, and at the close of his furlough, will report for a new assignment.

Robert Leftwich, U. S. Marines, who has been in actual combat zone for some fourteen months, has been spending his 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leftwich, in Nashville, and during his stay in Tennessee, came to Cookeville for a visit with his uncle, Ralph Wirt, and family. He saw service in the South Pacific, and has been cited for bravery having engaged in three major battles. His brother, Joe Elmer Leftwich, a former employee at the Herald Company here, is also in the service, having been stationed in Michigan, New York City, and is now in Pennsylvania. He is with the U. S. Army. Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich have another son, Ralph Leftwich, who is in training with the Army Air Corps, and is now at Santa Anna, CA, for classification, after having been stationed at Camp Wolters, TX and at Omaha, NB, in the C.T.D., at Creighton University.

Ephriam Thurman Jackson, Spring Street, enlisted in the U. S. Navy, at Cookeville, this week, and left for training. He is a 17-year-old volunteer, and the son of B. L. Jackson. He has been employed by the Herman Machine and Tool Co., as a lathe operator. He is a former student of Central High School.

Esq. and Mrs. W. V. Stamps, of Brotherton, Route 1, received a cable recently stating that their son, Pfc. Shirley Stamps, has landed safely "Somewhere in Australia." Pfc. Stamps prior to sailing, took his training at Camp Davis and Ft. Fisher, NC, and is with the Anti-Aircraft Division.

A/C Clarence Bartlett, of the Army Air Classification Center, Nashville, spent the week-end here visiting with relatives and friends. Before coming to Nashville, he was in training in South Carolina.

J. Harold Bradley, who reported for military duty on October 7, at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, is now in training with the U. S. Navy, at San Diego, CA. Before entering the service he was connected in business with the Killion Motor Express.

Jasper Thomas Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper T. Johnson, 608 4th Street, recently graduated from the Aviation Machinist's Mate School at the Jacksonville, FL, Naval Air Station, and was promoted to Seaman First Class in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy February 25, 1943, he received his recruit training at Bainbridge, MD, before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Jacksonville. He is now a qualified aviation mechanic and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit.

Walter B. Morgan, Jr., 21, son of Mrs. Juanita Morgan, of Monterey, was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, FL, for intermediate flight training.

Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air," Cadet Morgan will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold" with the designation of Naval Aviator and will be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

The following letter was received recently by Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley from the Department of the Navy, and will be read with sincere regret by a wide circle of friends of the Shipley family.

September 30, 1943:

Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley
411 Willow Street
Cookeville, TN

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Shipley:

After a full review of all available information, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that your son, Ensign Raymond Whitson Shipley, United States Naval Reserve, is deceased, having been reported missing in action on 15 September, 1942, while serving aboard the USS Wasp, when that vessel was torpedoed and sunk in the South Pacific Ocean.

In accordance with Section 5 of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, your son's death is presumed to have occurred on 16 September 1943, which is the day following the expiration of an absence of twelve months.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy in your great loss and hope you find comfort in the knowledge that your son gave his life for his country upholding the highest tradition of the Navy. The Navy share in your sense of bereavement and feels the loss of his services.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ James Forrestal, Acting Secretary of the Navy.

Seaman Tracy Wilmoth, U. S. Navy, is spending his furlough of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Wilmoth, of near Cookeville. Seaman Wilmoth, who has been on sea duty, came to Cookeville directly from Rhode Island, where he has been stationed for the past several months.

John Bush, U. S. Navy, is stationed at Camp Endicott. His wife, who is residing at Norwich, CT, spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Frank Bush, on Peachtree Street.

Aviation Cadets Wesley P. Flatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Flatt, Algood Road, attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute 1943. Cadet Samuel H. Tinsley, E. Broad attended Tennessee Tech, 1941-43, and Aviation Cadet Thurman C. Whitson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Whitson, Stevens Street, attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute 1938-42.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

New recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, are six Putnam County men.

They are now receiving instruction in seamanship military drill, and in naval procedure, Soon, they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the Navy's service schools, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completing their recruit training these men will be home on a nine day leave. They are: John D. Bray, 19, Route 5, Cookeville; Henry C. Dyer, 25, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer, 24 N. Madison Ave, Cookeville; Frank M. Morgan, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan, Cookeville; Charlie M. West, 35, husband of Eva M. West, Route 4, Cookeville; James R. Evans, 18, son of Mrs. Eva M. Lee, Route 2, Baxter, and Carney R. Harris, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harris, Route 3, Baxter.

Lawrence D. Ansley, of Geneva, NY (husband of the former Miss Mary Frances Reeves of Cookeville), now serving with a Seabees battalion, is located for the present at Gulfport, MS. He has gotten acquainted with Clay, Reuben and Dick Reeves, cousins of Mrs. Ansley, who are in business in Gulfport. His battalion is slated for duty outside the continental U. S. very shortly. They are now on maneuvers for a week.

Pfc. Hillard J. Robinson, of the 10th District, is home on a furlough especially to visit his wife, Mrs. Laurine Dyer Robinson, and infant son, Danny Dyer Robinson. Private Robinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dow Robinson and a grandson of Mrs. W. E. Jared of Cookeville and was inducted into the army the past spring. He has been on desert maneuvers in California for several months and has been located at Camp Hann. He will return to his army duties within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy received a phone call from their son, Ensign James Murphy, last week, notifying them that he had returned to the States. Ensign Murphy told them that Navy censorship regulations had been modified allowing him to now tell that he was in the Sicilian invasion. His ship carried out her mission at an undisclosed port during an enemy air raid, in which ships in the harbor were bombed and sunk and enemy aircraft were shot down. After the invasion of Sicily, his ship waited in a North African port for the Italian invasion, and was underway when word came of the Italian surrender, bringing about a change of plans. A few days later he saw a goodly portion of the surrendered Italian fleet. Ensign Murphy had been in the African-European theatre of war since early June. He expects a leave soon.

Taylor Rhea, Jr., apprentice seaman, U. S. Navy, taking his basic training at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, was here recently for a visit of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Rhea.

Sgt. Joe Frank Hudgens, who volunteered for military service in the autumn of 1942, and was inducted into the army last January, going first to Camp Perry, OH, and later to Camp Chaffee, AR, is now at home. He received his honorable discharge from the army last week on account of physical disability and following a period of recuperation, will resume his business connections here.

Yeoman McGill Vaden, U. S. Navy stationed in San Diego, CA, who is visiting relatives in Monterey, has been in Cookeville during the week.

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Cecil Chaffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Chaffin, of Cookeville, has received his commission as Ensign to the Engineer Division, and to received his training at the U. S. Naval Construction Training Center at Camp Peavy, Williamsburg, VA. Two years prior to his induction into the service, Ensign Chaffin was connected with the Maps and Surveys Division of the T. V. A. Mrs. Chaffin, formerly Miss Milbra Spivey, has accepted a teaching position in this county, and is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spivey. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin also leave two other sons in the service, Marion O. Chaffin, is in the Engineer Division of the Army, and has notified his parents that he is in India. Another son, Kenneth, is in the Navy, and is located at Great Lakes, IL.

Pvt. W. C. Davis, Jr., with the Air Transport Command, who has been spending his ten day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, left Sunday for his new training camp, Hamilton Field, near San Francisco, CA. going the Southern route, he left Nashville, as did his brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. Courtley Burroughs, of Hendersonville, who had been spending the wee-end in Cookeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Chapin received a message Monday stating that their son, Warrant Officer Billy M. Chapin, of the U. S. Signal Corps, attached to the Aviation Radio Division, has landed safely in England. He was stationed in New Orleans, LA, prior to leaving the States.

Howard Terry Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horn, is another Putnam County boy now on foreign soil. According to a message recently received by his parents, he is in North Africa. Much of his military training was taken at Camp Robinson, AR.

Cpl. Thomas R. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Ferguson of this city, is now stationed "Somewhere in the South Pacific." Before Cpl. Ferguson's induction in the army he was employed by Borden Electric Shop for two years, and later by Osco Masters Radio Shop for one year. Tommy, as known by his friends, is and like all the others, anxious to get over there and get back home.

Capt. Eugene Mayberry, enroute from Ft. Bragg, NC, to Camp Forrest, is spending several days in Cookeville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mayberry. In the near future, Capt. Mayberry will be on maneuver duties in Tennessee.

Lt. Alard C. Harding, who is on Tennessee maneuvers, was here for a week-end visit with is parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harding, where he joined his wife, who is spending several days here.

James W. Murphy, Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve, who has just returned from the European war area, arrived Friday of last week for a leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy. Ensign Murphy's marriage to Miss Elizabeth Swallows was an event of social interest, taking place, Wednesday, November 10.

Mack Sawyer, U. S. Air Corps, of Nashville, has arrived safely "Somewhere in the Pacific," according to a cablegram received last week by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams, with whom he made his home while a student at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, several years ago.

Pfc. Edward P. Jones, who was recently transferred from Camp Gordon, GA, to Camp Campbell, KY, has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jones, of near Cookeville.

Aviation Cadet John T. "Jack" Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore, Algood, has been transferred from Maxwell Field to Riddle Field, Clewiston, FL. Cadet Moore is in RAF flying training. There are only 20 out of every 83 who are American boys and they are entirely under British command, and will have RAF as well as AAF wings when they graduate, and will be assigned to the ATC Ferry Command Clewiston is located on Lake Opechobee, and is 50 miles north of Miami.

Lieut. Charles Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Navy, who has been here since Sunday with Mrs. Sharpe, at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. O. K. Holladay, left Tuesday for Knoxville, where he will visit with his relatives before reporting for further duty at Davisville, RI, where he has been stationed since October. Mrs. Sharpe and daughter went to Knoxville with him, remaining for several days.

Pvt. Hobert H. Allen, of Ft. Meade, MD, has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allen, of near Cookeville. Numerous family parties have been given in his honor throughout his visit at home.

Smith Herbert Bracey has been commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, and has reported for training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, VA. Lieut. Bracey volunteered for Seabee duties some months ago, and prior to being called, was holding an engineering position at Clinton. Mrs. Bracey, the former Miss Helen Paris, and daughter are remaining in Cookeville at their home, on S. Jefferson Avenue.

Howard Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Langford, has been granted an honorable discharge from the United States Army, due to physical disability. He was on military duty for eighteen months, stationed at Hingham and Ft. Devens, MA. He came to Cookeville last week, where he remained for a short visit before going to Detroit, where he has employment at a defense plant.

Comer Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robbins, of Algood, is now "Somewhere in England" where he has been since September. With the U. S. Engineering Corps, he took his training at Camp McClellan and at Camp Holabird, MD, prior to going overseas.

Willard Wright, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Sue Wright, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Nashville, who has been stationed with the Fleet Post Office at Sampson, NY, was recently transferred to San Francisco, CA.

Robert L. Copeland, who has been employed at the Naval Shipyard, Norfolk, VA, for several months, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, before reporting for military duty at Camp Shelby, MS.

Woodrow Walker, Aviation Machinist Mat 1/c who has been stationed with the Naval Air Corps, Pensacola, FL, was recently transferred to Alameda, CA. He has been in the service more than four years, spending much of this time on active sea duty.

Pvt. Algood Vaden, son of Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, who has been stationed at Walnut Ridge, AR, was recently transferred to Michigan, and is taking a special training course at the Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Sgt. Billy Qualls, U. S. Army, arrived on Sunday of last week from Camp Cooke, CA, to spend his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lula Qualls, on Dixie Avenue. This is his first visit home in many months. Mrs. Qualls' other son, Walter Thomas, is on foreign duty and is "Somewhere in India."

Bob Shannon, formerly of Knoxville, with the U. S. Navy, in training at Carson-Newman College, at Jefferson City, is spending a portion of his leave with Dr. and Mrs. Ray Womack, and other Cookeville friends. He was a Tennessee Tech student last year.

Kenneth Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Dyer, with a hospital unit, U. S. Navy, "Somewhere in the South Pacific, has written his parents he is getting along splendidly and the country he is in is lovely. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have another son, Cecil Dyer, who is also serving with the Navy.

William Howard Fox, son of Mrs. Sid Roller and the late B. Fox, left Friday of last week to report for military duty. Volunteering for Marine Training, he will be stationed in San Diego, CA.

Mrs. Martha Cooper and other members of her family have received letters from her son, Pfc. Austin Cooper, who has been in Australia since the latter part of September. With an Anti-Aircraft Division, he took practically all of his training at Camp Davis, NC. According to an unofficial report there are thirteen Putnam County men with the same Anti-Air-craft Division in Australia. Pfc. Cooper has been in the service since the early part of 1943.

Cpl. Flora Mackie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mackie, of Cookeville, is with the United States Army, "Somewhere in England." He has been overseas since September, and prior to leaving the States, was in training at Ft. Benning, GA.

Pvt. Arvil James Franklin, of Indian Town, Gap, PA, his wife, Mrs. Franklin, and his sister, Oma Franklin, of Dayton, OH, spent his 15-day furlough here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Franklin and family. They also spent a few days with Pvt. Franklin's sister, Mrs. Ida Hicks, and Mr. Hicks, of Sparta, Route 2. They have returned to Dayton, where he will remain until November 4, when he reports for further duty at Indian Town Gap.

Recent news concerning Franklin Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quimby Dyer, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Birmingham, AL, is that he is stationed at Camp Claiborne, LA, for his basic training. He is with the engineers department.

Pfc. Cecil E. Montgomery and Mrs. Montgomery recently spent 11 days in Cookeville and Cowan. Pfc. Montgomery is attending school at Gulfport Field, Gulfport, MS.

Lt William Hardin Boyd, who was recently commissioned at the Officer's Candidate School, Ft. Custer, MI, is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd. He has a seven-day leave of absence. Prior to going to Ft. Custer, he was stationed at Camp Davis, NC.

Seaman 2/c Eugene Turner, of the United States Navy, recently spent his seven day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, Cookeville, Route 1. For the past 16 months, he has been on sea duty. Because of his short visit at the home his sister, Mrs. Charley Livesay, of Detroit, joined him here.

Apprentice Seaman Verble Carrington, who is taking his primary training at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN, was here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington, on S. Jefferson Ave., last week.

Joe Conry, Jr., Marine private, who has been with the Marine Training Detachment at Duke University, Durham, NC, since midsummer, was here recently for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conry.

The letter given below is a very interesting one written to Phy Gibson by his son, Belton Gibson, who is on Naval duty, stationed with a hospital unit "Somewhere in New Zealand." It is a highly appreciated birthday gift received by Mr. Gibson:

"Dear Dad

Since you have a birthday coming up this month and I won't be home to eat dinner and present you with a gift, I will write and tell you I wish you a 'happy birthday' with the best of health and everything good on 'your day.'

"Wish I could have sent you a nice present from this place, but you can't buy things here as you can or used to could buy-at home. Also everything that leaves here bears a censor's stamp and they don't pass everything.

“So here is my birthday gift to you: “Thanks for being the kind, the considerate, and the understanding Dad that you have always been to me. Never once did you every try to tell me to do anything which was wrong or which might have proved harmful to me. There might have been times when, maybe, I thought I was right and you wrong, but later I would learn that I was wrong.

“I want to thank you most for being the sober, religious type of father which is so hard to find nowadays.

“Never once in my life did I ever see you drunk or to even drink, for that matter. Very few boys can say that about their fathers. I’m proud that I can.

“I might add that I haven’t disappointed you in regard to drinking either. Even though I am thousands of Miles from home, and in company with some boys who might insist, I can truthfully say that I still don’t know the taste of liquor nor do I drink beer. The only drink I touch is an occasional glass of wine, which people here serve quite often with meals.

“When a boy stays at home for a number of years his mother and father just seem to fit in with everyday life around him. But it’s different when they are far from home and have time to think. It is then that he realizes how very much he loved his mother and father and the home which he prays to get back to, it’s true with all of us – and I’m no exception.

“I think though, that I have the best mother and father any boy ever had, and I want to tell both of you how very much I love you.

“So Dad, please accept these few words as meaning that I love you with all my heart. Even though I might not have shown it as a boy to dad, however, I’m sure you realize that I did.

“Again I wish you good health, many more happy birthdays, and most of all, may God bless you, be with you, and bring me safely home to you in the near future when the wars are over and peace reigns over the world.”

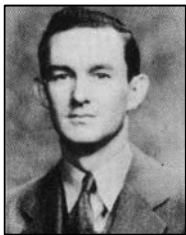
“Your son, Harding Bel Gibson.”

Charles C. Chaffin, Petty Officer 3/c PhM, U. S. Navy, has been for a recent visit at home, coming particularly on account of the illness of his father, C. M. Chaffin. He returned to his post of duty on the West Coast the early part of the year, taking his training at St. Petersburg, FL, Santa Marie, Fresno, CA, and in Oregon. He was at a California camp when ordered to the East Coast for sailing. Prior to entering the service, he was a student at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

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Joe Lane, Ensign, United States Navy, who has been taking special training at Princeton University, and was transferred late in October in Boston, MA, where he is furthering his naval training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ensign Lane’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane, of N. Walnut Street.



Sgt. and Mrs. Nelson Maddux, who were visiting their respective parents in Carthage and Granville last week, have returned to Santa Fe, NM where Sgt. Maddux is stationed. Before entering the service, he was a member of Baxter Seminary faculty. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Maddux are his parents.

(Pictured: James Nelson Maddux (1918-2005), s/o Ernest Haywood Maddux & Elmo Lewis Grimes Nichols).

Capt. and Mrs. Roy Hugh Sullivan and son, Charles Hubert Sullivan, left Wednesday for Camp Hood, TX, where the former is stationed, after a ten-day leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sullivan, and Mrs. Sullivan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Shipley, of Dayton, OH, formerly of Cookeville, received a letter November 9, from their son, Sgt. Earl Shipley, stating that he had landed "Somewhere in Ireland," and was safe and well. Sgt. Shipley volunteered for service in 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley have another son, Pfc. Verble Shipley, in the service, who is stationed at Miami Beach, FL.

Burgess Ray, of the Nashville Classification Center, Army Air Corps, was here for a week-end visit with his sister, Mrs. A. L. Campbell.

T/Sgt. Jim Hunter Bohannon, of the 105th Ordnance Company, U. S. Army, landed in New York City last week, following a service of 16 months overseas. Shortly after his arrival in the States, he came to Cookeville, to visit with his mother, Mrs. Dimple Bohannon, his grandmother, Mrs. Rush Hunter, and many other relatives. Of the 16 months overseas, six months was spent in England and the remainder in the North African war zone. At the completion of his 20-day furlough, he will report to Fort Bragg, NC, for a new assignment. His military training was principally taken at Fort Jackson, SC. T/Sgt. Bohannon and his mother are spending several days of this week visiting in Monterey.

Pvt. Clifford Mitchell, stationed with the U. S. Army at Great Falls, MT, has been spending a week with his father, Emmett Mitchell, at his home, near Cookeville. Pvt. Mitchell was called to Cookeville on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Notie Williams Mitchell, which occurred the early part of last week. He was joined here by his wife, who is residing in Dallas, TX, while he is on military duty.

Capt. Eugene Mayberry, who has been stationed for two months at Ft. Bragg, NC, has been spending a few days leave here with Mrs. Mayberry and sons at their home on Peachtree Street. Captain Mayberry left Wednesday for Camp Rucker, AL, where he will be attached to the 98th Division.

Cpl. James Alloway, stationed at the Smyrna Air Base, has been here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway.

J. W. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee, of Monterey, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned to Ensign in the Naval Reserve this week, following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, FL, the "Annapolis of the Air." Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Ensign Lee will go on active duty at one of the navy's operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.

Cpl. Billy Carr left Wednesday for San Antonio, TX, where he is stationed for training with the Army Air Corps, after a ten day visit here with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Carr, and sister, Miss Doris Carr. He was formerly stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR.

Pfc. Edward Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris, of this city, has received a medical discharge from the station hospital, Camp Roberts, CA. He volunteered for service and was sent to Camp Forrest with the 181st F.A. Bn. After several months there he transferred with his company to Camp Roberts, and was there almost two years. He sustained an injury early last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have another son, James H. Harris, who also volunteered and was sent to Camp Forrest at the same time, with the 181st. He was detached as an M. P. the day the United States declared war, and is still serving as an M. P., at Camp Forrest. He has almost four years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Parrott have received news that their son, Robert, Jr., has been promoted from F 2/c to F 1/c, in the U. S. Navy. He enlisted in January of 1942, and is on a destroyer, "Somewhere in the Pacific" area. He has been on sea duty for the past 14 months. He received his basic training at the San Diego, CA, having taken a course and graduated as a machinist.

A distinguished visitor in Cookeville recently was Col. Fay Warington Branson, who was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Henry Trent, Mr. Trent and son, Henry Trent, Jr., for a brief stay. Col. Branson was enroute to Nashville. He was Chief of Staff in the First World War in the Aisne-Marne Offensive, holds the Distinguished Service medal, and is a member of the Legion of Honor.

Major and Mrs. Sam Epperson left Tuesday for Jackson, MS, where the former reports for further medical treatment before being assigned new military duties. Major Epperson, who returned from North Africa the latter part of September on account of an illness of several months, has been here for recuperation at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard since the middle of October. Mrs. Epperson has spent the time with him here.

Frank K. Wey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Wey, of Rivermont Drive, has just graduated at a bomber pilot school in Texas, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Lieut Wey was married to Miss Mary Catherine Officer of Monterey, at a church ceremony on Wednesday, November 17.

Lieut. Alard C. Harding, who has been stationed at Camp Campbell, KY for several months, and for the past few weeks, has been on Tennessee maneuvers, left Tuesday for his new assignment at Camp Barkley, TX. Mrs. Harding who has been visiting here for the past week has gone to Texas with her husband, and will reside in Abilene.

Lt. Sam Moore returned last week to Camp Mitchell, NC, where he is stationed, after a week's visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have also had as their guests, their son-in-law, Gerald Miller, of the Merchant Marine, who has just returned from overseas, who joined Mrs. Miller here. They are now visiting his relatives in Pikeville.

Friends here of Herbert Weyenberg, Lieutenant, U. S. Army, will be interested in his whereabouts. He formerly made Cookeville his home, while residing here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Weyenberg, and sisters. Mrs. Weyenberg is now residing in Louisville, KY. Lieut. Weyenberg volunteered and was with the 181st F. A. He spent a year at Camp Roberts, CA, and during his stay in California, was commissioned Second Lieutenant. He is now stationed at Camp Rucker, AL.

Lt. Glen L. Nichols, who is in the Transportation Corps at Boston, MA, was here last week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols. Lt. Nichols is commanding officer of his battalion.

Mrs. Ben Draper, the former Miss Virginia Howard, has heard from her husband who recently landed safely on foreign soil. With a M. P. Bn., he is "Somewhere in India." He left the States the latter part of July. His mother is Mrs. Myrtle Speck.

The Detroit Times some weeks ago carried an interesting story relative to a former Putnam Countian. It begins with the following information: "William C. 'Casto' Mitchell, 54, is Detroit's premier 'E-Bond Father.' His six sons all are wearing khaki and three of them are overseas. So to him goes the honor of being the first father to sign up for the big September bond drive. When the reporter interviewed Mr. Mitchell, he made the statements which appear below:

"Our home was in Silver Point, Tennessee," he said. "We had a general store there until 1927. I taught the kids to shoot. We handled hunting rifles in the store.

"But my two older boys – Alfred and John – went into the army long ago. They're regular army men.

"They are both lieutenants. They have been in Africa for a year now. They enlisted within three months of each other and that is when I decided to give up the store and come up here.

"Jess, the next, he's 27, is a corporal in the Air Corps, and he's based in Sicily, I think. I like working on those bombers because he rides in 'em. I like to think maybe he's been in a ship I helped to build.

“Ralph is 22 and a private at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. He’s the only one who was drafted; all the rest enlisted. Ralph was up here working with me for a while. Gerald’s the youngest – he’s a sergeant in the signal corps.

“For this next drive I’m buying an extra \$50 bond. That’s the least I can do. But now I’ve got to get to work. Can’t keep the boys waiting for their Marauders, you know!”

James General Alcorn, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Alcorn, Route 1, Baxter, was graduated recently from the Hospital Corps School at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, IL, and advanced to the rate of hospital apprentice second class.

The newly graduated man will continue to train at another Naval hospital before being sent to duty at sea or at other shore stations.

Pfc. Robert McKinley, an instructor at the Gulfport Air Field, Gulfport, MS, who with Mrs. McKinley has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, has returned to his post of duty, leaving his wife for a longer stay. Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., stationed at the Richmond, VA Air Base, has also been home for a recent visit with his parents.

Sgt. Robert Breeding, with a Tank Destroyer Battalion, stationed at Camp Cooke, CA, left Wednesday to return to his post of duty after spending his 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Breeding, in Algood. He was formerly with the 181st F. A., stationed at Camp Forrest, but was transferred to his present company shortly after going to California. He has been at Camp Cooke since May of this year.

In a recent communication from their son, Lt. Charles Nunally, somewhere in England, Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Nunally, of Baxter, quotes part of a letter from him. “I saw in the Putnam County Herald where some boy from Gainesboro, had been awarded the Air Medal, it is a pretty nice award, I have one myself, pretty proud of it. I’ve had it for some time, waiting for a cluster to put on it. The citation goes something like this: “1st Lt. Charles M. Nunally is cited for meritorious achievement while participating in a number of bombing missions over enemy territory where the possibility of encountering enemy fighter or anti-aircraft fire, involving great personal danger to all members of the crew, under these trying circumstances, the courage and skill displayed reflects highest credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States.”

Thomas Passons, Jr., son of Major and Mrs. T. A. Passons, is now with an Airborne Division, “Somewhere in the South Pacific.” He has been on overseas duty since midsummer. Below are parts of a letter he wrote recently to his aunt, Mrs. Joe Webb, in Chattanooga. It is under date of October 16:

“I was glad to get your recent V-mail. I haven’t received much mail lately. I’m afraid some is lost in transit. I can now write to you of a few of the places I’ve been. We sailed from the west coast months ago and went to a very beautiful island of Bora Bora, near Tahiti. We did see some beautiful women in the South Pacific. Well we moved on the Noumea, New Caledonia, a French Island. Here I had enjoyable stay. Lots of fun going into town and talking to the people, of some I could not speak French. We are closer to the enemy now. Occasionally I run to my fox hole when he have air raids. A close call was when we landed on the beach – our boat was bombed and sunk a few hours later. Two close for comfort. I have a nice job now, I’m the school so to speak. I work in “intelligence.” When one becomes an “Old Army Man,” he gets on to a lot of the tricks of good jobs and association with fellow soldier. From time to time he will lose comforts of home, ect. I’ve slept without a mattress or pillow and eaten out of a mess kit for months now. You become accustomed to it. Well I must go to work, Bye now, Thomas.”

Mrs. Passon has a recent letter from her son, also, in which he states he attended church services on that particular day, and the setting was clearing in the jungles with bomb racks for benches, and two bomb racks for the altar. It was truly a nice service, he said.

Staff Sgt. Vadus Carmack, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, S/Sgt. Carmack is stationed at Camp Van Dorn, MS.

October 17, 1943, Sicily –

Dear Mr. Gentry:

Here I come again. I failed to see the letter that we wrote to you some time ago. The folks say you published it, but one of the copies of the Herald was lost at the Orderly Tent, so I didn't get to see it. I think it is the one that letter was in. So here goes again,

Hello folks:

In one of Hitler's propaganda broadcasts he wondered what the Americans wanted in beautiful Sicily. Well, he probably know now. It made things possible for the fall of Fortress Europe that is coming in the future. Not near future, as a lot of people think, though. We still have a lot of tough going as you can see by the way our mighty 5th is going.

Sicily is a vacationist's paradise. Talk about scenery in Tennessee, it isn't in any way comparable with Sicily. There are hills any way you turn, and jagged cliffs. The cliffs are of gray granite and when the sun sinks just about twilight, everything has a purple hue. Words can't describe it.

I thought we had crooked, narrow roads there, but they aren't anything to compare with these, especially though the towns and villages. In our memorable end run from the South to the Northwest when we first landed here, we traveled blacked-out over those roads and hills. It makes me shudder now to think of it. I don't see how we stayed on those roads and missed all the mine fields and tank traps. These Italians could have held this place forever against anything if they had wanted to fight. The Germans blew up roads and bridges that had been used for – maybe, a thousand years.

These people think that anything American wishes to do, he does it. In other words, nothing is impossible for an American to do. Lots of them have spent several years in the States, either Detroit, MI, or New York State. Everybody here knows Henry Ford.

You should see their little, gaily-painted two-wheel carts. They differ from the Arabs in Africa in a lot of ways. Every mile or so they stop their carts for their horses to rest. Another thing, they all have good livestock, not the burro type of the African Arab.

The towns are dirty, as a rule, but the dwellings are clean and neat as any you see in the States. The civilians don't dress much, for they haven't got anything to wear. Shoes sold for around 2,000 Lira before we came in here. That in value with American costs, amounts to \$80.00 a pair, and they were scarce at that.

The greatest thrill I've had since landing here, on morning we came through a town in convoy and stopped in the center. There was an old man about 50 years old that could talk fair American. In one hand he was carrying a satchel and the other a small American flag. What he told us and called Mussolini, I can't write it here. We really got a hand and Veno in that town.

Veno is thick here. The Italians are greater wine drinkers than the French, and are a lot more liberal with it. Marcello and Veno mixed, is really good and carries a terrible wallop.

Another thrill I had was when I saw my first Nazi airplane shot down, hit the ground and explode. One night while on guard, I saw a German plane explode in mid-air. It was shot down by a British Beaufighter.

In closing, let me say. The Americans are good and great fighters, but our great ally, the Russians are the greatest fighters the would ahs ever seen.

T/S/ Walter O. Thompson.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pvt. Fred P. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, of Route 1, Cookeville, has completed training and has been graduated from the school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Chanute Field, IL. While attending this Army Air Forces Training Command school he received instruction in Special Purpose Motor Vehicle Course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Kenneth Dave Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crawford, of Boma, was enlisted in the U. S. Navy, as a 17 year old volunteer at the Cookeville recruiting station recently. He was preceded in the armed services, by two brothers.

Pvt. Grover King, who recently landed in England, writes that it is a beautiful country, and he likes it fine over there. Mrs. King, the former Miss Willie Davis, is in Detroit, where he is residing during her husband's absence.

Asco Charles Howell, Route 2, Silver Point, was sworn into the Navy recently as a 17 year old volunteer for general service, enlisting though the Cookeville recruiting station.

He is the son of Maton Asco Howell, Sparta, and has been living with his aunt, Mrs. Victoria Cole. A brother, Pvt. Richard Howell, is in the Army.

Pvt. John Mott came from Camp McClellan, AL, for a week-end visit with his mother, Mrs. John R. Mott.

Pfc. Jack Waldrip, U. S. Marines, is now "Somewhere in the Pacific war area" according to a message received Friday by Mrs. W. J. Waldrip. Pfc. Waldrip graduated from Central High last May, and entered the service shortly thereafter, taking his training at San Diego, CA.

Sgt. William I. Proffitt, with a Medical Detachment at Camp Butner, was recently promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt, and has been in the service since April.

Cpl. And Mrs. Clure Coffelt will leave Thursday for Massachusetts, where the former is stationed at Westover Field, and Mrs. Coffelt is residing in Holyoke. They have been spending the past ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparks, and other relatives.

Herbert Rogers, Machinist 1/c, U. S. Navy, stationed at Kokomo, IN, and Mrs. Rogers have been spending a week with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout.

Harry Draper, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army, is receiving a cordial welcome on his first visit home in almost two years. Arriving Friday, he is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Draper, and sister, Mrs. Louise Darwin, and sons. He is stationed in Canada. Prior to volunteering for military service, Lt. Draper was connected in business with the Southern Continental Telephone Co., Cookeville, and the South Carolina Telephone Co., Sumter, B. C.

Pfc. Vaden Netherton, who is with the 512th Military Police Bn., is spending his 15-day furlough with home folks here. He has been on maneuvers in Texas and Louisiana, and will return to Camp Shelby, MS, where he has been stationed since May 7, 1943. He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Zora Netherton.

Sgt. James Dibrell Robinson, son of the late Wesley Robinson, and Mrs. Frank Leroy, of San Diego, CA, was a recent visitor in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Huddleston. Sgt. Robinson volunteered and was sworn in on December 7, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and was

graduated with honors from the Aviation Mechanic School, Sheppard Field, TX. Later, he received his aerial engineer's wings from the Aerial Gunner's School, at Tyndall Field, FL. After spending his furlough in San Diego, he was enroute to his new location at Columbia, SC. Mrs. Le Roy accompanied her son to Cookeville.

John Roy Dillard, U. S. Army Air Corps, has returned to his base, in Oklahoma City, OK, after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dillard, of Monterey. He is in the mapping department of an Aerial Photo reconnaissance Squadron.

Cpl. Wade Gentry, who has been in the Panama Canal Zone for more than three years, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Conley, of near Cookeville.

Edward C. Gracey, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, stationed in Washington, D. C., for the past few weeks, is here for a furlough visit with Mrs. Gracey and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gracey. At the expiration of his furlough, he returns to Washington.

Pvt. James Dow Carter, stationed with the U. S. Air Corps, in Yuma, AZ, left Wednesday to resume his military duties after spending his 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter, of Cookeville, Route 5. Lt. Willis Carter, Jr., stationed at Camp Forrest, was here also for a week-end visit with his parents and Mrs. Carter.

Pfc. Leonard Billingsley has resumed his military duties at Camp Skokie Valley, Glenview, IL, after a furlough visit of seven days with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Billingsley. Pfc. Billingsley entered the service in January, 1943, and this is his first visit home. Mrs. Billingsley's other son, Aaron Lee Billingsley, who reported for military training two weeks ago, is with the U. S. Navy, stationed at Farragut, ID.

Frank Barnes, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army, stationed at Tuckaho, NJ, near Atlantic City, was promoted last week from the rank of second Lieutenant to that listed above. He has many friends here who are greatly interested in his promotion. Since enlisting for service with the National Guard he has been stationed at Camp Forrest, Memphis, and various eastern camps. He received his commission at Ft. Benning, GA. He is the son of Mrs. J. C. Barnes.

Cpl. Henry D. Grimes, who is stationed in Lebanon, has been spending his furlough of eight days here with Mrs. Grimes at the home of his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Lamb. Cpl. and Mrs. Grimes spent a portion of the time with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. W. E. Grimes, whose additional guest was another son, Pfc. Dempsey Grimes, who is also stationed at Lebanon, and was at home for a furlough visit.

William Anderson, Lieutenant, (j.g), U. S. Coast Guard, who has been stationed at Ft. Lauderdale, FL, was transferred last week to St. Augustine, FL, for a special course of training.

Jim McCulley, of the Shipley community, is in receipt of another letter from his son, George Dewey McCulley, Army Air Corps, who has been in a German prison camp since the raid over Hamburg in July. The letter, received November 3, was written two months prior to this date. It is given below:

"Hope you are getting along OK, by now. Tell everyone hello for me. I am getting along OK, had a slug taken out of my leg, but think I have some more places in my leg. I am in a English hospital now, we get very good care here. The doctors are English and they are very good. We got some Red Cross cigarettes and a package of food each week. Well, Dad will close. Hoping to hear from you soon, Good bye, Dewey."

Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack have received notification from the War Department that their son, Pvt. Douglas Carmack has landed safely in the United States and on November 18, entered a government hospital near New York City for observation and Medical treatment. Pvt. Carmack, who has been in England several months was ill in a hospital there.

Robert Ray is in receipt of a letter from his son, Jeff Dyer Ray, which was written October 25 from "Somewhere in Italy." Parts of the letter appear below:

"Dear Daddy, Have been receiving your letters regularly. You should not worry so much about me, I am healthy, happy, and seeing things that I probably never would have seen if it had not been for Hitler, etc. Eating good foods, sleeping in a good bed, and having a good time also.

"I can say I am in Italy now and have been for sometime, and drove the second jeep that entered a certain city down Main Street. I have been right in the ancient city of Pompeii and have seen Mr. Vesuvius.

"Now I sent you a good watch, it belonged to the Germans, they left a lot of things behind them. I was in a raid and found it.

"Thanks a lot for everything Daddy, and just don't worry,

"Love your son, Jeff."

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Ernest Webster, Seaman, 2/c, who has been on Naval duty since the early part of the years, has been ill at the San Diego, CA, base hospital for the past ten weeks. Seaman Webster took his basic training in Bainbridge, MD.

James A. Huffmeister, Ensign Naval Air Corps, stationed at Palm Beach, FL, left Wednesday to resume his duties, following a brief stay here with his mother, Mrs. J. A. Huffmeister, and other members of his family. He came particularly to be with his sister, Mrs. Herman Mott, who underwent an operation at the City hospital on Monday.

Sgt. Robert Turney, stationed at Boca Raton, FL, in a recent communication to the Herald, sends best regards to all his Cookeville friends.

Kenneth Harris, who is stationed with the Signal Port Service Command, as teletype operator, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Loftis, of Cookeville, and has now moved in the Port of Embarkation, for overseas service.

Pvt. Homer O. Allison, who is stationed with the Pine Castle Army Air Field, in Orlando, FL, left Monday to resume his military duties after spending his furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Allison, and his sister, Miss Jewell Allison, of Cookeville, Route 2.

Pfc. J. C. McKinley, stationed with the Airborne Engineers, in Richmond, VA, is here to spend until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, on Washington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Clennie Wilmoth, of Cookeville, Route 4, received a letter on November 18 from their son, Pvt. Clifton Wilmoth, stating that he had arrived "Somewhere in North Africa". Pvt. Wilmoth received his basic training at Fort Bragg, NC, and Camp Butner, NC. He was stationed at Ft. Meade, MD, for a short time before going into active service.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keylon, of Cookeville, Route 4, received a letter November 26 from their son, Pfc. William H. Keylon, stating that he was in England, and was fine. He was inducted into the Army Air Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, April 10, 1942, and left soon thereafter for Sheppard Field, TX, where he received his basic training. He was also stationed at Mobile, AL, and Stinson Field, San Antonio, TX, being transferred to New York a short while before leaving for overseas duty.

Ensign Fred Swallows has been spending his brief leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Swallows, in Algood. He was enroute from Vero Beach, FL, where he has been stationed in San Diego, CA, where he reports for further duty. He is with the Naval Air Corps.

Elbert B. Bilbrey, 2/c Petty Officer, Naval Air Corps, who has been on foreign duty for the past twenty months, is spending his fifteen day furlough with his mother, Mrs. K. L. Bilbrey, and Mr. Bilbrey, at their home, on the Algood Road. Petty Officer Bilbrey, who has been in the service approximately two years, has been stationed at a Naval Air Base "Somewhere in the Babama Islands.

A letter from "Somewhere in Italy," comes from Pfc. Walter Dietz to his mother, Mrs. Harry Dietz. It was written November 11. Parts of the letter are given below:

"Dear Mother and Family, I guess that you and the whole world are thinking the same thoughts as I today. Peace was signed to the hour that I am writing this letter twenty five years ago today, a war had ended, what man thought was a war to end all wars. Here today there are parades, bands playing and the sound of marching feet, men are marching to the front to fight and die for what they believe is right in the sight of God and praying that this is truly the war to end all wars. Tell everyone hello, love, Walter."

Mr. and Mrs. Dietz have two other sons in the service, Shelia Dietz is with a Medical Detachment on maneuvers, "Somewhere in California", and Eugene Dietz is with the U. S. Navy. His training at Bainbridge, MD.

Cpl. Kenneth Pinkston, son of Mr. Mattie Pinkston, 107 Menzie Street, Cookeville, is now "Somewhere in England" and writes his wife that he has been in a hospital suffering from serious injuries which he sustained in a collision of a jeep, in which he was riding, and a bus. He states that he has been terribly weak, but is now gaining strength, and hopes to be all right soon. He hopes Mrs. Pinkston and their baby are all right and plans to be home with them some day. Cpl. Pinkston has been in the service for more than a year, and has been overseas since June.

Kenneth Chaffin, F 2/c, and Mrs. Chaffin, formerly of Detroit, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Chaffin, and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Flatt, of Gainesboro. Mr. Chaffin graduating from Motor Diesel School, of Navy Pier, Chicago, IL. He entered the Navy, July 13, 1943, receiving his boot training at Great Lakes, IL. Mrs. Chaffin, who has been with him in Chicago, is with her parents, but plans to join her husband in Boston, soon.

After spending his leave of fifteen days at home, Ensign Arnold Cameron has returned to his post of duty on the West Coast. He went from Nashville to San Francisco by plane.

Pvt. Pennock Moore, stationed at Berry Field, Nashville, has been spending a portion of his furlough at his home here. Last week he and Mrs. Moore went to Middlesboro, KY, for a short stay. Coming to Cookeville with him for a brief visit was Pvt. Harold Brown, of Berry Field.

Pvt. Ken Bailey, son of Mrs. Clarlssa Bailey, who has been stationed at Camp Bowie, TX, since April, is now "Somewhere in Louisiana," on maneuvers.

First Lt. O. L. Persechini, stationed with the 46th College Training Detachment at the Tennessee Training Detachment at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute since its establishment here in April, has been relieved from assignment at this Detachment, and is now at the Army Air Forces Classification Center, Nashville, awaiting his classification for Air Corps training.

From the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, comes the following information concerning Marine William Marlin Huddleston, son of Mrs. Beulah Huddleston, of Stevens Street, Cookeville. He recently completed the course of training in the Aviation Machinist's Mate school, in Memphis. He is 21 years old, and completed his four year high school at Central High. He enlisted for Naval duty in Nashville February 27, 1943, and took his boot training at San Diego, CA. Prior to entering the service, he was an employee of the Continental Motors Corp., in Detroit.

Mose W. Fiske, E. M. 3/c, son of Mrs. Cora Hicks-Fiske, of Monterey and Dayton, OH, is in a U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA, where he underwent an operation on the right shoulder. Seaman Fiske suffered injuries last years when playing football on the Monterey high school team. He is stationed at a repair base.

A news release from Maxwell Field, Al, of November 26, states that four youths from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, have reported to the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, to begin the third phase of their training as pilots in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program.

These aviation cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, preparatory to beginning their actual flight training at one of the many flying schools located in the Army Air Force Eastern Flying Training Command.

These men are Aviation Cadets Robert L. Grace, of Baxter, who attended Tennessee Tech in 1941-43; Morris G. Grayson, Jr., 1941-43; Thomas C. McConnell, 1942; and William E. Rutherford, 1943.

Seven Tennesseans have graduated from the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, OK, one winning the rating of Aviation Machinist Mate, third class, and six that of First Class Seaman.

Dewey Kenneth Lewis, Seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Lewis, of Cookeville, was one of the group.

New recruits at the U. S. naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, are seven Putnam County men. They are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the Navy's service schools, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completing their recruit training, these men will be home on a nine day leave. They are: Morgan D. Rigdon, 18, Route 2, Algood; Daly J. Maxwell, 25, and Thomas J. Waller, 19, Baxter; Chester W. Haney, 18, Route 1, Brotherton; Asberry B. Ramsey, 28, Route 2; Bob L. Pippin, 21, and James C. Peterman, 27, Route 1, Cookeville.

Cpl. Hubert Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson, who has been taking special training at Camp Forrest, has been transferred to Fort McClellan, AL.

Petty Officer Walton L. Ward, U. S. Navy, stationed on Seabee duty at Camp Peary, VA, has been spending his ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Ward, of Algood. Petty Officer Ward has been in the service since July.

A/C Clarence Bartlett, son of Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, is now stationed at Santa Anna, CA. For the past several weeks he has been stationed at the Classification Center, in Nashville.

Sgt. Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., having finished his training in radio and serial gunnery schools, has been assigned to a B-17 Flying Fortress, as first radio operator, and is now stationed at the Army Air Base in Alexandria, LA. He received his training in Las Vegas, NV, Sioux Falls, SD, and Salt Lake City, UT.

The following letter comes to the Herald from Fred McBroom, who is on Infantry duty, "Somewhere in the Pacific war area."

"Thought I would write a few words to show my appreciation for this paper. It certainly is welcomed here where I am, by me especially, as I was born and reared in Putnam County. I went to Junior High School there in 1940. I notice Oliver T. Bohannon's name in an October paper as being chosen County Superintendent. I wish to congratulate him, as he was one of my teachers in 1940. What happened to Mr. King? I will again say how much I appreciate the Herald, as it always brings me news of my pals and

friends, who are still in the 'Good old U.S.A.' Just keep the paper coming to us guys 'over here' as it is a good morale builder.

Sincerely yours, Fred McBroom."

A/C Thomas Gentry, U. S. Naval Air Corps, who has been stationed at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, for his basic training, was transferred last week to St. Petersburg, FL. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry, and entered the service in August. He volunteered for naval duty in the early part of 1942.

Charles Alvin Ford, Jr., South Cedar Street, Cookeville, recently enlisted as a 17-year-old volunteer in the U. S. Navy through the Cookeville recruiting station. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ford, Sr.

Active in student affairs at Cookeville Central High School, Ford served as treasurer of the Dramatic Club, and as sergeant-at-arms for the Hit-Y, in addition to playing with the school football team. He has three uncles in the armed services. Pvt. Billy Howard Fox is in the Marines; Lloyd Fox is overseas with the Navy, and Tom Ford, II, is in the Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Training station.

Ulysses H. Phipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Phipps, of Dayton, OH, was graduated from the Fort Creek Ordnance Automotive School, Fort Crook, NB. The courses covered all phases of automotive repair and the maintenance of all types of army vehicles.

Lieut. William J. Witherspoon, Director of Training and Public Relations Officer at the 54th College Training Detachment, Wittenberg College, at Springfield, OH, was promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant on November 19, 1943.

Before the war, Lt. Witherspoon was supervisor of schools in DeKalb County, GA. He attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, TX, where he received his B. S. degree, and at George Peabody College, Nashville, where he received his M. A. degree.

Upon entering the army, Lt. Witherspoon was sent to Keesler Field, MS, and later to Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach, FL, where he was commissioned on March 3, 1943. He was then sent to Maxwell Field, AL, and from there to the 54th C.T.D., at Springfield, OH. Lt. Witherspoon's original home in Midlothian, TX. At present, Lt. and Mrs. Witherspoon and John, their 20-month-old son, reside on Signal Hill Road, Springfield. Mrs. Witherspoon is the former Dorothy Draper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper, of Cookeville.

Eugene Alford, Ensign, U. S. Navy, who was graduated last week from the Naval School, Columbia University, New York city, and at the same time was commissioned as Ensign, is here for a leave, spending the time with Mrs. Alford and infant daughter, at the home of Mrs. Alford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Poteet. Ensign Alford will report next week for further duty at Solomon Naval Base, MD.

Capt. James Thompson has returned to Camp Forrest following his two weeks leave spent with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, and other relatives.

The Chattanooga Times of Wednesday, December 1, carries an article from the War Department, Washington, announcing the promotion of various Tennessee officers. Among them is James David Crowley, Lieutenant.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Freeman T. Phillips, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips, Route 1, Silver Point. Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea.

Upon completion of his recruit training, he will be granted a nine-day leave.

E. B. Dyer, Jr., U. S. Infantry, has according to a recent letter to Mrs. Dyer and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dyer, arrived safely in Australia. The junior Mrs. Dyer and baby left Tuesday for Detroit, MI, where they will be indefinitely with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Quarles.

Sgt. L. P. Allison, of the 163rd Engr. Bn., who is stationed at Camp Van Dorn, MS, has been spending a portion of his furlough with his sister, Mrs. Noble Boyd and Mrs. Darweda Crawford, of Cookeville. Before returning to camp, he will visit with other relatives in Detroit.

Charles Holladay, Lieutenant, Army Air Corps, who received his commission on Monday at Chanute Field, IL, is here for a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay.

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Cookeville Business Men Send 110,000 Cigarettes to Army, Navy, Marines Overseas:

A group of Cookeville business men have sent 110,000 cigarettes to our boys overseas in the Army, Navy and Marines.

The following business firms made possible the above gift to the boys in the armed forces.

Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Pendergrass Hardware Co., W. R. Whitaker and Co., Tire Engineers, Shanks Hotel, T.P.I. Café, Eagle Café, McMurry and Co., Womack's Drug Co., P. C. McCanless Co., O. V. Rice, Webb Pharmacy, Gulf Refining Co., Dick's Five and Ten, J. J. Foutch Grocery, Vaughn's Grocery, Maddux & Proffitt, Modern Retreaders, B. & B. Café.

WHUB, Poteet & Maddux Hardware Co., Terry Brothers, Williams Hardware Co., Marchbanks Co., Williams Florial Shop, Pan-Am Gasoline Co., Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., L. T. Stone Lumber Co., Auto Parts Co., Pilot Knob Dairy, Z. Barnes, Ideal Grocery, Ragland-Potter & Co., Piggly-Wiggly Grocery Co., West End Cleaners, Carlen Motors Co, Ideal Cleaners.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Cpl. Lloyd G. Ford, son of Mrs. W. W. Ford, of Baxter, Route 1, has been in service two and a half years, spending the past year on foreign duty. He is now in the Sicilian area.

The Herald is pleased to acknowledge a letter from A/ Clarence L. Stewart, who is with the 67th College Training Detachment (Aircrew) University of Alabama, University, AL.

Lieut. Jack D. Harris has reported for duty at the Carlsbad, NM. He is the son of Mrs. Allie M. Loftis, Maple Street, Cookeville. He was commissioned August 20, 1943, upon completion of cadet training at Yuma, AZ.

News release from Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS, concerns Cpt. James W. Carr, who has reported at Keesler Field, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, to begin training as a pre-aviation cadet. He is the son of Mrs. Mattie Carr, 116 Church, Cookeville, and will spend 25 days there before going to a college or university for five months of further work preparatory to becoming an air cadet.

While at Keesler Field he will be instructed in military fundamentals, drill and marksmanship, first aid, military sanitation, camouflage and defense air attack.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watts, of Baxter, Route 2, have two sons in the service, Pfc. Howard Watts, now in England, and Pfc. Harvey Watts, at Ft. Benning, GA. The latter has just won the highest medal in rifle practice, he has been at Ft. Benning for the past year.

Sgt. Ralph Williams, on maneuvers in Tennessee, has been visiting his grandfather, J. W. Randolph, and other relatives of Cookeville, Route 2. Sgt. Williams' home is in Havilland, KS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Williams.

Pfc. Gaskell Warren, who is with the 512th M.P. Bn., Third Army, has returned to Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, MS, after spending a 15-day furlough at his home on West Stevens Street. Since September 15, Pfc. Warren has been on maneuvers in Louisiana and Texas.

Pvt. Fred Powell Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, Cookeville, Route 1, spent several days with his wife and baby recently. He completed his basic training at Chanute Field, IL, and was enroute to another camp. Before entering the Army, July 13, 1943, he was an employee of the U. S. Rubber Co., in Detroit.

Mrs. Cynthia Brown, of Cookeville, Route 5, received a letter from her son, Pfc. Campbell J. Brown, of the U. S. Army, stating that he had landed safely "Somewhere in Australia." He also said it was a beautiful country and very nice and warm there. Prior to his sailing he received his training at Camp Forrest and Camp Roberts, CA.

Pfc. Jesse A. Ray, American Air Force Technical Division, recently spent his ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, of Cookeville, Route 5. He has graduated from Aeronautical University at Chicago, and has been transferred to Indianapolis, IN, for further training.

A recent graduate of the Kingman Army Air Field flexible gunnery school, situated a few miles outside of Kingman, AZ, was 20-year-old Bernice E. Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stanton of 407 Smithville Road, Cookeville. Sgt. Stanton entered the Army at Camp Forrest on January 13, 1943. He attended Northern Hi, Detroit.

As a student gunner at Kingman, Stanton went through a ground school course in which he was taught the principles of ballistics, sighting, maintenance, range estimation and aircraft machine guns. Following a protracted course on the gunnery range there he shot the .22 rifle, shot-gun and caliber .30 and .50 machine guns. He was give two weeks of air firing before being presented with his gunnery wings.

Cpl. James Terry, with the U. S. Signal Corps, stationed at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, is here for a ten-day furlough visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry.

A/C Kenneth Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Walker, of Cookeville, who entered the service in August for Naval Air Training, has been transferred from Williamsburg, MA, to Naval Training School, Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, MO.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Hubert Bussell, stating that he is now in Australia, and that he is safe and well.

Pfc. Wrather Johnson was here for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, on the Smithville Road, enroute from Panama City, FL, to Colorado, where he will receive further training with the Army Air Corps.

Cpl. Norman Steele, son of Mrs. Vesta Young, of Baxter, with the 181st F. A., who has been stationed in Camp Roberts, CA, for more than a year, is now on foreign duty "Somewhere in the Pacific."

James Howard Curtis, Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Curtis, recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy through the Cookeville recruiting station.

Aviation Cadet J. W. Lee, 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee, of Monterey, has completed training at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, FL, and has been awarded his Navy Wings and commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Ensign Lee went to Pensacola July 11, 1943.

A/C Billy Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Dyer, who left Cookeville for military duty in August, has completed his training at Williams College, Williamsburg, MA, and is now located at Keene Teachers College, at Keene, NH.

In a recent communication from Harold Oakes, who left the early part of November for Great Lakes Naval Training School, he states that there are a number of Putnam County boys with him. Mrs. Oakes, the former Miss Mary Lou Hunter, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter, for the present. Before being inducted into the service, Mr. Oakes had employment in Baltimore, MD, where he and Mrs. Oakes resided.

Cpl. Roy D. Phillips, whose wife resides in Algood, is now "Somewhere in England," leaving the States the latter part of August. He took part of his training at Ft. Bragg, NC, and shortly before being assigned for overseas service, was on Tennessee maneuvers.

Seaman 2/c Finis A. Bryant, with the United States Navy, who took his boot training at the Great Lakes Training School in Illinois, is here on a 12-day furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude V. Bryant. Spending the time here with him are his wife and son. At the completion of his stay in Cookeville, he will return to Great Lakes.

Sgt. Ralph Bullington, who came recently from Camp Gordon Johnston, FL, for a ten-day furlough with Mrs. Bullington and son, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bullington, is now stationed at Camp Jackson, SC.

Stacy Mott, RM, 3/c, son of Mrs. John R. Mott, who has been taking his basic training in Bainbridge, MD, since entering the service during the early part of the summer, was recently transferred to Portland, MD. He is at a Radio Naval Training School.

A news release from Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, TX, states that Bennie C. Ledbetter, husband of Rosa Breeding Ledbetter, of Algood, has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in that school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

His graduation from this technical school now fits him for airplane maintenance and he will be sent to some air base where he will assist in keeping America's Flying Fortresses in the air.

Lieut William S. Ireland, Medical Administrative Corps Marion, IN, has been promoted to captain, it was announced by his commanding officer, Cpl. William S. Dow. He is attached to the Station Hospital.

Capt. Ireland received his commission as a second lieutenant in September, 1941, and was promoted to first lieutenant in 1942. The captain received the Defense Service Medal. The son of Frank Ireland, S. Washington, Marion, he is married to the former Miss Auda Mae Pennington, daughter of Bob Pennington, Cookeville. They have a son, William K. Ireland, age 3.

Sgt. Sam M. Vaughn, Sr. of 603 Laurel Street, Cookeville, has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant in Camp Lee, VA, Quartermaster Replacement Training Center. Sgt. Vaughn is assigned to Co. F, 13th QMTE, Camp Lee, VA. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn, of Cookeville.

Assigned to the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center, he is one of thousands of soldiers trained in one of more than 70 different fields of technical specialization for service in the streamlined Quartermaster Corps., which feeds, clothes, and equips the modern American Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson have received a recent letter from their son-in-law Pfc. Walter E. Young, who is with the Fifth Army in Italy, a part of which is given below:

"I am writing today to tell you how much I thank you for the letters I have received from you –about 15 all together. I will try and answer them, though I have my job to do and don't have much time. In the day I get off about 4:15 or 4:30 and then it is about time for chow. It is dark by 5:30 and we do not have any lights. It has been very wet for a few days but is rather nice now, only the wind blows hard at times. This country reminds me of Ireland. The people are friendly over here. We asked one of these Italians how the German Army id while it was here – what they told us you can guess. I am mightily glad I am an AMERICAN. There are many things I would like to tell you, but will have to wait until I come home. Wishing you the best of health and good luck, Walter."

Pfc. Young won a Silver Star in the Tunisian Campaign for shooting down a German plane. This event occurred on his birthday. His wife and baby are with her parents for the duration, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson's son, Walter O. Thompson, is "Somewhere in Sicily."

A happy reunion of the past week was when two brothers now in the armed forces met for the first time in twenty-one months at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grogan, of Bloomington Springs. They are Pfc. James H. Grogan, and Cpl. Edgar H. Grogan who have been in service for quite some time. Pfc. Grogan who is now on Tennessee maneuvers, was formerly stationed at Fort Ord, CA, and was at home for a brief visit, when he was joined there by his brother, who has been in training at Ft. Jackson, SC. Mrs. James Grogan, formerly of Dallas, TX, is with her parents-in-law while her husband is in the maneuver area.

The following story taken from a Tampa, FL, paper of recent date, concerns a former Putnam County boy, who with his parents, used to make their home in Baxter.

"Marine Sgt. Richard Haywood Nabors, 28, has had more than his share of Jap bombs.

Now home on Branch Ave., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nabors, Sr., Sergeant Nabors was at Pearl Harbor during the first Jap bombing Dec. 7, 1941. He was with the U. S. Marines on Guadalcanal.

Now he is at home from England, ready for more duty.

"I was a little better off than most of the fellows during the Jap bombing attacks," he said, "I was gunner on a anti-aircraft gun, and I shoot back.

"Ordinarily there's not a darn thing you can do in a bombing raid but lay low and wait until it's over. That's what gets on your nerves. But I had a chance at least to shoot, and in keeping busy, it kept my mind off what a bomb could do to me.

"The closest a bomb has ever come to me is about 100 feet, but I was in the gun pit, so I wasn't hit. But that was close enough."

Once during a raid a part broke in the gun. But instead of ducking for cover, the men kept right on working to repair the part with spares carried with regular equipment, and in about two hours the gun was firing again. His battery was credited with downing 60 planes at Guadalcanal.

Mrs. Solon Mitchell, of West Stevens Street, received a letter November 19, from her husband, Pvt. Solon H. Mitchell, stating that he had arrived "Somewhere in England", and is all right. Pvt. Mitchell was inducted into the army at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, June 2, 1943, and left soon thereafter for Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, where he received his basic training. At the expiration of his furlough at home in September, he was transferred to Camp Remolds, PA, and prior to his sailing in October, was stationed in other eastern camps.

Cpl. And Mrs. Charles Randolph, of Camp Hale, CO, where the former is stationed, have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Randolph, of Cookeville, Route 2. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph, Sr., have two other sons in service who are on overseas duty. Edward Randolph, Seaman 1/c, who has been in the Southwest

Pacific area for the past 18 months, has had a shore leave of 15 days recently which he spent in Sydney, Australia, and A. V. Randolph, R., F 3/c, was also in Sydney and the two brothers met for the first time in over a year. The latter has been in the Navy two years and most of this time has been spent in the Southwest Pacific area.

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Pvt. William Clifton Masters was home on furlough last week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Jane Masters. He is with the Medical Corps, stationed at Camp Swift, TX.

W. Thomas Ford, Seaman 2/c, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ford, of Mobile, AL, who took his boot training at the Great Lakes Training station, Great Lakes, IL, has been attending Arm Guard School, Norfolk, VA, for the past few weeks, and is now stationed in Brooklyn, NY.

Douglas Bush, U. S. Army, who entered the service in November, is stationed at Camp Shelby, MS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bush of near Baxter and prior to reporting for military duty, was employed in Detroit, where he and Mrs. Bush resided. The junior Mrs. Bush, the former Miss Daily Starnes, is now at her home, here on Cedar Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stanton have recently heard from their son, Charles Stanton, Jr., R. M. 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has been on foreign duty for more than three months. He is now at his home port, "Somewhere on the Atlantic Coast." Mr. and Mrs. Stanton's youngest son, A/S Carson B. Stanton, Army Air Corps, is taking his Cadet training at the Methodist Centenary College, Shreveport, LA. Layton Stanton, Jr., 1/c Seaman, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton, of Nashville, has been spending his furlough at home, and came to Cookeville for a short stay. He too has been on sea duty. Another member of the Stanton family heard from this week is Cpl. S. S. Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Stanton, of McMinnville, who is "Somewhere in England."

Greeting from Great Britain has been received by Cookeville friends of Bura V. Lawson, who is on military duty in England. A son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lawson, he formerly made Putnam County his home.

Cpl. Horace B. Roberson, of the U. S. 181st F. A., has according to a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Roberson, of Algood, arrived safely "Somewhere in Australia." Prior to this he had been stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, since December 19, 1941. He has been in the army since February 1, 1941.

The Army Ordnance Department today announced that Pfc. James C. Swallows, of Baxter has completed a specialist's course in Tank Chassis at the Center Line of The Ordnance School, conducted by the Chrysler Corporation in Center Line, MI.

Pfc. Carl E. Lawson, whose wife, Mrs. Dorothy V. Lawson, lives in Bloomington Springs, has been promoted to corporal. He is now serving with an infantry unit of the Fifth Army, in Italy.

Cpl. Benjamin A. Fox, who spent from November 28 until December 7 with his mother, Mrs. Ada Fox, at her home on Whitson Street, has returned to Camp Cooke, CA. This was Cpl. Fox's first visit home since reporting for military duty the early part of 1943. During his stay a family reunion was held in his honor with many members of the immediate family coming from a distance for the occasion. Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. Alden Fox and sons, Aubrey and Roy, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. ___ O. Fox and daughters, Minnie Ada and Jonnie Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fox and sons, Jere, Jackie and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fox, all of Crossville; Mrs. Boyd Kittrell of Knoxville; Cordell Locke, Gainesboro. Because of illness, Cpl. Fox's other brother, Charlie Fox, of Detroit, was unable to attend.

John Ed Clouse, U. S. Army, with the Medical Detachment, University of Tennessee, Memphis, will arrive the latter part of this week for a ten day visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Clouse, at their home, on Douglas Street.

Lt. Van D. Nunally, Jr., who has been spending two weeks at his home in Baxter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Nunally, and with his wife and baby at Pleasant Hill, has returned to Ft. Lewis, WA, where he is now stationed.

Lieutenant-Colonel John A. Mitchell is here spending a five day leave with Mrs. Mitchell and family at their home, on E. Fourth Street. Lieut-Col. Mitchell has been stationed in Springfield, IL, but at the expiration of his leave, goes to Kelley Field, San Antonio, TX, for further military duty.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Arden Earl Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lowe, of Boma.

Joseph Doyle Jaquess, U. S. Naval, has spent a seven day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jaquess, of Algood. He received his boot training at San Diego, CA, and following his stay at home, he reported to Camp Peary, VA, for further training with the Seabees.

A news release from Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, says United States Army Combat Engineers were using "commando" tactics long before the term was ever heard, and they are in the British Isles now preparing to use them again in the next assault on Europe.

Putnam Countians in this area are: Pfc. John T. Pullum, 25, Route 1, Buffalo Valley; Sgt. Warren G. Smith, 22, and Staff Sergeant Joe Anderson, 25, of Silver Point.

The many Cookeville friends of Ensign and Mrs. Edward Gracey, will be pleased to learn of his recent promotion from Chief Petty Officer to that of Ensign, which commission he received last week. Ensign Gracey is at present stationed in Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Gracey is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith on Dixie Avenue.

Cpl. William Herman Johnson, who was here recently for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Johnson, is now stationed at N. Ft. Lewis, WA. Cpl. Johnson who was with the original 181st F. A., was in training for many months at Camp Roberts, CA. During his period of military service, Cpl. Johnson has an enviable record, as he has won seven medals, the last one is a Good Conduct Medal.

The whereabouts of the four Allison boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison are always of interest to their numerous friends at home. The last to enter the service is Billy Allison, U. S. Navy, who is taking his V-12 training course at Sewanee. He was at home for a week-end visit. Joe Allison, S. K., 2/c, U. S. Navy, is now in Oakland, CA, and in the near future he and his brother, V. C. Allison, Jr., seaman 1/c, U. S. Navy, will be together, when the latter gets an eight day shore leave. He has been on sea duty 18 months. Cpl. John Allison Aerial Photographer, Army Air Corps, is at Tyndale Field, FL.

Ralph Bohannon, Lieutenant, Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bohannon, Monterey, R. 1, is now "Somewhere in Italy." Since entering the service he has had varied experiences as well as training. He was inducted into service June 5, 1942, with the Quartermaster Division, receiving his basic training at Camp Forrest where he was promoted to Sergeant. From Camp Forrest he was transferred to Camp Lee, VA, for a training period of three months and was commissioned Second Lieutenant there. He was then transferred from his regular division to the Army Air Corps, and sent to Orlando, FL, for several months. He left Miami, FL, October, by Clipper, going to Brazil, then to North Africa, thence to Italy. Lt. Bohannon is a Tennessee Tech graduate and in civilian life was a member of the London High School faculty, commercial department.

T. Sgt. Charles E. Barnett, of Monterey, the 25-year-old aerial engineer and left waist gunner on the Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress "The Zoot Suiters," completed his twenty-fifth bombing attack on German targets in the Reich, and the enemy occupied countries of Europe when his Fortress participated in the bombing of a target at Rjukan, Norway.

Sgt. Barnett has been credited with shooting down one German fighter plane, a Messerschmitt 210, and he has been awarded the Air Medal with abvee Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

As a gunner on the Fortress crew team that makes daylight precision bombing possible. Barnett has flown on most of the major precision bombing attacks carried out by Flying Fortresses of Eighth Bomber Command during the past several months over Germany and the enemy occupied countries of Europe.

Barnett's 25 missions include three of the Eighth Air Force's most successful precision bombing jobs, the construction of a major part of German synthetic rubber production of Huls, the successful attack on a Messerschmitt factory at Regensburg when the Forts completed their first shuttle mission by landing in Africa, and the sensational attack on the Focke-Wulf assembly plant at Marienburg, East Prussia, close to a Polish border.

American Red Cross Club, Australia:

To American Red Cross Chapter: Putnam County Tennessee,

Today is the last day of November and my day off. There's no place much to go, but to the club here at the Red Cross. There is no place to go like there is back home. Here in the Red Cross Club you can listen to music, read and write letters.

As just one of the boys, I'd like to thank the American Red Cross for what it is and has been doing for the U. S. Armed Forces overseas. I know they appreciate it as much as I do.

Maybe it is not customary for us to write to you, but I just wanted to express my gratitude to you.

Yours very truly,
Kenneth Dyer, H. A., 1/c
U. S. N. Mobile Hospital
%Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, CA

Christmas greeting in from of a poem comes from Dibrell Boyd, U. S. Army, "Somewhere in Sicily." He sends this to his mother, Mrs. Bell Boyd, Cookeville, Rt. 5, other members of his family and to numerous friends:

Across thousands of miles of salty foam
Of the big Atlantic, deep and blue,
Comest strong and cheerful Christmas wishes,
For someone dear, and this is you.

Though duty may keep me busy here
And distance keep us far apart,
I'm sure I'll not see you Christmas
Day,
Although, I will be there in heart.

I wish you happiness the new year thru,
Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas
Too,
And when you count your Christmas
Joys,
I hope to enjoy that season too.

Pvt. John D. Ray, Jr., who has been in the service since November, 1942, was here last week spending the time at home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ray, on Dyer Street. The junior Mrs. Ray came from Detroit to spend the time here with her husband. He has now returned to his post of duty in Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Harry Dixon, who was called home on account of the illness and subsequent death of his father, Z. Dixon, returned Thursday to Camp McCall, NC, where he is stationed.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Len K. Mahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler. Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life. Before going into the service he was employed as City Clerk.

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Naval Aviation Cadet Walter Kenneth Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Waller, Cookeville, Route 5, was among the group graduated from the U. S. Naval Flight Preparatory School, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, during the month of November, 1943.

He graduated from Central High School, Cookeville, and attended Tennessee Tech.

Joe E. Raby, of Fayetteville, but formerly of Cookeville, was recently inducted into the U. S. Navy. Mr. Raby has many relatives and friends here who will be interested in his whereabouts. He is now stationed in Great Lakes, IL. Mrs. Raby, the former Miss Estelle Nichols, of Cookeville, and son, Joe Raby, Jr., are remaining at their home in Fayetteville.

Charles Ray Womack, U. S. Medical Corps, School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University, Nashville is here to spend the holiday season with his father, Dr. Ray Womack, and Mrs. Womack.

Cpl. Charles E. Gentry, U. S. Army with a Medical Detachment, is now in the Southwest Pacific area. He sailed from the West Coast sometime in October. For several months he was stationed in San Francisco, CA. Prior to that time he was in New Orleans, LA. Mrs. Gentry, who spent some time in CA with her husband, has returned to Cookeville with her son, Charles E. Gentry, Jr., are residing here.

A letter written November 18, was received this week by Mrs. Hallie J. Travis from her son, Lt. Bennett J. Travis, Army Air Corps, who is now "Somewhere South of the Equator." Lt. Travis presumably left States the latter part of October.

Major Gid H. Lowe will come from Camp Butner, NC, for a holiday visit with Mrs. Lowe and son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mott.

Lt Alard C. Harding, who is stationed at Camp Barkley, TX, has been called home on account of a critical illness of his father, who is at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville.

Sgt. Robert L. "Bobby" Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maddux, of Cookeville, Route 5, has returned to Ft. Lewis, WA, after spending his furlough with relatives here. Sgt. Maddux was originally with the National Guard, and took his early training at Camp Forrest and later was transferred to Camp Roberts, CA, where he remained for some time. He has also been stationed at Camp White, OR, Ft. Sill, OK, Camp Elma, WA, Yakima, WA, Bend, OR, and his present station. Mr. and Mrs. Maddux have another son Pfc. James Gilbert Maddux, who is now in the Pacific area.

Pfc. Herman Morgan, son of Mrs. Elva S. Morgan, of Cookeville, was graduated recently from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS, and is now ready for active line duty.

Pvt. Morgan, however, may be sent to a factory school for further specialized training or to one of the Army Air Forces Training Command's flexible gunnery schools to become an aerial gunner.

In the course of approximately 17 weeks at Keesler Field, he learned about airplanes mechanic's tools, electric and hydraulic systems, instruments, propellers, fuel systems, engine operation and aircraft inspection. The last eight days were spent at "Fort Liberator," a branch of the school, where he learned to perform maintenance work on aircraft under simulated battle conditions.

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Lieut. James C. Partin Reported Killed in Action in Italy, December 8:

A telegram from the War Department was received yesterday morning by Mrs. Willie Curtis Wright Partin stating that her husband, Lieut. James Clint Partin, was killed in action somewhere in Italy December 8.

Lieut. Partin entered the service two years ago, receiving his training at Sault St. Marie, MI, Camp Robertson, AR, and Fort Edwards, MA. He received his commission as a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, GA.

He served overseas eight months, and was with General Clark at Salerno and Naples. He and his infantry division were reported to have been the first to enter Naples.

He taught school in Franklin County, later holding a position as accountant in Cleveland, OH. He attended Tennessee Tech and was married in September, 1942, to Miss Willie Curtis Wright, of Algood, who is now a member of the faculty at Tennessee Tech.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Partin, of Decherd; four brothers, Williard, Ray, and Warren, of Akron, OH; Eugene Partin, of Decherd; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Penny, Miss Lizzie Lee Partin, of Cleveland, OH, and Mrs. Odys Vaughn, of Cowan.

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Verble Carrington on Naval duty at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN, is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington.

Pfc. Lehman Bartlett of Buffalo Valley is now "Somewhere in Africa." In a recent letter received from him he was getting along splendidly. He presumably left the United States early part of November. His wife the former Miss Auda Sutton, is residing in Buffalo Valley during his absence.

Major Gid H. Lowe, has returned to Camp Butner, NC, following a visit here with Mrs. Lowe and son, and with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Lowe, and other relatives.

Ensign Arthur Piepmeier, formerly stationed at Camp Peary, VA, is now on Naval duty at San Jose, CA. Mrs. Piepmeier is spending some time with him there while their son is with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa.

A/S Clarence Stewart and Mrs. Stewart came from Tuscaloosa, AL, where the former is stationed at the University of Alabama, to spend the holidays with their son at the home of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Terry.

Lieutenant and Mrs. James W. Witherspoon and son left Tuesday for Springfield, OH, where the former is on military duty, after spending a week with Mrs. Witherspoon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper.

Ensign and Mrs. Holmes Neal, who returned from their wedding trip on Saturday have, after a brief visit with the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, goes to Hartford, CT, where Ensign Neal will be stationed.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. B. Cox arrived Tuesday from Montgomery, AL, for a visit of several days with their respective parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson had with them during the Christmas holidays their son, Sgt. Vincent Whitson, Mrs. Whitson and baby. Sgt. Whitson is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, MO. Another son, A/C Thurman C. Whitson of Maxwell Field, AL, and Mrs. Whitson, were also their guests, dividing their stay here and with Mrs. Whitson's parents in Lenoir City.

Robert Taylor Rhea, U. S. Navy, came from Louisville, KY, where he is stationed at the University of Louisville, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Rhea and other members of his family.

Cpl. Ernest Terry, who is in Tennessee on maneuvers spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry at the home on First St.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown had as their guests during the holidays their son, A/S Charles Brown who has recently been transferred from Raleigh, NC, to the Nashville Classification Center. A/S Brown had as his guest, A/S Frank Cowan, also stationed in Nashville.

Captain Alex Shipley, who is stationed at Ft. Sill, OK, with the U. S. Medical Corps, is spending the week here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley and other relatives. Mrs. Shipley and children who make their home in Middlesboro, KY, while Capt. Shipley is on military duty, joined him here as did his sister, Mrs. Gay Whitehead of Richmond, KY.

Pvt. Marion Chaffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Chaffin, is now "Somewhere in Egypt." He has been overseas since early autumn.

Morrison Lowe, U. S. Coast Guards, stationed in Florida, is here for a seventeen day furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lowe. This is his first visit home since he entered the service the early part of 1912.

Jimmy Massa, U. S. Navy, stationed at the University of Louisville, where he is taking special training, was here for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa.

Ensign Hargrave Piepmeier, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at the Lewis School of Aeronautics, Lockport, IL, is now located at the Navy Air Field, Dallas, TX, where he was recently transferred. Ensign Piepmeier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Piepmeier former residents of Cookeville.

Sgt. Ernest Brown has returned to Ft. Myers, VA, where he is with the Quartermaster Division, after spending several days here with his father, E. L. Brown, his sister, Miss Edwinna Brown and his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Brown. Returning to Ft. Myers with his was Robert Lee Wright who will remain for a short visit.

Pfc. Cecil E. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Montgomery of 516 West Broad St., Cookeville, has been graduated from Gulfport Field, MS from his Army Air Forces Technical Training Command school for airplane mechanics specialized in maintenance of cargo and transport type airplanes.

During his stay at Gulfport Field Pfc. Montgomery received a highly technical course of instruction covering 112 days of mechanical instruction. At the conclusion of his formal schooling, he spent eight days in Gulfport Fields's "Guadalcanal" Graduation Field Test Area, where he put his knowledge to work under combat conditions. The area is nicknamed "Guadalcanal" because of its rugged set-up.

Sgt. Bill Morgan, a former resident of Cookeville, who is now stationed in Memphis with the Ferrying Company was here for a visit this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry. He is spending his Christmas furlough with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan in Lewisburg.

1st Sgt. Aaron L. Lane, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gentry, has landed safe in Australia and says it is a beautiful place, and he is fine. He had been stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, for some time.

Cpl. Henry S. Crabtree, Sub-School for Bakers and Cooks, Fort Sill, OK, has been promoted to Sergeant, after one year's service. His mother is Mrs. Ethel Crabtree.

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Community Service Entertains 4,500 Soldiers Christmas:

The Community Service Center was swamped with soldiers on Christmas Day with an estimated 4,500 coming in during the day.

2,400 cups of coffee were given the soldiers, 74 cakes baked by the women, and 100 pounds of candy made by the girls of Cookeville were given the service men. 1,500 presents donated by the citizens were handed to the boys Christmas night. One thousand articles were checked and 50 telephone calls completed for the men.

Fruit given during the afternoon and night; 5 bushels apples, 6 crates oranges, 5 crates tangerines, 300 packages of cigarettes, 376 Hershey bars.

A 15 piece Army band furnished music. A large number of parents and wives of soldiers made requests for rooms. The hostesses tried to place all of the visitors in the hotels and private homes of Cookeville.

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Congressman Albert Gore Inducted Into the Armed Services:

Congressman Albert Gore was inducted into the Armed Service Tuesday of this week along with a number of other young men from Smith County.

Mr. Gore was accepted for the Army and stated that he hoped to be placed in the infantry and that he wanted to see active combat service.

Mr. Gore, it is reported, plans to spend a part of his three weeks leave on the floor of Congress. He has not resigned as Congressman from the Fourth District but plans to ask for a leave of absence while in the service.

His wife will be in charge of his office in Washington.

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Sgt. James Terry came for Fort Monmouth, NJ, for a brief holiday visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry. He was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant.

Cpl. Audie L. Johnson, U. S. Army, stationed in Cincinnati, OH, has returned to his post of duty following a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson. Cpl. Johnson was called to Paducah, KY, the latter part of his stay on account of the death of his brother, James F. Johnson.

Col. Frank Trent, a nephew of Mrs. Henry Trent, of Dixie Avenue, Cookeville, who was recently promoted to the rank of a Colonel, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. W. F. Trent in Knoxville. Col. Trent has been stationed at Ft. Riley, KS, but is now on a special military mission. He is a West Point graduate.

The following who are in service have been spending the holidays with different members of their families at Bloomington Springs.

Pvt. Clyde Pippin, stationed at Camp Gordon, Augusta, GA, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Pippin.

Pvt. James Patton came from Camp Campbell, KY, for a holiday visit with his father, Verdie Patton and family.

Pvt. Eldon Presley came from the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Presley. Mrs. Eldon Presley, who is employed in Nashville, joined her husband at his parents' home.

Cpl. Cecil Ray Presley, stationed at Camp Edwards, MS, visited his father, Denton Presley and sister, Jean Presley.

Bob Lee Pippin, U. S. Navy, in training at Great Lakes, IL, spent Christmas with Mrs. Pippin at their home, in Bloomington.

Vestal Billingsley, gunner's mate, U. S. Navy, who has been in the South Pacific, spent his shore leave with his mother, Mrs. Daisy Billingsley.

Sgt. James Alloway, who was recently promoted from corporal to his present rank, came from the Smyrna Air Base, where he is stationed for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway, on Freeze Street.

Lt. Col. W. Hubert Crawford who has been ill at Thayer General Hospital in Nashville for the past two weeks, has recovered sufficiently to return to Lebanon where he is stationed on military duties.

Cpl. Govey J. Whiteaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Whiteaker of Algood, is now overseas with a Fighter Squadron group. Prior to being transferred to the West Coast, he was stationed in New Hampshire.

Congressman Albert Gore, who has been inducted into the United States Army, and reports for service shortly, with Mrs. Gore and daughter, Nancy, are visiting in Cookeville this week are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin and Mrs. Pennock Moore.

Ensign Clarence Collins, U. S. Navy, a graduate of Tennessee Tech, who is spending his leave at his home in Springfield, was here this week for a brief visit with friends.

Sgt. Sam Vaughn has returned to Camp Lee, VA, after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn and other members of his family. The junior Mrs. Vaughn and baby who have been in Virginia with his husband and came to Cookeville with him are remaining for a longer visit with relatives here.

Earl Nash, Army Air Corps, who was here for a portion of the Christmas holidays, coming to Cookeville from Oklahoma City, OK, has been transferred to Gainesville, TX. Mrs. Nash, who is with him will return to Cookeville the latter part of this week.

Sgt. Dallas Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Montgomery, of near Cookeville, who has been with the armed forces in England for a year was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant. In a recent letter to his parents he stated that the boys had a regular sewing circle sewing on their new stripes and that they had a very good Christmas season.

A message from the War Department came this week to Rev. and Mrs. Steele of Spring Hill, formerly of Cookeville and Monterey stating that their son Edward Steele, Lieut. Army Air Corps was missing in action in a raid over Germany since December 22. Lieut. Steele, 25, was a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was here in Nashville and graduated from high school at Fayetteville and attended the Cookeville

schools while his parents made their home here. He graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University and returned then to Nashville where he held a position with the Vultee Aircraft Corporation and also studied law. He volunteered for service in March 1942 and received his wings at Moody Field, GA, in March 1943 and had been in England since October. The receipt of this news will be deeply and sincerely regretted by the many Putnam County Friends of the Steele family made during Rev. Steel's pastorate of the Cookeville and Monterey Methodist Churches.

This very splendid letter comes from a former Cookevillian, Chester B. Lewis, Captain, Signal Corps, Kelly Field, TX.

"A few days ago I had the pleasure of meeting Lt. Col. John A. Mitchell of Cookeville here at Kelly Field where we are both stationed and after a lengthy conversation concerning former classmates of mine at City School during the period of 1926-1930 and other citizens of a fine town, a fine county and a fine state it comes to my attention that Cookeville and Putnam County are living up to their tradition of furnishing their share of patriots able soldiers in this war as they have done in all wars past.

"My last visit to Cookeville was in the early part of 1940 and as I look back and into the future, I look forward to the day when I can return to Cookeville for another visit when this war has been terminated in the unconditional surrender of our foe. I returned to the United States a few months ago after two years of service in the Middle East theatre and travels which carried me through 28 countries of the world.

"Enclosed please find check for two dollars covering my subscription to the Herald for the year 1944. I know of no better way to start the New Year right."

Col. and Mrs. Douglas Paschall, formerly of Norfolk, VA, are here for a brief visit enroute to the West Coast where the former reports for further military assignment. They are dividing their visit with Mrs. Paschall's mother and sister, Mrs. Lucy Lowe and Mrs. Ralph Jared, of Buffalo Valley, and with her brother, M. L. Lowe and Mrs. Lowe, of Washington Ave. During their stay in Tennessee they will also visit in Nashville with Mrs. Paschall's other brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lowe and Col. Paschall's relatives. Miss Mary Mai Paschall who spent the holidays with her parents in Norfolk, returned with them and has resumed her studies at Vanderbilt University, where she is a senior student.

Pfc. William H. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gentry, 601 Hickory Street, Cookeville, was graduated recently from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS, and is now ready for active line duty.

Pvt. Gentry, however, may be sent to a factory school for further specialized training or to one of the Army Air Force Training Command's flexible gunnery schools to become a serial gunner.

In the course of approximately 17 weeks, he learned about airplane mechanic's tools, electric and hydraulic systems, instruments, propellers, fuel system, engine operations and aircraft inspection. The last eight days were spent at "Fort Liberator," a branch of the school where he learned to perform maintenance work on aircraft under simulated battle conditions.

In training at the preflight school of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center are 87 from Tennessee, including one, Haynes E. Peery, from Algood. The future pilots receive nine weeks of instruction at the Center, learning the fundamentals necessary for actual flight training in primary and advanced schools. They are prepared physically and mentally to attain their common goal, the silver wings of Army Air Forces pilots.

Dick Lansden Johnson, 21, son of Hollis Johnson, 707 North 24th Street, Paducah, KY, and the late Mrs. Florence Lansden Johnson, graduated December 22 at the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Northwestern University, Chicago, and was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Navy. Ensign Johnson enlisted in the Navy, September 1942 and received his training in the Navy V-7 program. He graduated in August 1943 at Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC, with a B. S. degree. He spent from December 25 until December 30 with his father and other relatives in Paducah, and at the expiration of his leave he reported to

San Francisco, CA to await assignment. Ensign Johnson is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson of Cookeville, and of Mrs. D. L. Lansden and the late Judge Lansden of Nashville.

Below is quoted a commendation extended Sgt. Willie T. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker, of near Cookeville, who is with the 56th Infantry Division.

“During his training with this organization, Sgt. Willie T. Walker of the Reconnaissance Troop displayed unusual qualities of leadership and courage in the conduct of a night patrol on November 26. Sgt. Walker, as patrol leader, was assigned the mission of reaching RJ69 deep behind enemy lines, to observe all hostile activity in that area and return as late as possible to reach the 3rd Battalion CP just prior to daylight. Upon receipt of this mission at 1630, Sgt. Walker reported to K Co., and met the two men who were to accompany him, at 1645. With a minimum of preparation he led the patrol out at 2000, he penetrated the hostile front line and reached his objective where he remained until 0315 returning to our front line at 0500 with his patrol intact. He brought back valuable information of enemy activities and it is believed that this patrol was the first to successfully evade hostile forces and to reach RJ69.

“The route covered was a long one made difficult by obstacles, mud, fallen trees, ditches and darkness and required a great expenditure of energy to be traversed in the time allotted. Patrols from this regiment accustomed to working together and with adequate preparation had tried previously to cover this same route without success.

“Inasmuch as reconnaissance is not part of Sgt. Walker’s regularly assigned duties his success is even more creditable.”

“For the Commanding Officer:

Roswell K. Doughty, Capt. 141st Inf. of their duties.

Sgt. Paul H. Kirby, of Cookeville, has been awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal by order of Colonel C. Hildebrand, commanding officer of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Train Center at North Camp Hood, TX. A Good Conduct Ribbon, red with three narrow white bands at either end, is usually worn instead of the medal. The Good Conduct Medal is given, on recommendation of unit commanders, to those enlisted men who have demonstrated exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in the performance of their duties.

Jerry Agee, s 2/c, has been transferred from Bainbridge, MD, to the United States Naval Training School, Sampson, NY. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Agee, of N. Peachtree Street.

Sgt. Howard C. Gentry, of North Walnut Street, Cookeville, has been awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal by order of the Colonel of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, TX. A Good Conduct Ribbon, red with three narrow white bands at either end, is usually worn instead of the medal. The Good Conduct Medal is given, on recommendation of unit commanders, to those enlisted men who have demonstrated exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in the performance of their duties.

Fred Rockwell, aviation machinist mate 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rockwell of Cumberland County, formerly of Putnam County, is “Somewhere in the Pacific,” serving in the Naval Air Corps. He has been in the service since July 1942, when he volunteered for naval duty. He was home on leave in July when Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Joe Randolph and daughter from Dayton, OH, came to be with him. Mrs. Randolph, his sister was formerly Liela Rockwell. He was a student at Tennessee Tech before going into service. He received his training at Great Lakes, IL, Jacksonville, FL, and San Diego, CA.

Pvt. Willie D. Vinson, son of Mrs. Vallie Vinson formerly of this county but now of Detroit, has been spending his 14 day furlough with relatives in Putnam County. He is with the Army Air Force, and for some months was stationed in Miami, FL, but since March 1943 has been at Riverside, CA. Pvt. Vinson has two brothers in the service, Cpl. Cordell H. Vinson for the past four months has been “Somewhere in England.” H. A. Vinson is stationed at Camp Gordon, Augusta, GA.

Recent graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training School for midshipmen on the Northwestern University campus in Evanston, IL, say William C. Huddleston, 25, son of Mrs. Cora Huddleston, of Algood, Route 1, receive his commission as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Courses in navigation, seamanship, and gunnery comprise the three-month training period. The newly commissioned Ensign will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer.

Ken Bailey, U. S. Army, who has been on maneuvers in Louisiana, is here for a furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Clarissa Bailey, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Maxwell. He was formerly stationed at Camp Bowie, TX, and this is his first visit home since he entered the service in April.

Douglas Carmack recently received his honorable discharge from the United States Army due to physical disability. In November he returned from England where he had been with the armed forces for several months, spending many weeks in an English hospital. He was hospitalized in New York and later transferred to Moore General Hospital, in North Carolina. It was there he was granted his discharge.

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Sgt. Sam Vaughn was called to his home here last week from Camp Lee, VA on account of the serious illness of his small son, Sam Vaughn, Jr. The baby's condition is now much better.

Pvt. Marlon E. Freeman, son of Mrs. B. C. Freeman, of Algood, who reported for military duty in November is now stationed with the U. S. Army at Ft. Riley, KS.

Cpl. Beverly Minor has returned to Camp Stewart, GA, where he is stationed with the United States Army, after spending his ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary Minor.

A/S W. J. Julian, who left Tennessee Tech in his senior year in 1943, will soon report to Northwestern University for Midshipman training. He took his basic training at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Calvin Frey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frey, has reported for military service at Camp Shelby, MS. For several years he has been a popular member of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute faculty, serving as assistant coach and teacher. The junior Mrs. Frey, who is a member of the City School faculty, will remain in Cookeville during her husband's absence.

A/C Bob Grace, Army Air Corps, stationed at Maxwell Field, AZ, was home recently for a visit with his father, Lawrence Grace, and other members of his family.

Cpl. Joe Ed Hunter has been spending his seven day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter. Cpl. Hunter is with a medical detachment and is stationed at Camp Edwards, MA.

Pvt. and Mrs. Rayburn Bryant have named their infant son, Alexis Vaden. The baby was born December 25, at the City hospital, but he and his mother, the former Miss Willene Gentry, are now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gentry, on South Jefferson Ave.

Sgt. Houston Haile, who is now stationed at Camp Mackall, NC, was here for a recent visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Haile. Coming from Nashville to join the family circle on the occasion of his visit were his sister, Mrs. Claude Horner, Mr. Horner and son. Sgt. Francis Brosimham here on maneuvers, was also a recent guest in the Haile home.

S/Sgt. Robert Denton Patton has been with the armed forces "Somewhere in England" since last July. Prior to his induction in November, 1942, he was assistant manager of the Ragland-Potter & Co. wholesale house in Cookeville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Patton, formerly of Baxter, now of Detroit, MI, and in January of last year, married the former Miss Maurine Patton.

J. Harold Bradley, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed in San Diego, CA, was recently transferred to Puget Sound Navy Yards, Bremerton, WA. Mrs. Bradley, who has been in San Diego, with her husband, returned to Cookeville, Monday.

S/Sgt. Ben V. Mason, of Algood, recently returned from service outside the continental United States, is now being processed through the army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 3 in Miami Beach, FL, where his next assignment will be recommended.

Sgt. Mason, Signal Corps maintenance man, served in Alaska. His father, Claude Mason, resides at 1085 Lansing St., Detroit, MI. Sgt. Mason attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

Lattie Edward "Buddie" Barnes, who recently received his honorable discharge from the United States Army, was inducted into the service February 24, 1942, and was sent overseas the following May. He was wounded in action on January 14, 1943, while fighting in the South Pacific area, and was returned to a San Francisco hospital for medical treatment and for recuperation. He was then presented the Purple Heart Award, and a highly recommended honorable discharge certificate. After spending several days here with his sister, Mrs. S. P. Adams, and family and other relatives in Tennessee, he and Mrs. Barnes have returned to California to make their home.

Sgt. Ralph Bullington, of Ft. Jackson, B. C., recently received a promotion from Staff Sergeant to Technical Sgt. Sgt. Bullington spent a few hours Christmas Day with his wife and son, Stanley, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bullington.

Pfc. Cecil E. Montgomery is now attending Engine Specialist School at the Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, MI. Pfc Montgomery is to be there for a period of five weeks.

Finis Aaron Bryant, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, was here for a seven-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bryant. At the completion of the stay he returned to his post of duty at Clinton, OH. The junior Mrs. Bryant, who was here with him has also gone to Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Phillips of Algood, recently received word that their son, Pvt. H. J. Phillips had arrived safely "Somewhere in England." Pvt. Phillips has been in service for a year and received his basic training at Ft. Jackson, SC, and was later transferred to Ft. Meade, MD.

Ray Boman, U. S. Maritime Service, stationed at St. Petersburg, FL, and Mrs. Boman were here for a recent visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. R. Mott. At the expiration of his stay, he returned to St. Petersburg, where he will receive training at the Maritime Officer's Candidate School.

Pvt. Harley W Vinson, stationed at Camp Gordon, near Augusta, GA, is leaving today for Detroit, MI, after spending a portion of his furlough with his sister, Mrs. Stant Elrod. Mr. Elrod and other Putnam County relatives. He will visit his mother, Mrs. Vailie Vinson, in Detroit, and at the completion of his stay will report for further duty at Camp Gordon.

Mrs. Harold Denny, of Baxter, has recently received a letter from her son, Pfc. **Robert R. Denny**, 19, of the Army Air Corps, who is in England. He has recently returned after attending school in Ireland. He has visited in Scotland and London several times. Pfc. Denny was inducted into service April 7, 1943, and arrived in England July 5, 1943. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, FL, then was sent to New York, where he sailed. At the time of his induction he was a student at Baxter Seminary.

Mrs. J. R. Mott has had as her recent guests her son, Stacy Mott RM 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed for several weeks at Casco Bay, Portland, Maine, but was here for a brief visit before reporting for further assignment at the Brooklyn Naval Yards. Pvt. John Mott, stationed at the induction center, Camp McClellan, AL, and Mrs. Ray Boman, of Nashville, came for a weekend visit with their mother on account of their brother's stay at home. Another brother, Herman Mott, and Mrs. Mott, temporarily located in Nashville, joined the family group here on Sunday.

Dean J. L. Meadows has announced that thirteen Tech boys left for service in the armed forces during the fall quarter.

The following students left: Joe Ashburn went into the Navy; George Arney into the Navy to study Radar; Charles Cox, Navy; Thomas King, Army Air Corps; William Gill, Army; John Dillard Gray, Army; Benjamin Gunn, Army; Spencer Holt, Army Air Corps; Donald Mayberry, Marine Corps; James Preston, Navy; Thomas Rawis, Navy; John Roy, Navy, and Rodney Thomas, Navy.

Ensign and Mrs. Ralph Williams are expected to come to Cookeville and Monterey for a visit this week, spending the time with Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. E. A. Fox here and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stevens.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Marvin D. McClain, 32, husband of Mrs. Morgria Ann McClain, of Route 1, Cookeville.

Henry T. McCaleb, S 2/c, son of Rev. E. H. McCaleb, of Cookeville, Route 2, recently completed his "boot" training at Camp Scott, Farragut, ID, and is now attending school in the Hospital Corps in Farragut. He spent his leave with his wife in Council Grove, KS.

In Monterey, Ensign Williams, a graduate of Tennessee Tech, with the U. S. Navy, has been stationed in California for many months and Mrs. Williams, the former Miss Mildred Stevens, has been with him. They have been visiting Ensign Williams' relatives in Springfield since coming to Tennessee last week.

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Lt. Col. John A. Mitchell is ill at the Brooks general hospital, Fort Bain, Houston, San Antonio, TX, where he underwent an operation some two weeks ago. In the near future, Col. Mitchell will come to his home here for recuperation.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Harlan Taylor, who have been dividing their time during the past week with Livingston, Cookeville and Nashville relatives will go soon to Charleston, NC, where Col. Taylor will be chief of surgery at the Stark general hospital. Since returning from overseas duty early last year, he has been stationed at the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Hospital in Staunton, VA.

Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., who is on military duty in Richmond, VA, has been ill at the station hospital for the past two weeks, but is now improving. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, of this city.

Seaman Jimmy Broshear, who has been on naval duty for the past several months in the Pacific War Area, will spend his thirty day shore leave in Cookeville with his father, Allen Broshear, and Mrs. Broshear, and with his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes.

John Arnold Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Walker, of Cookeville, Route 5, who is in training with the Naval V-12 program, has been ill for several weeks at the Great Lakes hospital. He was formerly stationed at Purdue university, Lafayette, IN, where he became ill, and where his mother spent three weeks with him. His condition is thought to be much improved. At the time of his enlistment for naval duty, he was a student at Tennessee Tech.

Sgt. Henry J. Stamps left Sunday for his new field, in Tampa, FL, after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stamps, at Baxter. Sgt. Stamps was transferred from San Antonio, TX, to Tampa for further training.

Lieut. Robert R. Robbins, after completing his Officers Candidate School course at Miami Beach, FL, where he was commissioned, was here last week for a two day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Robbins, enroute to Washington, D. C.

Capt. Norman Dewey Lewis, of Lovell, WY, a special friend of Percy D. Sims, also of Lovell, visited with Mr. Sims, also of Lovell, visited with Mr. Sims' mother, Mrs. Henry martin, and Dr. Martin last week-end. Capt. Lewis was on maneuvers in this section of Tennessee.

Pvt. Kenneth Moore, who is stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, and Mrs. Moore are spending two weeks here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore, and with Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Thomas Gunn, of Baxter. They brought their infant son, Kenneth Moore, Jr., who died last week in Fayetteville, NC, here for burial on Thursday, January 13.

According to a news release from the Navy Department of January 18, Everett P. Anderson, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, has been wounded in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Acy P. Anderson, of near Cookeville, who are in receipt of a letter from him written December 10, 1943. A portion of the letter follows:

"Dearest Folks:

"How is everyone now? Fine I hope. As for me, OK.

"I have been in action again, got a small wound in the back of the neck but not bad, it is almost well.

"Guess you have been worrying about me, because you didn't hear from me, but I didn't have a chance to write for awhile. I told you not to worry, but I know you did anyway, but I am OK now.

"I am in the Hawaiian Islands now, that is about all I can tell you.

"How is the weather there now? I guess it is getting pretty cold. Sure won't be long until Christmas. Wish I could be there, and I might be, who knows, I sure hope so, or at least pretty soon afterwards.

"I guess you read about the action in the Gilbert Islands. Well, I was in on it, that makes two for me now. I am getting to be on old hand."

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have another son, Cpl. Charles Edward Anderson, who is stationed at Camp Hood, TX. He volunteered for service in 1941, and is with the 181st F.A.

Pvt. Ken Bailey, who spent his furlough at home here is now stationed at Camp Pope, near Leesville, LA.

Thomas T. Gentry, U. S. Navy, who is stationed at Bainbridge, MD, spent a recent week-end with a friend at his home on Long Island, NY.

Cpl. James Douglas Hall, serving with the Army Air Corps, stationed at Rapid City Army Air Base, Rapid City, SD, recently spent a 15 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Hall, at Baxter. He wears the Good Conduct Medal and medals in Rifle and Carbine.

Pfc. Jesse A. Ray has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, of Cookeville, Route 5. He has graduated from the Army Airplane and Engine Mechanic course at the Allison Engine Mechanic School, Indianapolis, IN, and was enroute to Townsend, GA, where he is with the 500th Fighter Bomber Sq., Harris Neck AAF.

Promotion of Milton Owen Horner, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Horner, of Cookeville, Route 3, to the rank of sergeant has been announced by his commanding officer, Col. Henry J. Hunt, Jr., of the 300th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, GA.

Sgt. John Moore has returned to Ft. Benning, GA, after spending a short time at his home here. He was called to Cookeville on account of the death of his small nephew, Kenneth A. Moore, Jr., whose funeral was conducted on Thursday afternoon of last week.

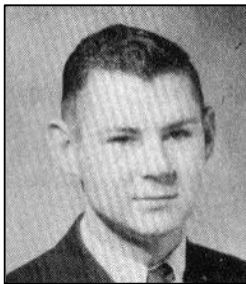
Cpl. Clure Coffelt, who has been at Westover Field, MA, since last autumn, was recently transferred to Richmond, VA. Mrs. Coffelt, who has been at Holyoke, MA, while her husband was stationed near there, is now residing in Richmond, and holds a position at the War Finance office.

Pvt. John R. Huddleston, of Camp Edwards, MA, is spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Beulah Huddleston. Joining him here was his sister, Mrs. Clarence Gentry, of Detroit, MI. Mrs. Huddleston has three other sons in the service: Sgt. Robert H. Huddleston, of Los Angeles, CA, Pfc. Wm. M. Huddleston of Englewood, CA, and Pvt. Kenneth Huddleston, of Camp Carson, CO.

Claude Looper, 35, son of Mrs. Cora Looper, of Monterey, has won an early promotion in the Navy as a result of his past civilian training. Because he has had sufficient experience in a trade essential to the navy, he was advanced to the rating of Fireman, first class, upon completing his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, IL.

Now home on leave, he will report back to the station for re-assignment to active duty aboard a naval warship or to some naval shore station.

Dempsey E. Clemons radioman 2/c, U. S. Navy, of Silver Point, has been in the service for the past fifteen months. He graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1942 and volunteered for naval duty, taking his boot training at San Diego, CA, and his radio training at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clemons, of Silver Point. RM Clemons saw service during the invasion of Sicily.



(Pictured: Dempsey E. Clemons, Class of 1942, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. *"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach"*, National Honor Society; Freshman Society; Alpha Society; Y.M.C.A, Treasurer of Class; Dramatic Club; National Beta Club; Volunteer Club; Editor of Annual; Buzz Staff; Play Cast and Tumbling Team).

Pfc. William Cooper Loftis, who is taking special military training at the University of Delaware, Newark, Del., was here to spend last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Loftis. At the time of his enlistment last June he was a student at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and reported for duty at Camp Fannin, TX, where he remained for a training period of several months after which he was transferred to his present location.

Len K. Mahler, former City Clerk of Cookeville, Oliver Rice, who held a position at the local post office, and Harold Oakes, who was employed in Baltimore, MD, just prior to his entering the service, have been spending this week at their respective homes here. In training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, the three have been in the service since November. At the completion of their furloughs they return to Great Lakes, where they will be assigned to new training schools.

Lt. Will Henry McKinley, formerly stationed at Camp Lee, VA, will after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, of Buffalo Valley. He reports to Camp Shelby, MS, for further army duty. His brother, Cpl. Joe McKinley, who has been stationed at Camp Davis, NC, has been transferred to Camp Stewart, GA, and another brother, Sgt. Harry McKinley, is on duty "Somewhere in the Pacific war area."

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Brown, formerly of Monterey, who now resides in Dayton, OH, received a letter January 19 for their son, Pfc. Clayton Brown, stating that he had landed safely in England. Pfc. Brown entered the service in June 1943, and was stationed at Keesler Field, MS, for some time and was later transferred to Boca Raton, FL.

Cpl. Hubert Roberson has returned to Fort McClellan, AL, after spending his furlough with his wife and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson.

Graduated recently as a qualifier for the petty officer rating of electrician's mate third class from the Naval Training School (Electrical) at the Naval Armory, St. Louis, MO, Bluejacket James T. Brown, 18, son of

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Cookeville, Route 3, is awaiting active duty orders to sea or to a shore station.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Mack Louis Gambrell, 18, Silver Point, Route 2. Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea. Upon completion of his recruit training, he will be granted a nine-day leave.

Lt. Fowler L. Wright recently received a promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant. He is stationed in Northern Ireland.

News from Chanute Field, IL, states that Pfc. William C. Jernigan, of Baoma, has completed training and has been graduated from that school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. While attending this Army Air Forces Training Command school he received instruction in the Advanced Propeller Course and in various technical operations vital to maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Cpl. Ralph E. Mahler, of the Army Air Corps, spent his ten-day delay enroute from Kansas City, MO, to Nashville, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, here, and Miss Dimple Boatman, of Detroit, MI. Cpl. Mahler was inducted into service in January, 1943, and has completed his work as a radio operator and mechanic. He has been placed in the 20th Ferrying Command and will soon be in overseas service.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler received a cablegram January 15 from their son, William Howard Mahler, Y 3/c, who is now on overseas duty. He reports that he is all OK.

A/S Len K. Mahler, who has finished "boot training" in Great Lakes, IL, is spending his furlough with his family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, of Cookeville. Before induction into the Navy he was employed as City Clerk of Cookeville.

The Public Relations Officer at the Prisoner of War camp, Scotts Bluff, NB, released names of 107 enlisted men at the camp who have been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for meritorious service in the army of at least a years duration. The awards were approved by the War Department upon recommendation of the camp commander. Included in the list was Sgt. James G. Mitchell, of near Cookeville, who was also promoted on December 28, to the position of First Sergeant. Sgt. and Mrs. Mitchell were here recently for a visit with his parents and his wife's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Dibrell Cunningham. Sgt. Mitchell in relating his experiences said, "we have Italian prisoners at our camp, who seem well satisfied and are very interesting to know. They are exceptionally good cooks." Sgt. Mitchell who received his promotion after his visit at home, spent some 14 months in an army hospital following a serious operation and is now able physically for only light military duty.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Howard Tinsley, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Decatur, AL, is now at the Nashville Classification Center hospital where he has undergone medical treatment for the past ten days. Mrs. E. Y. Gibson is in Nashville this week to be with her son. Sam Pendergrass has also been visiting with Cadet Tinsley during his illness.

Lieut. Raymond McCaskey, U. S. Army Air Corps, has been transferred from Newport, AR, to Blytheville, AR. Mrs. McCaskey has joined her husband there where they have an apartment. They had as their recent visitor, Mrs. McCaskey's mother, Mrs. C. O. Taylor, who has now returned to her home on Pearl Street.

Pvt. Sylan Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Robinson, of Calfkiller, is now presumably on overseas duty. He was inducted into service in June 1941, at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, and during the intervening months has been stationed at Ft. Grant, IL, Camp Edwards, MA, Carrabella, FL, and Ft. Ord, CA.

Staff Sgt. Robert N. Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Neal, of Buffalo Valley, was recently promoted to Technical Sergeant at advance B-25 Marauder Air Base in New Guinea. He enlisted for Army duty in 1940, and has been on foreign service for the past 22 months. T/Sgt. Neal is a nephew of Miss Rachel Neal, of Algood and Cookeville.

First Lieut. O. L. Persechini, popular officer, formerly stationed at the 46th College Training Detachment, as Tactical, Supply, and Training Officer, is now at a primary flying school in Arkansas. Lieut. Persechini was classified for Pilot Training at Nashville Army Air Center in November and attended Pre Flight School at Maxwell Field, AL, until his transfer recently to a primary school in Arkansas. His many friends here at the 46th College Training Detachment wish him lots of luck and happy landings – “On the Beam.”

David T. Dow, MS 2/c and Mrs. Dow, of Panama City, FL, arrived Saturday for a fourteen day furlough visit in Monterey and Cookeville. Mr. Dow is being transferred to New Orleans for duty in the Fleet Post office. Mrs. Dow will remain with her father, P. L. Swallows for a longer visit before joining her husband in New Orleans.

According to information given out by the War Department, James L. Elrod, technical sergeant of Baxter, has been awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in the antisubmarine patrol nights on foreign duty. T/Sgt. Elrod as stated by the War Department, is among the 250 officers and enlisted men of the United States Army Air Forces serving with the 12th Air Support Command in Northwest Africa receiving this award.

Dan Brown, 18, of Sparta, newspaper correspondent and special army correspondent accredited to the Tennessee Army maneuvers has been accepted for military service, and will report to Camp Shelby, MS, at the early date. Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Quill Brown. Last year he was editor of the White County High School paper, “The Columbian,” and since completing his school work has been associated in business with the Sparta Expositor.

Cpl. James Lynn who has been here on a recent furlough, has returned to Camp Cooke, CA, where he is stationed with an Ordnance Division. Mrs. Lynn, who has been in Nashville since her husband entered the service early last fall, has gone to California to reside while he is on duty there.

Billy Elrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Elrod, who reported for military service late last summer, and was stationed with the Medical Detachment, Oliver-General hospital, Augusta, GA, has been granted an honorable discharge on account of physical disability and is now with his parents, on the Hilham Road. He returned to Cookeville two weeks ago.

Mrs. H. S. Barnes has recently received communication from her son, Warrant Officer Hershel S. Barnes, with the U. S. Army Engineers, “Somewhere in Ireland.” In a letter written around Christmas time, he writes interestingly of the musical given for five children in his particular location.

Staff Sgt. Robert Henry Bradley, who has been on Louisiana maneuvers, is now stationed at Camp Bowie, TX.

Charles B. Brown, Aviation Cadet, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, is now stationed at Courtland, AL.

Charles C. Chaffin, 22, son of C. M. Chaffin was recently promoted to the rank of P.H.M. 2/c, U. S. Navy, now attached to a mobile hospital unit, in Shoemaker, CA, 40 miles from San Francisco. Young Chaffin received honor in making second best grade in his unit, which contained some 150 basic questions.

James C. Brewer, U. S. navy, who has been in the service for the past 18 months, his home port being at Norfolk, VA, recently spent his ten day furlough visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brewer, in

Algood, and his sister, Mrs. Boyd, and friends in Cookeville. He also spent a portion of the time in Nashville visiting his brothers, John and Fred Brewer.

A letter comes to the Herald from Pfc. Wm. H. Cumby, who is with the United States Marines, "Somewhere in the South Pacific." He is formerly of Putnam County where he attended the Bangham school and the Algood High School. Prior to entering the service, he was employed in Detroit. He is especially interested in the Putnam countians who are with the Marine Corps. He said, "I made a few initial beach-landings with the Marines and I am not sorry to say that I have some Jap blood on my hands. I think the Marines are doing a swell job over here. These boys are a bunch of real Americans if I've ever seen any." He, like others so far from home, would like to hear from his relatives and friends, throughout Putnam County.

Charles Cuzzort, U. S. Navy, who has been in training since November at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, is here spending his fourteen-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cuzzort.

Mitchell Strong, F 3/c, U. S. Navy, has returned to Long Island, NY, after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Strong.. During his stay in Tennessee, he came to Cookeville, where he was the guest of Miss Ruth Goolsby.

Pvt. Vernon Huddleston has returned to Los Angeles, CA, after spending a fifteen-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Goolsby Huddleston. Pvt. and Mrs. Huddleston visited his father in North Carolina. He has been with the armed forces for the past 22 months.

Pfc. Joe Reeder has been spending his fifteen-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Georgia Dimple Palk Reeder, and his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Jay Reeder, of Cookeville, R. 3. Pfc. Reeder, formerly of Camp Barkley, TX, has completed his desert maneuvers training in California, and is now stationed at Camp Dix, NJ.

Identical twins, Robert and John Bond, of Crossville, enlisted in the Navy at the Nashville Navy Recruiting Station recently. Both are 17 years old, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bond, of Crossville. They have seven brothers and sisters, including two brothers in the Army Air Corps.

Cpl. Robert Robbins, having successfully completed his course at the Air Force Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, FL, has received his commission as second lieutenant in the Air Forces of the Army of the United States. His duties will be to direct vital administrative and supply operations of the rapidly expanding Army Air Forces ground forces, thus relieving trained pilots for full time flying duty. As a civilian, Lt. Robbins lived on Peachtree street, Cookeville. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tice Robbins, live at the same address.

S/Sgt. Philip T. Hutcheson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hutcheson, of Cookeville, has recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal at the 15th Army Air Force fighter base in the Mediterranean theatre. Sgt. Hutcheson entered the service in December 1941. He is a clerk in the squadron operations section of a veteran P-38 fighter group which recently celebrated the completion of one year of combat operations. A brother, Cpl. Ralph K. Hutcheson, is on duty with an AAF bomber squadron.

Pvt. Amon E. Gentry who has been in the service since April, 1943, is now "Somewhere in England," where he landed the early part of December. He is with a Medical Detachment, and was in training in Texas and Louisiana. Mrs. Gentry, during her husband's absence on military duty, is residing on Oak Street.

William A. Anderson, Lieutenant (j.g) United States Coast Guard, who has been taking special training in St. Augustine, FL, is now located in Miami, having been transferred there the early part of the month.

Coach Calvin C. Frey, popular faculty member of the Physical Training Department of Tennessee Tech, and director of Physical Training for Aviation Students, reported for active duty with the Armed Forces at Camp Shelby, MS, January 7, 1944.

From the latest information available, Coach Frey is doing all right so far, as he has already been promoted from a Private to Corporal.

Coach Frey was a very popular figure among the Army personnel at Tech. He possessed a winning personality and a keen sense of humor which added considerably to the spirit at Tech. He was a loyal supporter of the Training Detachment, and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

The Headquarters personnel honored Coach and Mrs. Frey with a steak dinner at which Coach Frey was presented a gift which he could take with him as a token of remembrance of the Headquarters "Gang."

The 46th College Training Detachment extends their best wishes to Coach Frey and wishes him all the luck in the world. To Mrs. Frey we say, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and we hope you don't get too lonesome. "On the Beam."

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wilmoth have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Clifton C. Wilmoth, stating that he is now "Somewhere in Italy." Pvt. Wilmoth was stationed "Somewhere in North Africa" for a short period of training before going in active service in Italy.

Among the soldiers at Camp Forrest who have recently qualified as "sharp shooters" with a rifle, is Pfc. James H. Harris, Gentry street, Cookeville, of the Military Police at Camp Forrest. The high score of 189 achieved by Pfc. Harris was achieved at the regular target season for 1943.

A news release from Camp Ellis, IL, states that Sidney C. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hall, of Route 1, Monterey has been promoted to private first class, it is announced to Col. John S. Sullivan, Commanding Officer of the Army Service Forces Unit Training Center there. Pfc. Hall is with the 276th QM Bakery Company of the Quartermaster Group at Camp Ellis. At the Quartermaster Group raw recruits are transformed into Quartermaster technicians, trained in units for combat supply service.

Pfc. Harry McCulley, U. S. Marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roxie Brown of Cookeville, has been promoted to that rank at the training center at Camp Elliott, San Diego, CA. Pfc. McCulley was born October 26, 1923, and graduated from the Central High School at Cookeville, where he participated in football and basketball. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in March, 1943. Before his enlistment, Pfc. McCulley was employed by the Fletcher Construction Company.

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27 January 1944

Mrs. Willie Cutis Partin Gets Purple Heart; Awarded Husband Posthumously:

Mrs. Willie Curtis Partin, whose husband, Lieut. James C. Partin was killed in action in Italy, December 8, 1943, is in receipt of a letter under date of January 20, from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, the contents of which are given below:

"My Dear Mrs. Partin:

"At the request of the President, I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your husband, Second Lieutenant James C. Partin, Infantry, who sacrificed his life in defense of his country.

"Little that we can do or say will console you for the death of your loved one. We profoundly appreciate the greatness of your loss, for in a very real sense the loss suffered by any of us in this battle for our country, is a loss shared by all of us.

“When the medal, which you will receive shortly, reaches you, I want you to know that with it goes my sincerest sympathy, and the hope that time and the victory of our cause will finally lighten the burden of your grief.

“Sincerely yours,
Signed: “Henry L. Stimpson, Secretary of War.”

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Captain Robert A. Cox is spending a week's leave here with his parents, Col. and Mrs. James N. Cox. Capt. Cox is stationed at Maxwell Field, AL. The junior Mrs. Cox is in Memphis on account of the illness of her mother.

Cpl. W. C. O'Neal was here from Camp Chaffee, AR, to spend his three day pass with Mrs. O'Neal and daughters at their home on Freeze Street. He returned to camp on Monday.

Cobert Copeland, who is stationed at Camp Wheeler, GA, and James Copeland, “Somewhere on the East Coast”, have both been commended for their expert marksmanship. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland and are with the U. S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crawford of near Cookeville, have four sons now with the United States Armed Forces. Pfc. Ernest Crawford is on the Hawaiian Islands where he has been for many months. Ensign James Crawford with the U. S. Navy, is “Somewhere in the Pacific” and Clifford Crawford, Lieut, U. S. Army, is stationed at Baton Rouge, LA. The fourth son, Hooper Crawford, is reporting for duty this week.

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, is Cecil Burgess, Cookeville. Now undergoing “boot” training he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in seamanship, drill and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active sea duty. Upon completion of his recent training he will be granted a nine-day leave.

Lieut. Herbie R. Shanks, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been here for a brief leave, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shanks, left Monday to report for further military duty in Texas. In a recent Banner publication the following article appeared concerning Lieut. Shanks' promotion.

“Twenty-three Americans who served in either Canadian or British uniforms, and then transferred to the United States Army Air Forces in England, have made another change of garb – this time in Miami Beach on January 22. One of them is Herbie Richmond Shanks of Cookeville, TN.

Shanks and each of the others were appointed flight officers, a comparatively new grade in the army, which calls for the same base pay as a warrant officer (junior grade) and second lieutenant - \$150 a month.

“Shanks and the others served as enlisted pilots with either the R.A.F, or the R.C.A.F.; all were transferred to the U.S.A.A.F., during the period of August 13 to September 9, 1943; all served in the 8th Air Force in the grade of either technical sergeant or staff sergeant; all have been in Miami Beach since Christmas; all were discharged as enlisted men on January 21, 1944; and the date of rank of each, as a flight officer, in January 22, 1944.

Flight Officer Shanks, formerly technical sergeant, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Shanks of Cookeville. He was born in Cookeville on November 30, 1919. He attended the University of Kentucky and Tennessee Tech.”

David Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Allen of Alliance, OH, and a grandson of Mrs. Mike Moore of this city, is now in the service. He joined the United States Naval Air Corps Reserve last year and was deferred because of majoring in Engineering at Ohio State University until October 26, when he was sent to Ohio

Wesleyan at Delaware, OH, for basic training. After finishing there he transferred to LeMars, IA. He is training to be a pilot, and will be at LeMars possibly three months longer. He is 20 years old and at the time of entering the service he was in his junior year at Ohio State. His mother is the former Sibbie Selby, of Cookeville.

Released from Headquarters, European Theater of Operations; Air force ground crews are being trained in the repair and maintenance of anti-aircraft fire-control machinery at a school conducted by two ordnance men at the United States Army supply depot in Great Britain. This school teaches the care and function of directors and the allied mechanisms which make up the complete fire-control systems used in anti-aircraft gunnery. The director is mechanical brain that mathematically computes target direction and controls the movements of the gun.

The course is finished in four weeks, whereupon twenty to twenty-five men return to their bases educated in the details of aerial targetry. A new group of picked men arrive to prepare to welcome the Luftwaffe should Hermann Goering's promises of "terrible retribution" materialize.

Among the members of the school is Pfc. John R. Alcorn, of Silver Point.

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3 February 1944

SGT. JAMES E. SPICER DROWNS IN RIVER AT CHARLESTON, SC:

Word came Saturday by telegram to Mrs. Helen Whitaker Spicer of Baxter, Route 2, that her husband, First Sgt. James E. Spicer had been drowned somewhere on the Charleston, SC coast on Friday, January 28.

Mrs. Spicer is also in receipt of a letter from the commanding officer of her husband's company, which states in part: "We, the 331st Harbor Craft Company, join you in mourning the loss of our comrade, James E. Spicer, who drowned in the Cooper River, Charleston, SC, at Reed's Dock, on January 28, 1944. It is hard to realize that one so full of life, vigor, kindness and those other characteristics which are so necessary in the make up of a perfect gentleman, is no longer with us. To you and his infant daughter all of us extend our sincerest sympathy and offer any and all aid which we can be able to give to alleviate the tragedy which has befallen us."

Sgt. Spicer's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Spicer, of Overton County. He attended the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute here where he was a popular football player.

According to the information received by Mrs. Spicer, her husband's body has not been found.

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In a recent letter to his parents, Sgt. Dallas Montgomery tells of his interesting furlough visit he and his buddy, from Florida, had in Ireland, and enclosed a number of cards and other souvenirs. He has now returned to his camp in England.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford were in Cookeville the early part of the week. They have been located in Lebanon for many months, but were enroute to Columbia, SC, where Col. Crawford will be stationed at Port Jackson.

James Ray Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick, who has been stationed at Pensacola, FL, with the Naval Air Corps was transferred recently to Wesley College, Delaware, OH, for a three months' training period.

Pfc. Tim Denny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Timothy Denny, of Buffalo Valley, has been in service since April 7, 1943. He took his basic training at Miami Beach, FL, going from there to Keesler Field, MS,

and on January 5, graduated from there as an airplane mechanic. He is now stationed at the Harlingen, TX, Army Air Field, at a Gunnery School, and at the completion of his eight weeks' training here he will be made a corporal. Pfc. Denny states that Harlingen is one of the nicest places he has been, and the people are very cordial to the men in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherrell, of near Baxter have six sons now with the United States Armed Forces. Pvt. Edgar Sherrell is in Ireland where he has been for several months. Sgt. Leonard Sherrell is in North Carolina. Pvts. Estel and Okla Sherrell are "Somewhere in Arizona" on maneuvers. Pvt. Wayne D. Sherrell is at Camp Campbell, KY, and the sixth son, Lloyd Ray Sherrell, was inducted for Naval duty on Thursday.

Mrs. Mattie Pinkston has two sons in the service. Cpl. Kenneth Pinkston is "Somewhere in England," and Keith Pinkston is with the U. S. Navy and at present is located on the East Coast.

Pfc. Kenneth G. Whitaker who has been with the Marine paratroops "Somewhere in the South Pacific" for more than a year, has according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitaker, of Baxter, Route 1, landed in California, and will arrive around February 16 to spend his shore leave with his parents and Putnam County relatives.

Joe C. Mabry, Ph M. of the X-Ray Dept., U. S. Navy Hospital, St. Albans, L. I., has been promoted to a petty officer rating, of Ph. M. 3/c, and has been assigned to the hospital for five months of instructions in X-Ray technique. Following the completion of this course he will be certified as a Naval X-Ray technician. Ph. M. 3/c Mabry entered the service last April, and took his boot training at Bainbridge, MD.

The following article from the Associated Press was clipped from a recent New York newspaper, and from the information gathered here, the pilot is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Maddux and attended Baxter Seminary in 1937.

A 15th U. S. Air Force Bomber Base in Italy, Jan. 31 – Trouble began over a railroad yard in northern Italy when one of the bombs on a Liberator snagged a hydraulic line as the big plane unloaded through heavy clouds.

The pilot, Flight Officer, Hubert R. Maddux, of Baxter, TN, tested the landing gear. It stuck. He tried acrobatics and though the nose wheel and the left main wheel came down the right gear remained jammed.

Nearing the home field he radioed for instructions and was told to take the bomber out to sea and bail out. He replied with a request for permission to attempt a landing after his crew had parachuted.

With his fuel supply nearly exhausted, he circled the base, while one after another of his men "hit the silk."

"See you in chow line," they called as they jumped.

The pilot looked at his co-pilot, Lt. Robert W. Poore, Omaha, NB. "It's our turn," he said.

They headed for a nearby landing strip. Fire-fighter and medical crews were hurriedly summoned.

Until the last possible second the pilots held the right wing up while the Liberator rolled forward on two wheels. As the wing finally settled the plane ground leaped to a stop.

Layton Stanton, U. S. Navy, who was here last week for a visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stanton, has now reported to an Eastern port for further naval duty. He divided his visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton in Nashville, and relatives here and in Algood.

Ensign Joe Lane, U. S. Navy, who has been taking a special course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA, has been transferred to Portsmouth, NH, for further naval instruction. Last week

he was granted a brief leave and spent the time in Elizabethton with his sister, Mrs. Jared Maddux, and Mr. Maddux, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane, joined him and the family shared a visit together.

Capt. Hugh Childress, who is now attending an Adjutant-General school at Ft. Washington, MD, will come to Cookeville around February 12 for a ten day visit with Mrs. Childress and son, Robert Childress, at their apartment on Washington Avenue.

Harold E. Oakes, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at Great Lakes, IL, was recently transferred to St. Louis, MO, where he is attending a Navy electrical school.

Cpl. Horace B. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Roberson, of Algood, is now "Somewhere in the Pacific war area," and in a recent letter home he says, "Give my best to everyone, and keep the home fires burning. I'll be back when this war is won."

Pfc. Clyde Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cunningham of Cookeville, Route 5, has won the right to wear the world-famous wings and boots of the United States Army Volunteer Paratrooper, World War II's most feared warrior. He made his fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap identical to actual combat work in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training at the Parachute School, Fort Benning, GA.

A news release from Maxwell Field, AL, states that Robert J. Byrne, 20, a son of Mrs. W. H. Byrne, 410 Dixie Avenue, Cookeville, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, AL, and installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Here the cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

A/C Byrne received his diploma from Cookeville Central in 1941.

Joe E. Raby, S 2/c, Mrs. Raby and son, Joe Raby, Jr., visited relatives in Cookeville last week-end.

Pvt. William H. Lewis, who lists his home address as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, was recently appointed an acting sergeant in his training organization, Co. A, 89th Inf. Tng. Bn., Camp Roberts, CA.

Pvt. Robert Floyd Maddux of the U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ridley Maddux, is stationed at Camp Wheeler, GA. He reported for duty to Camp Shelby, MS, on January 6, 1944.

Joe Brewington, Jr., who is serving with the Air Transport Command, Central African Wing, was recently promoted from Pfc. To Corporal. He has been on overseas duty for the past 22 months. This news release comes from Army Air Forces Headquarters Station.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Scott have had as their guests recently their sons, Joe Nelson and Billy Harold Scott, of the U. S. Navy, who have been spending their furloughs here. The former has been in service since January 15, 1941, serving on a battleship in the Atlantic until August 1942, and since then in the South Pacific. Billy H. Scott has just finished training at Great Lakes, IL, and is now stationed in Memphis.

Mrs. Hubert Ragland has received word from her husband stating that he has landed safely on foreign soil. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ragland of Cookeville, Rt. 2. Serving with the U. S. Army, he was inducted into the armed forces in April 1943.

A very beautiful letter came to the editor's desk some weeks ago from Mrs. Rutledge Smith, who with Major Smith and family formerly made Cookeville their home before going to Nashville to reside.

Parts of the letter seem most appropriate and fitting to be used in this column, and are quoted:

“As I read the Putnam County Herald last night with its columns of friendly holiday doings, I found myself sobbing great tears running down my cheeks. Yet when I analyzed my feelings, I found that they were not tears of sorrow and the sobs were caused from emotion too deep for tears. There was first the description of a beautiful wedding, then as I read the annual Christmas dinners of the large families of Cookeville and its neighboring territories, a custom long established, I thought how good that so many can come together and read with interest and delight the names of the young soldiers who had traveled far that they might be present. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, I knew them to be gathered about the tables of old friends of mine into whose homes I used to run as a young woman full of the joy of knowing such people and calling them friends. The end of the table may have been filled by a young grandson, but the man of yesterday was not forgotten. The children of the pioneers of Cookeville live to carry on the work of their fathers, and may they ever do so.

“On Page one, I read the column “With Our Armed Forces,” it was then sobs came. How vividly it recalled World War I, when my own boy joined the forces just eighteen years of age. How we mothers labored to hide our heart aches in the little things we could do in our Defense Councils and Red Cross. Feeding the enlisted as they came to entrain at Cookeville. What huge boxes of cakes, pies, chickens and other good things to eat we gave them. Setting tables of beauty, keeping back our tears that we might be called brave and worthy of our soldier lads...Taylor Rhea, who gave the beautiful invocation at one of the feasts and gave more beautiful comfort to mother hearts in the thought that a Christian boy is going with ours. His boy today serves in World War II and Hubert Crawford, now Lieutenant Colonel, also has a boy in khaki, and Rosalind Vaden’s talented son, Algood Vaden in Lansing, MI, and on down the column I read familiar names, sons of the girls and boys who used to gather in my back yard for a game of tennis or prison base and even baseball. What a happy group. Little did they dream that some day not only they but their children would fight in wars across the ocean.

“Today I pass back to Cookeville, back to my friends whose names in these columns brought sobs and tears, sobs because of my own emotions, tears for the great joy that must have been theirs as they gathered for the holiday festivities. This message of love was sent to me recently by a dear friend: “You gave me a gift long years ago, more precious than jewels or gold, ‘Twas the priceless gift of a friendship rare, a friendship that never grows old.”

Graeme McGregor Smith.”

Cpl. Horace B. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Roberson of Algood, is now located “Somewhere in the South Pacific theater of war.” He attended Algood high school and was a member of the 1943 senior class. He was actively engaged in all sports and school activities, and listed as one of the most popular students. He was with the 109th Cavalry when it was called into active service in March 1941. He was stationed at Camp Forrest for almost a year and then transferred to Camp Roberts, CA, where he was located until the autumn of 1943.

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In a recent letter received by Mrs. Solon Mitchell from her husband, Cpl. Mitchell, who is “Somewhere in England,” is well and enjoying his work. He tells of a trip to London and the interesting thing he has seen. Cpl. Mitchell has been in England for three months, and sends greetings to all his friends in Cookeville, and Putnam County, and hopes to see them all soon. He says also he appreciations the nice letters and greetings he has received.

Pfc. James Bethel Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Carter, of Cookeville, took his Basic Training at Fort Riley, KS, going then to Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA, and is now serving “Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.” His wife and little daughter, are residing with her parents at Baxter.

“Putnam County Herald – Dear Sirs:

"I have been getting the Herald for the last six months. I enjoy it more in camp than I did at home, it is just like getting a letter from home.

Cpl. B. A. Breeding, Jr."

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie W. Ramsey of near Cookeville, have five sons now serving with the U. S. Armed Forces. Three in the army and two in the Navy. Pfc. O. Ramsey, stationed "Somewhere in Italy," Pfc. Oscar Ramsey, stationed, stationed in Augusta, GA, Pvt. Dent Ramsey, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, S 2/c Asberry Ramsey, stationed in New Orleans, LA, and S 1/c Demps Willard Ramsey, stationed in Mobile, AL, who is spending a 12 day leave with Mrs. Ramsey and other relatives.

Pvt. William U. Boswell has graduated from Artillery Mechanics' school at Ft. Eustis, VA, the nation's largest Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center. He will now be eligible for further assignment in the U. S. Army.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Boswell, who live on Route 2, Monterey. Before joining the army he worked for Starling Tool and Die Co., Dayton, OH. A Monterey High school graduate, he was inducted into service August 24, 1943, at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, and transferred to Ft. Eustis, October 17, 1943.

"The Putnam County Herald:

"For the past year now I have been receiving the Herald and planning to write but kept putting it off. There are so many things I read in the paper that friends who write wouldn't think of telling me. I am very proud to receive it.

I have been away from Cookeville for four years now. The last visit was in March, 1941. But I am always thinking of the swell little place it is. Very few days I am in the States out of the year, and are spent there with my wife and son, however mother lives in Cookeville, and I shall visit when my enlistment expires.

"Several people from Cookeville have written to me, mostly the people of the First Baptist Church, of which I was a member. I have answered all that I have received and was very proud of them.

"I cannot say where I am or anything because it is a military secret. But I can say we are in the Pacific looking for Japs, an have been since they attacked us on December 7. I was among the unfortunate ones who were there that terrible morning. But I honestly think they have seen plenty of Pearl Harbor since then, and will see more

James Harvey Mullin, U. S. Navy.

News release from Fort Monmouth, NJ, states that Pvt. Ray S. Winningham, of Locust Street, Cookeville, has started his Basic Training in the Signal Corps at Camp Edison of Fort Monmouth.

Recent graduate of the Kingman Army Air Field flexible gunnery school situated a few miles outside of Kingman, AR, was 20 year old Bennie Ledbetter, of Algood. Cpl. Ledbetter entered the Army at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. He attended Willow Grove High School.

As a student gunner at the Kingman school, Ledbetter went through the ground school course in which he was taught the principles of ballistics, of fighting, turret maintenance, range estimation and aircraft machine guns. Following a protracted course on the gunnery range, where he shot the .22 rifle, shot gun and caliber .30 and .50 machine guns, he was given two weeks of air firing before being presented with his gunnery wings.

T/3 Shelah Paul Dietz of Camp San Luis Obispo, CA, after spending most of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz, has returned to his post of duty. He visited other relatives while here. He has been located in California for several months and is delighted with that section of the country.

Cpl. W. C. Cooke, Jr., stationed with the Army Air Corps, Miami Beach, FL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cooke, who formerly made their home here, has been visiting with friends in Cookeville this week. The junior Mrs. Cooke came to Tennessee with him and they are visiting with her relatives in Monterey also. This week they have gone to Nashville for a visit with Cpl. Cooke's sisters, Mrs. James Thompson and Mrs. Lester Glick.

Mrs. Myrtle Bullock, of Cookeville, R. 5, has three sons in the United States Armed Forces. James Fate Bullock with the army, has been on foreign soil for two years, and according to latest information, was in New Guinea. Billy Bullock is taking Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, and Navy training at the Great Lakes the third, Terry Dyer Bullock, will report for duty in the near future. They are sons of the late Roll Bullock, and nephews of Mrs. Mattie Dillion.

January 22 – England:

“Hello – Well this time I'm from another battle front, a different part of our small world. I do mean a battlefront too, all the people here are war conscious. They have been through a lot and have the satisfaction of knowing the enemy is going through with a lot worse than they ever dreamed of. I have been in England quite a while now and have seen the way the civilians carry on. I wonder if the U. S. will ever realize as much as these people that there is a war going on. I spent the holidays here and had good eats, thanks to you Americans back home. This country is like the States in some ways. The money exchange is different and complicated until a person gets used to it. The English aren't as wasteful as Americans. The thing that impressed me when landing on the British Empire were the brown country sides.

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Sgt. Jasper N. Bailey, Radio Operator, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bailey of 103 Arnold Avenue, will soon complete an intensive course in combat flying at the Alexandria Army Air Base, Alexandria, LA, and in the near future he will go overseas to a combat area.

He is a member of a Flying Fortress crew trained by the Second Air Force, which has the task of readying all four-engine bomber crews for overseas duty.

Listed among the instructors at the Alexandria Army Air Base are more than 250 officers and enlisted men who have seen action in every theatre of war. These veterans direct crews through training conditions that simulate actual war fighting.

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Pfc. Charles W. Smith spent last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Claude Wright, of Cookeville, and with his father in Nashville. Pfc. Smith has now returned to his post of duty at Camp Stewart, GA.

Pvt. William Harp and Sgt. Smith Harp, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harp of Cookeville, are now in New Orleans. They were stationed in California before going overseas and were with the 181st F.A. originally stationed at Camp Forrest. Both have been in service several years.

Pvt. William H. Tabor, who is located in the Army Air Corps at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Tabor, of Brush Creek, was home on furlough last week. During his visit he spent several days with Cookeville friends. He is a former Tennessee Tech student.

Cpl. Kenneth Whitaker, U. S. Marines with a Paratroopers Division, after spending a portion of his shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whitaker, of near Baxter, left Wednesday to resume his duties on the West Coast. Cpl. Whitaker has been on foreign service for the past 12 months located in the Pacific Theatre of War.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Clennie Wilmoth that their son, Pvt. Clifton Wilmoth, is "Somewhere in Italy" and is well. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmoth have two sons-in-law in the armed forces, namely; Pfc. James Ford and Pvt. Chester King.

Pvt. John D. McCormick is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick. He is a member of the Coast Artillery, at Fort Baker, San Francisco, CA, and has been in service since July, 1943. He has son a medal as an expert rifleman.

Cpl. Thurman Weaver has been spending a part of his furlough with his cousins, Misses Catherine and Jewel Wilmoth and Mrs. James Ford. He is home after two years of service in Alaska.

Mrs. Essie Ray's son, Bruce Bean, is now stationed at Westover Field, MA.

Charles Dee Hunter, F 3/c, U. S. Navy, has returned from sea duty to a naval base in Virginia.

Pvt. John D. Ray, Jr., was returned to his post of duty "Somewhere in Virginia" after enjoying a family reunion at his home on Cedar street, with his aunt, Mrs. Charley Hunter, and his grandmother, Mrs. Fany Ray.

A/C Charles B. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, has been transferred from Courtland, AL, to Maxwell Field, AL, where he will continue his pilot training.

Lt. Sam Moore, stationed at Camp Polk, LA, who sustained painful injuries some weeks ago, has been home on sick leave, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. Completing his stay here, he and his father went to Brunswick, GA, for a visit with Mrs. Glenn Fite, and Misses Ellen and Wauldeen Moore.

A/C Donald Mitchell who has been stationed at Decatur, AL, has been transferred to Courtland, AL, for his basic training. He was granted a several days pass last week and spent the time here with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell, and other members of his family. He has been in service since the early part of 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland have been notified of the safe arrival of their son, James Copeland, U. S. Army, "Somewhere in England." It is presumed he landed the latter part of January. He has been in the service four years, being stationed at the following places: Ft. McPherson, Ft. Benning, and Camp Gordon, GA, Camp Blanding, FL, Ft. Sill, OK, Ft. Dix, NJ, Camp Gordon Johnson, FL, Camp Edwards, MA, and Ft. Jackson, NC. He states in his letter that he is well and sends greetings to his Cookeville friends. Pvt. Robert L. Copeland, who is stationed at Camp Wheeler, GA, taking his basic training with the paratroopers expects to complete this course around April 10, when he will be at home for a ten day furlough. At the expiration of his stay at home he will report to another army base for extensive paratroop service.

Verble Carrington, U. S. Navy, in training at Purdee University, Lafayette, IN, is spending a brief furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington.

Seaman second class Everett Dee Davis, spent two days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Davis. He has now returned to New York City where he is stationed. He has been on naval duty for the past ten months.

Among the graduates at the recent graduating exercise at Ellington Field, TX, was Elmer Blackwell, of Morristown, who was commissioned a Lieutenant and received his wings. He is the grandson of Mrs. R. N. King, of Cookeville, and his mother was the former Miss Grace King. Lt. Blackwell has many friends and relatives in Putnam County, sincerely interested in his success.

Thomas T. Gentry, U. S. Navy is spending his furlough of five days with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry. Volunteering for naval duty, he reported for service August, 1943, and has been in training since that time in Columbia, SC, St. Petersburg, FL, and Bainbridge, MD. This is his first visit

home since entering the navy, and at the close of his furlough he will report for further training in New York State.

Cpl. Willie Raymond King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan King, of Oliver Springs, formerly of Putnam County, who is 32 years of age, has been in the U. S. Army for the past 18 months and has been on overseas duty a great portion of this time. He has been in the Atlantic area throughout his period of foreign service. Mr. and Mrs. King have another son, Dillard King, who is with the U. S. Navy.

Harold Shipley, U. S. Army Air Corps, left Monday, for Camp Myers, FL, where he will be for several weeks, after a furlough visit with Mrs. Shipley and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shipley. He was en route from gunnery school, to his new post of duty.

Max Bailey, son of Mrs. Clarissa Bailey and grandson of A. G. Maxwell, has received an appointment through Congressman Albert Gore to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. He will report for training in July. Young Bailey, who attended Central High School, is completing his high school work at a private school for boys at Severna Park, MD, which is preparatory work for Annapolis, and while there is making his home with his uncle and aunt, Capt. and Mrs. John Q. Owsley.

Mrs. W. C. Moore was in receipt of a letter and cable last week, stating that her son, Sgt. W. C. Moore, had arrived safely "Somewhere in New Guinea." Presumably he left the United States the latter part of January. Some months prior to his sailing he was stationed in Seattle, WA, and later in CA.

A message has been received in Cookeville by relatives and friends stating that Benton Kenneth Bullington, U. S. Navy, is missing in action "Somewhere in the Pacific theatre of war." His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bullington, formerly of the Gentry community, but now of Detroit, MI, and his wife is the former Miss Catherine Edge of McMinnville. He volunteered for naval duty some two years ago, and at the time of his enlistment was an employee of the Southern Continental Telephone Company.

New release for Norman, OK, states that two Middle Tennessee WAVES have graduated from the Aviation Machinist Mate School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center.

They are: Betty Anne Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Wayne F. Murphy, Warner Park Apts, Belle Meade, Nashville. Seaman Murphy is a former employee of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company. She enlisted June 28, 1943.

Margaret Coggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reeves, Monterey. Her husband Tommie Coggins, is with the U. S. Army overseas. Seaman Coggins attended the Monterey High School. She enlisted June 16, 1943.

Dear Sir:

Since I am taking the opportunity of writing you, I want to say hello of my many friends and relatives in Putnam County. I have been overseas since July, 1943. Since I have been overseas, I have been on duty in England and I am now in Iceland. I have been in the hospital here for the past two months, having a serious operation. I hope to be able and strong enough to go back to duty in just a few days.

As I am receiving the Herald now, my reason for writing was to let you know of my sudden change of address. I want to show my appreciation to you for sending me the Herald, it sure means a lot to the fellows overseas to receive a paper with the news from back home of his friends and relatives. I hope this war will soon be over and I also hope we can all be back home once more and live in happiness and peace.

Sincerely Burly Maxwell.

From the Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, comes this story: The adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is playing a part in the invasion training of United States soldiers in the

European Theater of Operations who are readying themselves for the coming assault on the Fortress of Europe.

Army officials have set up a basketball league in Northern Ireland, where the soldiers have already started to fight for the Northern Ireland base section title. Similar leagues have been set up throughout England. Fast basketball, featured by many former high school and college stars, is played. These games draw large crowds of civilians to see "that new American game."

The basketball games are part of the Army program of athletics, designed to give "G.I. Joe" variety in his battle training and a well-rounded program of recreation after grueling workouts.

Among the men competing in Northern Ireland league, is Sgt. Warren Smith, of Silver Point, with the "Flame Throwers."

The following articles relative to Cookeville men in the service, are taken from a recent Tech Oracle:

"Wahoe" Billings and Ed Echols, two former Tech football stars, received letters in football from Duke University. This fact was revealed in a letter received by the sports editor from Pfc. William Ed Echols of the United States Marine Corps, who is now stationed at Camp Elliott, CA.

Billings, while at Tech, played blocking back on the varsity team as a freshman ever to make a varsity letter. He also played freshman basketball and was a member of the track team. "Wahoo" is a Pfc. in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Echols, while at Tech, played tackle for the football team and was one of the outstanding men on the team.

The story of the week here is Bennett Jared Travis' account of his reunion in New Guinea with Hugh Carroll, a Tech classmate of his.

Lt. Travis, of the AAF, writes that he had been out on a mission and was forced to land in a rain storm. A jeep was sent out to meet him – and Pvt. Hugh Carroll was driving it.

The boys were so excited over seeing each other again that they set up all night in Travis' hut and discussed Cookeville and Tech. Lt. Travis was fortunate in having two new letters from home which they could discuss together. The two boys made plans to see each other again, but they may not get to because Pvt. Carroll is expecting a home furlough soon.

Pvt. Carroll, who was a student here from 1938-41, has been in the South Pacific for two years. Lt. Travis left the States in November 1943. He went to school here from 1938-42.

Pvt. Rupert Nunally, who was a freshman here last years, writes from England about a reunion he recently had there with his brother, Lt. Charles Nunally, who as a student here in 1936-38.

Charles who is a pilot with the AAF, journeyed to Rupert's camp and spent two hours with his brother. The commanding officer of the camp thought the occasion such an honorable one that he granted the brothers permission to hold their reunion in his office.

On his way to meet Rupert, Charles ran into Lt. Jim Austin, of the U. S. Army. Jim was a student here from 1939-41. Jim reported that he had seen Col. F. U. Foster once.

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Putnam Men Accepted For Military Service:

The following is a list of Putnam County draftees who have been accepted for military service:

Army: Ollie Orville Alloway, Jr., John Smith Pointer, Halbert Wilson Phillips, Robert Patterson Ramsey, Sherman Trisdale, Henry Horace Jones, Clyde Vanderpool, Terry Dyer Bullock.

Navy: Robert Washington Whitaker, Daily Phillips, Roy Benton Davis, Willie Walter Dixon, Frank Reams Adams, Haskell H. Livesay.

Army: Alfred Paul Click (col.)

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Jere Lowe Promoted, Rank of Captain, U. S. Medical Corps:

Among the recent promotions as announced by the War Department is that of Jere Whitson Lowe, from a First Lieut. to the higher rank of Captain. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe of Cookeville and Nashville, although reared here, he has resided in Nashville during the time his father has served as State Comptroller.

With the U. S. Medical Corps Reserve he was called to active duty last summer, stationed first at Carlisle Barracks, PA, he was later transferred to Abilene, TX, where he remained until recently when he was ordered to New York for special duty.

Capt. Lowe is a graduate of the academic department and the School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University and served his internship at the Cornell Center, New York.

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Lieut Wilbur Johnson, stationed to Boston, MA, is here on account of the death of his father, W. T. Johnson. Mr. Johnson's other son, Wrather Johnson, Army Air Corps, who was here recently for a furlough visit, has not arrived in Cookeville, but is expected some time today or Friday.

Ensign Holnes Neal, U. S. Navy who has been stationed at New London, CT, since January, is now at the Pensacola Naval Base, Pensacola, FL. Mrs. Neal, who was in New London with her husband, is spending some time with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry. Arriving last week, Ensign Neal came to Cookeville with her for a brief stay. Dr. and Mrs. Terry have as their guest also their son, Lieut. Will O. Terry, of Camp Cooke, CA, who came this week to spend his 15-day leave at home.

F 1/c Clarence H. Lee, U. S. Navy, who was granted a recent shore leave, spent a short time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee. He reported for further duty at Norfolk, VA.

According to a letter and cablegram, Cpl. James D. Grimes is now "Somewhere in England," and is well and happy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Grimes of Cookeville, R. 2, received this news last week. Cpl. Grimes with an Ordnance Division, was stationed at Camp Rucker, AL, prior to sailing, where his brother, Cpl. Henry Grimes is now stationed. The brothers since entering the service have been serving together and were first separated when the former was given overseas orders.

Pvt. Herbert Murphy, with an Antiaircraft Division, stationed at Camp McCoy, WI, is spending a twenty-day furlough with Mrs. Murphy at their home on Church street.

Of interest to the many friends of Sgt. Hubert Bush is his recent promotion to Master Sergeant. He has been an instructor at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, for several months, serving with the Signal Corps. He is the son of Mrs. Frank Bush.

Captain Eugene Mayberry, who was here recently for a ten day leave with his family at his home on Oak street, has returned to his post of duty at Camp Ruckner, AL.

Hubert Davis, U. S. Navy, is here, having been called home on account of the death of his father, Ezra Davis, which occurred Sunday afternoon at the City hospital.

Ensign Wayne Anderson, stationed in New York City, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Anderson in Gainesboro, and was here on Tuesday for a brief stay with relatives and to visit with Tennessee Tech friends.

Morrison Lowe, Jr., U. S. Coast Guard, who has been stationed in Florida, is now located at Brooklyn Training Center, Brooklyn, NY. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lowe and has been in service since January 1943.

Pvt. Billy Stanton, with the 181st F. A., who has been in service some time before the Pearl Harbor attack, and was stationed in California for many months, is now in New Guinea. Shortly after leaving the States he was in Australia, and only recently, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Stanton, has been moved to his present location.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson have received word that their son, Walter Thompson, is in England. He has been on a furlough to London, and reports a most enjoyable time.

Cpl. Albert Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker, of Double Springs, is now serving with the U. S. Army, "Somewhere in England." Cpl. Tucker was stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, prior to sailing for overseas. He last visited home folks Christmas of 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Maddux of Buffalo Valley and Alpine, AL, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Jim S. Maddux, written February 23, from "Somewhere in Ireland," stating he was fine, the country beautiful, and he had visited Belfast. Pvt. Maddux is with the parachute troops, having received his training at Fort Benning, GA, and Camp McCall, NC.

Raymond Howard Warren, son of Mrs. Vergie Warren, 716 E. Broad St., recently graduated from the Aviation Radio School at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL, as a Private First Class to the U. S. Marine Corps.

Entering the service in June, 1943, he received his recruit training at San Diego, CA, before arriving at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Jacksonville. Warren is now a qualified aviation radioman and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit.

Robert Ray is in receipt of a letter from his son, Jeff Dyer, U. S. Army, who has been on overseas duty for more than a year. He is now "Somewhere in Ireland," and is getting along splendidly. Shortly after sailing he was in North Africa, later saw service in Sicily and in a previous letter stated he was in Italy.

Lieut. Raymond McCaskey, who is stationed in Blytheville, AR, with the Army Air Corps, will received his wings on March 12. He and Mrs. McCaskey, the former Miss Cornelia Taylor, plan to come to Cookeville next week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCaskey, of Tuluca, IL, who will attend their son's graduation will also come for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Cape Gloucester, New Britain, (delayed) – For a man who has had but seven birthdays- in four year leaps – Cape Gloucester must represent something like four years out of his life to Pharmacist's mate 2/c Herbert G. Miller, 405 Peachtree street, Cookeville.

"Certainly the strangest birthday I ever had," he said, surveying the bomb and shell shattered jungle behind the Marine engineer sick bay to which he is attached.

Miller is the son of Mrs. Mertie Miller, of Cookeville. He graduated from the Cookeville High School and joined the Navy almost two years ago.

Mrs. Ralph Bullington has been notified that her husband T/S Bullington has landed "Somewhere in England."

SK 3/c Robert Officer is spending his thirty-day shore leave here with Mrs. Officer at their home on Whitson Street. He has been in service for more than two years on duty with the Seabees, U. S. Navy, and for the past fifteen months has been in the Aleutian Islands war area. He came by plane from San Francisco, CA.

Now stationed at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City Air Depot, Oklahoma City, OK, is Pfc. Donald W. Franklin, formerly of Cookeville. He is assigned to a Medical Supply platoon at the establishment of the Air Service Command for the maintenance and repair of aircraft and the training of air depot groups.

Pfc Franklin's wife resides at 201 Sycamore St., Cookeville. Prior to his entering the service he was with the Haley Plumbing and Heating Company.

AAF Instrument Instructors' School, Bryan, TX, sends the following news: Capt. William H. Byrne, son of Mrs. Edith Byrne, 410 North Dixie Avenue, has been assigned to the Bryan Field Medical Detachment. He was assistant surgeon at Ft. Stockton prior to being stationed at Bryan Army Air Field.

A member of the American Medical Association, Capt. Byrne is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Tulane University School of Medicine where he was a member of Kappa Sigma and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities. He is a graduate of the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, and received his original commission January 2, 1943. Capt. Byrne, a practicing physician in civilian life, New Orleans, is married to the former Miss Eva Haze Hickman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Hickman, Meridian, MS.

South Pacific: February 25, 1914:

Dear Sir:

Just a note to let you know I am getting the Herald. I certainly do appreciate it and enjoy reading it very much. It always brings me news of my friends and pals from Algood and Cookeville.

Sincerely yours,
Cpl. Hubert M. Byers.

William Howard Mahler, Y 1/c has returned to Norfolk, VA, after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler. He has been on convoy duty for several months. He has been in service since October 4, 1940.

PTAC Orlando, FL

Dear Sir:

I have been transferred from Camp Stewart, GA, to Orlando, FL. It sure is nice down here, this is a soldier's paradise. We have a big lake about two blocks from our barracks, so it is nice and cool at night. I still get the Herald and enjoy it very much. It has been over a year since I have been in Putnam County, but I am planning on going there when I get my next furlough, which will be some time in April, I hope. I have my wife and son down here now, so it is not so bad if you can see your family once in a while.

I met a boy from Baxter, since I have been down here, he was Henry Stamps, a waist gunner on a B-17. Sure is nice to meet someone that you know from home. I would like to say hello to all my Putnam County friends and I hope this war will soon be over so we can all be together again and enjoy life like we once did.

Pfc. M. Whitehead.

Charles B. Brown, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon B. Brown, 310 Hickory St., is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, AL, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command. Here the cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

A/C Brown was graduated from Central High School in 1940. His father served in France in World War I.

Pfc. A. P. McClain is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McClain. He has been stationed at Camp Bowie, TX. They have another son, L. R., who is in New Guinea.

One of the most thrilling and interesting stories to come out of the battle zones was one relayed home by letter from Lt. E. Fred Phillips, Jr., who is now serving in Italy, to his father, Fred Phillips, of Sparta street. Lt. Phillips was recently raised in rank to first lieutenant in the combat theatre.

Lt. Phillips, a football great at Central high several years ago, also scored during a recent raid on Austria. He shot down a ME-210, unaware that his tricycle landing gear had accidentally lowered, slowing his plane to 250 miles an hour after his belly tanks failed to release as he dived on four enemy planes in a valley, 50 feet from the ground.

This incident, told of in a letter is as follows: "Not very long ago we took off on what was to be a routine escort mission. To most of the fellows it was just that but to me it was a little more. Here's why.

"Everything was going great until just as the bombers left the target. Then my worries started. To go into too much detail would possibly reveal some military secrets, however, within less than two minutes after we were jumped by the enemy fighters, I was in a complex situation.

"My left engine was on fire – so badly that I was forced to cut it out and feather my prop; my right engine would only develop about half-power, and I later discovered it also burning and I could almost hear the enemy pilots, who I could see behind me, bickering over who would get the pleasure of adding me and my P-38 Lightning to his score.

"It should take very little imagination to perceive just how inviting the prospect of bailing out and being a prisoner of war seemed to me about this time.

"But as I reached for the emergency handle something or someone seemed to tap me on the shoulder and ask, "What's the matter, quitting?" Honestly, I can still hear that good Gremlin's voice. Well, as I feathered my left prop, some of my buddies saw me and chased away those ME-100's. To shorten a long story, I petted and coaxed that one engine which would only develop half power for almost three hours across enemy-held mountains and open water back to our home base.

"A very uneventful trip except that I felt pretty lonesome as my radio was out and I couldn't talk to anyone, if there had been anyone to talk to. I almost ran out of gas and every German anti-aircraft gun crew along my route tried to add me to their collection – very boring.

"Just this one question: Do you wonder that I am in love with 'Mel,' this twin-hearted gal of mine? You can bet your life, as I did mine, that there is only one gal for me."

The young flying officer has a brother in the Air Corps also, A/C Doyle Phillips has just completed his PT, training at Arcadis, FL, and is now at Center Field, AL.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Lt Edward F. Neal, son of Mr. Edward Francis (Frances Ford)) Neal of Parkview Drive, Milburn, NJ, was a member of the 44-C class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Army Air Forces Pilot School (advanced 2 engine) at George Field, IL, on March 12. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Lt. Neal entered pilot training last September, and attended flying schools at Jackson and Greenville, MS, before his graduation at the advanced flying school at George Field, IL.

Before he enlisted for pilot training he had taken pre-flight training at the University of VT, Burlington, VT, and following classification at the Nashville Classification Center, went to Maxwell Field, AL. He volunteered for service in the autumn of 1942 and reported for duty, January, 1943. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ford, of Cookeville.

Lieut Neal and Mrs. Neal, the former Miss Miriam Lancaster, of Sunflower and Greenville, MS, are now spending his ten-day leave with his parents in Millburn. Members of his family attending his graduation were his father, Mr. Neal, and his aunt, Miss Keith Ford.

Mrs. W. C. Davis, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis have heard from W. C. Davis, Jr., who is now stationed at an air base in New Caledonia. They have had numerous letters from him and he writes most interestingly of his location and the country in general as far as the censorship will permit.

Mrs. Ada Fox has received a cable and other communications from her son, Cpl. Benjamin Asia Fox, stating that he is now "Somewhere in England." He supposedly sailed from the East coast the latter part of January, and prior to this time he was stationed in CA. Cpl. Fox has been in the service for more than a year.

A/C Thurman C. Whitson, U. S. Army Air Corps, is taking his primary training at Avon Park, FL.

S/Sgt. Robert Henry Bradley of Camp Bowie, TX, and Mrs. Bradley have named their infant daughter, born March 3, at the City Hospital, Agatha Nan. Mrs. Bradley and daughter are now with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradley. Sgt. Bradley, who was here for a visit with his wife and baby has returned to Camp Bowie.

Pfc. Edsel Whitson is now at F. Meade, MD.

Pvt. William Lacey, of Camp Hann, CA, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lacy.

J. T. Askew, MM 2/s, U. S. Navy, stationed at the present at Ford Park, Norfolk, VA, spent his recent furlough with his mother, Mrs. Etta Askew, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clarence Taylor of Silver Point.

Potential air crewmen from Tennessee in training at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center's bombardier-navigator pre-flight school include one from Cookeville, Navigation cadet Willie L. Huffer, 209 Walnut Street.

Robert C. Martin, U. S. Marines, son of Major and Mrs. Henry Martin, of West Point, NY, sailed recently from the West coast for an unknown destination. He is the grandson of Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox, of Cookeville, and his mother is the former Miss Louis Cox. At the time of his enlistment, he was a student at Alabama Polytechnic, Auburn, AL, and took most of his training in San Diego, CA.

Charles Ford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford, following his Naval training in San Diego, CA, is now on foreign duty "Somewhere in the Pacific" area according to a recent report received by the junior Mrs. Ford, who during her husband's absence, is at her home in Murfreesboro.

Other boys in service spending recent furloughs with their parents in Bloomington Springs were: Clarence Bethel Palk, Jr., gunner, from an air school in Tampa, FL, spending his time with Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Palk. Clyde Pippin, of Camp Gordon, GA, spent ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Pippin, and Seaman 3/c Bob Lee Pippin, of Great Lakes, IL, is spending a furlough also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pippin, with his wife, Mrs. Pippin.

Major Sam Epperson has called from the West Coast for an unknown destination. His present address is Seattle, WA. Major Epperson who served in France during World War I and volunteered for service shortly after United States declared war in the present conflict, spent much of last year in the African war area.

Major Gid H. Lowe, of Camp Butner, NC, was here for a brief visit last week with Mrs. Lowe and children at their home on Washington Avenue. Coming to be with him were his mother Mrs. Lucy Lowe and sister, Mrs. Ralph Jared, of Buffalo Valley.

After a month's stay with his family here, Lt. Col. John A. Mitchell has returned to San Antonio, TX. Recently Col. Mitchell underwent an operation and was here for recuperation. Mrs. Mitchell accompanied him as far as Nashville.

Lieut Charles Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Army, stationed for several months at Gulf Park, MS, is now in San Diego, CA. Mrs. Sharpe and daughter who have spent the last three months at the Southern station with him are now with the former's mother, Mrs. Oscar K. Holladay. They returned to Cookeville Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Holladay, Mrs. H. H. Clark and Mrs. John Holladay went to Nashville to meet them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Alexander of Baxter have three sons in service, two of whom are on foreign duty. Cpl. Howard N. Alexander is stationed in Tampa, FL. Harry Alexander is in New Guinea, and Robert C. Alexander is in England.

According to a message received recently by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe, their son, Capt. Jere Lowe is now with the U. S. Medical Corps "Somewhere in England."

William Powell Hutcherson will on Monday, March 20, be graduated from the School of Medicine, University of Tennessee, Memphis, receiving his doctor's degree and at the same time being commissioned a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He and Mrs. Hutcherson will come to Cookeville following his graduation for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster.

Pvt. Eldon Presley, of For Devans, MA, and who recently graduated from the Walter Reed Hospital, in the Surgical Department, spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Presley, at Bloomington Springs. He was joined there by his wife, Mrs. Presley, who is employed by Neely-Harwell Co., in Nashville.

Parts of the letter which follows comes from Willard Wright, Spec. (M) 2/c who is now "Somewhere in New Guinea." He is the son of Mrs. Sue Wright of Nashville, and a nephew of Mrs. J. P. Hamilton of Cookeville.

"Censorship regulations prohibit me from telling you very much about my location, but I am permitted to say that this is a well established base and that our living conditions and food are excellent. Please attend to changing my mailing address at your earliest convenience, as I enjoy reading the Herald more than any other publication I receive. I have been away from Cookeville for several years, but still think of it as home, and am therefore deeply interested in all news concerning Cookeville and all the relatives and friends I have there.

"Will close, with the sincere hope that this war will soon be over and we can all soon return to our normal way of living.

Respectfully yours, Willard Wright, Spec. (M) 2/c

Cpl. James Hunter, son of Seth Hunter, of Bloomington Springs, is now serving with the U. S. Army "Somewhere in England", according to a letter received last week by Mrs. James Hunter. He was with an ordnance division, stationed at Camp Rucker, AL, prior to sailing for foreign service.

S/Sgt. John B. Martin, who is with the U. S. Armed Forces, has returned to Camp Polk, LA, after spending a 15 day furlough with Mrs. Martin and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Martin at Baxter, and sister, Mrs. H. L. Coleman, of Gainesboro, and many friends.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. John H. Martin, Mrs. H. L. Coleman and daughter, Barbara, and Miss Katy Bell Hall spent Sunday in Gladesville to be with their brother, Abe Martin, Jr., who is "Somewhere in Tennessee" on maneuvers.

Sgt. John D. Allen, son of Mrs. Bill Vetetoe, who has been with the 181st F. A., stationed at Camp Beals, CA, has been transferred to the 414th F. A., and is located at Camp Bowie, TX.

Thomas Ray Stout, USNR, has recently been promoted to PhM 3/c and is on duty at the U. S. Dispensary in Arlington, VA. Mrs. Stout has a position in Arlington and they are making their home at 3600 14th St., N., Arlington, VA. PhM Stout was connected with Lovell Smith Furniture Company before entering the Navy in April, 1943.

Walter B. Morgan, Jr., son of Mrs. Juanita Morgan, of Monterey, received his Navy Wings and was commissioned an Ensign at Pensacola, FL, on February 29. Ensign Morgan was designated as a dive bomber pilot, and spent a few days with his mother in Monterey, enroute to Jacksonville, FL, for assignment.

Pfc Hubert F. Slagle, U. S. Air Corps, West Point, NY, is spending part of his 15-day recuperating furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Slagle, and sisters, Lucille, Mrs. Tan Willoughby, and Mrs. Henry Riddle, all of Detroit, MI. He also got to be with his brother, Herman Slagle, who is entering Herman Keeifer Tuberculosis Clinic. Pfc. Slagle will leave Detroit on Wednesday to spend the remainder of his furlough with friends in Cookeville. He underwent an operation of the knee in January. Pfc. Slagle has a brother in service, Tom Slagle, who is now "Somewhere in New Guinea."

MISSING IN ACTION:

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rockwell, York, Highway, Crossville, have just received word from the War Department that their only son, Fred Max Rockwell, AMM 2/c is reported missing in action. He is a graduate of Sunbright High School, Sunbright, in Morgan County, and attended T.P.I. He was employed by Untied Aircraft in Dayton, OH, prior to his enlistment in the Navy in July, 1942. He was machinist mate on a Navy patrol plane. He was home on leave in July, 1943 and reported to San Francisco, CA, for assignment, and was sent to the Pacific for action in December 1943. His last mail was dated March 21, 1944, stating that he was fine, the weather was terribly hot, and he was seeing some beautiful scenery, but the U.S.A. would look much better to him. He received his training at San Diego, CA, Great Lakes, IL, and Jacksonville, FL. One sister, Mrs. Lee Rockwell,. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Randolph, and one niece, Joyce Randolph, of Dayton, OH. Many friends in this county will grieve his passing.

Three young Tennesseans, one of them a former member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, are serving with U. S. Naval Air units operating from England, it was revealed here today. All members of the squadrons which, among other things, are engaged in anti-submarine patrols, the trio has made missions in the European War Theater.

Gene S. McIntyre, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McIntyre, of 1170 Vance Ave., Memphis, an aviation ordnance man, second class, served six months with the RCAF prior to America's entry into the war when he was discharged to enlist in the U. S. Navy.

McIntyre is a graduate of Christian Brothers College in Memphis. Prior to the outbreak of the war he was employed by DuPont in making TNT.

John M. Brown, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown of Powell Station, enlisted in the U. S. Navy in September 1942, and had since advanced from seaman to aviation electrician's mate, second class. He is a graduate of Powell High School.

The third Tennessean is George Pedigo, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pedigo, of Cookeville, Route 3. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January 1942, and now holds the rate of aviation machinists mate, first class.

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Ellison J. Driver, S 1/c USN, Commended for Bravery In Attack in Mediterranean:

Ellison Julian Driver, 19, seaman first class, USN, of Monterey, has been commended by the Chief of naval Personnel for bravery and devotion to duty in the harbor at Palermo, Sicily, and later in the Mediterranean when the merchantman aboard which he served as a member of the Navy Armed Guard Unit was heavily engaged by German bombers.

Seaman Driver is the son of John A. Driver, of Monterey. He was born in Lebanon, and enlisted in the Navy at Nashville on January 23, 1942.

Following is the text of his citation: "The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in commending you for your bravery and devotion to duty while serving as a member of the Armed forces in the Mediterranean area during August 1943.

"A report of the experience reveals Guard Unit aboard a merchantman in that while anchored in the harbor of Palermo, Sicily, your ship and the area about her were subjected to vicious attacks by enemy bombers. For four days the Navy Gun Crew repeatedly went to battle stations and drove off the hostile aircraft with an accurate barrage of shellfire. Later, enroute to Gibraltar in convoy, you were set upon by approximately 25 German torpedo planes. In the brief but violent action which followed, the guns of your ship sent four of the enemy crashing into the sea, and the others were effectively repulsed. Twice emergency turns enabled your vessel to avoid torpedoes which were streaking toward you, and the presence of an enemy submarine further added to the intensity of the conflict. The excellence of your performance contributed materially to the successful completion of your mission.

"The courageous fighting spirit which you displayed throughout the above voyage was in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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Marshall Perkins, 2/c, who has been with the U. S. Navy, in Vallejo, CA, for the past seven months, has recently been transferred to Morgan City, LA. He has been assigned to a floating dry dock detail.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Judd have received a cable and other communications from their son, Sgt. Robert Paul Judd, stating that he is now "Somewhere in England." He supposedly sailed from the East coast some time in February, and prior to this time was stationed at Camp Cooke, CA. Sgt. Judd has been in the service for more than a year.

News has been received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Henry confirming the death of their son, Murrel Carrol Henry, who was reported missing over the English Channel January 7, 1943.

Mrs. Henry Bullard received word Monday that her brother, Cpl. Joe L. Quarles, had landed safely in England. Cpl. Quarles has been in the Army two years. His wife is now at her home in Waverly, following an extended stay with him in TX.

Pvt. Marion T. Welch, Ordnance Dept, of Camp Cooke, CA, has returned to CA, after spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Jonie Welch, of Sparta, Route 1. Pvt. Welch entered the service at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, in June, 1943. He was sent to Camp Cooke, early in June 1943.

Bobbie Ray Morton, Seaman, 2/c, of Monterey, and Riverdale, CA, has completed her basic training and indoctrination course at the Naval Training School in NY, and has received orders to report for duty at Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Naval Communication, Naval Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Seaman Morton attended Monterey High School and is a graduate of the Pensacola Florida, Business School, and was employed with California-Arizona Maneuver Area Exchange, Riverside, CA, as a stenographer and clerk prior to enlisting in the service. She is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray of Monterey, and wife of Charles Pickering Morton, R. M. 2/c, U. S. Navy. Her brother, Henry J. Ray, and her nephew, Henry J. Ray, Jr., are also in the Navy.

A/C Clarence Stewart, who has been stationed at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, for his pre-flight training, Army Air Corps, has recently been transferred to San Antonio, TX, for further training. Mrs. Stewart, who has been in Alabama with her husband is now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Terry for an indefinite stay.

Horace Scartlett U. S. Navy, who has been on foreign duty for many months, and who saw recent service in Italy is here to spend his shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scarlett, on the Smithville Road. He has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds sustained in action in the Atlantic area.

The following letter was directed to Putnam County Red Cross Chapter:

“To Whom Concerned:

“In the boat coming over I received one of those apron holders with the toilet articles in and believe me, it was just what I needed, and it has come in mighty handy since. A lot of the boys probably will not write, but in behalf of all of them, I will thank you for them and myself also, I am “Somewhere in New Guinea” now. Lots of coconuts around here, and natives also. My job is unloading ships, which isn’t so bad. My home is in Illinois, in a town of 6,000 population, 40 miles West of Chicago, St. Charles, IL, and it’s a wonderful little town and I wish I could be there now.

“Once again I thank you for the kit, and want you to know we appreciate the good work you are doing.

“Would like to hear from any of you who have time to write”.

Sincerely, Pvt. Vernon Zavitz.

Sgt. Billy Quarles is here for a 16 day furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Lula Quarles on Dixie avenue. He is stationed at Camp Cooke, CA.

First Sgt. Cecil Gentry has returned to Camp Hood, TX, where he is stationed, after spending his two week furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, and sister, Miss Dimple Gentry. During his stay he had as his guest, Pvt. Jon Crontis, who is in this area on maneuvers, and was formerly stationed at Camp Hood.

Pvt. Donald H. Carr has been here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Carr.

Sgt. Burgess Ray, Army Air Corps, who has been at the Nashville Classification Center, has been transferred to FL, and at present is stationed at Tyndall Field.

Promotion of George A. Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson, of Huntsville, AL, to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, has been announced to his parents. He is commanding a photographic squadron in the Eighth Air Force in England. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ford had as their guests last week their sons, Sgt. Clifton Ford, of Camp Bowie, TX, and Lt. Travis H. Ford, of Greenville, B. C.

Sgt. Pennock Moore, of Berry Field, Nashville, was here last week for a three-day visit with Mrs. Moore at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin.

Bluejacket Bob Lee Pippin, 31, husband of Mrs. Ella Odell Pippin, Bloomington Springs, received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class, during recent graduation ceremonies at Naval Training School (Diesel) located at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL.

The Bluejacket, now awaiting active orders to sea or to some shore station, is now a fireman first class.

At Navy Pier the newly graduated Navy man received fundamental instruction in the operation and maintenance of internal combustion engines and their auxiliaries.

Mrs. A. L. Campbell is in receipt of a message from her husband, Major Campbell, who has landed safely "Somewhere in England." Before going to port of embarkation, he was stationed at Camp Reynolds, PA, and possibly left the States in mid-February. As a reserve officer, Major Campbell reported for active duty in 1941, being granted a military leave from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he was head of the business department.

Pvt. Rayburn Bryant is spending his furlough of ten days with Mrs. Bryant and three-month-old son. He is now stationed at Indian Town Gap, PA, and prior to this was located in Los Angeles, CA. Pfc. Bryant is also visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bryant and family and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gentry, and other relatives.

John S. Little, 18, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Little, 100 Whitson street, who has been in training at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, has recently completed his course there as an aviation radioman, and is now attending a gunner's school at Hollywood, FL. He has been in the Navy since July, 1943.

S/Sgt. Jasper Bailey, Jr., Army Air Corps, who has been here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey, returned on Wednesday to Langley Field, VA. Going as far as Nashville with him were his parents and sister, Barbara Bailey. Sgt. Bailey had as his guest during his stay at home a friend from Idaho.

Garrett Vinson and Jim Vinson are additional sons of Mrs. Vallie Vinson who are reporting for Army duty in the near future, making the total number of five who are now in the Armed Forces.

Sgt. John A. Moore, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Grenada, MS, was recently transferred to Alliance, NB. Sgt. Moore was here last week for a brief visit with Mrs. Moore at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

Marine Private John West Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Harris, of Baxter, has been graduated from the Training Center Machine Gun School at Camp Elliott, San Diego, CA.

Private Harris was employed by the Clued Sintz Steel Company at Detroit, MI, before enlisting in the Marine Corps, in November, 1943.

In a recent letter to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley P. Flatt from F. C. Groves, Captain Air Corps, Commandant of Cadets, Avon Park, FL, makes the following complimentary comments relative to their son, A/C Wesley Flatt, Jr., stationed at Avon Park: "Your son, Wesley, has made an enviable record while at his station; he

holds the admiration and respect of Officers and Cadets alike. Would that we had more Cadets of his mettle. In closing I send greetings to you and Mrs. Flatt." A/C Flatt has been in the service since the spring of 1943, being stationed at Tennessee Tech, at Maxwell Field, and in the near future is being transferred from Avon Park to Macon, GA.

Clarence E. Cobbs, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Lewis M. Cobbs, of Springfield, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant junior grade, in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Lieut Cobbs is a graduate of Tennessee Tech, and received his commission as an ensign in December, 1942, at midshipman's school, Columbia University, New York, NY.

Hooper Crawford, U. S. Navy, who has been taking his boot training at Bainbridge, MD, has been spending a brief furlough here with Mrs. Crawford and daughter, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crawford, who have had also as their guest, another son, Lieut. Clifford Crawford, who is stationed in LA. They have shared a family reunion during the week with all members being present with the exception of Ensign James Crawford, U. S. Navy, in the Pacific area, and Pfc. Ernest Crawford, stationed in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Boyd, of Cookeville, Route 5, are in receipt of a letter from the former's brother, Pfc. Dibrell Boyd, son of Mrs. Bell Boyd, who is now "Somewhere in England." He has been overseas many months, and has been in the combat area of North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Pfc. Boyd writes he is getting along fine and is interested in the happenings of his home community and Putnam County generally, which he has not seen since 1941. The letter carries the date of February 28.

Pfc. Brownie Stout, stationed at Camp Hale, CO, is here for a 15-day furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout, and other relatives. His wife, who is now making her home in Detroit, MI, has joined him here for a visit. The senior Mrs. Stout's son, Cpl. Charles Stout, is now "Somewhere in England," having landed there some time in February. Prior to leaving the States, he was stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC.

Joe Conry, U. S. Marines, Reserve, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Conry, is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was called to active duty in the spring of 1943.

Cpl. Perry Rowe Harris who completed his training at a Gunnery School, Ft. Myers, FL, last week, received his wings on Tuesday, and is now home for a visit with his parents, Judge and Mrs. F. E. Harris, before reporting to Columbia, SC, for further training as a member of a combat crew. Cpl. Harris' brother, Lieut. Finis E. Harris, Jr., U. S. Army Air Force, is in England.

Midshipman Thomas Gentry, USNR, who was here recently for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry, is now stationed at the Naval Training School, Plattsburg, NY.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Bradley, of Cookeville, Route 5, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pvt. Charles Cecil Bradley, Army Air Corps, died March 11, "Somewhere in England." No further particulars have been learned at this time.

Sgt. Houston Haile, who has been stationed at Camp Mackall, NC for the past two months, will come the last of this week for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Haile. He goes from here to Camp Lee, VA, where he will enter Officers Candidate School for several months.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Robert A. Cox, son of Mrs. J. N. Cox who has been with the army Air Corps Maxwell Field, AL, has been transferred to the Headquarters of the Flying Corps in Washington, D. C. and goes this week to his new duties.

Pvt. Sidney S. Webb, Jr. reported for military duty in February, and is located with an Anti-Aircraft Division at Camp Stewart, GA.

Pfc. Walter Clifford Wallace who is serving overseas with the Signal Corps is now "Somewhere in New Guinea" according to recent notifications received by his family here.

Sgt. Joe Adams, Army Air Corps who has been spending his two weeks furlough at home, has returned to his post of duty at Ft. Petersburg, FL. Going as far as Knoxville with him were Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mitchell, and Mrs. Barlowe Smith.

Pvt. James Lillard McDonald who, delay enroute from Miami, FL, to his present location, spent several days at his home here. He reported at MacDill Field, Tampa, FL for classification and has been assigned to the supply and Postal Service, Third Air Force, MacDill Field. In civilian life, Pvt. McDonald was a valued employee of the First Nation Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Presley, who have had recent communications from their two sons who are in opposite theatres of war. S/Sgt. Hubert Presley, with the Air Force Squadron is in New Guinea, and recently had a delightful furlough visit in Australia. He states he has plenty to eat and a good bed to sleep in. He has been overseas 18 months. Pvt. Carlos Presley is in England with an Aircraft Division, and has been on foreign soil some six months.

James Willie Nash, U. S. Navy, of the Boiling Springs community, is now on duty in the Pacific area. He reported for duty in December, 1943. His wife, during his absence, is residing on Sparta, Route 1.

Pvt. Dow Waller, of Baxter, according to a news release from Ft. Knox, KY, has completed his basic training at the Armored Replacement Training Center, preparatory for combat duty with an armored unit. Pvt. Waller was inducted into the service in October, 1943. His wife resides in Baxter.

Major Sam R. Epperson, who is now "Somewhere in Alaska" receives a particular honor by being placed in command of a Special Units Battalion at an Alaskan Army Post where he has been for a very short time.

The article which follows is taken from the 23rd issue of "sourdough Sentinel," a publication of this post:

"Major Sam R. Epperson succeeds Colonel John M. Hamilton as commander of the Special Units Battalion.

:Claiming that all he did in the service of his country was to "follow the crowd" Major Epperson's record bespeaks a career of leadership.

"The major was a member of the 1st Division during World War I, serving as 2nd lieutenant. By means of promotions he was advanced to the rank of major.

"He returned from Coblenz with the Army of Occupation as a 1st lieutenant and temporary major in Infantry.

"He resigned from the regular army as a major, but was recalled for duty the latter part of 1941.

"Major Epperson actively participated in the North African and Sicily campaigns, with the 1st Division, 2nd Corps and 7th Army.

"He was evacuated to the United States by the 3rd General Hospital, Bizerte, North Africa, September, 1943 and removed from that hospital to Fort Benning, GA, Infantry School, from where he was ordered to this Post for duty.

Major Epperson is married and comes from Cookeville, TN, and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

“Our officers and enlisted men are doing one swell job under very difficult conditions, answered the major when asked about his experiences in the Mediterranean theatre.”

Major Epperson, who since his return from the North African theatre of war has been stationed at Fort Benning, GA, and in Seattle, WA. Mrs. Epperson is now with Major Epperson’s sister, Mrs. W. A. Howard and Dr. Howard.

S/Sgt. Alvin W. Boyd returned to Camp Shelby, MS, yesterday after spending a week with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Ernest H. Boyd.

Seaman Clay W. Maynard has spent a recent 8 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mr. Van Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn have received notification from their son, Cpl. Charles Vaughn that he has arrived safely in Italy. Cpl. Vaughn, with the Signal Air Corps, was stationed at Seattle, WA, before receiving overseas orders.

Ensign Joe Lane, U. S. Navy, following a brief leave spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane, left Wednesday for New London, CT, where he goes for new assignment, following a training period at Portsmouth, NH. Prior to going to Portsmouth, he was stationed in Boston, MA. Ensign Lane and his mother, Mrs. Lane, went to Lexington, KY, for a week-end visit with friends.

Mrs. Vaden Netherton has received word from her husband, Pfc. Vaden Netherton that he has landed safely in England. He writes he is receiving good treatment and feeling fine. He is with the Military Police, and was formerly stationed at Camp Shelby, MS. He has been with the Armed Forces since May 7, 1943.

J. T. DeBerry, son of Major and Mrs. R. T. DeBerry, of Bloomington Springs, was a member of the graduating class of March 20, in the school of Medicine, University of Tennessee, Memphis and at this time received his Doctor’s degree and a commission as First Lieutenant, U. S. Medical Corps.

He and Mrs. DeBerry, the former Miss Rosemary Piepmeier, are visiting his parents and sisters at Bloomington but he will soon go to Mr. Carmel Mercy Hospital Detroit, MI for his internship. During this period of training he will be on inactive duty. Dr. DeBerry is a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and completed his medical training in three and one half years.

The junior Mrs. DeBerry plans to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Piepmeier at Black River Falls, WI, for a month before joining her husband in Detroit. Major and Mrs. DeBerry and Mrs. Edith Mable DeBerry went to Memphis last week to be present when their son and brother received his degree and commission.

A news release comes from the 37th Division, on Bougainville, relative to honors of Sgt. Willie G. Gentry, of Cookeville, son of William L. Gentry, formerly of Putnam County, but now of 3072 15th Street, Detroit, MI. Sgt. Gentry, who volunteered for service in 1941 was a senior student at Baxter Seminary at the time of his enlistment. He was recently promoted to his present position.

The News Release is quoted as follows: “For exemplary conduct in combat, Sgt. Willie G. Gentry of Cookeville, TN, has been presented with the Army’s newest award for infantrymen, the Combat Infantry badge. Awarded for exemplary conduct in combat or for combat action in a major operation, the new medal is a silver rifle on a blue field with a silver border imposed on an elliptical silver wreath. Since starting his tour of overseas service on May 26, 1942, he has been stationed in New Zealand, Fiji, Guadalcanal, Velia Lavella, and Empress Augusta Bay, and is a veteran of the New Georgian campaign.

Sgt. Gentry is a nephew of Beecher Gentry of this city.

Walter Lee Brown, S 3/c was inducted into the Navy August 4, 1943 and took his boot training at Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, and since going to sea has seen service in North Africa, Great Britain, Italy and various other Atlantic war areas. Pvt. James A Brown was inducted into the Army in

April 1943, and is also on foreign service. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Brown, of Bloomington Springs, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Dyer, of Cookeville, Route 2, recently heard from their son, Pvt. Ralph H. Dyer, U. S. Army, who has landed in Australia, and reports he is all right. Pvt. Dyer was inducted in the U. S. Army on August 1943. Prior to going overseas, he was at Fort Meade, MD, he received his training at Ft. McClellan, AL.

Pvt. Earl Calvin Pope, of Camp Cooke, CA, has recently been transferred to the Air Corps, and is now stationed at Buckley Field, Denver, CO.

Lieut. Fred L. Speck, formerly with the Ski Troops at Camp McCoy, WI, was transferred to Camp Croft, SC, in January. He has recently been in TN on maneuvers and spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. Dora Speck, and other members of his family. Lieut. Speck is with the Yankee Division, and after reporting to Fort Jackson, SC, will return to Cookeville next week to spend his 15-day furlough at home.

A news release from Chanute Field, IL, states that Pfc. Paul F. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Brown, of Cookeville, has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. While attending this Army Air Forces Training Command school he received instruction in Electrical Course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Cpl. William Howard Gentry, son of A. W. Gentry, of 601 Hickory Street, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, TX, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew.

Along with his diploma, he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises. He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type of weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he has studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification, stripping and reassembling of machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by firing on towed targets.

RM Second Class Charles Stanton, U. S. Navy, who has served for 21 months on overseas duty is here to spend his 30-day rehabilitation leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanton. RM Stanton volunteered for military service in 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton's youngest son, Carson Stanton, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been in training at Shreveport, LA, is now an Aviation Cadet and is taking his pre-flight training in San Antonio, TX.

Mitchell Tudor, U. S. Navy son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tudor of N. Jefferson avenue, who has been in the service for the past 22 months, is now in the South Pacific.

He was here last July for a month's shore leave and it was later revealed that he was on a patrol craft which, according to reports took over a unique and heroic place in naval annals as the Navy Department disclosed the tiny ship had rammed and sunk a Japanese submarine twice its size in dense Pacific fog. The action as described, took less than thirty minutes from first detection of the submarine when it was over, there were no American casualties and no Japanese survivors and the sole souvenir was a piece of sub cover plate buried deep in the PC's ripped hull. In an exclusive interview, a Seattle, WA, paper had with the craft's 31-year old skipper, Lieut. W. Gordon Cornell, of Staten Island, NY, who wears the Navy Cross for the engagement, told the story of that morning when he gave the order to his helmsman: "there it is! Ram the ____!" Only the inspired efforts of his officers and men saved the life of the PC-487. Lieutenant Cornell sates for half an hour the PC's life hung in the balance and apportion of the tribute he paid his men follows: "Each and every one of you have the unquestionable right to swell with pride for your deeds. During the action all departments, each one of you functioned with flawless precision. Not one of you could have done better. You had very weapon, every instrument and every piece of machinery in operation and function.

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PUTNAM MEN WHO REPORTED YESTERDAY FOR NAVAL DUTY:

Putnam County men who were recently accepted for military service left yesterday to report for naval duty. A majority of them are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. The names are listed below:

Robert Washington Whiteaker, James Monroe Davis, Woodrow Wilson Bryant, Henry Whiteaker, Marvin Jackson, Willie Walter Dixon, Frank Reams Adams, Harry Winnell Gentry, Clarence Haskel Swallows, Robert Lane, James Edward Bartlett, Arvil Bohannon, Frank Padgett, Charles H. Cox, Frank Bartlett, R. L. Lester Henry, Willard Scarlett, James DuBois, Franklin Sliger, Virgie Kenneth Stout, Hestle Lee Henry (transferred from Clarksville), John Bula Candler (transferred from Detroit), O. D. Anderson (transferred from Nashville).

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Lt. Frank Just, Jr. Reported Missing in South Pacific:

Mrs. Louise Johnson Just, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colen Johnson, received notification from the War Department on Tuesday that her husband, Lieut. Frank Just, Jr., was missing in action "Somewhere in the South Pacific" War area.

Lieut. Just's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Just, reside in Nashville, and he was an only child. He volunteered for service in August 1942 and was serving as a pilot with the U. S. Marine Air Corps, "Somewhere in the South Pacific" theatre of war. At the time of his enlistment he held a position in Columbia with a chemical plant. He took his training in Athens, GA, Pensacola, FL, St. Louis, MO, Cherry Point, NC, and San Diego, CA. He and Mrs. Just were married July 8, 1943, and she was with him in CA, until shortly after the New Year when he sailed for foreign service.

He attended the Nashville schools and was a student at Tennessee Tech, where he was very popular and took an active part in various school activities.

James W. Murphy Promoted To Lieut (j.g.) in Navy:

Friends of James W. Murphy, U. S. Navy Reserve, will be pleased to learn of his promotion from the rank of Ensign to that of Lieutenant (j.p.) which he received recently according to notification to his wife, Mrs. Murphy, the former Miss Elizabeth Swallows of Algood, now a member of the Tennessee Tech faculty.

Lieut. Murphy is located "Somewhere in the Pacific" where he has been on duty since early December. He was at home for a brief leave in November following foreign service in the Atlantic when he was in the Sicilian combat area. He volunteered for naval duty and attended Midshipman school at Columbia University, NY, receiving his commission in 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy and prior to entering upon military duties was assistant Postmaster at the local post office.

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Charles H Cox, who reported for naval duty on Wednesday of last week, is stationed at Camp Peary, VA. Before going into the service he was a popular business man of the city, being owner and manager of the Royal Crown Bottling Company. Mrs. Cox, and daughter and son, Ann and Charles Cox, are at their home, on Dixie avenue during her husband's absence. A son of Mr. & Mrs.. J. N. Cox, Mr. Cox has two brothers in service, Capt. Robert A. Cox and William B. Cox.

***Note: Charles Hayden Cox**

b. 26 October 1906 – d. 19 February 1967, md 11th of March 1930, Putnam Co., TN to **Hazel (Jenkins) Cox**, b. 22 August 1909 – d. 21 September 1996. **Mary (Cox) Robinson**, b. 27 November 1903 – d. 4 January 1965. **Sybil (Webb) Cox**, b. 22 November 1913 – d. 3 October 1951. Buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Pfc. Charles E. Billings, U. S. Marines, who recently spent his 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Billings, has returned to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, where he has been stationed for several months.

Enlistment of four 17-year-olds of Cookeville and vicinity in the Navy is announced by Lieutenant Commander E. E. Keith Navy Recruiting Officer. They are: Jack Pruett, Gainesboro; Richard Hunter Hill, Jr., Cookeville; Henry Clay Lawson, Jr., Crossville and David Brown Masters, Celina.

Sgt. James H. Terry, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, is now "Somewhere in New Guinea." He is with a Signal Service Company, and according to a message received by his parents he reached a foreign port the early part of March.

The following article is taken from the Greensboro News, of Greensboro, NC, of March 27 – and will be read with interest by friends of Lt. Lucas' family throughout the section Tennessee. He is a grandson of Mrs. Cora Cox Lucas of Greensboro, but a native of this state, and is a nephew of Col. J. N. Cox, of Cookeville:

"Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Lucas, High Point road, yesterday afternoon had the pleasure of hearing their son, Lt. E. F. Lucas, Jr., over a short wave broadcast from Naples, Italy, carried throughout the country on a CBS hookup.

"The broadcast came in fine and Mr. Lucas said the voice was as clear and distinct as if his son had been standing in the room. It was especially gratifying to know their son was hale and hearty and carrying on in the true Lucas style. A large number of other residents expressed pleasure at hearing the Greensboro boy over the air, as he recounted some of the thrilling exploits as a member of the 520th squadron, 86th fighter bomber group.

"Queried by the CBS correspondent in charge of the broadcast, Lieutenant Lucas stated he had been on 56 bombing missions, flying an A-36 invader, but much of his talk was devoted to a description of fights to carry food supplies and ammunition to beleaguered allied troops on the side of Mount Cassino, near the Benedictine monastery, who have been cut off from the main allied forces."

The News release concerning Capt. Robert Cox comes from Headquarters, Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command, Public Relation Branch, Maxwell Field, AL. Assignment of Capt. Robert A. Cox to AAF Headquarters in Washington, D. C., has been announced here. Captain Cox, son of Mayor and Mrs. James N. Cox, 34 North Washington avenue, Cookeville, TN, will be in the office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence, Counter Intelligence Division. His position at Maxwell Field was executive officer. Counter Intelligence Branch, in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, Eastern Flying Training Command.

His father is publisher of the Putnam County Herald. Captain Cox entered the service August 21, 1942, as a second lieutenant. Before entering the service, he was a special agent for the internal revenue service, previous to which he had been a practicing attorney in Cookeville.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he received his law degree from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. Captain Cox was at the EFTC headquarters from April 5, 1943, until his recent departure. He also served at Janesville, WI, Hendricks Field, FL, and Cape Girardeau, MO. He is married to the former Jean Thompson of Memphis, TN.

Pvt. Dillard Fred Bussell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell, 601 Laurel street, Cookeville, has reported at the Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS, station of the Army Air Forces Training Command for medical and psychological processing, classification, and training to determine his qualifications as a preaviation cadet.

Upon successful completion of this phase of his processing, he will be sent to a college or university for five months further study or directly to a pre-flight center for cadet training, depending upon his previous academic background.

With the Fifth Army, Italy – Private First Class Gilbert B. Roberts, son of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Roberts, who lives on Route 4, Cookeville, TN, has been promoted to corporal. He is serving with the 3rd Infantry Division of the Fifth Army in Italy.

Algood Vaden, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, who has been stationed for several months in Lansing, MI, was recently transferred to Camp Crowder, MO.

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List of Putnam Countians Leaving Today for Induction Into U. S. Army and Navy:

The following Putnam County men left today for induction into the Armed Service of the United States. Included in the group for the army are thirty-five fathers. The group for the Navy includes fourteen fathers. The Army inductees are listed below:

Edward Howard Shoemake, Samuel Robert Bullock, Charlie Edward Dyer, Ernest Dow Henry, Robert Thomas Dunham, John Henry Lee, Jr., Kenneth Haile Kemp, Isaac Arnold Flatt, Edward Odell Foister, James Curtis Holloway, Lawrence Odell Coffelt, Woodrow Wilson Cooper, Willard Williams, Jay Reals, Lennon J. Birdwell, Roy Herbert Campbell, Haskell D. Davis, Monroe Green Rice, Holt Willis, Birtle McCloud, Arvel Ford, Noah Monroe Smith, Johnnie Richar Grasty.

Holbert Clifton Howell, Dock Milton Copeland, John Scott Cumby, Charlie Rufus Loftis, Albert Cordell Thompson, Virgil Boyd Flatt, Millard Bartlett, William Hunter, John Donell Neville, Williford Maurice Mann, Charles Patten Randolph, Nathan Henry Burgess, Warren Glynn Hale, Floyd Edward Adams, Ralph Allison Denny, Clarence Maxwell, David Wood Maxwell, Jr., Lillard Calvin Leftwich.

Those reporting for Naval duty are: Clarence Thurman Phy, James Willie Dunn, Herman P. Alcorn, Samuel Ernest Wood, Nathan C. Fox, Morris Lee Robbins, Arnold E. Henry, Harrison D. Whittaker, Albert Lawson, William B. Whitaker, William Gordon Bracy, Finnie L. Goolsby, Charles R. Bullock, Raymond E. Stamps, Harvie K. Bilbrey, Guy D. Farris, Dewey Paul Whitaker, Daily Phillips.

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State Guardsmen Maneuver At Camp Forrest Last Week:

Putnam County with 82 men present had the largest delegation of officers and troops of any county in the Seventh Regiment area at the State Guard camp Forrest last week.

The Seventh Regiment was organizaed as a camp provisional battalion under command of Col. W. K. Crawford. Lt. Col. Maurice E. Haste is executive officer for the battalion, Capt. Joe Scott, intelligence officer, and Lt. John E. Lonehan, assistant adjutant.

Capt. H. N. Summers and Lt. X. B. Haynie command the Seventh Machine Gun and Chemical Company which is attached to the Second Provisional Battalion.

Capt. C. P. Snelgrove accompanied the men from Company G to camp and was the commanding officer during the first few days of the encampment. Among the men from Company G, which is now functioning as a part of the First Provisional Company in cooperation with the men from Lebanon are Staff Sgt. Don Ferguson, First Sgt. J. B. Cobbs, Tech. Sgt. Fred A. Shirvers; Sergeants Samuel Brown, D. J. Foutch, Don Moredock, Edmund Nussbaum, Thomas Pappas, and Jameslist continues.

The headquarters enlisted men included Sgt. Charles Taylor, detachment M.C.O.; Sgt. Roy Wiggins, bugler; Cpl. R. M. Moorman, Pfc. James Anderson, and Pfc. Curtis Bumbalough.

The Machine Gun and Chemical Company enlisted personnel numbers Sgts Drake, Sterlis, McCanless, Tracy Sanders, A. W. Smith, Jeff Dyer; corporals; Robert Crowley, Jimmie Walker; Privates Raymond Lacey, Sam Poteet, Richard Phillips, Ealy Davel, C. Grimes, John Saylor, John Hill, James Bilyeu, and P. Holder.

Regimental Chaplain Harry Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary held a religious service Sunday, and at the request of a delegation of boys held a mid-week service Thursday morning in one of the post chapels.

In relation to the size of the town, Baxter had the largest group of men of any town in the Seventh Regiment territory. Capt. William T. Sewell is company commander of the Second Provisional Company and Lt. S. N. Barr, is serving as a line officer with the Fourth Provisional Company.

The roster from Baxter includes First Sgt. Harry James, Staff Sgt. Harold Medley, Staff Sgt. Johnnie Randolph; Sgts. Warren Wheeler, Leburn Bush, Hubert Milton, Gilbert Barr, Bob Wheeler, Robert White, Alvin Powell, Gueary Reed; Corporals Alpha Clemmens, Robert mcintyre, Harold Palmer; Privates first class Walter Shanks, J. W. Keisler, Alvin Winfree, Bruce Hall, Charles Duke, Clyde Maddux, Clifford Leftwich, Billy Spears, Sam Denny, Thomas Myatt, Bernace Johnson, Willie N. Phillips, Truman Waddell, Lionel Clemmons, Ralph Gentry; Privates Charlie Thomas, Claude Gentry, Esie Lowe, John W. Chinn, Bud Banks, Clayton J. Savage, John D. Love, and Whitely Sterling.

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William Anderson, Lieut. (j.g.) U. S. Coast Guard, who has been located for several months in Miami, FL, is now stationed in Norfolk, VA.

W. H. Roberts, chief storekeeper, USN, recently stationed in New Zealand, and Mrs. Roberts, the former Miss Mary Veteto, have been the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Veteto, this week. They are soon to leave for San Francisco, CA, where Mr. Roberts has been assigned to a ship still under construction but due to go into commission in the very near future. During her husband's absence on foreign duty, Mrs. Roberts has resided in Nashville, where she held a position at the Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

Mrs. Vernon Huddleston has received word that her husband, Pvt. Vernon Huddleston, has arrived safely in England. He left the States the latter part of February.

The Army Officers Department today announces that Pfc. James Carl Swallows, Baxter, has completed a specialists course on Cadillac Tank Engines at the Flint Section of the Ordnance School, conducted at General Motors Institute, Flint, MI, in cooperation with the Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, MI.

Pfc. Otha Loftis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Loftis, is now stationed "Somewhere in England." Pvt. Willie Loftis was recently inducted into service at Camp Shelby, MS. Another son, Ben A. Loftis, was recently given an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps.

Landon Jackson who entered the Navy November 25, 1943, and took his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, and from there he was sent to the Navy Pier, Chicago, for two months of mechanical training. He is now stationed at Norfolk, VA.

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center 54 cadets from Tennessee are receiving pre-flight training to prepare them for serial instruction as pilots, bombardiers, and navigators.

During ten weeks of intensive training the cadets study mathematics, physics, naval and aircraft identification and other subjects as well as undergoing physical and military training. Upon completion of the courses the cadets will progress to advanced training schools.

Present classes include one from Cookeville: Pilot: Carson B. Stanton, Maple Street, Cookeville.

Cpl. Bradley Brewington has returned to Camp Ruckner, AL, after spending his ten day furlough with his wife and his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. M. C. Brewington.

Enlistment of two 17-year-olds of the Cookeville area is announced by Lieutenant Commander E. E. Keith, Navy Recruiting Officer. They are: Robert Lee King of Cookeville and Hubert Franklin Brown, of Pleasant Hill.

John D. McMurry, who is serving in the Merchant Marine, has returned to duty after spending several days with his family and friends here.

Cpl. Howard Gentry, who recently received his Aerial Gunner's wings from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Laredo, TX, has reported to Lincoln, NB, for further assignment.

Francis John Frey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frey, who is stationed with the 137th Ordnance Company, Camp Chaffee, AR, has recently been promoted from a Corporal to the higher position of Sergeant. The junior Mrs. Frey and son are residing in Cookeville during Sgt. Frey's absence.

Charles E. Gentry, serving now in the Southwest Pacific, has been promoted from Corporal to First Sergeant. Sgt. Gentry is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gentry, of the Holladay community, and his wife and baby are, during his absence, residing on Oak street.

C. Meadows, formerly of Mill street, Cookeville, but now of Detroit, MI, left Wednesday, April 5, to report for U. S. Naval duty. He is receiving his basic training at Great Lakes, IL.

A news release from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN, states that Pvt. Lawrence Weatherby, of Cookeville, R. 4, has been transferred to 1584th S. U., Camp Atterbury, IN, for basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fields, of Cookeville, have been notified that their son Albert G. Fields, stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, has been promoted from a Private first class, to a Corporal. He has been in the service since April 23, 1942.

Pvt. Ralph Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Poe of this city, is now stationed in Toledo, OH, taking training at a Clerical School of the Rossford Ordnance Depot. He has been in service for more than a year, stationed first at Camp Perry, OH, and later at Camp Chaffee, AR.

A/C James Douglas Sloan, Army Air Force, stationed in San Antonio, TX, and Mrs. Sloan, who is residing in Nashville, were here last week to visit with the former's grandfather, J. A. Isbell, who has been ill for the past ten days, but is slowly improving at his home on W. Broad Street. A/C Sloan's mother, Mrs. Jessie Sloan, of Nashville, came to Cookeville with him.

George Loftis, who has been stationed for the past few months at Camp Shelby, MS, was last week given an honorable discharge for physical disability, and has returned to his home here. Mrs. Loftis, who resided in Hattiesburg, MS, while her husband was stationed near there, returned to Cookeville with him.

James Walter Ament, U. S. Navy, who is at the Great Lakes Training Center, expects to complete his basic training around April 22 and will be granted a brief furlough which he will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ament, at their home on Sparta Road.

Lieut. W. H. Boyd is spending a week's leave of absence with his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd.

According to a news release furnished by the Public Relations office, Great Lakes, IL, Cleo Hodges is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL. Before entering the service, several months ago, Mr. Hodges was local manager of the England-Potter Grocery Co. His wife Mrs. Clema H. Hodge, and children are at their home at 305 Hudgens, and at the close of his primary training he will join them here for a furlough visit.

Secretary of State Joe C. Carr, of Nashville, formerly of Cookeville, son of Mrs. Joe Carr and the late Mr. Carr, passed his pre-induction examination for entry into the armed forces and reports for active duty at Camp Shelby, MS, according to Camp Forrest authorities. National president of the Young Democratic Clubs of America, he was exempt from military service because of the state office he holds, but recently waived his exemption.

Sgt. Julian White and Pvt. Jessie Benton White, sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, of Cookeville, R. 2, are serving in foreign theatres of war. The former, with the army engineers, has been in service for three years, with two years of the time spent overseas. He took his training at Camp Belvoir, VA. His present location is not known. Pvt. White, who took his training with the Army Medical Corps, at Camp Barkley, TX, and Camp Carson, CO, left the States in October, and is now stationed in India.

Robert V. "Shorty" Cross, Lieutenant (j.g.) U. S. Navy, who has been stationed in Washington D. C., and was enroute to a new assignment on the West Coast, was here from Thursday until Sunday, spending the time with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard and Miss Peggy Howard. Lieut. Cross is a graduate of Tennessee Tech, where he received his degree in the Engineering Department, and prior to entering the service, spent two years with the Pan American Air Lines, in South America. He received his naval commission from Columbia University, NY, and later attended Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA, where he took special naval courses. Before coming to Cookeville, he visited his mother, in Chattanooga.

The following poem is submitted by Pvt. Clifton Wilmoth, and because of its beautiful sentiment, is reprinted. Pvt. Wilmoth, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wilmoth, of Cookeville, R. 4, has been overseas since October, 1943, is, according to a recent message, located with the fighting forces on the Anzio beachhead.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Though clouds of war and miles of space.
I hear your voice and see your face.
I see you kneel at close of day;
I hear you softly, sweetly pray,
"Oh God, please keep him from all harm,
Please let him rest upon your arm.
Protect his footsteps all the while,
And give him faith to conquer trial."
Yes, my love, I hear your prayer,
And though my heart aches to be there,
It's God wish that it be this way,
I know He's listening as I pray.
Dear God, from heaven up above
Look down upon the one I love,
Tell her, Lord, she should not fear.
Though far away, through prayer, I'm near.

When clouds of war that dim the sun
Have passed away and victory's won,
Protect us all from future strife,
And give us faith throughout our life."

Morris Lee Robbins, who left last week for naval duty, is stationed for his basic training at Camp Peary, VA. For a number of years, Mr. Robbins has been a popular and valued employee of the Cookeville Post Office. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tice Robbins, and his wife is the former Miss Rema Schubert, of Wartburg. Mrs. Robbins and son, Morris Lee, Jr., are remaining at their home, on Peachtree Street.

From the Headquarters European Theater of Operations comes reports of four Putnam Countians.

Among the group of United States Army Engineers, toughened by the fire of battle, who recently arrived in England to help train other Engineer soldiers preparing of the invasion of Western Europe is Cpl. Owen C. Reid, Algood, R. 1.

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(**Charles F. Horn**, b. 17 July 1923 – d. 24 February 1944 (Pvt. killed in action in Italy), s/o **John Robert "Bob" Horn** (1884-1958) & **Effie (unknown) Horn** (1887-1974).

Pvt. Charles F. Horn Killed in Action Somewhere in Italy:

This week the War Department notified Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horn, of Cookeville, Route 5, that their son, Pvt. Charles F. Horn, was killed in action in the Italian theatre of war, February 24.

Private Horn, serving with the Infantry, had been in service about a year, and had been overseas for the past five months.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Ruby McArthur, Chestnut Hill, PA, Miss Mertie Ann Horn, Monterey; Mrs. Aline Farley, and Miss Sue Hor, of Cookeville, stationed with the armed forces in England,; and William Horn, Dayton, OH.

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WITH OUT ARMED FORCES:

Horace Scarlett, who has been visiting his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scarlett, has returned to New York to report for duty. He was accompanied by his wife, who will remain with him while he is in the States.

Cpl. Ward Draper has returned to Lincoln, NB, where he is stationed with the Army Air Corps, after a furlough visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Draper, his sister, Mrs. Louise Darwin and her sons, at their home, on Dixie avenue.

Gerald Miller, U. S. Merchant Marine, who has just returned from sea duty in the Mediterranean area, is spending his shore leave here and at this home in Pikeville. Mrs. Miller, who has been in Brunswick, GA, for several months, has joined him here, and they are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

In a letter to Robert Ray from his son, Pvt. Jeff Ray, who is now in England, he states that the weather is lovely, his Division is very busy, he likes his work, his living quarters are good and that his outfit gets the best of everything, and he has nothing whatever to kick about. Since leaving the States, Pvt. Ray has seen service in Africa, Sicily and Italy. The letter is written under the date of April 8.

John T. "Jack" Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore, of Algood, who volunteered for military duty and reported for service with the Army Air Corps in April 1943, was graduated from Riddle Field, Clewiston, FL, on April 16, receiving his commission as a second lieutenant and both the American and British Wings. He is now spending his fifteen day leave with his parents, at the expiration of which he reports to Berry Field, Nashville, for transport duty. Present when he received his wings and commission were his mother, Mrs. Moore, and his aunt, Mrs. Fred Moore, of Algood.

Charles Leland Maddux, who has been in the U. S. Navy since December 26, 1943, took his basic training in San Diego, CA, but has now sailed to places unknown. Mr. Maddux is the son of the late C. B. Maddux, of Buffalo Valley, where his family resides.

Jessie F. Evans, in the U. S. Army, stationed with the Medical Department at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, GA. Mr. Evans has been in service since August, 1943. He is the son of Grover Evans, of Cookeville. Mrs. Evans is at her home, at Gentry.

Pvt. James Arnold Thomas, who was inducted into the armed forces on December 15, 1943, was sent to the reception center, January 6, 1944, in Camp Shelby, MS, then was transferred on January 20 to the Infantry Training Battalion, in Camp Wheeler, GA. He was home with his family on a seven-day furlough recently, returning to Camp Wheeler for further military duty.

Pfc. Hershel Johnson has returned to Camp McCoy, WI, after spending a ten-day furlough with his wife and daughter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman McCormick, on Route 2. While here they spent some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, near Smithville.

Pfc. Thomas D. Bean, who has been in England, has been sent back to the U. S. and is now in a hospital in Nashville, according to news received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bean, of Route 3.

Cpl. Ernest Terry, Jr., is here from Camp Stewart, GA, and is spending his two weeks' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry at their home on First street.

Sgt. Ray F. Langford, gunner with the A.A.F., stationed at Drew Field, FL, Mrs. Langford and baby, who have been residing in Tampa, FL, during the former's stay there, are here for a week's visit with Sgt. Langford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Langford, on the Monterey Highway, and many other relatives. He will return to Drew Field at the expiration of his furlough for further assignments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark, of Algood have received word that their son, Bill, who has been on duty in the Pacific since September, 1943, has been promoted from first class to Chief Pharmacist Mate. Before enlisting in the Naval Reserve, April 27, 1942, he was employed by Ragland, Potter & Company, at Jackson.

Cpl. Howard Sutton, U. S. Army, has returned to Absecon, NJ, after spending his ten-day furlough with Mrs. Sutton and son, Robert Eugene, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Boatman. During his stay, Cpl. Sutton and family visited his relatives and his sister, Mrs. Lehman Bartlett, came from her home in Buffalo Valley, for a visit with them.

Monroe Davis, U. S. Marines, who reported for duty three weeks ago, is stationed in San Diego, CA, where he is taking his basic training. Before entering the service, he was an employee of the City, which position he had held for several years. Mrs. Davis, the former Miss Lucille Bussell, and their five-year-old daughter are at their home 200 Whitson street. Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Stella Davis, is making her home in Detroit, for the present.

Lieut. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Jr., will come to Algood the latter part of this week for a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Moore. Lieut. Moore was married on Monday, April 17, to Miss Clara Knox of Haynesville and Shreveport, LA. He is with the Army Air Corps, stationed in Shreveport, where he is an instructor.

Cadet James Roy Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick, who has been in training with the U. S. Naval Air Corps, in Delaware, OH, has been transferred to Yakima, WA, for another special training course.

Sgt. Walter Howard Bradley, who has been attending a Mechanics' School at Ft. Sill, OK, has completed his course there and came to Cookeville for a furlough visit of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradley before reporting for further military duty at Ft. Lewis, WA.

Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore received a message this week stating that their son, Kenneth Moore, U. S. Medical Corps, had landed safely in England. Prior to his sailing he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. The junior Mrs. Moore is at present making her home in Brunswick, GA, where she has a government position.

William Anderson, Lieutenant (j.g.), U. S. Navy, who has been stationed in Norfolk, VA, is now in Philadelphia, PA, for a special training period of several weeks. His mother, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, left Wednesday for a visit of two weeks with him in Philadelphia.

Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., left Wednesday to report for further orders in Richmond, VA, where he has been stationed for several months. He has been spending his twenty-day recuperation leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley. Pfc. McKinley had been ill at a base hospital for quite some time. Pfc. Robert McKinley and Mrs. McKinley are here from Gulfport, MS, where he has been stationed with the AAF, enroute to Panama City, FL, and are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley.

Cpl. Roy W. Maynard is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard. He has served overseas for 22 months.

T/5 Hillard Jared Robinson, who has been spending his furlough with his wife and little son in Baxter, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Robinson, of near Gentry, and other relatives, has returned to his base at the Army Air Field at Marysville, CA. After having been on maneuvers and in training at Camp Haan, CA, for several months, he is now with the 799th AAA (AW) Bn. of the Air Corps.

Frank Wallace May, 18, son of Rev. H. J. May, of Double Springs, has just enrolled in the Navy V-12 Unit at Iowa State College, Ames, IA.

Entrance into the special training unit enables the student seaman to take a series of approved university courses. The regular academic curriculum is supplemented with military drill, physical education and Naval Organization. The young Bluejacket will also have the opportunity to participate in competitive sports and campus activities. Satisfactorily completing the V-12 program the seaman will be sent to one of the many Midshipman Schools established for the training of Naval Reserve Officers. After successful completion of the midshipman course, seaman May then may be commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Gentry, 516 Willow street, received a letter from their son, Cpl. Charles Gentry, who is in the Pacific war zone, stating he is OK, and going to a radio school. Cpl. Gentry received his basic training at Miami Beach, FL, and Atlantic City, NJ, and attended Radio School at Madison and Tomah, WI, graduating at Tomah in March of last year, he was sent overseas. Before volunteering for service he was employed at Cedar Hill Dam. He is a graduate of Central High School and attended T.P.I. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have another son, Cpl. Clarence Gentry, who is in an Anti Aircraft Division, stationed at Fort Bliss, TX. Cpl. Gentry recently spent his furlough with his wife, Mrs. Clarence Gentry and daughter, Patsy Ann. After returning to Fort Bliss, he is in Mexico, on maneuvers.

F. A. Lewis, U. S. Army, who reported for duty the latter part of March, and has been at Camp Shelby, MS, until the past week, is now stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Pvt. Lewis has a wide circle of friends here interested in his whereabouts. Mrs. Lewis and son, Billy Lewis, are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Haile, on Dixie Avenue.

Clifford Massa, Jr., TM 3/c, U. S. Navy, who enlisted for naval duty shortly after graduating from high school last May, is now stationed "Somewhere in Hawaii," according to letters received by his mother, Mrs. Clifford Massa.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 April 1944

Arvil Rockwell Missing In Action In Italy:

Mrs. Bertha Rockwell, a widow of the Third District of this county, received a message Monday from the War Department informing her that her son, Arvill Rockwell, a gunner on a bomber, was missing in action in Italy. Another son of Mrs. Rockwell, Reuben Rockwell, has been a Japanese war prisoner for about a year.

Mrs. Rockwell, who is now visiting a married daughter in Dayton, OH, is a daughter of the late J. J. Lee, of the Third District.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 April 1944

Miss Sue Ray Carlen Assumes Postion at Fort Knox, KY:

Miss Sue Ray Carlen, who has served as the efficient librarian of the Clara Cox Epperson Library for the pst three years, has been granted a leave of absence by the Putnam County Board of Education and the Library Board to accept a position as head librarian in the new Service Club Library, on the post, Fort Knox, KY. She received her appointment from major P. H. Heverly, Special Service Officer at Ft. Knox. She will wear the U. S. Army official librarian's uniform, and will reside at the post.

Miss Carlen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlen, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where she received her B. S. degree and where she was a member of the Chi Omega women's fraternity, and has her B. S. degree in library science from Peabody College, Nashville.

She left Cookeville Wednesday morning to assume her new duties at Ft. Knox.

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Lieut. Travis H. Ford, who is stationed in Greenville, SC, is spending a week's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ford, on the Monterey Highway.

Jerry Agee, SK 2/c, U. S. Navy was graduated from the Navy's Storekeeper School, Sampson, NY, this week, and is now awaiting further assignment, either sea duty or to a Navy Shore Station.

Cpl. Ernest Terry returned to camp Stewart, GA, on Saturday after spending his furlough of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Terry and brother, Frank Gray Terry. Accompanying Cpl. Terry to Chattanooga was John Ferguson, who spent the week-end there with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dillard received a letter regarding their son, Willis Dillard, who is stationed at Randolph Field, TX, stating that he had received his mechanic's badge and bars as a skillful technician. He has also won his rifle marksmanship badge, and received an award for his championship in athletics, having made the all-star basketball team.

Mrs. Maude Officer, of Long Beach, CA, has received word that her son, Sgt. Whitley Officer entered the service in February 1942, took his basic training at Camp Stewart, GA, an was transferred to Charleston, MA, in July of the same year, where he was stationed until he was ordered overseas. Mrs. Officer, who has another son, Pfc. George Officer, who has been in England since October, 1943. Both soldiers reported for military duty in Cookeville, their former home.

Pvt. Henry Frank Carlen, who reported for military service the latter part of March, and has been stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, since that time, was home on week-end pass, spending the time with Mrs. Carlen and son, Frank, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron. Pvt. Carlen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carlen, was reared in Cookeville, and is listed with its leading citizens, taking active interest in the civic, social and religious affairs of the city – he had business connections with the Webb Pharmacy. He has been attached to the Medical Corps, and at an early date will be transferred to another camp for basic training.

Pvt. Joe Dyer, of voluntary enlistment, who reported for army duty the latter part of March, and has been stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, was transferred to Camp Lee, VA, where he is taking his basic training. Prior to entering the service, Pvt. Dyer was engaged in defense work in Detroit, MI. His wife, the former Miss Nell Gentry, and their three children are residing on Pearl Street during his absence. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer, who have two other sons in service. Lt. James E. Dyer is in Italy and Henry Dyer, S 2/c U. S. Navy, is stationed in Memphis.

Mrs. Solon Mitchell recently heard from her husband's brother, Cpl. Archie R. Mitchell, who is "Somewhere in the South Pacific." He has been overseas since September 1943, and since that time has been in Australia, New Guinea, and his present location. He states also that the Putnam Countians who have been stationed with him are well and the group is still together, and he wishes to thank all his friends for writing him, as he has received numerous cards and letters from home. He says also he hears regularly from his brother, Cpl. Solon Mitchell, who is stationed in England.

Major John J. Killifer, U. S. Medical Corps, who has been in the Pacific war theatre for the past two years, is spending his leave of several weeks with Mrs. Killefer and children in Chattanooga, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession before volunteering for military duty before the United States declared war. Major Killifer and family will come to Cookeville soon to visit with his sister, Mrs. Luther Harris, Mr. Harris and children.

Pfc. Hammock Wall, U. S. Marines, came from San Diego, CA, where he completed his basic training recently, for a brief visit with Mrs. Wall, their daughter and infant son, Dave Eldridge, who are making their home in Nashville. Pfc. Wall and family, who were joined in Nashville by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wall, came to Cookeville to spend part of his furlough at their home on the Algood Road. Mrs. Dave Moore, was here also during his brother's visit home. He returned for further duty at San Diego. Before entering the service he was a Rural Route Mail Carrier.

In a letter recently received from Bill Gaw, now seaman first class, from "Somewhere in the British Isles," he states that he appreciates very much the receipt of the Herald, notwithstanding it is about a month old when he gets it. He continues, "Getting the news from home helps to keep a fellow in heart and makes him think of what he has to go back to." Bill says that he is doing his best to bring the war to an end, and that while his location is not bad at all, still he will be glad when he can return home. W. L. "Bill" Gaw, S1/c.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 April 1944

Hobert Allen Reported Missing In Action:

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Allen received word from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Hobert H. Allen, was missing in action in Italy since February 18, 1944. The last word received from him was January 4. He was well and had eaten his Christmas dinner in Africa.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mildred Allen, of Detroit, MI, and Betty June Allen, of Cookeville, and one brother, Albert Allen, also of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 April 1944

Dr Harry Jenkins Writes Interesting Account of the Workings of Army Hospitals:

The following information concerning the Medical Department of the Army and its special equipment on foreign shores is contained in a letter of Lt. Col. Henry Jenkins to his father, C. S. Jenkins. With the information goes the knowledge of how efficient the Medical Corps is, and what excellent care is given our fighting men. By reading the letter, many a parent will be benefited, and have a certain sense of relief to learn that their son is receiving the very best of medical attention.

26 March, 1944

Dear Dad:

“Sometime ago I wrote that I would write you a more or less complete story of how the Medical Department of the Army worked, so here goes:

“I doubt if there has ever been a group of people in the history of the world as completely covered by medical service as is the American soldier group today. From the time he reports to the induction station and is sent to the examining board (as we had at Oglethorpe) he is literally scarcely out of sight of the medical officer. Wherever he goes, from Alaska to Brazil, from Guadalcanal to Anzio, medical troops; meaning doctors and trained assistants, including nurses, go along. You see, medical officers are not assigned just to hospitals; each basic unit, infantry, artillery, armored forces, air corps, all carry their own doctors right along with them. To follow up these doctors and to provide a place for the best of medical care is the function of the various kinds of hospital that the Army has. They range with many thousands of beds; the equipment varies from that which can be loaded by hand into jeeps and trucks to that which requires cranes to load and special equipment for hauling, weighing in instances into the hundreds of tons. Just about any part of equipment that is available at the best of civilian hospitals is available at these hospitals, and oft times equipment that none but the very special hospitals in civilian life can afford. Drugs that are worth a king’s ransom in the States even when such are available are to be had at a moment’s notice in these hospitals. Probably most important of all, highly specialized medical care in the form of especially trained medical personnel of any type can be called at any time for consultation as indicated. The people at home do have plenty of cause to worry about their boys in the service – but that these boys are not being taken care of from a medical standpoint is not one of these causes. I would say conservatively that 90 percent of the people at home haven’t a chance, regardless of personal wealth, to get the same type of care at the present time.

You probably wonder how these hospitals are built so that they can get into operation in the time required by the Army. You know that to built almost any sort of a hospital at home requires several months; you wonder how a hospital such as ours (which is one of the bigger ones) can be ready to receive patients within one week after landing in a strange country. Again the answer is based largely on the equipment that has been worked out by the Army. The more mobile hospitals, the ones that operate closes to the front line and that may be called on to move oftenest are usually in tents. Everybody is a unit, doctors, nurses and enlisted men can and do work in putting up these tents; a tent that can hold twenty-five beds may well be completely unpacked and erected in twenty minutes. (story continues).

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 April 1944

Fred Ray Medlin Reported German Prisoner of War:

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Medlin, of the Eighth District of this County, have received a message from the War Department informing them that their son, Fred Ray Medlin, is a German war prisoner. He had been with the American invasion forces in Italy.

Burnist Medlin, another soldier son of Mr. and Mrs. Medlin, is now in New Guinea.

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4 May 1944

Rex Vaughn, one of Cookeville's leading business men who reported for service with the U. S. Merchant Marines ten days ago, was first stationed in Atlanta, GA, and later transferred to St. Petersburg, FL, where he will be in training for a period of six weeks. Mr. Vaughn, owner and operator of the Vaughn Grocery Company, is an active member of the First Baptist church, and in addition to his religious and business activities has always been actively engaged in the various civic enterprises of the city. Mrs. Vaughn and children are residing at their home on Whitson street, and at present Mrs. Vaughn is assisting in managing the grocery business.

Robert Lee Wright, U. S. Army Air Corps who has been stationed in Miami, FL, is spending several days at home enroute to Nashville, where he will receive further assignments.

Sgt. Ernest Brown left Thursday of last week for Ft. Myers, where he has been stationed for several months following a furlough visit at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Brown where he spent the time with his sister, Miss Edwinna Brown, and his father, _____ Brown, the latter coming from Clinton where he has employment, especially to be with his son. Relatives from Sparta and McMinnville were also visitors here during Sgt. Brown's stay at home.

Harold E. Oakes, F 2/c, U. S. Navy, who is stationed in St. Louis, MO, is here for a furlough visit of five days with Mrs. Oakes, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter. F 2/c Oakes is taking a special electrical course at Hadley Vocational School.

Pvt. Willis A. Loftis who reported for Army duty the latter part of March, and has been stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, was transferred to Camp Sibert, AL, where he is taking his basic training. Pvt. Loftis was employed at T.P.I. Café, in Cookeville. His wife, the former Miss Dimple Hyder, and their two children, are residing on Highland street during his absence.

Jerry Floyd Agree, SK U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at Sampson, NY, and recently completed his training there, was here for a brief visit last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewin B. Agee, enroute to San Francisco, CA, where he will receive further training.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington, Lt. John A. Bullington states he is now "Somewhere in India." The trip was made by plane and consisted altogether of night flying, consequently he has little knowledge of the countries enroute to his present location. Numerous friends of Lt. Bullington are interested in his whereabouts and may obtain his new address (which cannot be printed) from his parents.

Estel Ramsey, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ramsey, who recently finished his boot training at Bainbridge, MD, is now on sea duty.

Pfc Dwight F. Maxwell, U. S. Medical Corps, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell, has been stationed in the Pacific Theatre of war since shortly after Pearl Harbor. He attended Tennessee Tech, but at the time of his induction, was an employee of Chrysler Motor Corporation, of Detroit, MI.

Pvt. Charles Martin, formerly of Cookeville, who was recently taken into the service has been sent to the Ordnance Replacement Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, where he will receive his basic training as an Ordnance soldier. He formerly lived on Freeze St. His present address is Co. B, 1st Regt. ORTC, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Mrs. Martin and daughter, Betty Lou Martin, are making their home here for the present.

Mrs. Beulah Huddleston has received word that her son, Sgt. Robert Huddleston has landed safely "Somewhere in Ireland." Sgt. Huddleston states that he is fine and the weather is lovely.

Prior to his sailing, he was stationed in Los Angeles, CA.

Mrs. Huddleston has also had notice from the War Department relative to her other three sons APO numbers who are now at their port of embarkation. They are: Pfc. William M. Huddleston, of the U. S. Marine Corps, San Francisco, CA, Pfc. John R. Huddleston, New York, NY, and Pvt. Kenneth K. Huddleston, San Francisco, CA.

Lt. Jarvis Lloyd Knight, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Knight, live on Route 4, Cookeville, is attached to a quartermaster air unit which drops food and supplies to troops in the battle sectors of the Southwest Pacific area. Lt. Knight has recently flown on operational missions to supply General MacArthur's troops who quickly landed and surprised the Japs at Cape Gloucester and Arawe on New Britain Island, and at the North coast of New Guinea.

Work such as is accomplished by Lt. Knight's unit has been an outstanding feature of the warfare in the Southwest Pacific area. The battle terrain is unusually rugged. Roads are practically non-existent. Rough trails are often and usually ankle or knee-deep in mud. The active fighting zone in the Southwest Pacific area is larger than the entire United States, and huge stretches of water exist between far flung island outposts. Supplies dropped from the air is often the only answer.

Lt. Knight had previously been assigned to the cavalry. He arrived in Australia in January 1943, but after a few months was shifted to New Guinea. A member of the Tennessee National Guard, Lt. Knight was inducted into Federal service during February 1941 at Camp Forrest in the Field Artillery. After serving in the maneuvers in Tennessee, Louisiana and the Carolinas, in 1941, Lt. Knight earned his officer's commission at Candidate School, Fort Sill, OK. He was then assigned to the Officers Pack Artillery Class and upon graduation was sent to Camp Carson, CO. Born August 7, 1917 in Putnam County, Lt. Knight graduated from the Cookeville Central High School in the class of 1938. He entered the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and completed two and a half years before joining the Army. Lt. Knight's wife and child, Virginia Ellen, are at present in Detroit, MI.

Jack Mann, U. S. Army, who has been in service for several weeks, reporting for duty at Camp Shelby, MS, has been attached to the Army Air Corps, and is now stationed at Keesler Field, MS, where he will be for a training period of some weeks. Pvt. Mann, since coming to Cookeville to make his home, has been one of the leading citizens of the city, where he and Mrs. Mann, the former Miss Eugenia Wilson, and two children, have established a lovely home on Arnold Ave. His business interests during the first years of his residence here were with the Cookeville Mable and Granite Works, and later with the Middle Tennessee Mills, of Lebanon.

James Seay Brown, of the Engineering Department, Tennessee Tech, recently received a commission as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. He will report to Fort Schuyler, NY, this week for indoctrination. Later, Mr. Brown will study Radar, at Harvard University and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Since his graduation at Tech in 1941, Mr. Brown has been a member of the Engineering faculty, and his grand record has set an example which Tech students can use as a standard. During the summer of 1942, he studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Kentucky.

While he was a student at Tech, he served as president of the Associated Student Body, as president of the Junior Class, and of Pi Kappa Delta, and as vice-president of the Tech Christian Association. Mrs. Brown, the former Miss Virginia Lee Fritts, will be for the present with her mother, Mrs. Fritts, in Monterey.

From the Pacific Theatre of War comes this letter from Troy Blaylock:

Dear Sirs:

I have been getting the Herald for some time, and I enjoy it very much. I find several names of boys that I knew in civilian life and many of the men now in the service. I am "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific", sure is a nice place down here, the people are friendly, but I am hoping the war won't last much longer. I

would lots rather be back at home in Putnam County. My APO Number has changed, it is 43, as you can see of this letter.

Will close, wishing everyone at home the best of everything. Sincerely yours, Troy Blaylock.

Sons of the late Beverly Qualls, of Cookeville, Route 3, who are now serving in the U. S. Army, have many friends who will be interested in knowing where they are located at present.

Sgt. Malcolm Qualls, stationed at Ft. Sill, OK, is now on limited service since a hospitalization of many months, and his wife, the former Miss Lucille Jackson, and daughter, who have been making their home in Murfreesboro, have joined him at Ft. Sill. Sgt. Qualls was with the Cavalry troops located here, and was later attached to the 181st F. A., at Camp Forrest, where he stayed for some time and at the close of his training there, was sent to different Western training camps.

Cpl. Elmer Qualls, formerly with the National Guard, volunteered for regular army duty about three years ago, and is serving with the Medical Corps in Iceland, where he has been for the past two years.

Cpl. Edgebert Qualls, who has been in service for almost two years, took his training at Ft. Bragg, NC, with the Army Engineers, and is now on duty in the Italian theatre of war, where he has been for some time.

Henry Huff, Jr., formerly of Putnam County, Tennessee, according to recent information has returned to his home on Valley View avenue, Yorba Linda, CA, with a CDD discharge (*Certificate of Disability for Discharge*), meaning insofar as he is concerned the war is over. He went overseas in October 1942 and participated in the invasion of North Africa. Other major battles recorded on his discharge are Kusba, Makassey, Sidjeame, Sicily, and finally, Italy, including six in all. He was classed as a rifleman and automatic rifleman, and served almost continuously in front lines, where the daily concern was with bullets fired at individuals, with hand grenades thrown at specific objects, and highly personal bayonet thrusts, principally without relief from frontline hardships. He got almost to Naples before the pressure became too severe and with another member of this outfit was hospitalized and eventually sent back to the United States for a disability discharge.

While the comments on his discharge, as issued by his commanding officers, list him as a hero – he suggests that “no heroes come home – they are dead.”

Cody Fitch, who is stationed at Camp Forrest, is interested in hearing from his many friends and would be pleased to have them contact his aunt, Mrs. J. F. Carmack, for his present address.

Woodrow W. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker, of Cookeville, was recently promoted to chief petty officer, Naval Air Force, “Somewhere in the South Pacific area.”

Walker is a graduate of Central High School here and enlisted in the Navy in 1939. He was stationed at Pensacola, FL, until November, 1943, when he was transferred overseas.

A brother, Sgt. Therlow Walker, has been wounded and is in a hospital “Somewhere in Italy”, where he was serving with the Fifth Army. Sergeant Walker’s captain was killed at his side at the time he was wounded, according to word received here.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 May 1944

W. J. Waldrip, Jr., Promoted To Rank of Major, U. S. Army:

William J. Waldrip, Jr., U. S. Army “Somewhere in Italy,” has recently been promoted from the rank of Captain to that of Major. Major Waldrip has been in service for more than three years, and has been on overseas duty a great portion of that time. He was at Casablanca and served out the African campaign in a field depot. He landed with the assault troops in Italy, and was engaged in the initial invasion at Salerno,

and has served throughout the Italian campaign in the combat area. In civilian life, Major Waldrip was a pharmacist, and resided in St. Louis, MO, at the time of his enlistment. He formerly made his home in Cookeville, and during his absence Mrs. Waldrip is residing here. Major Waldrip's son, Jack Waldrip, U. S. Marines, is stationed in Hawaii.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 May 1944

Lt. Warren T. White Reported Missing:

Lt. Warren Thomas White, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Anderson, formerly of Cookeville, and now of Akron, OH, has been missing in action since participating in an air raid over Germany, it was learned here today.

Lieutenant White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren White, of Norfolk, VA is a nephew of J. M. Anderson and Mrs. Mae Drake, of Cookeville. His wife and baby live at Norfolk, VA. He entered service in 1941.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 May 1944

Army Officials to Present Mr. and Mrs. Parris Medals of Missing Son at Tech:

The commanding officer of the Smyrna Air Base announces that on Sunday, May 7, at two o'clock, at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, he and other army officials will present to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parris, in an impressive ceremony, the air medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, which was won by their son, Flight Officer Joseph Parris, who was reported missing in action in the Asiatic area, on November 7, 1943.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 May 1944

Millard T. DeBerry Promoted to Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.:

Millard T. DeBerry, United States Naval Reserve, has been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant (j.g.) to that of a Lieutenant.

He volunteered for duty and reported for service more than two years ago, and has engaged in foreign service for many months. A letter written under date of April 26 was received by his parents, Major and Mrs. Roy DeBerry, of Bloomington Springs, on April 30.

He is a graduate of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and spent the year prior to his enlistment, teaching at the Junior Military Academy, Bloomington Springs. Much of his foreign service has been in the North African area.

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11 May 1944

Lieut. Edward Ford Neal is now at Chanute Field, IL, having been transferred there from George Field, IL, the early part of April. Mrs. Neal is making her home in Urbana, IL, while he is stationed near there.

Cpl. Henry D. Grimes with an Ordnance Division, U. S. Army, has arrived safely in England, according to a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Marie Lamb. Cpl. Grimes sailed from the United States from an Eastern port the early part of April, and before leaving for the port of embarkation was stationed at Camp Rucker, AL. His brother, Cpl. James Grimes is also in England.

Miss Alice Nabors, of Detroit, MI, received news in April from her nephew, Pfc. Harvie L. Franklin, Army Air Corps, that he has arrived safely in England. He stated he was all right, had a good place to sleep and the food was good. Pfc. Franklin was stationed at Maxwell Field, AL, before receiving overseas orders.

Pfc. Kasper Winningham, former resident of Glover Street, Cookeville, TN, was awarded the Good Conduct medal at Ream General Hospital, Palm Beach, FL, May 2. The Medal was awarded by Colonel Charles Dammer, Commanding Officer, at a colorful ceremony. Music was furnished by the newly organized Ream Hospital Band. Pvt. Winningham is a member of the Medical Detachment stationed at the Army Hospital.

Pvt. Hollis Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jackson, of Cookeville, is spending his ten-day furlough with relatives. He has been stationed at Camp Wheeler, GA, for his basic training and at the expiration of his visit home, will report for further duty at Ft. Meade, MD.

Charles Cox, U. S. Navy, who has been taking his boot training at Camp Peary, VA, is here for a ten-day stay at his home, on Dixie Avenue. Mrs. Cox and children went to Knoxville to meet him, and during their stay there were the guests of Mrs. Harry Jenkins at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mays.

Charles Chaffin, Ph M 2/c, U. S. Navy, sailed from the West Coast around March 7, and is now stationed in the South Pacific area. He has been in service for almost two years, volunteering for duty in October 1943. He is with a hospital unit and took much of his training in San Francisco, CA, and Seattle, WA. He is the son of C. M. Chaffin, who is now residing in Detroit, MI.

Flight Officer Herbie R. Shanks, who is stationed at Blackland Field, Waco, TX, is here spending his leave of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shanks,

Sgt. John A. Moore is stationed with the Army Air Corps, in Alliance, NB, where he has been for the past two months. Mrs. Moore has recently joined him there.

Ensign Hargrove Piepmeter, a former engineering student of Tennessee Tech, was recently graduated from the Instructors Officers Training School of the Naval Air Station at New Orleans, LA, as a Naval Aviator. He is now an instructor at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, IL.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt had a letter the early part of the week from their son, Sgt. Billy Proffitt, who has landed safely in England. Sgt. Proffitt has been attached to the U. S. Medical Corps since entering the service more than a year ago, and prior to his sailing was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. He took a portion of his training also at Camp Butner, NC.

Lieut. Smith Herbert Bracey, U. S. Navy, who has been in the South Pacific theatre of war since January, has returned to the States, and is spending his shore leave here with Mrs. Bracey and daughter and with his mother, Mrs. Bracey. Lieut. Bracey came by plane from San Francisco, CA, to Chattanooga, where Mrs. Bracey went to meet him. The senior Mrs. Bracey recently returned from a visit in GA.

Pvt. Clifford Caruthers is now "Somewhere in England," according to recent information received at the Herald office. He has been on foreign soil about a month and states he had a good trip over, and the country there is similar to his homeland, Tennessee.

Pvt. Joe Ed Hunter, stationed at Camp Edwards, MA, is her for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter.

The following article concerning Sgt. Pennock Moore, was clipped from the Sunday's Nashville Tennessean:

"Sgt. Pennock Moore, Berry Field airman, and former postmaster at Cookeville, is suffering from a non-contagious form of meningitis at the Nashville Army Air Center station hospital, the post public relations office said yesterday.

“Sergeant Moore was admitted to the hospital Wednesday night, the announcement said, and is now showing some improvement. Stationed at Berry Field for the past several months Sergeant Moore is the son of Dr. J. T. Moore of Algood. His wife, the former Miss Mildred Darwin, was appointed acting postmaster at Cookeville when he entered service.”

Sgt. Moore’s condition to date is thought to be slightly improved. Mrs. Moore, his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Moore and the former’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin, are in Nashville on account of his critical condition, and throughout the week many other relatives have been in Nashville to be with Mrs. Moore and other members of her family.

The letter of appreciation given below comes for publication from Pvt. Jeff D. Ray, and is self-explanatory:

Pvt. Jeff D. Ray, of the U. S. Army, “Somewhere in England, desires to express his appreciation to the honorable members of the Putnam County Court, through the Putnam County Herald.

“Gentlemen:

“I shall be brief, I just feel in my heart that I want to express publicly that I will always be grateful to all of you, for accepting my father’s recent request so enthusiastically. I know he was speechless at the time, so I want to convey to you his extreme appreciation. You might not realize it but you added years and happiness to his life that you’ll never know.

“In closing sirs, permit me to wish all of you and yours, the best life has to offer.

Pvt. Jeff D. Ray.”

T/Sgt. Monroe Wilmoth, of Monterey, son of W. D. Wilmoth, and a brother of Mrs. George Yates, has landed “Somewhere in England.” Before entering the service, Sgt. Wilmoth was a photographer in Cookeville. He is now a photographer “Somewhere in England.”

James Walter Ament S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ament, has returned to Great Lakes, IL, where he will be for a short time before being transferred for a six months training period, in a Service Area Metalsmith School.

James Hoffmeister, Lieut. (j.g.), Naval Air Corps, and Mrs. Hoffmeister are here for a visit with different members of his family. They are enroute from Daytona Beach, FL, where he has been stationed, to San Diego, CA, where he goes for a new assignment.

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Twenty-Six Putnam County Men Report for Army Duty:

The following Putnam County men reported for army duty on Tuesday:

Herman Pierce, Grady mac Lemmons, Alva Johnson Buckner, Willard Shipley Bryant, James Lee Keylon, Dewey Eston Wilmoth, Halbert Wilson Phillips, James Louis Lafever, Claude Putty Rice, George McDonald Whittaker, Robert Long, James Wilmer Stamps, Jimmy Cosby Dockery, Henry Freeman Cardwell, Hallie Walter Honeycutt, Ben Hooper Wheeler, Thomas Benton Roberson (tr. to Detroit Board, Cecil Cordell Elrod, Leevo Clouse, Robert Preston Holmes, Franklin Dow Scarlett, Jr., Fred Houston Billingsley, Oakley B. Gaw, Willie Rush Henry, Ray Harsh Phillips, Leroy Goff, Lewis James Dawes (tr. From Los Angeles, CA).

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Elbert B. Bilbrey, Petty Officer, 2/c, U. S. Navy, has been spending his 15-day shore leave with his mother, Mrs. K. L. Bilbrey, and Mr. Bilbrey, at their home on the Algood Road.

Sgt. Pennock Moore who has been recuperating at an army hospital in Nashville for more than a week, was taken to Kenney General Hospital in Memphis by plane on Monday night, where his condition remains critical. Mrs. Moore went with him, and joining her there were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin, and her cousin, James Draper, of Lebanon, and Sgt. Moore's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore, of Algood.

Clarence Ramsey, U. S. Navy, who reported for duty last week is stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center. Prior to entering the service he was in business in Nashville, where his wife is residing during his absence. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ramsey, who have another son, with the U. S. Navy, who is now on sea duty.

Lieut Frank Barnes, who has been stationed for several months at Atlantic City, NJ, is now at Camp Plunkett, VA. Mrs. Barnes and son, Sam Taylor Barnes, who have been with Lieut Barnes, are now visiting in Tennessee with her relatives and with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes.

Eugene Dietz, U. S. Navy, is spending his leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz, of near Cookeville.

Lieut. (j.g.) Frank Alexander, who has been in the Pacific Theatre of war for the past 18 months, serving with the Seabees, stationed most of time at Samos, is now on the Solomons, where he was recently transferred. Mrs. Alexander, the former Miss Mary Carlen, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlen, during her husband's absence overseas.

Pvt. Floyd W. Shanks, of Silver Point, is at the station hospital, Camp Whiteside, Ft. Riley, KS.

Capt. Paul Moore, who has been stationed in California came to Cookeville last week with Mrs. Moore and their three children, who have been residing at Robles del Rio, CA, while he was stationed near there. After spending several days at his home, on the Monterey road, he has reported for further duty at Fort Ord, CA, leaving his family at their home, here. Capt. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore.

Pvt. Robert Copeland, stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, is expected to arrive in Cookeville at an early date to spend his ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Maddux, of near Cookeville, have had as their recent visitor, Mrs. Maddux's brother, Shelton Carr, U. S. Army, who is stationed in Manchester, NH. He is a brother of Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State, who recently reported for military service.

Earl Scarbrough, of Route 4, Sparta, was recently promoted to private first class at the Marine Charleston Navy Yard, according to announcement by Col. Paul A. Capron, commanding officer of the post.

Prior to joining the Marines early this year, Pvt. Scarbrough was connected with the National Geographic magazine, in Washington, D. C. His sister, Lula Ray Scarbrough, is now serving with the Army Nursing Corps.

Mrs. A. P. Anderson recently received word that her brother, Pvt. Mackie D. Flatt, has arrived safely "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Pvt. Flatt was stationed at Fort Riley, KS, for his basic training, and was sent to Fort Ord, CA, prior to sailing.

Sgt. Billy Qualls, who has been stationed at Camp Cooke, CA, for more than a year, has been transferred with his company, to Fort Ord, CA. He has been in the service for more than three years. He writes his mother to send him the Putnam County Herald, so he can get more home town news.

A recent news release from an Army Air Force Service Command Station, "Somewhere in England" states that Sgt. Millard H. Sherrell, of Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sherrell, is now overseas and has participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and soldiering in an active Theatre of War.

Before entering the army, he was employed as a riveter by the Vultee Aircraft Company of Nashville.

Pfc. Whitley Odell Sliger, 4th Div., U. S. Marines, who has been on duty in the Marshalls, is at present stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Pfc. Sliger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sliger, of Cookeville, Route 2, and prior to entering the service attended school at Central High, where he was a senior.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Hubert Bush have been spending a portion of his 15-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Frank Bush. They left Monday morning for Meridian, MS, where he is stationed with the Signal Corps. They visited relatives also in Somerset and Stearns, KY.

E. V. Hensley, Chief Gunner's Mate, who is an instructor at the Naval Training school, Norfolk, VA, has citations for having covered both the Pacific and European theaters of war, being in four major battles. He participated in the invasion of North Africa. In addition to his citations, he has a life saving medal, a good conduct medal and, on account of being wounded, is entitled to the Purple Heart. He served four years in the Navy prior to the United States' entrance in the war, and upon declaration of same re-enlisted immediately. His brother, Shural Hensley, who is also in the service, is an instructor at Marine Base in San Diego, CA. They are sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hensley, and were called to Cookeville last week on account of the death of their father. Miss Mildred Hensley, of Jacksonville, FL, joined her brothers here at the home of another brother, Claude Hensley and Mrs. Hensley, on Cherry street.

James N. Cox, Jr., who reported for service with the U. S. Navy on Friday of last week, is stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center, for his boot training. Before entering the service, he was connected with the Alabama Telephone Company, Fayette, AL, where he held the position of manager. He is the son of Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox, and is the fourth and last son to enter the service. Charles H. Cox, S 2/c, will return to camp Peary, VA, after a furlough visit at home. Capt. Robert Cox is stationed in Washington, D. C. and Lt. W. B. Cox, Army Air Corps, is stationed in AL. Mrs. J. N. Cox, Jr., and sons, Jim and Joe, are now residents of Cookeville, making their home on Freeze street.

Lieut. Raymond McCaskey, who has been stationed at the Smyrna Air Base since receiving his wings in March, has been transferred to Lincoln, NB. Mrs. McCaskey, the former Miss Cornelia Taylor, will be located in Lincoln while he is stationed there. Enroute there they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCaskey, Talena, IL. Last Wednesday, Lieut. McCaskey, in a routine flight flew over Cookeville, circling the town several times.

Walter Dyer Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, who has been servicing in the U. S. Navy, was on April 1 promoted from Gunner's Mate to Chief. He is servicing "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

Oliver Rice, 3/c, U. S. Navy, who is stationed at the Fleet Post Office, New York City, will return to his naval duties on Sunday following a visit of ten days with Mrs. Rice, at their home on Washington street.

Mrs. James Ragland has had notification from her husband, Cpl. Ragland, that he is now "Somewhere in England," arriving there around April 15. Prior to his sailing, he was stationed at an Eastern camp. Mrs. Ragland, the former Miss Sarah Frances Williams, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams, on Eighth street.

Pvt. Oren G. Rockwell has returned to Camp Butner, NC, where he is stationed, after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rockwell.

Pvt. Herbert S. Wall, who reported for Army duty some six weeks ago, going first to Camp Shelby, MS, is now stationed at Ft. Knox, KY. Prior to entering the service he held a position with Ragland-Potter Co. He

is the son of Henry Wall and the late his wife, the former Miss Maude Mason, and children are remaining in Cookeville.

William Henry Bullard, EM 1/c, who finished his boot training at Bainbridge, MD, is now based on Staten Island, NY. He spent his leave last week with his wife and children and his mother, in Algood.

Mrs. Myrtle Speck had a letter this week from her son, Cpl. Ben Draper, M.P. Bn, with General Merrill's Marauders "Somewhere in the Burma area." This is the first time she has heard from him since January and he states he is only permitted to write two letters within a certain period of time. He also says he is busy fighting the "Japs" and has very little time for anything else. Mrs. Draper, the former Miss Virginia Howard, has a position in Brunswick GA, came this week for a visit with Mrs. Speck and other relatives.

Ollie Alloway, Jr., U. S. Army has been in the service for several weeks, and is now stationed at Ft. Riley, KS.

William Pedigo, instructor in the Navigation Training Department, Sioux City AAB, Sioux City, IA, is here to spend ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pedigo. He joined his family last week-end in Louisville, KY, where they attended the graduation of his brother, Rev. Merle Pedigo.

Mrs. Eugene Roberts has received word that her husband, Pvt. Roberts has landed in England. He was inducted into service October 27, 1942, and before this time was an employee of the Ford Motor Company, in Detroit, MI. He took his basic training at Camp Atterbury, IN, and then was transferred to Camp Breckenbridge, KY. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Daley Roberts. He was married to Miss Dorothy Brown, in Rossville, GA, February 5, of this year. During his absence she is residing with his parents, in the Herren Chapel community. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have another son in service, Pvt. Clavis K. Roberts, who is stationed at the present at Camp Shelby, MS.

Pvt. James Carl Phy, formerly of Putnam County, has landed safely in England. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Erchel Phy, he has been in the service since March 9, 1943, being inducted in Akron, OH. He took his basic training at Camp Edwards, MA.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Piepmeier, formerly of Cookeville, now located at Black River Falls, WI, report they recently received notice of the advancement of their eldest son, F. H. Piepmeier, to Lt. Commander. Lt. Commander Piepmeier's home is in St. Louis, MO. He has made a number of visits to Cookeville during the past ten years. He is with the Atlantic Fleet.

Kenneth Ezell Whitson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Whitson, of Cookeville, Route 4, was promoted from Aviation Machinist Mate, first class to Chief Aviation Machinist Mate, U.S. Navy, April 1, 1944. In recommending his advancement, Lieut. La Mote, U.S.N., stated: "During his time under my supervision, Whitson's work has been of a consistently high caliber. He has convincingly demonstrated a diversified and fixed knowledge of his duties, resulting in a contribution in the development of greater squadron efficiency. The subject man's work has been outstanding. He has shown an excellent attitude toward his duty, and a commendatory cooperation with all his co-workers."

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18 May 1944

Thirty-two Putnam Men Report Friday for Naval Duty:

The following Putnam County Selective Service Registrants reported Friday, May 5, for Navy duty. Twenty were pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. The list follows:

Willis Draper Harris, Nash Lee Harris, Charles Wm. Bandy, Beecher Whiteaker, James Calvin Vaden, James Elmer Woodford, Frank Phipps, Leslie Milligan, Jr., Albert Gaskill Bilbrey, J. H. Calvin Cates, Jesse Willard McBroom, Lemuel Lee Grogan, Clarence Wilson Ramsey, Willard Saddle Clouse, Odell Key Rickman, James Thomas Henry, Johnnie Noble Farley, John L. Jernigan, Willis T. Reels, Billie Franklin

Roberson, James Henry Johnson, Evert Mitchell Brown, Willis Thomas Halfacre, James Morgan Harris, Luther Estes Jackson, Henry Henderson Kimes, Jr., Charles Stamps, Ervie Peek, Jr., Shirley Lee Bean, Alvin Butler Malone, James N. Cox, Jr., (trans. from Fayette, AL), James Monroe Walker (trans. from Chicago, IL).

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Pfc. James H. Harris, of Camp Forrest, spent his recent three-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris, on Gentry street.

Pvt. Henry C. Ferrell, of Fort Riley, KS, is coming soon to visit his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. H. B. Ferrell.

The rating of Covy J. Whitaker has been changed from Corporal to Sergeant. He is seeing action with a fighter squadron, "Somewhere in New Guinea. He states he is getting along fine.

Pvt. Austin Barnes, son of Mrs. Laura Barnes has been moved from Ireland to "Somewhere in England."

Pfc. Alpheus Carlon Smith, of the Fairview community, has landed safely in England.

Pvt. William C. Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming, of Algood, who has been stationed "Somewhere in Italy" for sometime, has been ill with malaria.

Draper Harris, U. S. Navy, who reported for duty last week, is stationed at Camp Peary, VA. Prior to entering the service, he was working at Vultee, in Nashville. Mrs. Harris and children are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gentry.

Sgt. and Mrs. D. C. Whitaker, Jr., of Bay City, TX, have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Whitaker, of 207 Stevens street. Sgt. Whitaker is stationed at Camp Hulen, TX. This was his first visit home since his induction into the service, June 25, 1942.

Pvt. Marion E. Freeman, of Camp Gordon, GA, spent the week-end with his wife, Mrs. Alva Freeman, of Cookeville, and his mother, Mrs. S. C. Freeman, of Algood. Pvt. Freeman, was accompanied home by S/Sgt., Alian C. Moffett, of Westland, IA. Pvt. Freeman completed his course in Motor Mechanic School in Ft. Riley, KS, where he took his basic training. Before entering the service, he was employed as a machinist with the Tap and Tool Company, Detroit, MI.

Pvt. Varney L. Waites, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Waites, is "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific."

Pvt. Shirley Stockton, of Camp Shelby, MS, has returned to camp after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stockton.

C. Meadows, U. S. Navy, who has completed his boot training at Great Lakes Training Center, has been here for a visit with relatives and friends. Before entering the service, he made his home in Detroit, MI.

Cpl. Garland T. Wilmoth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Wilmoth, of Cookeville, Route 3, is now in England according to latest information regarding his whereabouts. He sailed around April 1, and prior to this time was in training at Camp Pickett, VA, Camp Blanding, FL, and was on both Tennessee and desert maneuvers. He has been in service since June, 1942, and is with the 79th Division. His brother, Pvt. Hartford Wilmoth, with an antiaircraft unit, is at Camp Stewart, GA, for training. He has been in the service since last April. His wife is making her home near Camp Stewart at present.

After spending his leave of ten days at home, William Anderson, Lieut. (j.g.) U. S. Coast Guards, left Tuesday to report for his new assignment in New York City.

Ensign Herman Collier, U. S. Navy, a former Tennessee Tech student, who has been visiting at his home in McMinnville, was here this week for a visit with relatives and friends. He has been stationed in Pittsburg, PA, but at the expiration of his leave will go to Utica, NY, for further naval duties.

Pvt. Henry Frank Carlen, who has been in the service since March and formerly stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, is now at Camp Barkley, TX, for further military training.

Cpl. Calvin Frey was home last week for a brief stay, returning to Camp Shelby, MS, the early part of this week. Mrs. Frey plans to join him in Hattiesburg, MS, in the near future.

Lt. Charles K. Rawis, Army Air Corps, who graduated as a bombardier and was commissioned last week in San Angelo, TX, was here for a recent visit with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams, with whom he made his home while attending Tennessee Tech. Lt. Rawis has also been visiting with relatives in Fayetteville.

Joe Morris, U. S. Single Corps, stationed in California, was here recently for a visit with friends. He is a former employee of the Southern Continental Telephone Company.

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, future pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight courses to prepare them for serial instruction. The cadets begin preflight training as a single group. They are separated for specialized training as bombardiers, navigators and pilots midway through the ten-week course.

Among the present preflight class are 94 Tennesseans, including Clarence L. Stewart, of Cookeville.

Sgt. Burgess Ray, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Tyndall Field, FL, is spending his furlough of two weeks with his sister, Mrs. A. L. Campbell. During his stay at home he will also spend a part of the time with another sister, Mrs. Clay Barr, and Mr. Barr, in Sparta. Mr. and Barr entertained with a supper party for him on Saturday evening, when additional guests were Miss Ruby Mott and Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Waites have received word that their son, James Chess Waites is rated as Seaman, with Uncle Sam's Navy, "Somewhere in the Pacific."

Ensign and Mrs. Dave Maddux, of Washington, D. C., arrived last week to spend the former's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddux, and sister, Miss Ledora Maddux. They will also visit with the junior Mrs. Maddux's parents, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Carlen, and Miss Catherine Carlen. Ensign and Mrs. Maddux's small son, Robert Algood Maddux, has been with his grandparents for several weeks.

Lieut. and Mrs. Alard C. Harding accompanied the former's mother, Mrs. R. H. Harding, to Cookeville last week for a brief visit. The senior Mrs. Harding has been for a several weeks' visit with her son and daughter-in-law, in Abilene, TX. Lieut. Harding has been stationed at Barclay, near there, but has reported for a new assignment, at Ft. Meade, MD. Mrs. A. C. Harding is now with her mother, Mrs. Mary Weyenberg, in Louisville, KY.

Willis Clyde Hyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hyder, of Brotherton, who has been in the service for the past two years, has recently been promoted from T/Sgt. to Master Sergeant. He is with the U. S. Infantry, stationed present at Ft. Jackson, SC. He took his training at Camp Rucker, AL, and Camp McCain, MS. In addition to his recent promotion, he has won the Good Conduct medal and is an expert with the carbine rifle and caliber pistol. Sgt. Hyder is a graduate of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyder, Earl Hyder, has been promoted from Pfc. to Corporal. He has been in the service for the past year, and is now in the South Pacific. With the Medical Corps, he was stationed at Camp Barkley, TX, prior to sailing for foreign duty.

Dear Sirs:

"I wish to take the opportunity of saying hello to my many friends in Cookeville and Putnam County, and especially those who are on the battle fronts all over the world.

"I am "Somewhere in Italy," and have seen some of the things I always dreamed about seeing but never hoped to. When I am lucky enough to get a day off, I visit Pfc. Ralph Davis, of Route 2, Cookeville. He gets the old home town paper, and we go over it article by article. First of all we read 'With Our Armed Forces.' After reading these columns, I can see and be proud of the county where I was born, reared and schooled. I can really appreciate Cookeville and Putnam County after seeing some of the towns and cities in Africa and Italy. All of us are looking forward to returning when this is over, to carry on where we left off. Yours truly, Hooper Burgess.

Word has been received here that Cpl. William Clay Farris, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Farris of Cookeville, Route 5, has been moved back to New Guinea. Cpl. Farris entered the army in 1943 and took his basic training at Camp Davis, NC with the 469th AAA Bn. He was sent overseas in September, 1943, landing in Australia, and being transferred soon to New Guinea and then to an unknown island in the Southwest Pacific, and now back to New Guinea. His wife, the former Miss Lena Mae Wright, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Wright, resides at the home of her parents, on Cookeville, Route 5. Mr. and Mrs. Farris have two other sons serving with the Marines, Pvt. Fred Farris, entered the service in February, 1944, taking his boot training at San Diego, CA. After completing his boot training, he was transferred to Camp Elliot, San Diego, for guard duty. Pvt. Guy Farris entered the Marines in April, 1944, and is now undergoing his boot training at San Diego also. His wife, the former Miss Geneva Gilliam, is residing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartford Gilliam, of Cookeville, Route 5.

Major and Mrs. Ivan DuBois and the latter's mother, Mrs. Margaret Raymer, are here spending a portion of his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. DuBois, on Peachtree street. Major DuBois with the 7th Army Air Force, has been in the Central Pacific area since 1940. He was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack, and has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained while in service there. He arrived in the United States more than a week ago and spent several days in London, KY, the home of his mother-in-law, where the junior Mrs. DuBois has been since returning from Hawaii shortly after war was declared. Jim DuBois, Apprentice Seaman, U. S. Navy, will report to Camp Peary, VA, on Friday, after spending ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah M. DuBois. He has been on naval duty for the past six weeks, and took his boot training at Camp Peary.

Pfc. Henry Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cato Taylor, of Livingston, U. S. Marines, who was with the Third Marine Corps, at the battle of Bougainville, was wounded in November 20, and soon thereafter was returned to a California Navy base hospital for treatment and recuperation. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, and his regiment is to receive the President's citation. He volunteered for service in 1942. He has been spending several weeks with his parents, but last week, returned for further hospitalization in CA. Last week-end, Miss Peggy Howard of Nashville, and her mother, went to Livingston for a special visit with their relative, Pfc. Taylor. Dr. W. A. Howard has visited on different occasions with his nephew.

Sgt. Harry Dixon, who is stationed at Camp Forrest, with the 17th Airborne Division, is here for a furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Belver Dixon, and brother, Buster Dixon, who came from Dayton, OH, to be with him.

John Howard Mitchell, U.S.N.R., was commissioned an Ensign at the Northwestern University training center, at Evanston, IL, last week, and is spending his ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mitchell, in Livingston. He is a nephew of Lt. Col. John A. Mitchell, now of San Antonio, TX.

Walter Lee Brown, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been on sea duty for the past ten months, has been for a recent furlough visit with Mrs. Brown, the former Miss Ruby Vaughn, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Brown, of Bloomington Springs, Route 1. He has now returned to his home port, New York City, where he awaits further orders. His services in the Navy has taken him to Africa, England, and many other Atlantic bases, and he has in the past few weeks returned from his third trip to foreign shores. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two other sons in service. Pvt. James Arnold Brown is in Puerto Rico, serving with the U. S. Army, where he has been many months, and the third son, Everette Mitchell Brown, U. S. Navy, reported for duty in April, and is taking his basic training at Camp Peary, VA.

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Leonard Austin Cooper Reported Killed in Action:

b. 10 April 1908 – d. 2 May 1944, (Pfc HO Btry 469th AAA AW BN WWII) is buried in the Salem Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

A message was received on Saturday, May 20, by Mrs. Martha Cooper, who resides two miles east of Cookeville, from the War Department, stating that her son, Pfc. Leonard Austin Cooper, was killed in action "Somewhere in New Guinea on May 12.

Pfc. Cooper had been in the service since January 1943 and during his training in the States, was stationed with an Anti-Aircraft Division at Camp Davis, NC. He has been overseas since autumn, and left the States with a group of Putnam County boys, with whom he remained until a short time ago.

He was a member of the Methodist Church.

His father was the late Cal Cooper, and in addition to his mother, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Thurman Moses, Springfield; Mrs. Will Carter, Miss Lorelle Cooper, Cookeville, and two brothers, Audrey and Cordell Cooper, of Miami, FL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 May 1944

Germans Hold Warren White: Reported Missing in Action.

Lt. Warren White, previously reported missing in action over Germany, is a German prisoner of war, according to information received by relatives from the War Department.

The lieutenant is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren White of Norfolk, VA, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Anderson, formerly of Cookeville, now residing in Akron, OH.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 May 1944

Harry L. Draper Promoted to Rank of Captain, U. S. Army:

Harry L. Draper, Captain, U. S. Army, was recently promoted to his present rank from that of First Lieutenant, as it has been made know to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Draper, of Dixie avenue.

Entering the army as a volunteer in 1942, Captain Draper has spent many months on duty outside the United States. During the past month, he was returned to Seattle, WA, where he was stationed prior to leaving the States.

Captain Draper formerly was connected with the Southern Continental Telephone Company here, holding the position of plant accountant, later becoming general manager of the South Carolina Continental Telephone Company at Sumter, SC, where he was located at the time of reporting for military service.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Ensign and Mrs. Dave Maddux and son, Robert Algoood, left Monday for Washington, D. C., after a visit here with relatives. Going as far as Knoxville with them were Mrs. R. L. Maddux and Mrs. H. T. Whitson. Enroute to Washington, they visited for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Jared Maddux in Elizabethton.

Pvt. Lawrence D. Weatherly, Cookeville, Route 4, was recently transferred from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN, to Ft. McClellan, AL, where he is taking his basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Montgomery are in receipt of a letter from their son, Sgt. Dallas L. Montgomery, who is in England, stating that he is getting along fine and the weather there is wonderful – trees and flowers are in bloom. Recently he and a neighbor boy, Thurman Allison had spent a two-day pass together and had an interesting visit. They are in hopes they can soon come home.

Pvt. Halbert W. Phillips, formerly of Cookeville, who was recently taken into the service, has been sent to the Ordnance Replacement Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, where he will receive his basic training as an Ordnance soldier. He formerly lived at 501 Highland Street. His present address is Company C, 1st Regt., Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Mrs. Phillips, the former Miss Hershel Lee Dunn, and daughter, Gail, are remaining at their home during her husband's absence. Pvt. Phillips was connected with the Auto Parts and Service Company, prior to entering the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Phillips, of Stevens street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Brown are in receipt of a letter from their son, Pvt. John T. Brown, who has been serving overseas a year. He was inducted into service October 17, 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Stewart, CA, after which he was sent to North Africa, then to Malta and Gaza, Sicily and Italy, and now at the Anzio Beach head. The letter stated he was O.K., feeling fine, and hoped this war would soon be over and all the boys could come home again.

Lt Frank Harris, son of Mrs. Thurman Loftis, of Cookeville, has recently visited his mother, and family here. Lt. Harris is an instructor of instrument flying at Basic Training School, Gardner Field, CA.

Word has been received from Sgt. L. B. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West, of Algood, that he has been moved back to New Guinea. Sgt. West entered the service in 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Davis, NC, with the 469th AAA Bn. He was sent overseas in September, 1943, landing in Australia and later being transferred to New Guinea, then to Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and now back to New Guinea.

Cpl. And Mrs. Charles F. Erhard, Jr., will arrive Saturday from DeRidder, LA, for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ruckner. Following a visit here, they will go to Long Island, NY, to visit with Cpl. Erhard's relatives.

John Darwin, U. S. Aerial Coast Guards, who this week received his wings at the Pensacola, FL, training base, will arrive Saturday to spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin, on Dixie avenue. This is his first visit home in over a year, and at the completion of his leave will go to Washington State, for further assignment. Mrs. Pennock Moore, who has been in Memphis with her husband, Sgt. Moore, who has been critically ill for the past month, will go to Pensacola today to be present when her brother receives his wings and will accompany him home remaining with him throughout his visit. While she is here, Mrs. J. T. Moore will be with Sgt. Moore, whose condition is now somewhat improved.

From the New Guinea war area comes a poem submitted by Cpl. Bill Cleghorn, but for lack of space cannot be reprinted. Cpl. Cleghorn was with the nation Guards stationed here and later was attached to the 181st F. A, at Camp Forrest where he stayed for some time before being transferred to Camp Roberts, CA. He is now in the New Guinea combat zone.

Lieut Victor Hawkins, with a Tank Destroyer Battalion, is now in England, where he landed the early part of April. Prior to leaving the States he was stationed at Camp Maxey, TX. Mrs. Hawkins and son, Gene, resided during that time at Hugo, OK, which is near the training camp. They are now in Cookeville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sullivan. Lieut. Hawkins has been in the service for several years.

Don J. Neville, a well known resident of Cookeville while holding a position with the AAA office is now stationed at Camp Maxey, TX. He has been in service since March.

Mrs. Russell White is in receipt of a recent communication from her husband, Cpl. White, who is now stationed with the Medical Corps, at Kani, Hawaii. He left the States for foreign service around April 15. He was formerly stationed at Camp Rucker, AL, where Mrs. White and son, Thomas Russell White, Jr., resided for three months. Mrs. White and baby are making their home with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rex Vaughn, and family, while Mr. Vaughn and Cpl. White are away.

Pvt. Ralph Poe is spending his furlough of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Poe. He comes to Cookeville from Toledo, OH, where he has been taking special training, but at the completion of his furlough will return to Camp Chaffee, AR, where he was formerly stationed. Pvt. Poe has been in service since January, 1943.

Pvt. Arvel Ford, who was inducted at Camp Shelby, MS, April 6, is now taking his basic training at Ft. Bragg, NC. Before entering the service he was connected with the Tennessee Central Railroad Company. His wife, the former Miss Louise Maxwell, and daughter, are residing at Boma, during his absent.

Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts, Cookeville, Route 2, stationed at Ft. Meade, MD, spent his leave with relatives in Detroit, MI. Sgt. Roberts was inducted June 25, 1941.

Pvt. Edward Jackson, U. S. Army, who was wounded in the Italian combat zone, has been returned to the United States for hospitalization and for awhile was in Temple, TX. He has been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Jackson, of Cookeville, Route 4, recently, and later will go to Atlanta, GA, for further medical treatment.

According to word received last week from Pvt. Edward Pippin, he has landed safely in the Pacific theatre of war. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Pippin of Route 4, and has been in service for many months, taking his training in CA, OH, and Camp Flors, Jackson, MS. He presumably left the States from Washington state. His sister, Mrs. C. E. Carlisle, of Cookeville Route 4, had a letter from him last week and he stated he was delighted with his present location.

Robert H. Fesmire, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fesmire, of Monterey, was a member of the 25th class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Columbus, MS, on May 23. He received the silver wings of a Flying Officer and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Lt. Fesmire entered pilot training last September, and attended flying schools at Douglas, GA, and Macon, GA, before his graduation at the advanced school near Columbus, MS. Before he enlisted for pilot training he had attended Vanderbilt University.

Sgt. William Brown, who was recently transferred from Camp Myers, VA, to Great Falls, MT, is now stationed at Buckley Field, Denver, CO.

Sgt. Lawrence Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, of Fort George G. Meade, MD, spent his recent furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts. Other members of the family joining them here were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Roberts and son, and Arvil and Cecil Roberts, of Detroit, MI, and Mrs. Erbie Ray, of White County.

Aubie Gentry, 32, husband of Mary Gentry, Cookeville, Route 4; Jessie W. McBroom, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. McBroom, Double Springs, and Alvin B. Malone, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Malone, of Cookeville, Route 1, are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recent training completed, the seamen will spend a period of leave at home.

Pvt. Sylvon Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Red Robinson, according to recent information, is in New Guinea.

Ensign James Richmond McDonald, son of Mrs. Effie Carter McDonald, of 112 Rosebank Avenue, Nashville, was promoted to his present rank upon his recent graduation from the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, TX, it was announced recently. A native of Cookeville, Ensign McDonald first entered the Navy on April 26, 1941, and was at the Nashville Naval Recruiting station until October 15, 1942, later being at recruiting stations at Knoxville and Chattanooga. In February, 1943, he transferred from the Navy recruiting service to Naval aviation, subsequently receiving training at St. Mary's College, CA, and at the Naval Air Base, Pasco, WA, before obtaining his commission at Corpus Christi.

A graduate of Central High School in Cookeville, he was employed at the Kroger Grocery about a year before entering the Navy.

His brother, A/S Robert McDonald, is also in the Navy, receiving his boot training at Great Lakes, IL. A sister, Mrs. Fowler Judd, lives at the Rosebank Avenue address.

Lieut. and Mrs. Raymond McCasky left Tuesday for Lincoln, NB, after spending a week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Co. O. Taylor. A portion of Lieut. McCasky's leave was spent at his home in Toluca, IL, and coming to Cookeville with him and Mrs. McCasky were his mother and brother, Mrs. Albert McCasky and Wilburn McCasky, who also were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's visitors.

Mrs. Lilburn Dillard of Monterey has received word that her husband, Pvt. James L. Dillard, has arrived safely "Somewhere in the Pacific area." Before leaving the States, Pvt. Dillard was stationed at Camp Gordon Johnson, FL, with the Amphibious Engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomas' son, John C. Thomas, who is serving with the 1308th Engineers, is possible now on foreign soil, as his parents were recently notified of his change of address. The Thomas family, who formerly made their home here, are now residing in Sparta.

Cpl. Sanford M. Bilbrey who was inducted into the service January 15, 1942, has had training at Camp Lee, VA, Atlanta, GA, Camp Ruckner, AL, Camp Forrest, and San Francisco, CA, has arrived "Somewhere in New Guinea." Cpl. Bilbrey is the son of Eugene Bilbrey, of Cookeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bush have two sons serving with the U. S. Army and Navy respectively. Fred Bush, S 1/c is in the South Pacific and Cpl. Ralph Bush is "Somewhere in New Guinea."

The following clipping taken from a Dayton, OH paper will be read with a great deal of interest throughout Putnam County, where Marine Sgt. Elbert Brooks, Jr.'s maternal family has made its home for a number of years. He is a grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Storie, and a nephew of C. M. Storie, who resides on Oak Street.

Marine Sgt. Elbert L. Brooks, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert L. Brooks, Springfield pike, who was described by one of his officers as "one of the best scouts I have ever seen in action," has a prized souvenir of his most recent action, according to a dispatch from Cape Gloucester, New Britain, by Sgt. Joseph L. Aill, Marine Corps combat correspondent.

The action was a mopping-up operation in the Eleonora bay area, during which a small contingent of Marines wiped out 160 Japs and captured 28 prisoners, while suffering two casualties themselves. The souvenir is a Japanese saber he acquired when he killed a Japanese officer on one of his daily patrols.

Sergeant Brooks, 20-year-old veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign, has spent most of his time on Cape Gloucester patrolling muddy, wooded jungle trails. During the drive on an airdrome he often operated in the front of the lines, bringing back reports of enemy positions and activities.

“But these recent patrols were something new,” he said. “We traveled around the coast in small boats, landed wherever we thought we would find Japs, and went on from there. Sometimes we made two or three landings in one day.”

He was on patrol less than hours after his unit made an unopposed landing at Linga Linga plantation. A 12-man group was sent to a village where four Japs were reported. They found 11 of them, trapped them in the village, killed 10 and brought back one prisoner.

Sergeant Brooks didn't do any shooting that time, “because the other boys didn't need any help.”

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 June 1944

Max Bailey to Enter Naval Academy in July:

Max Bailey, son of Mrs. Charles Bailey has passed the entrance examination to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and will begin his training there in July.

He received his appointment several months ago through Representative Albert Gore, of the Fourth Congressional District.

Young Bailey, grandson of A. G. Maxwell attended Central High School, and this year completed his high school work at a private school of boys at Severna Park, MD, which is preparatory to entering Annapolis. He spent the winter months with his aunt, Mrs. John Q. Owsley, the former Miss Christine Maxwell, and Capt. Owsley, U. S. Medical Detachment, Annapolis Naval Academy. He arrived Wednesday to spend his vacation of five weeks with his mother and other members of his family.

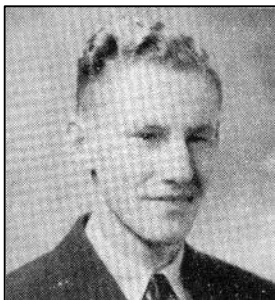
Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 June 1944

Millard Sherrill Reported Missing in Bomber Raid:

Millard Sherrill, tail gunner on a big bomber, is reported missing in a recent raid over Germany.

Young Sherrill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sherrill, formerly of Baxter, but now living in Detroit, MI. He was reared at Baxter, and graduated from Baxter Seminary in the Class of 1942.



(Pictured: Millard Sherrill, Class of 1942, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

He married Miss Nancy Lyon, of Nashville, who also attended Baxter Seminary.

Survivors besides his wife and parents are, one brother, James Sherrill, and two sisters, Misses Mary Ruth and Frances Sherrill, of Detroit.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 June 1944

NEWS OF COLORED BOYS IN SERVICE:

Pvt. John Lee McClellan, with the Military Police stationed at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, spent one week of his 21-day furlough with his parents, Fannie and Albert McClellan. From here he went to Detroit, MI, to visit his sisters and brothers. He was inducted into the service in Detroit. He has been stationed at Ft. Huachuca

about 14 months, as an M. P., he believes if one treats his fellow soldier right, there will be no trouble in getting along. He was an employee of the Hotel Shanks about seven years.

S/Sgt. Thomas H. Eldridge, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, is spending his 12-day furlough at home with his wife, Donie Eldridge, and his mother, Mary Lue McClellan, and other members of his family. He has spent much of the time since entering the service at Camp Silbert, AL, and Camp Shelby in the Infantry, but recently was transferred to the Q. M. Det.

W. C. Erwin, of Algood, has two sons in the service for more than a year. Thomas Howard Erwin is with the U. S. Navy, and Pfc. Hubert Erwin, Engineering Air Corps, is in New Guinea.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 June 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

A newspaper clipping coming from the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, IL, carries an interesting item regarding men of the 8th Regiment, among whom is Clarence Ramsey, of Cookeville and Nashville, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ramsey of Cookeville, who has been in service less than a month and has received an ACPO rating. The publication says: "Clarence Ramsey, ACPO of Co. 113, spent nine years with the Tennessee National Guard, five as sergeant, before entering the Navy."

J. N. Cox, Jr., Company Guard Clerk in Regiment office, are other Cookeville men with the 8th Regiment.

Pvt. Dewey E. Wilmoth, who left May 8, for induction into the Army at Camp Shelby, MS, is now stationed at Keesler Field, MS. He wishes his friends, especially those in the service to write him. His present address may be obtained from members of his family.

Sterling McCanless, S 2/c, who completed his boot training at Camp Peary, VA, has been spending his ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McCanless.

This letter from overseas is of especial interest to Pfc. W. C. Moore's friends and relatives in this and surrounding counties:

"Somewhere in New Guinea

"Hello:

"I enjoyed the Herald in civilian life, but here I find it more thrilling than the most stirring chapters of 'Gone With the Wind,' or 'Tale of Two Cities.' The mysterious glamour of the jungle is replaced by the gripping paragraphs which bring to life the memories of old friends from Cookeville to Algood – from Monterey to Buffalo Valley. This is indeed a small world, for I ran across a New York boy who was once arrested in Cookeville. A home town paper sends home to the outpost of the world.

Sincerely, "W.C. Moore."

Alex Tudor, Jr., who volunteered for U. S. Naval duty some weeks ago, has reported for service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tudor of E. Spring Street, and left Monday for Nashville, where he goes for further assignment. Mr. and Mrs. Tudor have another son, Mitchell Tudor, serving with the U. S. Navy, who has been in the Pacific area for more than two years. He was home for a month's shore leave last July.

Sgt. Willis H. Key, son of Sam Key of Clinton, and a grandson of Mrs. Bessie Reynolds, of Brotherton, is at home to recuperate from an illness of malaria. He has been serving with an artillery division, U. S. Army, since 1939 and has participated in three major battles of the South Pacific. He was stationed in Hawaii at the time of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor.

Charles Santon, RM 2/c, U. S. Navy, has been spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stanton. His naval duties during his period of volunteer service, have taken him to many foreign ports in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas. For many months his home port was a Cuban city.

Lieut. Jack Moore, stationed for a short time at Berry Field, Nashville, is now with the Ferrying Command, Romulus, MI.

Lt. Col. Milton Acuff, who is stationed at Camp Beale, CA, Mrs. Acuff and children, Anne and Leone Acuff, have been spending the former's leave with relatives in Nashville and Algood. Col. and Mrs. Acuff have returned to Camp Beale, leaving their children for an indefinite stay in Tennessee.

Layton Stanton, Jr., Rd. M. 3/c, U. S. Navy, is now spending his shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton, in Nashville. During his stay at home, they came to Cookeville and Algood for visits with relatives. Seaman Stanton has just returned from his sixth trip to foreign shores, and at the completion of his visit home, will report for further assignment at his home port, New York City.

Pfc. John Mott, stationed at the induction center, Ft. McClellan, AL, was here to spend the week-end with Mrs. Mott and daughter, and his mother, Mrs. John R. Mott. The junior Mrs. Mott and daughter, who have spent the winter in University, MS, with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor, arrived last week for an indefinite stay here.

Mrs. Herbert Rogers is in receipt of a message from her husband, Herbert Rogers, AMM 1/c Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, stating that he was now "Somewhere in the Pacific theatre of war", sailing some weeks ago from a California port. Mrs. Rogers is now with her mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout.

Lieut. Frank Barnes, who for the past several weeks has been stationed at Camp Pickett, VA, has been spending several days here with Mrs. Barnes and son, Sam Taylor Barnes, at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes

Mrs. Josie Welch received a message last week from her son, Pvt. Marion T. Welch, stating that he had arrived safely "Somewhere in New Guinea." Pvt. Welch entered the service in June, 1943, and was trained in Camp Cooke, CA, before sailing for New Guinea.

Pfc. Joe Wiggins, U. S. Marines, who has just returned to the States from the South Pacific war area, and is spending his furlough with relatives in Tennessee, has been visiting his sister, in Nashville, where he was joined by his cousin, Sgt. Sam Greenwood, stationed at Camp Rucker, AL. Pfc. Wiggins, his father, J. J. Wiggins, of Monterey, Mrs. Kyle DePriest and daughters, of Nashville, spent the week-end with his aunts, Misses Retta and Sallie Greenwood, in Algood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey, of 103 Arnold avenue, have had a letter from their son, S/Sgt. Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., who landed safely last week in North Africa. S/Sgt. Bailey is a gunner with the U. S. Army Air Corps, and left the States about the middle of May.

Melvin Eugene Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Maxwell, of Algood was among more than 1150 midshipmen graduated May 31, from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, with a commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Ensign Maxwell has been spending his leave with his parents, in Algood.

Pvt. Willis Naff, stationed at Camp Fannin, TX, has been spending his furlough with Mrs. Naff and children in Gainesboro. During his stay at home, he and his family were guests of Cookeville relatives. Returning to camp the early part of the week, he was accompanied as far as Memphis by Mrs. Naff, her brother, James Draper, and Mrs. Draper of Lebanon. While they are they will visit with their cousin, Sgt. Pennock Moore, who is now improving at a Memphis hospital after a month's illness.

After spending his furlough of two weeks in Cookeville and Sparta, Sgt. Burgess Ray has returned to Tyndall Field, FL, where he is stationed with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

A release from an Eight AAF Fighter Station, in England, states that Pfc. J. R. Alcorn of Buffalo Valley, is a member of the P-47 Thunderbolt group recently commended by Lt. Gen. James Doolittle for "extraordinary heroism in rescuing a Bombardment Wing from vicious and persistent attacks by the enemy fighter aircraft."

Pfc. Alcorn, of Buffalo Valley, entered military service in September, 1942.

His wife resides at 706 Del Mar Drive, Bakersfield, CA.

Robert Dewey Ramsey, Jr., and William Hershel Tabor have been visiting friends and relatives after completing one year pre-meteorology training at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Both are holders of Good Conduct medals, and sharpshooters rating with the carbine.

At the end of their furloughs they reported for further training at Selfridge Field, Mr. Clemens, MI.

Robert Dewey Ramsey, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, Cookeville, and William Hershel Tabor is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Tabor of Brush Creek.

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations – For the competitive spirit, excellence in training and outstanding teamwork, five rifle platoons of the United States Army Infantry units stationed in Northern Ireland were recently commanded by high-ranking officers after demonstrating the fighting technique which they will use against the Nazis when invasion begins.

Pfc. John J. Garrison, of Cookeville, is among the men commended for their outstanding performances.

Pvt. Omer L. Stafford, of Double Springs, has been transferred from Army Air Forces Training Center No. 1 in Miami Beach, FL, to Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2, also in Miami Beach, as a member of the station's permanent party personnel. Pvt. Stafford, age 21, entered the Army on January 13, 1943. At AAF Redistribution Station No. 2, AAF returnees from overseas are examined by specially selected medical and classification officers whose joint findings are used in determining new assignments.

Theme of the Redistribution program is the designation of each man to duty for which he is best fitted. Returnees live under conditions that encourage a natural response to processing, the greater part of their fortnight stay being devoted to rest and recreation.

Pvt. Stafford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Stafford of Double Springs.

Henry Dyer, U. S. Navy, stationed in Memphis, is spending his furlough of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer.

News from the European Theater of operation, U. S. Army, states that Pfc. Joe Dillon, of Algood, Route 1, has received the Good Conduct Medal.

Holbert C. Howell, of Baxter, Route 2, is in training at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, at Ft. Bragg, NC, for basic military training. After his initial training, he will be transferred to a field organization.

Sgt. Sam Vaughn is spending his furlough of several days here with Mrs. Vaughn and son, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn. Sgt. Vaughn is stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

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Marine Private John Monroe Harris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of Route 3, Cookeville, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at the training center, at Camp

Elliott, San Diego, CA. Graduates of this school have completed thorough training with the B.A.R., M-I Garand and Carbine rifles, Hand Grenades, the Anit-Tank Grenades, and are exceptionally well versed in the use of the bayonet and knives for jungle warfare. Private Harris, both March 5, 1925, at Buffalo Valley, was employed by Clinton Engineering Company, in Clinton, before enlisting in the Marine Corps, November 29, 1943, at Fort Oglethorpe.

Cpl. Fred Fitzpatrick with an Anti-Aircraft Division, U. S. Army, who was here for a recent furlough visit, is now stationed at Camp Hann, CA, after being at Camp Cook for several months. Mrs. Fitzpatrick and baby, who spent several months at Marysville, CA, to be with her husband, is now in Cookeville, and for the present, is located with her mother, Mrs. Kate Terry, on S. Walnut street.

The whereabouts of Sgt. Franklin Q. Dyer, is of much interest to his many friends in this section of Tennessee. Serving with an Engineering Corps, he is now in the combat area of Burma. Sgt. Dyer volunteered for service, taking his basic training at Camp Claiborne, LA, and at the time of entering the army last year, he held a responsible position with the Alabama Ship Building and Dock Co., with headquarters in Mobile. He has been overseas since December, 1943, going first to India, he was later transferred to his present location. Sgt. Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quimby Dyer of Cookeville and Birmingham, AL, was reared here, but moved to Alabama several years ago, where he was engaged in business until reporting for army duty.

Morris Lee Robbins, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at Camp Peary, VA, since April, taking his basic training, was here last week for a short stay with Mrs. Robbins and son, Morris Lee, Jr., at their home on Peachtree street. Returning to Camp Peary the latter part of the week Mrs. Robbins and son accompanied him to Knoxville, going later for a visit with her relatives in Wartburg. Since reporting to camp Peary, Seaman Robbins has been ordered to New York City for further naval duty.

Sgt. Robert Poteet left Wednesday morning of last week for Langley Field, VA, where he is stationed following a furlough visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Denton Poteet.

From the Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, England, comes a picture and write-up concerning First Lieutenant Charles M. Nunally, pilot, of Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Nunally of Baxter. At the time the article was written, he had completed his 25th mission in the European Theatre of Operations and has received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Col. Richard T. Colner, Jr., of San Antonio, TX, commander of a Marauder group in England. Lt. Nunally has three brothers in service: Capt. Van D. Nunally, Jr., stationed at Camp Hood, TX, and was recently promoted to his present rank. He is married to the former Miss Frances Ditty and they have one daughter. Sgt. Tom S. Nunally, with the Ordnance Dept., is stationed in San Anita, CA, and his wife is the former Miss Anna Bell Verble. Cpl. Rupert C. Nunally has been in England since January 1944, and he and his brother were, before the invasion, together frequently. Lt. Nunally has to his credit now approximately 50 missions over the enemy territory.

Sgt. Henry Stamps is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stamps in Baxter and his relatives in Cookeville. Recently Sgt. Stamps, with the U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Drew Field, Tamps, FL, had a very narrow escape from death and at the same time, had a very thrilling experience. He was one of the nine fliers injured at the time their four motored B-17 bomber crashed and burst into flames three blocks from the air base at 7 o'clock in the morning. Crew members reported that the pilot refused to leave his ship until all other members of the crew had been removed. Sgt. Stamps, a gunner on the plane, who was injured, aided to rescue other members of his crew before leaving the wreckage. After ripping away the tops of many trees and tearing down electric lines, the big bomber's wing crashed through the top of a vacant house and plowed into the nearby residence, which was completely demolished by fire, the flames spreading from the burning plane. In connection with the accident Drew Field Public Relations Officer reported there were many acts of heroism and that after a complete investigation it was likely there would be several medals awarded. According to information gathered, Sgt. Stamps is in line for one of the awards. He is recuperating from injuries sustained at the time the plane crashed. A variety of pictures and write-ups concerning the accident appeared in the Tamps daily papers at the time.

U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School of Chapel Hill, NC, releases the following information: "Navy Aviation Cadet Billy Rockwell Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dyer, of Route 5, Cookeville, has successfully completed the intensive 11-week course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here. He has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Bunker Hill, IN. Cadet Dyer attended Putnam County Central High and Tennessee Tech," he volunteered for service reporting for duty last August. He is spending a brief furlough with his parents, before reporting for his new assignment.

The following information comes from the Fifth Air Force, "Somewhere in New Guinea. Recognition of the Troop Carrier section of the Fifth Air Force was made in the awarding of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with on Oak Leaf Cluster to Staff Sergeant William Clifford Wallace, of Silver Point. The Troop Carrier is commanded by Brig. Gen. Warren R. Carter. Sergeant Wallace is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wallace, of Silver Point, and his wife Mrs. Edith Julian Wallace, resides in Baxter.



Sgt. Wallace attended Baxter Seminary, and enlisted in the Army Air Forces on August 19, 1943. He received his training at the Technical Schools of Sheppard Field, TX, and Long Beach, CA.

(Pictured: William Clifford Wallace Class of 1940, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. **William Clifford Wallace**, b. 22 September 1921, Putnam Co., TN – d. 12 April 1974, Atlanta, GA, (T Sgt. Army Air Force WWII), md on the 1st of July 1943 to **Edith (Julian) Wallace**, b. 7 November 1923, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 June 1997, TN, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Cornelius Julian & Alcie Maynard**. William Clifford Wallace, s/o **William Carroll Wallace Sr. & Minnie Montgomery**.)

Mrs. Cecil Chaffin has returned from CA, where she has been with her husband, Ensign M. Cecil Chaffin who is now in the Pacific War Area, and will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spivey, during her husband's absence. Ensign Chaffin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Chaffin, who have two other sons in service, Kenneth Chaffin, "Somewhere in the Pacific, and Marion Chaffin, who is located in Egypt.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford, who have been making their home in Columbia, SC, for several months while the former was stationed at Fort Jackson, have been here for a brief visit with Mrs. Crawford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Dow, and many other relatives. They were enroute to Battle Creek, MI, where Col. Crawford will be stationed at Ft. Custer.

Capt. Robert A. Cox, located in Washington, D. C., with the Army Air Corps Headquarters, and Mrs. Cox, J. N. Cox, Jr., U. S. Navy, Great Lakes Training Center, IL, and Lieut. W. B. Cox, Army Air Corps, Tuskegee, AL, and Mrs. Cox, will be in Cookeville next week to visit with different members of their family, including Mrs. J. N. Cox, Jr., Capt. Cox, J. N. Cox, Jr., and Lieut. Cox's parents, Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox, and Mrs. W. B. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves.

Aviation Cadet Charles B. Brown, now stationed at McKeller Field, Jackson, was formerly at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL, where he completed nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training, and was awarded an expert's medal for proficiency in firing the .48 caliber Automatic Pistol, an installation of the AAF Training Command. A/C Brown was home recently for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, on Hickory street.

Cp. Bradley Brewington, who is stationed at Camp Ruckner, AL, was here to spend a three-day pass last week.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pvt. Alva M. Horn was killed in action, February 24, "Somewhere in Italy." He was inducted into service April 28, 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, GA, and served overseas five months prior to his death.

His brother, Pfc. Horn, is serving with the Armed Forces "Somewhere in England." He has been in service since the autumn of 1941 and on foreign duty for the past 18 months.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horn, of Cookeville, Route 5, and Pvt. Horn is survived by another brother, William G. Horn, Dayton, OH, and the following sisters: Mrs. Robert McArthur, Colmar, PA, Mrs. Claude Farley, Miss Sue Horn, Cookeville, Route 5, and Miss Mertie Ann Horn, Monterey.

Pfc. James H. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris, of Gentry street, has been transferred from Camp Forrest to Camp Lewis, WA. He has had over four years of service, and has been serving as M.P., at Camp Forrest since the entrance of the U. S. in the War.

According to recent information, A. L. Shipley, U. S. Navy, has been promoted from AMM 1/c to Chief Petty Officer. He is "Somewhere in the Pacific." His wife, the former Miss Grace Fitzpatrick, and baby are residing in Cookeville during his absence. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shipley.

Lieut. Charles Holladay, stationed at Punta Gorda, near Fort Myers, FL, was here on Sunday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay. He had a three day pass, and made a portion of the trip by plane.

Pfc. Leonard Austin Cooper, son of Mrs. Martha Cooper and the late Calvin Cooper of near Cookeville, was killed in action, according to a message of the War Department, the early part of May. At this time he was in the New Guinea Theater of War, serving with an Anti-Aircraft Group. He took his training at Camp Davis, NC, and served overseas for approximately eight months. Prior to entering the service, he was an employee of the Killion Motor Co.

Besides his mother he is survived by three sisters and two brothers.

From a Ninth Air Force Bomber Base in England – First Lt. Charles M. Nunally, pilot, Baxter, after completion of his 25th mission in European Theater of Operations, received a Distinguished Flying Cross from Col. Richard T. Coiner, Jr., of San Antonio, TX, commander of a Marauder group in England. Lieutenant Nunally is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Nunally of Baxter, who have three other sons in the service, and has to his credit, since winning the meritorious award, approximately 50 missions made over enemy territory.

Sgt. Willis Thurlow Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker, of Cookeville, is now in a hospital overseas with wounds sustained on the Italian battlefield. Overseas for 15 months, he was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in November, 1943, when he led his patrol behind enemy lines and brought back information on enemy activities. His wife is employed in Detroit, MI. He has been on military duty for three years, receiving his training at Camp Forrest, Camp Butner, NC, and Camp Edwards, MA.

From an Eighth AAF Composite Station, England, comes announcement that the Air Medal has been presented to Second Lieutenant Finis E. Harris, Jr., of Cookeville, a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot, by his group commander, Col. Howard Moore, of Llano, TX, at a recent presentation of awards held there. A veteran of eight missions over Nazi Europe, Lieutenant Harris received the medal for meritorious achievement while engaged in operations over enemy territory.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris, Cherry street, he was a student at Tennessee Tech before enlisting in the Air Forces in June 1943. He has been in the European Theater of Operations eight months, and besides flying on combat operations, has served as an instructor for pilots, imparting to them valuable advise on the duties of a pilot in the precision bombing of Nazi targets.

Tillman Phillips, First Class Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, who has been serving as an instructor at the Great Lakes Training Center for several months, is attending Advance Fire Control School. Mrs. Phillips has been with him during his stay at Great Lakes, leasing an apartment in Waukegan, IL. They have been spending ten days with relatives in Algood and Cookeville prior to First Class Petty Officer Phillips'

leaving for his new assignment. Mrs. Phillips accompanied him to Washington on Tuesday, but will return soon for an indefinite stay at home.

Pvt. Walter Martin who is stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, has been spending his 12-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin.

Pfc. Kasper Winningham, who for the past several months, has been stationed at the Ream General Hospital, Palm Beach, FL, has been transferred to Camp Grant, IL.

Pvt. Harold Tinsley, U. S. Army Air Corps Ground Crew, stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, TX, is here to spend his furlough of 15 days with his mother, Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, and Mr. Gibson, and with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pendergrass and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Clark. His twin brother, Howard Tinsley, formerly stationed at Buckley Field, Denver, CO, is at Harlingen, TX, where he will complete his training at a gunner's school, U. S. Air Corps, in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore have been notified that their son, First Lieutenant Sam Moore has arrived safely in New Guinea. He is with a Paratroop Division, and supposedly left the States the middle of May.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

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Clare M. Smartt Now A Major In Army Air Corps:

The War Department announced on Sunday that Major Clair McLain Smartt, Cookeville war hero, who has received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf clusters, has been advanced to that rank from that of Captain.

Major Smartt is remembered as a Flying Fortress pilot who modestly wrote "followed formation," on his operation report after a mission over Lorient, France, in October, 1942, to which his plane, "Little Bill," was badly shot up, and several of his crew were wounded. He has fifty combat missions to his credit.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 June 1944

O. E. Cameron Jr., Receives Promotion in Veterans Service:

The Chattanooga Free Press of Thursday, June 8, gives prominent space and write-up regarding the "city to Merge Vets Services."

The news contained therein is of especial interest in Cookeville because of the appointment of Oren Edward Cameron Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron, of Cookeville, who served with the Army Air Forces from July 1942 until December 1943, to serve as head of the Veterans' Division to provide a special consulting, referral and placement service to veterans contacting the Employment Service for jobs.

With the article appears Mr. Cameron's picture and the announcement of his promotion is received with much interest by his Cookeville friends. He has been in Chattanooga for several months serving with the War Manpower Commission.

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From far away Alaska comes a program of the services held on Father's Day at the Post Chapel. The program was sent by major Sam Epperson who states that he is well and quite all right. On the cover of the program sheet is "A Young Man's Prayer," the words and sentiment of which are expressive and beautiful.

“God, make of me a Christian man, give me the strength to stand for the right when other folds have left the fight. Give me the courage of the man who knows that if he will he can. Teach me to see in every face the good, the kind and not the base. Make me sincere in word and deed. Blot out from me all shame and greed. Help me to guard my troubled soul by constant, active self-control. Clean up my thoughts, my speech, my play, and keep me pure from day to day. O make of me a Christian man.”

Pvt. Charlie G. Moore has been transferred to Camp Blanding, FL.

News from Camp Wolters, TX, states that Pvt. Odell C. Dixon, 31, husband of Robbie Lee Dixon, 202 Oak St., Cookeville, has arrived at that Infantry Replacement Training Center to begin his basic training as an Infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing the rifle.

Pvt. Fred H. Billingsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Billingsley, who was inducted into the U. S. Army at Camp Shelby, MS, on May 8, is now stationed at Fort Knox, KY, with a tank battalion. He recently spent a weekend pass with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Hensley have received word that their son, Cpl. B. A. Hensley, Jr., stationed at Indiantown Gap, PA, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Mrs. Mary McBroom, of Old Hickory, formerly of Bloomington Springs, has received word that her son, Thurman D. McBroom, S 1/c, has arrived safely in Pearl Harbor. She also has two other sons in the armed forces, Pfc. James F. McBroom, “Somewhere in New Guinea, and Pfc. Ernest L. McBroom at Camp Phillips, KS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lynch, of Rockwood, formerly of Cookeville, have with them for a 15-day leave their son, James Ray Lynch, F 1/c, who has been stationed in San Diego, CA, since volunteering for service march 10th which was his 17th birthday.

Pvt. Finney Goolsby, U. S. Marines, who has been stationed at San Diego, CA, since his induction into the armed forces in March, was home recently for a brief visit with Mrs. Goolsby and children at their home, on Stevens Street.

Capt. Roy Hugh Sullivan of Camp Hood, located near Gatesville, TX, Mrs. Sullivan and son have been spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sullivan, and with Mrs. Sullivan’s mother, Mrs. Ezra Davis. At the expiration of his visit, Capt. Sullivan went to Camp Bowie, TX, leaving his wife and son in Cookeville for an indefinite stay.

A news release from the Allied Force Advance Press Headquarters, in Italy states that Pvt. Charles A. Allen, electrician, son of Mrs. Lura Allen, 14 Broad street, Cookeville, is with the 1030th Engineers, a Peninsular Base Section Engineer Company that has helped put back in working order large city public utility systems destroyed by Germans as they retreated through Sicily and Italy.

From an Air Force Service Command Station, “Somewhere in England,” Sgt. Ray F. Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langford, of Cookeville, Route 5, is now overseas and has participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and of soldiering in an active Theater of War.

Before entering the Army, he was employed as a service station operator by the Gid Lowe Service Station. His wife and baby are residing here during his absence.

Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., who has been spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, has returned to his present station in Georgia.

Pfc. John Mott is here from Camp McClellan, AL, to spend his two weeks furlough with Mrs. Mott and daughter and with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Mott, on Stevens street.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford who were here last week are now located at 77 Orchard Place, Battle Creek, MI, while Lt. Col. Crawford is stationed at Ft. Custer, where he is assigned to the Provost Marshal General School.

Lieut. Barcey B. Rich, United States Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Malden, MO, was recently transferred to Courtland, AL.

Sgt. Burgess Ray, who has been stationed for several months at Tyndale Field, FL, has reported to Bangor, ME, for new assignments in the Army Air Corps. Enroute from Florida to Maine, he had a few days furlough which he spent with his sisters, Mrs. A. L. Campbell in Cookeville, and Mrs. Clay Barr, in Sparta.

Sgt. Sam Vaughn, who has been stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, was recently transferred to Camp Reynolds, PA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

29 June 1944

Local Board Lists 77 For Pre-Induction Examination:

The Selective Service Board of Putnam County announces that 77 inductees will report this week for pre-induction examination:

The names are listed below:

Fred Myers Hunter, Clarence Estes Tays, James Calvin Vaden, Noah Bob Smith, Robert Hasel Rittenberry, Fred C. Clouse, John Thomas Farley, Johnny Ralph Bradford, Joe Fields, Charles Rudolph Ealey, Jesse Young Gaw, Kenneth Lee Bohannon, James Lee Dyer, Thurman Darrel King, William Henry Bradford, Nealy William Maxwell, Kenneth Ray Jackson.

Robert Warren Driver, Claude Wheeler, Everette Jeral Steele, James Clifford Blaylock, Clyde Dawson Phy, Sherman Whittaker, Prentis Hensley, Lewis Roberts, Zeb neal Bohannon, Clyde Edmonds, Wilburn Sewell, Lloyd Wesley Steele, Clyde Houston Wilson, James Edward Herren, Billy Ruth England.

William Thomas Whittaker, James Edward Gentry, Robert Jimmy Haney, Leonard Dow Maddux, Harold Daniel Langford, Charles McKinley Carter, Orville Clay Allen, Wash Hollis Miller, Everette St. T. Buckner, Billy Ellis Huffine, Jim Mason Gray (assistant leader), Horace Herron, Lillard Earl Reeder, Dennis Corby Hammonds, Charles Edward Duke, W. T. Bradford.

George Harvey Johnson, Arnold Palmer, Jr., Billy Mitchel Wyatt, James Fred Howard, Willie L. Hakkins, Charlie Benton Neal, Sherman Ray Robertson, Willie Hampton Nashv, Arthur Edward Daniel, Georgie Sparks, Jr., Myrl Louis Carr, (leader), Hershel Pippin, Philip William Hamilton, Ralph Edward Parish, James Harley Pippin.

James Thomas Uhles, Jesse Tillman Heard, Marion Hillery Williams, Verlon Kirby, Ben William Steakley, Paul Thomas Carl Ray, James Otis Flatt, James William League, (Tr. DeKalb County), Don Ernest Ferguson (Marshal County), J. D. Lee (Detroit, MI), Orville Eugene Whittaker, (Dayton, OH).

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Thomas T. Gentry, U. S. Navy, completed his training and received his commission as Ensign when a class of 180 graduated Tuesday, June 27, at Camp McDonough, Plattsburg, NY. Ensign Gentry who spent his brief leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry, left Tuesday to report for naval duties at a western port. He went by plane from Nashville. A family reunion was enjoyed during his stay at home when his sister, Mrs. Beasley Thompson and family of Nashville were here.

Sgt. James Alloway, stationed at the Smyrna Air Base, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway.

Sgt. John Moore, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed for several months at Alliance, NB, and Mrs. Moore arrived Monday to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore, and other members of the two families.

R. H. Wirt had a letter from his nephew, Joe Elmer Leftwich, U. S. Army, formerly of Cookeville, who stated he was with the Afiles when they crossed the English Channel, and at that time was writing his letter in a fox hole "Somewhere in France."

Pvt. Carl F. Brown, of the 724th Railway Operating Battalion, has completed his technical training as a brakeman on military railroads. Entering the service December 7, 1943, he received his basic training in Fort Sam Houston, TX, and his technical training on the Southern Railroad, in Camp Shelby, MS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, of Columbia Street. He recently spent his 15-day furlough with his friends and relatives in Cookeville.

Mrs. R. H. Harding has received notification that her son, Lieut. Alard C. Harding, has arrived safely in England. Prior to leaving the States, he was stationed at Fort Meade, MD. During her husband's absence, the junior Mrs. Harding, the former Miss Lovie Weyenberg, is with her mother, near Louisville, KY.

Carl F. Bean has been returned from England because of physical disability, and is now at Thayer General Hospital, in Nashville. He has been in service four years, and was engaged in active combat in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. He is in the Infantry.

Don Russell, Navy and Weather Service, formerly stationed at Elizabeth City, NC, is spending two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, before reporting for his new assignment in Honolulu, T. H. He took most of his training in Los Angeles, CA.

Newton Byrne Draper received notice this week from the Navy Department of his appointment as Ensign in the Navy with orders to report to Plattsburg, NY, for duty and assignment August 1. His wife, Mrs. Alene Draper, cashier at the Commerce Union Bank, Sparta, stated she would continue with her position while her husband is in the service. Mr. Draper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Draper, of Cookeville, has been in Crossville for eight years where he is manager of the Crossville Lumber Company. He is a graduate of Central High and has a B. S. degree from Tennessee Tech.

Marine Charles M. Lamb of 105 Ferguson Street, has graduated from the Radio Operators School at the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, CA, with the rank of private first class. Pfc. Lamb will be assigned to a combat unit as a communications man.

Pvt. Lawrence Harville, who has been stationed at Fort Meade, MD, has arrived safely in England. His wife is the former Miss Lula Farley.

Sgt. and Mrs. James G. Mitchell, of Scotts Bluff, NB, where Sgt. Mitchell is stationed at a prisoner of war camp, have returned after visiting their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Cunningham for two weeks.

Cpl. Albert G. Fields, of Camp Edwards, MS, is spending his furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fields, of Cookeville, Route 3. Cpl. Fields will return to Camp Edwards on Monday.

After spending his two weeks leave with his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox, Captain Robert A. Cox and Mrs. Cox left Wednesday for his new assignment in Greensboro, NC. Enroute there they visited with Capt. Cox's sister, Mrs. Mary Cox Robinson, in Knoxville. Lieut. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, who have spent his leave with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Cox, and with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves, returned to Tuskegee, AL, Thursday, and J. N. Cox, Jr., U. S. Navy, who has completed his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, and has been here for a week's stay with Mrs. Cox and sons, returned to Great Lakes on

Saturday for further naval orders. Joining the family group for a week-end visit was Mrs. Robinson, who came from Knoxville to spend from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Allen have received a letter from the War Department stating that no further news has been received of their son, Pfc. Robert H. Allen, who has been missing in action since February 18, 1944, in the Italian Theatre of War. Pfc. Allen was inducted into the army April 28, 1943, at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, and took his basic training at Camp Wheeler. Then he was sent to Fort Meade, MD, where he trained as a Military Police, in October he transferred back to the Infantry, and after a short visit here went overseas about the middle of November.

Lieut and Mrs. James W. Witherspoon and son, John Draper, who have been making their home in Springfield, OH, while the former was stationed there were here for a brief visit last week with Mrs. Witherspoon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper. They left Monday for TX where they will visit with Lieut. Witherspoon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Witherspoon, of Midlothian, TX, before reporting for further duty at Big Springs, TX. Joining the family group on Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Byrne Draper, of Sparta. Mr. Draper reports for Naval training at Plattsburg, NY, around August 1.

Ensign Holmes Neal, who has been spending his leave of several weeks here, visiting with Mrs. Neal's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, and with his family in Lebanon, left last week to report for further naval duty on the West Coast. He was formerly stationed at Pensacola, FL, where Mrs. Neal resided during his assignment there. She is now with her parents on Golf Club Road, for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pointer, of Los Angeles, CA, formerly of Cookeville, notify relatives here that they have had a message from their son, William Rush Pointer, U. S. Navy, stating that he is now on Naval duty "Somewhere in the Pacific." Mr. and Mrs. Pointer went to CA to make their home.

For outstanding service as a member of an Armed Guard Unit aboard a merchant ship, Seaman First Class Elison Julian Driver, 19, of Monterey has been commended by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

The son of John A. Driver, of Monterey, he was born in Lebanon, and enlisted in the Navy at Nashville on January 23, 1943.

This is the second commendation to be announced for Seaman Driver's outstanding service in the Mediterranean Area.

His commendation said, in part: "For your outstanding service as a member of the Armed Guard Unit, aboard the SS Ezra Meeker during action against enemy aircraft while anchored off Gela, Sicily, July 11-12, 1943, when your ship was subjected to fierce hostile bombing and strafing attacks and on numerous occasions the decks were sprayed with shrapnel and machine-gun bullets.

"In spite of the constant danger the Navy Gun Crew gallantly manned their guns and fought back with a sustained and accurate barrage of shellfire which shot down one plane and aided in driving off many others. The effective defense of your ship was a material contribution to the success of the invasion operation."

Billy Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, who has been serving in the U. S. Navy since October 1940, was on June 1, promoted from Petty Officer First Class to Chief. He is now stationed with the Air Ferry Command, Squadron Three, U. S. Naval Air Station, Terminal Island, CA.

Chief Petty Officer Buck and Mrs. Buck, the former Miss Mary John Pointer, daughter of Mrs. Norman Pointer, and the late Mr. Pointer, are making their home in Long Beach, CA. The senior Mr. and Mrs. Buck have another son Walter Dyer Buck, who is serving in the South Pacific. He has recently been promoted from Gunner's Mate First Class, to Chief Gunner's Mate. He has been in the U. S. Navy since 1936.

May 16, 1944, "Somewhere in England:"

Dear Editor:

I hope you can spare a bit of space in your paper for a bit of news from England via an American soldier.

For England, I can say it is a great and very beautiful country. The people are very friendly and try to make us feel at home, however, their customs are different from ours, and their dialect is somewhat complicated to us.

I have visited a lot of interesting places, and especially enjoyed the famous old churches and castles that have been standing for more than a thousand years.

England is a small country, but she is doing her part in this war. Every man, woman, and child is sacrificing all they have in this war. Civilians get one egg per week, two pints of milk, and everything else in proportion. America never has and probably never will, have to sacrifice like the British. Most American families have more to eat each meal than the British have all day.

The American soldier eats mostly American food, and we are proud we are Americans.

I enjoy reading the Herald a lot, as it makes you feel at bit closer home. Letters from the States are one of the greatest treasures to a soldier. Guess I have been lucky, as I received about one hundred and fifty each month, whereas I have some buddies that hear maybe once a month, so if you have a son, brother, or friend in the service, drop him a line every now and then as there is nothing that will help to keep his morale up than a letter from home. After all, everything here is not peaches and cream. We sleep when we have a chance.

I am proud Putnam County is doing its part toward the war. We all love American and we are coming back, we hope. In the meantime, keep doing your part and, we will do ours.

Pfc. Gaskell Warren.

A news release from an Eighth AAF bomber station in England, relates that Sgt. Bernice E. Stanton, 20, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commanding general Eighth Air Force announced recently. Serving with a pioneer American Flying Fortress group in the European Theater of Operations as a Waist Gunner, Sgt. Stanton has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement in combat over Germany and enemy-occupied territory. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Stanton of 407 Smithville Road, Cookeville, he has participated in eleven daylight bombing attacks on the continent this year. Before joining the Army Air Forces, Sgt. Stanton was employed in Detroit, MI.

Sgt. Willie B. Randolph, formerly of Cookeville, who enlisted in the U. S. Cavalry in 1940, has been awarded the Silver Star medal and the following citation:

“For gallantry in action at Roseau Manus Island, Admiralty Group, on March 20, 1944. The enemy in defending entrenched fortifications, was contesting bitterly the advance of Sgt. Randolph’s platoon and causing a number of casualties. When the platoon leader was wounded and evacuated, Sgt. Randolph unhesitatingly assumed command, and although in so doing he exposed himself to enemy machine gun and sniper fire, directed the disposition of his men to protect them from further casualties and yet unable them to bring fire on the enemy positions. Thereupon, with utter disregard of the enemy fire, he penetrated the enemy lines to a position from which he was able to reduce an enemy bunker with grenades, thus enabling the platoon to advance and continue the attack.”

Sgt. Randolph has served in Australia, New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands since going overseas in July 1943. While in Australia, he unexpectedly met his brother, Cpl. Jay Randolph. They spent two hours together for the first time in two years. Cpl. Randolph, 23, is in the Medical Corps, and is in New Guinea. He has been overseas for two years and four months.

The brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Melissa Randolph, former resident of Cookeville, and are brothers of Mrs. Alpheus Gentry, of Cookeville.

Jerry F. Agee, 19, formerly of Cookeville, has been promoted to the rank of Seaman, first class, in the United States Navy, and is now serving "Somewhere in the South Pacific." Seaman Agee completed his basic training and special training as Storekeeper at Bainbridge, MD, and in December, 1943 was sent to Navy Department Bureau of Naval Personnel Service School at Sampson, NY, where he completed the course in April. He reported on April 30 to Shoemaker, CA, for further duties and May 18 sailed from San Diego, CA.

Seaman Agee enlisted in the Navy May 28, 1943. He was attending Tennessee Tech at that time. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Agee, 611 Peachtree street, received word he arrived safely on foreign soil.

The following account as taken from the "Southern Standard," McMinnville, of recent date concerning Lt. Fred Phillips, Jr., will be of especial interest here where he has often visited his aunt, Mrs. Jarvis Matheney, his uncle Edgar Phillips, and many other relatives.

"In a release from the 15th Army Air Force headquarters comes news that First Lieutenant Fred Phillips, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Fred Phillips, of 504 Sparta street, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at his Italian based AAF P-38 Lighting group.

Phillips, who also wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, received this latest honor as a result of his action in going to the rescue of a crippled comrade, despite over whelming numbers of threatening enemy planes. The citation, in part, reads: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in serial flight as pilot of a P-36 type aircraft. On March 18, 1944, Phillips was flight leader in a P-38 formation conducting a fighter sweep over northern Italy. The p-38 formation was attacked from above and the same level by over 30 enemy fighters.

Phillips observed a P-38 with one engine crippled which fell out of formation and was immediately attacked by two enemy aircraft. Although the enemy fighters were greatly superior in numbers, Phillips unhesitatingly left the safety of the formation, drove off the leading enemy aircraft with a skillful burst of fire and shot the second enemy fighter down in flames."

This enemy plane a Macchi 202, was the second for which the young fighter pilot has received credit; the first was a ME-210, shot down over Steyr, Austria on February 24. His victories are among those which helped make his 15th Air Force group, commanded by Lt. Col. William P. Litton, of Shaw, MS, the top scoring fighter outfit in the Mediterranean theatre, with more that 425 enemy planes to its credit. His combat missions have taken him over Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Albania, Bulgaria, Austria, Romania and Germany.

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Pvt. James M. Robinson Reported Missing in Action:

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson of Baxter, Route 1, have received a telegram from the War Department, stating that their son, Pvt. James M. Robinson, has been missing in action since May 21. He was in the Italian Theatre of War at the time he was reported missing.

Pvt. Robinson, with the U. S. Infantry, entered the service in April, 1943. Following his training at Camp Wheeler, GA, and Fort Meade, MD, he was ordered overseas in August of the same year. He saw service in Sicily and in January, 1944, was wounded while taking part in the Italian campaign. He was awarded the Purple Heart, which he sent to his mother, and following his recovery was returned to active duty on the Italian front.

Pvt. Robinson and Pvt. Charles F. Horn of Cookeville, were buddies and were together until the latter was killed and Pvt. Robinson wounded.

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Pvt. Clarence L. Phillips, with the U. S. Infantry, is stationed at Camp Hood, TX. Before reporting for service, approximately one month ago, Pvt. Phillips held a position with the Piggly-Wiggly Store in Cookeville. His wife and daughters are at 409 Whitney street, during his absence.

Pvt. J. H. Billingsley, of Cookeville Route 4, on Monday heard from her two brothers who are on foreign soil. Sgt. Julius White, whom she had not heard in over two years, is "Somewhere in England," but could not tell her where he had been since leaving the States. He is with the Army Engineers. Pvt. Jesse White, with a Medical Battalion, is in Burma, where he has been for some time.

Warrant Officer Billy Chapin, Aviation Signal Corps, who has been in England since October, 1943, is now "Somewhere in France," and a portion of his letter, written June 26, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chapin, is given below, and is of interest, since he participated in the invasion.

"Dear Family – It has been a few days since I have had time to write, so will write a few lines to let you know that I am O. K. Am now "Somewhere in France" and like it very well. The weather is little more to my liking here than in England. As you must know there is nothing I can tell you. Have seen a lot of sights but won't mention any now, as I don't know what I can tell and don't have time now-so had better stop-will write more next time.

Love, Billy."

Pvt. John Martin Horner, U. S. Air Corps, has returned to Albuquerque, NM, after spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. John Horner, and sister, Miss Frances Horner, at their home, on Freeze street.

Possibly no Putnam County soldier has had as varied experience since entering the service as Pvt. Jeff Dyer Ray, who has been in Africa, Sicily, Italy, England, and according to letters received last week by his father, Robert Ray, is now "Somewhere in France." The jeep he was driving was the second to enter the city of Naples, and, taking part in the invasion, he will no doubt be on hand when the American soldiers and their allies make a triumphant entry into Paris. His whereabouts are always of interest to him many Putnam County friends.

Pfc. William Cooper Loftis left Wednesday for Camp Carson, CO, where he is stationed, following a two week's furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Loftis. Pfc. Loftis, who has been in the service since the summer of 1943, was taking special training at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, before going to CO. Jim Davis, of Nashville, was here for a week-end visit, coming especially to be with his nephew, Pfc. Loftis, and for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Morgan Davis.

Mrs. Howard Carmack, who is with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack, on First Street, has received a message from her husband, S 2/c Carmack, U. S. Navy, stating that his is now in New Guinea. Former manager of the Jenkins & Darwin Store in Sparta, Seaman Carmack reported for naval duty in the early spring. Throughout his absence his wife and daughter are residing in Cookeville.

In a recent edition of the Nashville Banner appeared a picture of Mrs. Helen W. Spicer, widow of Sgt. James Spicer as she viewed the sign erected near the athletic field of the Prisoner of War Camp at Camp Forrest. In memory of Sgt. Spicer, the men and officers of Camp Forrest, dedicated the field "Spicer Field." Sgt. Spicer was stationed at Camp Forrest for year before being transferred to an battalion in GA. It was while on maneuvers there in February 1944, that he was drowned.

Pvt. Lawrence Hunter has been on overseas duty for more than eight months, and is now serving with the U. S. Infantry in Italy. His wife, the former Miss Ida McKinley, is residing here while her husband is on military duty. Pvt. Hunter took most of his training at Camp Wheeler, GA.

Willie Clay Bullington, U. S. Navy, who was home for a brief leave with his parents last week on Cookeville, has returned to his home port, New Orleans, LA.

Kenneth Burkhart, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, has returned to Vero Beach, FL, after a week's visit here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Judd.

A news release from an Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England, states that Zoille L. Meadows was promoted from the grad of Private to Private First Class, the announcement was made from the Eighth AAF B-17 Flying fort Station by Colonel Charles B. Dougher, commanding officer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meadows, of Route 4, Cookeville. Before joining the Armed Forces, he was an employee of the Martin Aircraft Corporation, of Baltimore, MD.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard received word from their son, Clay W. Maynard, that he was well and safe. It was the first news of him since March. Cpl. Ray W. Maynard is still stationed in San Diego, CA.

Pvt. and Mrs. Vestal Scarbrough came Wednesday for Fort Ord, CA. After spending his furlough with home folks, he will return to camp. Mrs. Scarbrough will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keylon.

S/Sgt. James Mitchell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, who has been stationed at the Prisoner of War Camp at Scotts Bluff, NB, has been transferred to Fort Lewis, WA, with the 150th Medical Training Battalion.

Thomas Stone, a former Tennessee Tech student, recently completed his U. S. Marines, V-12 training at Duke University, Durham, NC, and was selected for Officers Candidate School training. He was granted a several days' furlough which he spent in Cookeville and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone, of Circle View Farm, Gallatin. During his visit at home he had as his guest, Miss Becky Ann Wade, of Knoxville. He has now reported to Parris island, SC. While in training at Duke, he was chosen the outstanding Marine of the year, and his picture appeared in the university publication.

Pvt. Henry Clay Bohannon, of Camp Wolters, TX, and Mrs. Bohannon, of Detroit, MI, have been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Bohannon, on Cookeville.

Cpl. And Mrs. Veatie "Pete" Chote and baby have returned to Camp Blanding, FL, where Cpl. Chote is stationed, having spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Chote, and his children, Anne and Robert, Cpl. Chote is with the Postal Service in Camp Blanding. He has been in service about 15 months.

According to a recent letter received by Mrs. Harold Bradley from her husband, serving with the U. S. Navy, he now has a rating of RDM 2/c. Prior to leaving the States the middle of May, he was stationed in Seattle, WA. He is now in the South Pacific and says he is getting along splendidly.

Some weeks ago, the Herald received a letter from Jim H. Lee, whose family left Putnam County for TX and who settled in Collins, TX. Mr. Lee enclosed the following clipping concerning his son, Pfc. J. D. Lee, who volunteered in January 1941, and went overseas in 1943.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lee of Celina, Wednesday morning received from the War Department a Purple Heart decoration awarded their son, Pfc. James D. Lee, known here as Doyle, for military merit. Doyle has been in the Army for three years, a member of the famous Thirty-sixth Division. He saw much service in North Africa, and is now in Italy. The merit award is a very attractive one, but is most appreciated for its significance – the fact that their son has served his country faithfully in time of war.

For the first time in several years, the Allison brothers have been together for furlough visits with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison. V. C. Allison, SI/c, U. S. Navy, who has been in service for two years, has for the most of that time been serving on active sea duty in the Pacific area. He is spending his 30-day shore leave here. Joe Allison, SK 2/c, U. S. Navy, is now stationed in Seattle, WA. During his two years of Naval training he has been stationed in FL, CA, and his present station. At the expiration of his furlough he left last week to report to Seattle. The third brother is in the Navy, Billy Allison, Apprentice Seaman, taking his V-13 training at the University of the South, Sewanee, where he reported shortly after graduating from Central High School last years, was here for an eight-day stay. The three Navy men were joined by another brother, Cpl. John Allison, Aerial Photographic Division, Army Air Corps, Tyndall Field, FL. He was with the National Guard at the time war was declared and reported for training immediately.

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Calvin J. D. Smith Reported Killed in Action in Italy:

Mrs. Villa Smith Cagle, of South Jefferson Street, received a message from the U. S. War Department on Thursday, informing her that her son Calvin J. D. Smith, was killed in Italy on June _____. He was _____ years old and entered military service, September, 1943.

Mrs. Cagle has another son, W. Howard Cagle, who has been in the military service for several months and is now a bomber pilot.

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Thirteen Men in August Draft Call:

Thirteen men are in the August draft call for induction into the Armed Services from Putnam County according to an announcement from Miss Velma Thompson, Chief Clerk at the local Selective Service office.

The men who are scheduled to leave here August 9 are: Earl Dean Hicks, Cookeville; John E. Clay, Buffalo Valley; Herbert Cleburn Hunter, Algood; Dalton Floyd Turner, Cookeville, Rt. 1; Eugene Brown, Cookeville, Rt. 5; Leonard F. Flatt, Cookeville; Ira B. Cowan, Jr., Cookeville; Donald Howard Higdon, Monterey; Charles Earl Whitaker, Cookeville, Rt. 5; Carl D. Campbell, Cookeville, Rt. 5; Robert Andrew McClain, Jr., Cookeville; Trellis Charles Fox, Cookeville, and Charley Hubert Morgan, Cookeville.

Another 30 men from this county will go to Nashville for pre-induction physical examinations August 14, Miss Thompson said.

Congress Appropriates \$5,000,000 to Repair Damage By Maneuvers to Roads:

A bill passed by both Houses of Congress appropriating \$5,000,000 to repair damage done to county roads during the recent maneuvers awaits the signature of the President to make it law, according to telegrams received by Judge W. L. Swallows from Senator Tom Stewart and Congressman Albert Gore. The telegrams follow.

“Judge W. L. Swallows,

“Our maneuver road bill, authorizing expenditure of not less than five million dollars for restoring maneuver damage to roads has just passed both House and Senate. Albert Gore, M.C.”

“Judge W. L. Swallows, “Maneuver road bill approved both Houses Congress. Awaiting President signature. Tom Stewart.”

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News from Big Springs, TX, states that First Lieut. William J. Witherspoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Witherspoon of Midlothian, TX, recently arrived at that station and has been assigned to duty, Col. John P. Kenny, commanding officer of the Big Spring Bombardier School, announced.

A graduate of the Midlothian High School and North Texas Teachers College at Denton. Lt. Witherspoon received his master's degree at Peabody College, Nashville. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, and was employed by the DeKalb County Board of Education at Decatur, GA, before his enlistment. Mrs. Witherspoon is the former Miss Dorothy Ann Draper of Cookeville. The couple has one son, John Draper Witherspoon, two years old.

Sgt. Alvin W. Boyd is expected to arrive tomorrow from Camp Shelby, MS, on a furlough to visit his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd. He has been in service since March, 1941. His two brothers are also in military service. Lt. Hardin Boyd is at Camp Devlin, MA, and Houston Boyd is a Camp Wolters, TX.

Don Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, serving as chaplain specialist with the U. S. Navy, sends to the Herald a copy of The Houston Chronicle, a publication gotten up aboard the U. S. S. Houston. This particular copy is the July 4 issue, and is unique in drawings and various bits of news of the ship personnel and closes with an interesting article entitled "Independence Day."

After spending a ten-day leave with his wife and son in Cookeville, Pvt. Sidney Sherrell Webb, Jr., has reported to Newport News, VA, for duty with the Coast Artillery.

Cpl. Harold A. Hatcher, now on duty with Uncle Sam's armed forces at Fort Lawton, WA, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, it was announced by Col. H. L. Brannon, Post Commander. The Good Conduct Medal is awarded for one year of honorable and faithful service with character excellent. Cpl. Hatcher is the husband of Mrs. Harold A. Hatcher, the former Miss Minnie Pippin, of Route 4, Cookeville.

M. W. "Billy" Flake, EM 2/c, of the U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego, CA, has been on a 15-day leave, and spent a part of that time at the home of his grandfather, J. P. Hicks, who is very ill, and with other friends and relatives in Monterey. He was accompanied to Monterey by his mother, Mrs. Cora Hicks Flake, of Dayton, OH, with whom he also visited and with his uncle, S. Morgan Hicks, and family. Following a six-month confinement in the Naval Hospital, where he underwent an operation on the right shoulder for chronic dislocation, he has taken up the study of gyro-technology, and has received his rating as electricians mate second class. He returned to San Diego via Chicago, IL.

Lieut. James E. Benton, husband of Mrs. Vivian Grimes Benton, of 302 E. Stevens Street, Cookeville, recently completed an orientation course at an Air Service Command Station in England, designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France. At the Air Service Command Station, Second Lieut. Benton attended a series of lectures given by battlewise veterans which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat theatre. His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our liberation of Occupied Europe. Before entering the Army Air Forces, he was employed as an instructor by the Civil Service in Mobile, AL.

Lt. Willis Carter, Jr., who has been stationed at Fort Benning, GA, was recently transferred to Camp Blanding, FL, where he is an instructor. Mrs. Carter is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bartlett, and Lt. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter. She will leave soon to join her husband in FL. She came especially to be with her brothers who were on furlough visits at home.

Pvt. James Dow Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Carter, of Cookeville, is with the Ninth Air Force, "Somewhere in England."

Mrs. James Ragland, the former Miss Sarah Frances Williams, has had several letters from her husband, Cpl. Ragland, marked "Somewhere in France." With the Signal Corps, he has only been in England a very short time prior to D-Day but apparently participated in the invasion.

Petty Officer Dewey F. Newman, Naval Air Corps, stationed at Jacksonville, FL, is here for a two weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newman.

Lieut. And Mrs. John Ellis, former students of Tennessee Tech, announce the birth of a daughter, who has been named Amelia Ellen. Mrs. Ellis was before her marriage, Miss Ellen Dee Webb, of Spring City. The baby was born at a Montgomery, AL, hospital. Lieut. Ellis is an instructor at Maxwell Field.

Pvt. James E. Copeland, U. S. Army, who participated in the invasion of France, June 6, is now, according to a letter written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, in Cherbourg. He states he has as a souvenir, a German bayonet, which he is sending home to be placed with the one his father had gotten in France in the First World War in 1918.

Marine Private William T. Buttram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buttram, of Monterey, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA. Pvt. Buttram has completed a thorough training with the B.A.R., M 1 Garand and Carbine rifles, hand grenades, anti-tank grenades and is well versed in the use of the bayonet and knife for jungle warfare. He will be assigned to an infantry battalion. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Huttram and three-year-old son, James Paul, reside in Monterey.

Walter Bartlett, S 1/c, who has been on duty in the Pacific for several months, left Wednesday of this week to report to his ship at a Western port after spending his 30-day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bartlett.

Pvt. Ned Bartlett, who has been stationed for several months at Fort Myers, FL, has reported to MA, for new assignments in the Army Air Corps. Enroute from FL to his new assignment, he had a few days delay enroute, which he spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bartlett.

Aviation Cadet Charles B. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, 310 Hickory St., Cookeville, has reported to the Courland Ala., Army Air Forces Pilot School for the second stage of his flight training.

New Hebrides, South Pacific – Technician Fifth Grade John E. Grizzard, a former employee of McCord Brothers Produce, Atlanta, GA, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, fidelity, and efficiency. He is now on duty here with a Chemical Warfare Company of the Army Service Forces in the South Pacific Theatre.

His organization, as an integral part of the Chemical Warfare Service, affords offensive and defensive services to the armed forces. Its main mission is to operate an impregnation plant which is employed to impregnate the clothing worn by army personnel. Impregnation is the process of treating clothing in order that it will afford protection against war gases. Cpl. Grizzard's work includes that of mechanic and he is in charge of the company transportation. His main duty is to keep the means of transportation both in condition and repair for continuous operation.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grizzard, 1007 W. Broad Street, Cookeville, he entered the army in November 1942 and came overseas in March 1944. Cpl. Grizzard received training at Camp Sibert, AL, where he was awarded medals both for being a marksman with a rifle and for an expert with a submachine gun. He attended camouflage school, and is one of the non-commissioned officers in charge of camouflage in the company.

Mrs. Arthur Rector has received a message from her husband, Arthur Rector, stating that he had landed safely in England.

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Col. W. M. Hendrix Prisoner of War:

Lt. Col. Williams M. Hendrix, of Cookeville, first pilot on a B-24 Bomber and who was declared missing in Austria May ____, is now in a German prison camp, his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Hendrix, was notified Thursday in a telegram from the War Department.

A native of Cookeville, Colonel Hendrix spent most of his life here. He attended Duke University, and received his engineering degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Soon after he was graduated, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers June 14, 1937. After a year of post-graduate engineering at Ft. Beivoir, VA, he transferred to the Air Forces.

Colonel Hendrix received his wings at Kelly Field, TX, and served as an instructor in aviation until October 1, 1942. Overseas since last March, he was last based in Italy.

He has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star, his mother said.

Member of an 38th Infantry Division wire section, whose task was to keep communications between the various components of their regiments during the recent Fifth Army drive through Italy, Pvt. Ross Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Allison Williams, who live in Algood, related that the line moved so fast, "the Germans slept in a house one night, and we moved in for lunch the next day."

Pvt. Arbie Lee Bussell, who for the past several months has been stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR, has been spending his furlough here with Mrs. Bussell at their home on Whitson Street. Pvt. Bussell has been in the service since August 1943, and was inducted at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, then transferred to Fort Bliss, TX, and later to his present station. Pvt. and Mrs. Bussell formerly made their home in Linden.

Pvt. Edward Sanders, son of Mrs. E. A. Sanders, of this city, who has been on foreign duty for several years, is now in New Guinea with the U. S. Army, where he was in the combat area, participating in many major battles. He has not been home in a number of years, as he was on military duty at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Jap attack, but expects a furlough in the near future.

Cpl. And Mrs. James Hunter announce the birth of a son, born July 16, who has been named James Lerory. Mrs. Hunter and baby are with her mother at Bloomington Springs. Cpl. Hunter has been overseas for the past six months.

Coming from the South Pacific Area under date of July 8, is a letter from R. J. Kerr, EM, U. S. Navy, who makes the following interesting comments.

"I have been reading the Herald for the past 20 months, in fact ever since I have been overseas, and would like to tell you how much I enjoy "With Our Armed Forces." I see where lots of my schoolmates and friends are in this part of the world, however, I have only seen on boy I know and that is Tom Passon, Jr. The Herald is the only paper I've seen which runs a column like "Our Armed Forces" and I know every boy likes to read it. I have been over quite a bit of the Pacific from New Zealand to ?, and I wouldn't trade it all for one little spot in Tennessee, which is dear old Cookeville, and I am surely looking forward to coming back there to see everyone. Have been intending to write you for some time to tell you how much I appreciate your special column, so keep up the good work.

Yours truly,
R. J. Kerr, EM."

Ben Fields, Jr., S 2/c Camp Peary, near Williamsburg, VA, is spending his ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fields, of Cookeville, Route 3. Seaman Fields will return to camp July 19.

Pvt. Hershel L. Burris is spending a ten-day furlough at home. In service since February, he is connected with an anti-aircraft division at Ft. Bliss, TX, where he will return at the expiration of his visit here.

Draper Harris, U. S. Navy, who has just completed his boot training at Camp Peary, VA, has been spending his brief leave at home with Mrs. Harris and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris. His brother Grady Harris, Mrs. Harris and daughter, of Manchester, and his sister Miss Evelyn Harris of Clinton, came to be with him during his stay.

Verbie Carrington, U. S. Navy, who has been taking his V-12 training at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN, for the past year was here recently for a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington, enroute to New York City, where he is attending the School of Columbia University.

“Sourdough Sentinel” is the publication gotten out by the Post Special Service office “Somewhere in Alaska,” where Major Sam R. Epperson is stationed. In the issue of June 29, Major Epperson’s picture appears as he discusses the Fourth of July program including a retreat parade and other interesting features with Brigadier General S. D. Downs, Jr., Post Commander. The following article taken from the same edition is relative to the Independence Day program when the entire parade was under the direction of Major Epperson.

“Stepping out smartly to the music of the Post band, the Special Units Battalion staged a full dress parade and review before Brigadier General S. D. Downs, Jr., post commander, on Friday evening on the parade ground.

“Units of the battalion, which is commanded by Major Sam B. Epperson had been practicing for several weeks for the parade. As a result of the polished showing of the troops, Major Epperson sent a letter of recommendation to all the troops participating. A large crowd was at the parade ground to see the review, which was one of several held this summer.

“The battalion, made up of a number of units, gave additional color to the parade by the use of varied guidons.”

Mrs. James Keylon is in receipt of letters from her brother, Pvt. Woodford Smith, of “Somewhere in England,” who says he is all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Wilmoth have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Garland Wilmoth, saying that he is in France and is safe.

Mrs. Arnold McCormick has received a message from her husband, Pfc Jessie A. McCormick, stating that he had landed in New Guinea.

Mrs. Dollie Phillips has received letters from her sons, Cpl. Roy H. Phillips and Pvt. Ray Phillips, that they were “Somewhere in France.”

In a recent communication to his wife, Cpl. Roy C. Phillips states that he is now “Somewhere in France.” Pvt. Ray Phillips, a brother of Cpl. Phillips, and Henry J. Phillips, a nephew, are also serving with an Infantry Division in France.

Word has been received by S. M. Hicks, of Dayton, OH, formerly of Monterey, that his son, Sam Hicks, participated in the invasion. He is in the U. S. Navy.

Pvt. James Lee Keylon is stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, where he will complete his basic training at the Field Artillery Reception Training Center.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keylon received a letter last week from their son, Pvt. Willard H. Keylon, who is “Somewhere in England,” stating that he was fine and in good health.

Air Cadet James Roy Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick, who is with the Naval Air Corps, and has been stationed for several months at Yakima, WA, was recently transferred to St. Mary's College, CA, for his training at pre-flight school.

Fred Shivers, who is taking his V-12 Naval training at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, will come for a week-end visit with his mother, Mrs. L. L. Shivers.

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Tracy Wilmoth are here for a visit with members of their respective families. They are residing at Benedict, MD, while he is stationed there with the U. S. Navy.

Pvt. Jack Mann, who has been on military service since the early spring is with the U. S. Army Air Corps. He was formerly stationed at Keesler Field, MS, later transferred to CA, and is now located at Moses Lake Army Air Base, Lake, WA.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. John A. Mitchell and family, who are making their home in San Antonio, TX, while Colonel Mitchell is stationed there, have as their residence address, Building 1630, Kelly Field, TX.

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Small Amount of Material Now Reaching War Prisoners In Japan:

Materials for relieving the monotony of prison camp routine have now reached American prisoners of war in eight Japanese prison camps, according to information received by Col. T. Waik Lewis, chairman of the National War Fund in Tennessee.

The report to Chairman Lewis stated that 23 cases of materials, shipped by War Relief Services, NCWC, a participating service of the National War Fund, had been received and distributed at prisoner of war camps under Japanese domination located at Osaka, Tokyo, Hakodate, Zentsuji, Fukuoka, Formosa, and Kiangwan.

Each case was paced as a complete unit, the report stated, and contained books, occupational kits, and games.

Contributions made by residents of TN help the National War Fund finance the work of War Relief Service and War Prisoners Aid which are active in endeavoring to make easier the plight of American interned in Japanese and German camps.

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Belton Gibson, U. S. Navy, who has recently been promoted from Ph. M 3/c to Ph. M 2/c. Serving in New Zealand at the Wellington Base Hospital for the past 15 months, he has now been transferred to a mobile hospital "Somewhere in New Zealand." Volunteering for service, he has been on duty for approximately two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phy Gibson, of this city.

Cpl. And Mrs. Howard Sutton announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, July 17. She has been named Patricia Rose. Cpl. Sutton spent a six-day furlough with his wife and daughter and son, Robert Eugene. He was recently transferred from NJ to Camp Campbell, KY.

In a recent communication from Seaman Hubert Davis, U. S. Navy, to Mrs. Davis and his mother, Mrs. Ezra Davis, he states that he is now in England.

Pfc. Dwight F. Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell, who has been in Hawaii for the past two years with a station hospital in the past few months has undergone two operations. He has been on military duty for more than three years.

Cpl. Beverly Minor has returned to Camp Stewart, GA, after spending his two weeks furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary Minor.

Herbert Gaines Miller, Ph. M. 3/c, U. S. Marine Corps, who has been on overseas duty for the past 18 months, has been spending his leave with his mother, Mrs. Mertie Miller, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Colon Johnson, and Mr. Johnson, on Peachtree Street. This was his first visit home in more than two years as he has been in service for this length of time. He has now reported to San Francisco, CA, for further assignments. During his 18 months in the Pacific, he was engaged in combat duty at Gundalcanal, New Britain, and in other major battles. He was extensively entertained throughout his brief stay at home and relatives and friends coming from a distance to visit him were: Mrs. Frank Just, Jr., his niece of Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Scott and family, Mrs. D. S. Scott and son, Mr. and Mrs. Simp Burgess, Jere Burgess, Mrs. Robert Demps and daughter, Eugene Demps, and Martha Geer, all of White county.

Billie Gray Johnson, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has returned to Norfolk, VA, where he has been stationed for several months, after a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, is reporting at an early date for sea duty.

Mrs. Beulah Huddleston, of Stevens Street, has four sons and a son-in-law in service all of whom are now on foreign soil. Sgt. R. H. Huddleston with the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army, has been in service for three years, and for the past four months has been in England. Prior to leaving the States, he was stationed at Obispo, CA. Pfc. William Huddleston, U. S. Marines, has been in the South Pacific since February, 1943. Pfc. John R. Huddleston, U. S. Anti-aircraft Group, who has been in service since March, 1943, landed in England, July 2, 1944. He was formerly stationed at Camp Edwards, MA. Pfc. Kenneth K. Huddleston, with an Ordnance Division who is Mrs. Huddleston's youngest son, took his training at Camp Carson CO, but has been in New Guinea for several months. In a recent letter to the Herald he stated he enjoyed the paper very much and so did the other boys from Putnam County, and stated it was just like a letter from home to all of them. Clarence M. Gentry, F 2/c U. S. Navy, is Mrs. Huddleston's son-on-law, and has been in service since July, 1943. He is now stationed on the Aleutian Islands.

Cpl. Robert L. Freeman, of Camp Stewart, GA, has spent a recent furlough with his wife near Cookeville, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Freeman, of near Algood. Cpl. Freeman took his basic training in Verena, NJ, and was stationed in the New Jersey and New York area until March when he was sent to Camp Stewart. He was an employee of Ragland Potter and Compnay of Cookeville before entering the service more than a year ago.

Mrs. Rex Vaughn is in receipt of a cablegram from her husband. Rex Vaughn, of the Maritime Service stating that he had arrived safely at a port in the Pacific, and that he is very well. The cable was received Tuesday, July 25.

Ensign Arnold Cameron, U. S. Navy who has been on sea duty for the past several months, landed last week at a western port. He arrived in Cookeville Monday to spend a week with Mrs. Cameron and son and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cameron.

Charles Mitchell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, of Livingston, Pharmacist Mate first class, U. S. Navy, who has been in England since February, and on June 6 was on active duty during the invasion of France, has been returned to the United States. Landing early last week at an Eastern port, he called his parents, stating that he would soon be at home. Arriving in Livingston on Friday, he has been granted a thirty-day shore leave. He plans to come to Cookeville soon and to visit his aunt, Miss Lucy Price Mitchell at Bloomington Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilbert Henry have received a letter from their son telling of a buggy meeting in Ne Guinea. They had lunch together and enjoyed the day. Cpl. Harris Henry has been in the service almost two years. He is marked and his wife is employed in an Army hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Pvt. Justin Henry has been in the service since January. His wife and daughter are for the present with her mother in Knoxville.

Mrs. Hattie Dow Lusk, of Monterey, has four sons who are now serving in the U. S. Army. They have many friends who will be interested in knowing their whereabouts. Sgt. William Lusk, who is in the Air Corps, and has twenty-five months of foreign service, is back in the States, and is now stationed at Alexandria, LA.

Pvt. John A. Lusk is in the Air Corps. He is now stationed at Sheppard Field, TX.

Pvt. Robert E. Lusk in the Engineering Corps and has seen two years of foreign service. He is now "Somewhere in England."

Pvt. Andy K. Lusk, of the Coast Guard, has been in the service for one year. He is stationed at Camp Atterbury, MD.

A news release from New Guinea states that Hulbert B. Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Presley of Columbia Street, has been promoted to technical sergeant at an advanced base of the Fifth Air Force Service Command. He is an airplane engine mechanic in a squadron which services and repairs planes of the Fifth Air Force.

T/Sgt. Presley joined the Army in November, 19____. He is entitled to wear the Good Combat Medal, American Defense Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with bronze stars for the Panama and New Guinea campaigns.

Noah L. Harris, 30, husband of Levene Harris, of Route 3, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

Cpl. William Clay Farris is "Somewhere in New Guinea." He writes he is well and getting along fine. He has been overseas about a year, being inducted into service in January, 1942. He received his training at Camp Davis, NC, and Fort Bragg, NC.

Mrs. Burch Norris, who is employed in a defense plant in Detroit, MI, has received word that her husband had landed safely "Somewhere in Hawaii." Sgt. Norris received his training in Camp San Luis Obispo, and Camp Beal, CA.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rockwell have received news that their son, Pvt. Oren Rockwell, has landed safely in England.

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Pvt. Claudia R. Flatt is Wounded in France:

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Flatt of Cookeville, Route 5, received a telegram from the War Department, stating that their son, Pvt. Claudia R. Flatt, was seriously wounded in action on July 8, "Somewhere in France."

Mr. and Mrs. Flatt are also in receipt of a letter dated July 12, written by their son's nurse, in which she says Pvt. Flatt is getting along all right.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Walter Howard Thompson, Aviation Machinist Mate, 3/c, U. S. Navy, who has been serving on an aircraft carrier for the past sixteen months in the South Pacific area, arrived today to spend a brief shore leave with his parents. AMM Thompson has not been home for a visit in almost two years, and during his absence has

participated in three major battles while aboard an aircraft carrier, including Midway, Marshalls, Gilbert and the more recent Spain.

At the expiration of his visit home he reports to San Francisco for further assignment.

Mrs. Andy Lee, of Cookeville, Route 1, has heard from her son, Pfc. Joseph Henley who is "Somewhere in France." Before being ordered on foreign duty, he was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, KY, where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and twice was awarded medals for marksmanship.

Following an absence of fourteen months in the Pacific area, Herman Hensley, PhM 1/c, U. S. Navy, has landed in the States and at present is at Long Beach, CA. Shortly he plans to come to Cookeville his former home, to spend a portion of his shore leave with various members of his family. His brother, Joel Hensley, has also been on foreign duty for many months and at present is in Italy.

Pfc. Kasper Winningham with a Medical Department, is now at Camp Grant, IL. He was here for a recent visit with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell. Pfc. Ray Winningham, who was here last week for a furlough visit with Mrs. Winningham at their home, on Locust Street, has reported for further duty at Fort Dix, NJ. He is with the Signal Corps. They are sons of Mrs. M. M. Winningham of this city.

According to letters received by Mrs. Ira Winningham, of Church Street, her husband, Sgt. Winningham has landed safely in England. Now with an Ordnance Division he was with the National Guards and the original 181st F. A., and stationed for some time at Camp Forrest. Later transferred to KS, and prior to sailing, in June, was at Fort Dix, NJ. He is Chief Clerk of his company and recently was promoted from first sergeant to master sergeant. Mrs. Winningham is the former Miss Erma Nell Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland received word from their son, Pvt. Robert L. Copeland, who has landed in Italy, and said he had visited in Naples where much destruction was visible.

Ensign Newton Draper has reported for naval training at Plattsburg, NY. He left Nashville Sunday morning by plane for New York City, and from there the trip was made by train. He will be at Plattsburg for a training period of three months. Mrs. Draper who is remaining in Sparta during his absence, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper, went to Nashville with him, spending Saturday and Sunday there. Last week Ensign and Mrs. Draper were here for a visit, spending the time with his parents.

Lt. Will McKinley, stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, of Buffalo Valley.

Morrison Lowe, Jr., S 1/c, U. S. Coast Guard, is here to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lowe. Following a period of training at New London, CT, he was ordered to New York City, where he has been for the past two months. At the expiration of his stay at home he reports to New York for further assignments.

Pvt. Cecilia Hensley, who has made his home in CA for a number of years and where he entered the service has been here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lee Hensley. He has been in training at Fort McClellan, AL, and was enroute to an eastern replacement camp. Pvt. Hensley's family is remaining in CA.

Harold E. Oakes, U. S. Navy, has recently completed his training at Hadley High School, in St. Louis, MO, where he was graduated July 24, and is now stationed at the Fleet Electrician School, Camp Peary, VA, where he was sent for training at an advanced school in electricity. He was one of 15 men making the highest grade of the company. He will possibly be at Camp Peary for sixteen weeks.

Cpl. Andy Johnson, who has been stationed in Cincinnati, OH, is here for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, before reporting for a new assignment at Ft. Lewis, WA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Montgomery had a letter recently from their son Sgt. Dallas L. Montgomery, who has been in England for more than a year, says he is now in France. He is serving with the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army.

Pfc. Cordell Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston, writes his parents that he is now on Saipan, and came through the recent battle without a scratch. He says it is a beautiful island. Pfc. Huddleston, with the U. S. Marines, has been on foreign duty many months, and took part in the Marshall Island battle. The letter was received July 26.

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations – Sgt. Elbert L. Mackie, 32, of Cookeville, has become a welcome store-keeper to hundreds of battle casualties who throng his Post Exchange daily at a United States Army station hospital in England.

“I try to cram as much of the good old U.S.A. into this store as I can,” said Sgt. Mackie, who is in charge of the procurement and stocking of the merchandise. “Soldiers like the little extras.”

Mackie, who formerly worked for the Department of Agriculture Adjustment Administration in Putnam County was inducted in July 1942, and received basic training at Camp Grant, IL. His wife, the former Ruby Say, of Sparta, lives on Route 1, Cookeville.

Mrs. Charlisa Bailey has received word from her son, Ken Bailey, U. S. Army, stating that he has landed safely in England. He left the States early in July and prior to reporting to port of embarkation, was stationed at Camp Bowie, TX.

Pvt. and Mrs. Arbie Lee Bussell announce the birth of a son Tuesday, August 1, at City Hospital.

The Herald wished to acknowledge the receipt of letters from various Putnam County men who are now serving overseas, including: Pfc. W. H. Cumby, U. S. Marines, serving in the South Pacific, who is very complimentary to his home town paper, and says that it comes to him regularly. Lt. J. B. Williams, U.S.M.C., is also in the Pacific area and states that the Herald is highly appreciated and after spending six years with the Marine Corps, says he finds it the best means of information of Putnam County. Pvt. Kenneth Huddleston, with an Ordnance Division in the Pacific, writes a most interesting letter, as does Pfc. James Christian, with a Signal Corp now in Italy, who took part in the African campaign, and since being in Italy has seen Bill Lee and his cousin, Henry Christian with whom he visited in Rome. James P. Romines, Jr., son of Prof. J. P. Romines, of Monterey, U. S. Navy, is with the American Assault Forces, which invaded France, and has been promoted from MCMN 1/c to MCMN 2/c. From “Somewhere in France” comes a letter from T. J. Johnson, U. S. Army, who writes concerning the country and French custom, insofar as he is permitted to tell and naturally is of interest to his relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Marshall Clark of Dayton, OH, formerly of Monterey, has received word that her husband, Pvt. Marshall Clark, who is serving with the U. S. Army in France, has been wounded and is in a hospital in France.

Pvt. Henry Clay Price has been transferred from England, and is now “Somewhere in France.” He writes that he is well and everything is running fine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Price, of Cookeville, Route 5. Pvt. Price has been overseas about 12 months, being inducted into the service in January, 1942. He received his training at Camp Claiborne, LA, and Camp Greenville, PA.

Mrs. J. N. Cox, Jr., has received a letter from her husband, J. N. Cox, Jr., U. S. Navy, to the effect that he is temporarily located in Pearl Harbor, and that Robert McDonald, Jesse McBrown and Willard Clouse are with him. They do not know how long they will be there but are expecting to be called out most any time.

Word has been received from Sgt. Whitely Officer that he met his brother, Pfc. George Officer, somewhere in France, July 15. The two haven't seen each other for 15 months. Sgt. Whitely Officer went into the service in February of this year. His brother, Pfc. George Officer, was inducted into service in September, 1943, went overseas in September, 1943. He was in the invasion. Both boys are reported in excellent

health. They are the grandsons of the late J. M. Jackson, of Cookeville, who has 12 other grandsons in the service.

Mrs. Eugene Roberts, of Silver Point, Route 1, received a letter from her husband, Pvt. Eugene Roberts, saying he had landed in France. He stated France was a nice country, all the people were good to them, and France was proud of the American soldiers. Pvt. Roberts was inducted into the service in October, 1942, taking his basic training at Camp Atterbury, IN, and was transferred to Camp Breckenridge, KY, and came to Tennessee on maneuvers, where he met his wife, Miss Dorothy Brown. They were married in Rossville, GA, February 5 of this year. Before going into service he was connected with the Ford Motor Company, of Detroit, MI. His wife is making her home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daily Roberts, of Silver Point, TN.

Robert J. Byrne, son of Mrs. W. H. Byrne, of 410 Dixie Avenue, was graduated July 22 at San Angelo Army Air Field, AAF Training Command Bombardier School, with the rank of Second Lieutenant, Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradely Brown, of Baxter, Route 1, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. John T. Brown, who has been serving with the U. S. Army overseas for the past 16 months. He is now at the Anzio beachhead, and says he is O. K., and had received the letter from home saying his cousin, Pvt. James M. Robinson, was missing in action. He stated that he had already heard the news, as he had located Pvt. Robinson's outfit and went to see him and when he got there he found he was missing. He talked with his Lieutenant.

The article below was taken from a recent edition of the Southern Standard of McMinnville. The hero referred to has many relatives in Putnam County, where his parents formerly lived, who, with a host of friends, will give him a cordial welcome when he comes here for a visit.

“fighting Fred” Phillips is coming home.

“According to a letter received here by the flier's mother of one of his companions, Warren County's No. 1 son will be coming home soon, He's now in the process of coming home but it will take a little time.”

“The crack Air Force, P-23 Lighting pilot and first lieutenant has been awarded the Silver Star for ‘gallantry in action.’ The young pilot, previously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Order of the Purple Heart, was cited for gallantry in a dramatic- strafing attack on an important airdrome in Yugoslavia in May, 1944.

“Back to the letter from Mrs. Corliss Buchanon of Athens, TN, who is the mother of Lt. Corliss W. Bockman Jr., a flying pal of Lt. Phillips. The letter is part reads as follows:

“I have just received a letter from our son. He tells me that your son, Fred Jr., is an old pal of his, a wonderful old boy from McMinnville, and that he has the Silver Star, DFC, the Air Medal with a bunch of clusters, in fact he has about all the medals there are, and still is a good old boy from Tennessee. This fellow has gone over the target with us to run off German fighters and you will love him.”

“My son said for you to be on the lookout for him. That he's coming home, in the process of coming home now, but it will take a little time. We rejoice with you and hope that he gets home, for we are also very anxious to see him.”

“All McMinnville awaits the arrival home of this young fighter ace. We welcome you home, Lt. Fred Phillips, Jr. May your arrival be soon.”

Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Farris have three sons in the armed services. Cpl. Clay Farris is now in New Guinea. He entered the Army in January 1943 and has been overseas since August 1943. During this time he has been stationed in Australia, New Guinea, New Britain, and Dutch New Guinea. His wife is the former Miss Lena Mae Wright. Another son Marine Pvt. Fred Farris, entered the Marine Corps in February, 1944,

and is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, and is serving as an M. P. The last son to go into service is Marine Pvt. Guy Farris, who is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was home on a brief furlough visit last week. His wife, the former Miss Geneva Gilliam, accompanied him back to camp.

Sgt. John T. Jared, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jared, of Buffalo Valley, who has been on military duty for more than two years, was recently transferred from San Angelo, TX to the Army Air Force Base Unit in Liberal, KS. He is with the engineers of a large bomber plane.

James L. Young, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Young, Bloomington Springs, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Edsel Whitson, saying he was in France and had been on the front ever since the invasion. They have two more sons in the service who are still in the States.

James D. Allen, of Monterey, has completed his work as a member of the Navy V-12 unit stationed on the campus of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, and has been assigned to a new base for further training as a prospective officer candidate in the United States Marine Corps.

Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Allen, of Monterey, has been transferred to the Marine Corps base at Parris Island, SC. He was graduated from the Morristown High School in 1941 and before being called to active duty in the Marine Corps on July 1, 1943, he was a member of the junior class at Carson-Newman College. Prior to being assigned to Muhlenberg, he had completed two terms under the Navy V-12 program at Millsaps College, in Memphis.

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(Hollis Jernigan, b. 10 February 1923 – d. 13 July 1944, France, (Pfc Rifleman, killed in action in France), s/o James Carter Jernigan (1890-1968) & Sarah "Sally" Jane Cathy "Janie" Goodwin (1892-1976). All buried in Whittaker Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

Pfc. Hollis Jernigan, 21 Reported Killed in France:

Pfc. Hollis Jernigan, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jernigan, of near Monterey, was killed in action somewhere in France, according to a telegram received by his parents Monday. Pfc. Jernigan was reported killed on July 13. The parents received their last letter from him under date of July 5.

Surviving besides his parents are five brothers, Robert L. Jernigan, F 2/c, somewhere in the Pacific; Pvt. Thomas H. Jernigan, Ft. Sill, OK, Pfc. James P. Jernigan, Camp Gordon, Johnson, FL, John L. Jernigan, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, somewhere in the Pacific, and J. C. Jernigan Jr., and two sisters, Misses Dora Jean and Belle Jernigan.

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3 August 1944

Cpl. Ralph Lee Wounded in Pacific War Theatre:

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee have had communication from the War Department stating that their son, Cpl. Ralph Lee, U. S. Marines, was wounded in action on July 4, while serving in the Pacific area.

In recent letters from their son, the last one written July 16, he did not mention his injuries in any way, and stated that he was on the Island of Saipan and related only such things as passed by the censor.

Cpl. Lee has been on foreign duty many months and is a veteran of Kwajelain of the Marshall Island,s and numerous other major battles of this theater of war.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 August 1944

Pfc. Robert J. Mayberry Wounded in Action:

Mrs. Robert J. Mayberry is in receipt of a message from her husband, Pfc. Mayberry, stating that he was wounded "Somewhere in France," July 11. He has been on foreign duty for two months and has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Pfc. Mayberry is the son of Mrs. Davis Mayberry and the late Mr. Mayberry, of Cookeville, Route 3.

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Pvt. Carson Vaughn German Prisoner According to Radio:

According to a broadcast over a short wave station of Sunday, July 23, Pvt. Carson Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vaughn, of Brotherton, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Relative to the message the family has received from people over the radio, who heard the broadcast.

Pvt. Vaughn made the statement that he was well and getting along all right.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pfc. Walter R. "Fire-Pop" Hudgens, who has been serving with the U. S. Marines for more than 30 months in the South and Southwest pacific, is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hudgens, of Oak Street, and because of physical disability, has been granted by the War Department an honorable discharge. Pfc. Hudgens volunteered for Marine duty in February, 1941, and following a period of training was sent to Hawaii, and later to a group of islands in the Pacific where he was stationed for almost one year on Johnson Island. He was there at the time the U. S. declared war. Shortly after the declaration of war, many of Pfc. Hudgens' buddies were sent to Wake Island, his battalion being divided, and were killed when the Japs attacked Wake. There are two division of Johnson Island and the area where he was stationed was so small one could stand at a central location and toss a stone into the bay from any direction. He was then returned to Hawaii for a rest period of four months, at the expiration of which he was again ordered into the combat zones, participating in two theatres of war where he saw service at Guadalcanal and the Solomons from February, 1943 to 1944. Becoming ill of malaria while in the Pacific area, he was hospitalized in Guadalcanal and New Caledonia. February of this year he was returned to the States and remained in a Marine base hospital at Shoemaker, CA, until two weeks ago when he received his honorable discharge. At present Pfc. Hudgens is suffering from another attack of malaria at his home on Oak Street.

Marine Private Sam C. Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Moss of Buffalo Valley, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command at Camp Pendleton, CA.

He has completed through training with the B.A.R., M-1 Garand, and Carbine rifles, hand grenades, anti-tank grenades and is well versed in the use of the bayonet and knife for jungle warfare. He will be assigned to an infantry battalion. He was engaged in farming before enlisting in the Marine Corps. His wife the former Alma Hare, of Monticello, IN, and two children Robert and Anna Marie, reside in Buffalo Valley.

Sgt. Sam Vaughn, with the Quartermaster Corps, has recently been transferred from Camp Reynolds, PA, to Camp Shelby, MS, where he is now stationed. He is attached to the Second Army. His wife and son are making their home here on Laurel Street.

Pvt. Mark W. Dennis son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dennis, of Cookeville, is temporarily stationed at at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, CO, for treatment. Pvt. Dennis is now a patient-trainee participating in the Army new stream-lined program, known as the Reconditioning Service. The new program was designed to put military men in top physical condition before sending them back to duty after being hospitalized for a week or long. Pvt. Dennis is expected to return to his post for duty within a short time.

Mrs. Mary Joe Davis returned to Cookeville Tuesday after making her home in Providence, RI, for several months, where she went to be near her husband, E. Hubert Davis, Petty Officer U. S. Navy, who was stationed at Davisville, RI, at that time. He volunteered for Naval duty two years ago and shortly after entering the service was sent to the North Atlantic, where he served several months, and later was sent back to the States as an instructor in electric motors. After the invasion started he asked for foreign duty, and embarked June 14, and July 1, landed "Somewhere in England."

Bluejacket William C. Jaquess, 32, husband of Willene Jaquess, Algood, is a recent enrollee at the Naval Training School (Diesel) on the University of Illinois campus, Urbans, IL.

In recent weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Robet Lowe have had letters from their son, Capt. Jere W. Lowe, with a U. S. Medical Detachment who is now with a hospital unit in France. Capt. Lowe went overseas the early part of the year, and for several months was stationed in England.

A Ninth Air Force Fighter Base, in France; Olin C. Julian, formerly with Knoxville and Nashville newspapers, now correspondent for a P-17 fighter group in France, has been promoted from the grade of corporal to that of sergeant, according to special orders from the headquarters group to which he is assigned. Sgt. Julian, husband of Mrs. Evelyn Vineyard Julian of 503 West Hill Ave., Knoxville, in civilian life was a display advertising salesman and news reporter for Knoxville and Nashville newspapers. Sgt. Julian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Julian, of Crossville and Cookeville. He has one brother in the Navy, S 1/c Venable L. Julian. Another brother, Lt. Thomas F. Julian, a bombardier, has been missing in action in Italy since February 22.

Marion E. Freeman has been promoted from private to T/5 receiving his promotion after arriving in England around July 1 where he is stationed with the Mechanized Cavalry. He has been in service since November, 1943 and prior to military duty was employed in Detroit, MI, with the Detroit Tap and Tool Company, his wife, Mrs. Alva Freeman and children, are living in Cookeville during his absence.

William Anderson, Lieut. (j.g.), U. S. Coast Guards, is now stationed on Lake Superior, Duluth, MN, after spending several months in New York City. In Duluth he has been assigned to a new ship and is awaiting further orders. Since entering the service two years ago, he has been stationed at Miami, FL, Savannah, GA, Philadelphia, PA, and Norfolk, VA. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson.

Pvt. Jeff Dyer Ray is according to a letter written to his father, Robert Ray, under date of July 20, back in England following being in France with the invasion troops. A portion of his letter follows:

"We are back in England for our rest period, and we are happy you can bet on that. I'm as good as new. I don't like France - as we saw plenty there. Well we are getting furloughs now - a friend and I are going to Schotland-it's nice up there. I have been to Ireland, now to Scotland-I'll see my old bunch and you can depend on my having a good time.'

In another letter in the past few weeks written from France, Pvt. Ray said he had seen Lieut Will O. Terry.

A wedding of interest to friends in Cookeville and Gainesboro was that of Pfc. Sherman D. Lamb, U. S. Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lamb of Cookeville, and Lucy Mabry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay

Mabry, of Gainesboro. The ceremony was performed July 27 at the First Methodist Church, Santa Ana, CA, where the bridegroom is stationed.

Rev. John N. Ashely was the officiating minister and regarding the wedding writes the following letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb:

"I am writing you this not to tell you that I had the privilege of marrying Sherman and Lucy Mabry last Thursday evening, July 27. I had a council with these young folk in my office before I married them, then they came back with several friends and we had a lovely wedding in the chapel. I am quite impressed with the sincerity of both of them and I believe they will get along real well in every way. They have found a very nice place to live. Houses and apartments are almost impossible to secure here in Santa Ana. Their present quarters will be adequate for them and I am sure they will get along well. I congratulate you on having such a fine son as Sherman and I just wanted you to know that we had a very lovely wedding for them here at the church.

Sincerely yours, John N. Ashley."

Pfc. William Douglas Manier a former prominent farmer of the Bloomington Springs community, is serving with an Anti-Aircraft Division, U. S. Army, in France, where he participated in the invasion of June 6. Pfc. Manier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Manier, of Bloomington Springs, has been overseas since September, 1943. He was in training at Camp Stewart, GA, and Fort Benning, GA, prior to being ordered to New York for embarkation. Mr. and Mrs. Manier heard from their son last week, the letter being written under date of July 20.

Charles Cox, U. S. Navy, who has recently returned to the States following a period of sea duty, was here for a brief shore leave last week, spending his time at his home on Dixie Avenue. Going to Knoxville to meet him were Mrs. Cox and children, Ann and Charles Cox, Jr.

Wesley P. Flatt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Flatt, of the Algood Road, Cookeville, was graduated from the Army Air Force Pilot School at Moody Field, Valdosta, GA, on Friday, August 4, and in addition to receiving his silver wings was appointed a Flight Officer with the rating of Army Pilot. A member of Class 44-G, Mr. Flatt has had training at Keesler Field, MS, with the Training Detachment, at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, in Florida and his advance at Moody Field. He is now spending a leave of two weeks with his parents, at the expiration of which he reports to Maxwell Field, AL, where in all probability he will be assigned for bomber training on a B-24. Going to Valdosta to witness the graduation were Mr. and Mrs. Flatt and daughters, Misses Evelyn and Sue Flatt.

In a recent message to Mrs. Estel Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey news was received that Estel Ramsey, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who participated in the French invasion is suffering from injuries and has been removed from his ship to a hospital in North Africa.

Sgt. Tom Nunally has been transferred from Camp Santa Anita, CA, to Puerto Rico. Enroute there, and while waiting for a plane at a USO in Miami, FL, he was surprised to have a sailor walk in and say "Hello Tom." When he turned to see who was calling his name he was agreeably surprised to find his former County Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ace Adams, standing with out-stretched hands. Needless to say they spent some time talking happenings of Putnam County.

Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Nunally of Baxter, were happy to receive a letter from their son, First Lieut. Charles M. Nunally, stating that he would be home soon from the European theatre of war. Lt. Nunally has spent nearly two years over there flying a B-26, Marauder as pilot, he has been awarded many honors and decorations as a flyer in helping in softening up Europe for the successful invasion of our troops.

A news release from the Fifth Army in Italy, states that Pfc. Doyle P. Gentry, son of Mrs. Sallie C. Gentry, who lives on Route 2, Cookeville, has been cited by his regiment of the 36th Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while serving on the fifth Army Front in Italy. Standards for the badge are high. The decoration recently authorized by the War

Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat. The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background on infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

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Pfc. Henry J. Phillips, of Algood, Killed in France:

Ofc. Henry J. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Phillips, of Algood, was killed in action July 10 in France, the War Department notified his parents recently.

Private Phillips was inducted into the army in November, 1942, at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, and received his training at Camp Jackson, SC, and Fort Meade, MD, before being assigned to overseas duty in December, 1943.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Murphy, of Cookeville, and Miss Lola Phillips, of Detroit, MI.

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Pfc. Sherwin Robinson Reported Killed in France:

Pfc. Sherwin Robinson

b. 2 August 1921 – d. 7 July 1944, (pfc ASN 34375152), Robinson Ridge Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Sherwin Robinson, was killed in action in France July 7. He was sent overseas early this year.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother and three sisters.

The other son of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Pvt. James Robinson, who was earlier reported missing in action in Italy, is a prisoner of war of the Germans, according to word received by his parents from the War Department.

The father is a veteran of World War I and served in France in 1918.

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Bruce Bean Reported now in German Prison:

Sgt. Bruce Bean, who was reported missing over Germany from a raid with the army air forces in early July, is a prisoner of war of the German government, according to a War Department message received here by his mother, Mrs. Essie Ray.

Sergeant Bean entered the service in March, 1943, and received training at St. Petersburg, FL, Harlingen, TX, Lowery Field, Co, and Westover Field, MA, before assigned to overseas duty for missions from bases in Ireland and England.

His wife, the former Miss Mary A. Sliger, makes her home in Detroit, MI.

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T/5 Mark H. Slagle, who has been in the Southwest Pacific for 20 months as a member of an ordnance Division, expects to get a furlough and a trip back to the States soon, he wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Slagle, Route 4, Cookeville, this week. He is now in the New Guinea area. Slagle also has a very splendid reason for wanting to get home – to introduce his bride, the former Miss Lola Webb, of Melbourne, Australia.

Hugh Childress, Jr., U. S. Army, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, has been spending his furlough of two weeks with his mother, Mrs. H. J. Childress at her apartment on Washington Avenue.

Word has been received by Mrs. Monroe Oliver (Bertie) Maxwell that her son, Cpt. John Maxwell, and Pfc. Estle E. Maxwell, are “Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area.”

M/Sgt. Robert Neal, U. S. Army, who has been in New Guinea for the past thirty months, is spending his 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Neal. At the expiration of his stay at home, he reports to Florida for a new assignment.

Pvt. Ralph H. Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Poe, who has been stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR, has been transferred to Fort Benning, GA, and is with the Parachute Infantry.

Mrs. Kenneth Schwager, the former Miss Ruth Hunter, has received a message from her husband stating that he had landed safely in France.

Sgt. and Mrs. Henry S. Crabtree announce the birth of a son, August 2, named Charles Henry. Sgt. Crabtree is “Somewhere in the South Pacific.”

Pvt. Fred H. Billingsley, of Fort Knox, KY, recently spent a week-end pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Billingsley, of Cookeville, who also had as their guest Sunday, Miss Ruth Palk.

Pfc. Victor E. Hash, former manager of the J. B. Dick Co., store in Cookeville, is with an infantry division serving overseas. In recent communications to friends here, he has requested letters from his friends here, and his correct address may be obtained from Mrs. Hash, who is residing on S. Cedar Street.

Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, 103 Arnold Ave, has been promoted to the grade of technical sergeant, according to a message received this week from the 15th Army Air Force in Italy.

Overseas for two months, Sergeant Bailey has completed 13 combat missions, and has been awarded the Air Medal and the European Theater Ribbon. He is a radio operator on a Flying Fortress.

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Cpl. Hugh Lee Smith Killed in Action in France:

Cpl. Hugh Lee Smith, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Smith, Hilham Road, Cookeville, was killed in action on July 27 in France according to a telegram received from the War Department by his parents Monday August 14. Entering the service on July 10, 1941, he was trained at Camp Wheeler, GA, Fort Bragg, NC, and Fort Benning, GA, and in December 1942, reported to port of embarkation and on Christmas Eve, arrived in North Africa. Participating in the North African and Sicilian campaigns he was later transferred to England. Shortly before D-Day he was hospitalized, but recovered sufficiently to have been ordered into the combat area soon after the invasion of France.

Cpl. Smith's last visit home was in September 1942.

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Pvt. Marvin Bussell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bussell, Monterey, has been killed in action in France, his parents were notified by the War Department this week. He previously was reported missing since June 22.

Pvt. Bussell wrote to his parents June 18 of being in France, four days before he was reported missing.

Besides his father and mother, he leaves three sisters.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 August 1944

Pvt. James Smith Maddux Reported Prisoner in Germany:

Some weeks ago, Pvt. James Smith Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Josiah Maddux, formerly of Buffalo Valley, but now of Lenoir City, was reported missing in action following the invasion of France June 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddux were notified by the War Department on Friday, August 11, their son was prisoner of war of the German government.

Pvt. Maddux, a paratrooper, had been on foreign soil for the past seven months, stationed in Ireland and England prior to the French invasion. Volunteering for service, he reported for duty approximately two years ago, and was in training a majority of the time before going overseas at Fort Benning, GA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 August 1944

Frank Alexander Made Lieutenant in Seabees:

Frank Alexander, who played end for the Golden Eagles football eleven of Tennessee Tech for three years, '34-'36, before he graduated and became associated with the Home Mortgage Company in Nashville, has been promoted to a lieutenant in the Seabees from the rank of lieutenant (j.g.), his wife, the former Miss Mary Carlen, of Cookeville, has been informed.

Mrs. Alexander has made her home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlen, since Lieutenant Alexander has been in the service.

Lieutenant Alexander, son of Dr. H. K. Alexander, Fayetteville, has been in the Pacific theater more than a year. He is a grandson of Mrs. Frank Dibrell, Sparta.

He received his bachelor's degree at Tech in the School of Engineering.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 August 1944

Boma Private Killed in Normandy Fight:

Pvt. Eugene W. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daily Roberts, Boma, was killed July 18, in action in France, according to the war department. The army private married the former Miss Dorothy Brown, whom he met while on Tennessee maneuvers.

Inducted into service in October, 1942, Private Roberts received his basic training at Camp Breckinridge, KY. He went overseas in March.

Besides his wife and parents, survivors include five sisters, Mrs. Charter Bussell, Mrs. Clarence Carr, Miss Reba Roberts, all of Detroit, MI, Mrs. Hugh Mills, Grand Rapids, MI, and Mrs. Erwin Palmer, IN; four brothers, Clavis, Abe, Harvey and Herbert Roberts.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 August 1944

Alton Allison Reported Prisoner of War, Germany:

Pfc. Alton Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Allison, Cookeville, who was reported missing in action May 17.

Pvt. Allison wife, the former Miss Alberta League, and his one-year-old son are living with her mother in Detroit, MI, where she is working in a defense plant.

Overseas since November, Pvt. Allison enlisted in October, 1942, and later took part in the Louisiana maneuvers. He was a radio operator.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 August 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Roy Campbell, of Baxter, who has been in the service for the past four months, is now stationed at Camp Blanding, FL. His wife, the former Miss Mary Maynard, and other members of his family are residing in Baxter during his absence on military duty.

Pfc. Leonard Billingsley, with the Military Police, formerly stationed at Mr. Vernon, IL, has been for a furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Billingsley. At the expiration of his furlough he reported for further duty at East St. Louis, MO. J. D. Billingsley, of Detroit, MI, has been here for a visit with his mother, coming especially to be with his brother, Pfc. Billingsley. Mrs. Billingsley has another son, Aaron Lee Billingsley, U. S. Navy, who is stationed in Jacksonville, FL.

According to letters received last week by Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack, their son, Sgt. Vadus Carmack, has arrived safely in Italy. Sgt. Carmack has been in the service for more than a year stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, and other Southern camps. Prior to sailing for foreign service, he was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, MS. Sgt. Carmack was an employee of Jenkins and Darwin Company shortly before reporting for military service.

John D. Cowan, Jr., S 1/c, U. S. Navy, youngest son of the late John C. Cowan, of Cookeville volunteered for naval duty, March 18, 1942, and following his boot training at Norfolk, VA, was assigned to a transport ship for a year's sea duty. In his second year of naval service he was transferred to a destroyer, spending much time in the South Pacific area. Not so long ago he was granted a shore leave when he came to Cookeville to visit with his brothers and sisters, and other members of his family. He then reported for further assignment at Newport, RI.

James D. Massa, Ensign, U. S. Navy, will come from Endicott, RI, where he has been stationed since early summer for a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa. He arrives Friday of this week.

James H. Grimsley, S 1/c, has been transferred to a submarine chaser South Pacific from duty on a mine sweeper in the North Atlantic, Caribbean Sea and the Panama Canal Zone, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsley, Route 2, said yesterday. Before being inducted, Grimsley was employed by a rubber company in Dayton, OH.

Pfc. Buford H. Clark, husband of Mrs. Reba Slagle Clark, has landed in England, his wife said yesterday.

Private Clark's brother, Pvt. John Clark, was killed in action June 15, in the Normandy fight. Inducted into service in March 1943, Private Clark is a member of an anti-aircraft artillery unit. He received his training at Camp Edwards, MA.

Gilbert C. Kinnaird, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has returned from overseas, is home for two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. ___ T. Kinnarid, of Cookeville, after which he will return to Boston, MA, for further duty.

Last week the Herald carried a statement concerning W. C. Davis, Jr., and Thomas L. Passons, Jr., saying they were in New Guinea. This was in error as they are at Guadalcanal, and only this week Mrs. Davis had a letter from her husband with this address, as passed by the censor, given.

Carmon Lewis, son of Mrs. Etta Rogers, is with the army in New Guniea.

Pvt. Jesse Evans is with the medical Corps, General Hospital in Denver, CO.

John Dow Thompson, son of Mrs. Mollie Thompson, is in the Navy, now stationed in Saipan.

Frank Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thompson, is serving with the Navy, "Somewhere in the Pacific."

John and Joe Pullum, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pullum, are with the armed forces in England.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, that their son, Kenneth is in France.

Mrs. Curtis Elrod has received word that her husband, Cpl. Elrod, has landed safely in England. He has been in service since May of last year, and reported for overseas duty July 1, 1944. He took his basic training at Camp Phillips, KS, and was in Tennessee on maneuvers last year. In civilian life he was employed with the Standard Register Company, Dayton, OH.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson, os Cookeville, Route 5, have heard from their son, Cpl. Hubert Roberson, who has arrived safely overseas and is "Somewhere in England.

Pvt. Algood Vaden, U. S. Signal Corps, stationed at Camp Crowder, MO, is here for a ten-day furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, and sister, Miss Polly Vaden. He arrived Wednesday of last week.

Ben Draper, son of Mrs. Myrtle Speck, who has been for a number of months with Merrill's Marauders, in the jungles of Burma, fighting the Japs, is now in a hospital in India, recovering from malaria. The "Marauders" have received the Presidential Citation. Mrs. Draper, the former Miss Virginia Howard, is in Brunswick, GA, where she has a government position.

Mrs. Susan Barnes had an interesting letter from her son, H. S. Barnes, Warrant Officer, U. S. Army, who has been in Ireland for several months, but is now in France. Apparently he has been transferred from a Headquarters Division to Engineering Corps.

Earl Stout, who reported on August 3 for military duty, is with the U. S. Navy, taking his boot training at Camp Peacy, VA. Mrs. Stout, the former Marie Flemming, who came from Detroit, MI, with her husband, is spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Flemming, in Algood. At the expiration of her visit she will return to Detroit, where hse and her husband have made their home for the past two years.

Pvt. Brice H. Allen, Route 3, Cookeville, has been cited by his regiment with a Fifth Army Infantry division in Italy and awarded the combat infantryman badge for fighting ability, according to a message from his outfit.

Sgt. Ray Stockton has been transferred from an air base at Orlando, FL to Robins Field, Warner-Robins, GA, his wife said this week after returning from a several weeks visit with him. For the past 19 months, the sergeant has been with an air force service group in Florida.

Pvt. Willis A. Loftis, with an M. P. detachment, stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, spent his three-day pass at home with Mrs. Loftis and children at 405 Hickory Street. Pvt. Loftis has been on military duty for the past five months. He was formerly an employee at the T.P.I. Café.

Lieut Jim Crowley, Army Transport Command, U. S. Air Corps, is spending an eight-day rest period here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowley. Lieut Crowley has just returned from an absence of two months spent on transport duty over foreign territory. He reports to Wilmington, DL, at the close of his visit.

Charles D. Hunter, F 2/c, U. S. Navy, has reported for further duty at Norfolk, VA, after a visit in Pittsburg, FL, with his wife. The junior Mrs. Hunter is expected to come to Cookeville soon for a visit with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lynch, formerly of Cookeville, but not of Rockwood, have just been notified that their son, James Ray Lynch, F 1/c, U. S. Navy, was injured at the time of the explosion which occurred some weeks ago at Martinez, CA. At the time of the accident, he was aboard a Patrol Craft and was blown out of the water. He would be pleased to hear from his Cookeville friends and his address may be obtained by writing his mother in Rockwood. He was at home for a leave the early part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Newman have been notified by the War Department that their son, Arthur Newman, has been seriously wounded in France, and is now in a hospital in England.

Robert and Wilbur, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes, are serving in foreign fields. Robert is in the Pacific and Wilbur in the Atlantic.

Pvt. George Henry, U. S. Marine Corps, and Mrs. Henry, the former Miss Geraldine Paris, are spending his 30-day shore leave visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Paris, and her sister, Mrs. S. H. Bracey and with his relatives in Bradley, MS. Pvt. Henry has been serving in the South Pacific for more than a year and only recently returned to the United States. At the completion of his stay here he reports to the Marine Base at New River, NC, for special training. Mrs. Henry, during her husband's absence, has made her home in San Diego, CA.

Gerald Miller, U. S. Merchant, Marines, joined Mrs. Miller here recently for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. He had just returned from an absence of several months in the Atlantic area. After a visit here and with relatives in Pikeville, they have gone to New York City, where he will be located for a while.

Pvt. Gene Bussell of Camp Maxey, TX, has spent a 16-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Bussell of Cookeville. Pvt. Bussell has been in the service since July, 1943. He was stationed at Camp Hann, CA, until his recent transfer to his present station. Before entering the service, Pvt. and Mrs. Bussell made their home in Detroit, MI, where he was employed in defense work. He has his own hillbilly bands over radio stations WHUB and KRLD, Dallas, TX.

Major L. T. Reeves, U. S. Army Dental Corps, has been in England since early summer, and shortly after his arrival there, had the pleasure of visiting with friends from home. One occasion was when he and Lt. Col. F. U. Foster were privileged to be together and in the past few days, he and Major A. L. Campbell were together for possibly two days.

Sgt. Harry McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, who has been with an Anti-Aircraft Division, located in New Guinea for some time, has been hospitalized there for the past two months, but according to latest reports, has recovered sufficiently to rejoin his battalion.

Sgt. Willard Howell, a grandson of Roe Howell, of Cookeville, and Tom Myers, of Baxter, is now based in England and has seen action with the Eight AAF over enemy targets ranging from industries in Berlin to Military installations along the Normandy coast according to a dispatch received from an Eighth AAF

Bomber Station in England. His Flying Fortress group with which he serves as a radio operator, and gunner holds a Presidential citation for gallantry in action.

July 12, 1944, "Somewhere in India:"

Dear Sir:

Receiving my copy of the Herald each week here in the land of mystery, "Mother India," and which I find very true to words. Helps me to keep up with the social and political affairs of my friends. Incidentally I had that they are fighting on all fronts.

Will endeavor to give you an idea of some of the things I have seen the past nine months. This is a strange, colorful land, on that relatively few Americans have seen. Customs, dress, language, color, religious belief, and political institutions have little resemblance to anything we have in America.

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31 August 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pfc. Hubert A. Slagle, of the AAF, now stationed in New York, has recently passed the examination for serial gunnery, for which he volunteered, and will soon become a gunner. Pfc. Slagle volunteered for service in February, 1942, and received his training in MA and New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Slagle, of 422 King Street.

T/S Henry T. Slagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Slagle, who volunteered with the original 109th Cavalry, now the 181st F. A. Bn., January 14, 1941, received his training in the following states: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and California, and has been serving overseas for the past year, recently had an attack of fever, but says he is well now, and has been on the front lines for the past several weeks. Cpl. Slagle a 17-month-old son, H. T., Jr., who he has seen one time.

T/3 Shelah Paul Dietz writes he is now stationed on Oahu Island, in the Hawaiian group. He is with a Medical Detachment, of the Infantry, and had his training at San Luis Obispo, and Camp Beale, CA

Pfc. Walter Dietz writes he is back in England for a rest. He has seen service with an Airborne Division in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and was in the invasion of France.

A recent communication recived by Mrs. Grover King from her husband, T/5 Grover King, states that he is now in France. He has been in the service for 15 months, and has been stationed for the past 10 months in England.

Sgt. A. L. Robinson spent a two-week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Roberson in Algood, recently. Formerrly stationed at Camp Howze, TX, he was being transferred to Fort Meade, MD.

Pvt. Curtis Terry, brother of the late Herman Terry, of Cookeville, who formerly lived here where he graduated from Central High School, is now on overseas duty. He was stationed at Fort Custer, MI, and sailed for foreign service in May, 1942. Located for 18 months in Iceland, in December 1943, he went to England. He is now in France.

Capt. Roy Hugh Sullivan, formerly stationed at Camp Bowie, TX, but now of Camp Van Dorn, MS, has been here for a two week's furlough with his family. Capt. and Mrs. Sullivan have named their infant daughter, Patricia Sharon. Mrs. Sullivan and baby have been removed from the City Hospital to their home on the Hilham Road.

Capt. Robert Cox, with the Intelligence Department of the Army Air Corps, who for several months, was stationed in Washington D. C., and more recently in Greensboro, NC, supposedly left the States on Friday

of last week for foreign duty, and in all probability will land in Italy. J. N. Cox, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, and his nephew, Bobby Martin, U. S. Marines, son of Major and Mrs. Henry Martin, of West Point, NY, were privileged to be together for a day's visit recently when they met in an Hawaiian city.

Lieut. Robert Walker, of Cookeville, has been chosen for a prominent role in the Amphibious Forces of the U. S. Navy, will soon go to sea as Commanding Officer on an LSM (Landing Ship, Medium). Lieut. Walker who is now at the Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, VA, attended Tennessee Tech, graduating in 1936. He joined the Navy in April, 1940, and served at the Navy Recruiting Office, Nashville. His wife resides in Vanlear. Prior to Lieut. Walker's commissioning in the Navy, he was employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Walker, of Cookeville, Route 5.

Pfc. Gerald B. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Anderson, Boma, now stationed at Moses Lake, WA, army airfield, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl. Anderson was attending Baxter Seminary when the notice of induction came. He entered the service March 7, 1943, completed basic training, and was stationed at Glendale, CA, before being transferred to the Fourth Army Air Force fighter pilot training base April 1 of this year. He is now a crew chief on the line.

Staff Sergeant Ray F. Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langford, Cookeville, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in sustained combat operations over enemy occupied continental Europe. It recently was announced by the Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force.

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "the courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

S/Sgt. Langford, waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, received his training at Amarillo Field, TX, Burbank, CA, and Las Vegas, NV. Before entering the army in January, 1943, he was employed in Cookeville

Major Claire Smartt, of the Army Air Corps, flew to Nashville recently to meet his mother, Mrs. Claire Smartt, and sister, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smartt for a two-day visit at the Sam Davis Hotel before the former left for foreign service again, reporting this time to a South American port. Major Smartt, who has been in the states for more than a year at Morris Field, West Palm Beach, FL, after spending practically two years in the European theater of war, where he completed his 50 missions over the enemy territory, including the combat area of England, Sicily, Africa and Bozettia. He won the air medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, and wears also the Oak Leaf Cluster, won for meritorious service. Returning to Florida from Nashville, he flew over Cookeville and as he passed over his mother's home on Peachtree Street, tipped his wings in a farewell salute. The junior Mrs. Smartt and son are remaining in Florida for the present. Miss Smartt is spending some time there with them. The three accompanied Major Smartt to Miami, from which port he left the States.

Battery C, 181st F. A. Bn.

To the Editor:

"I am a constant reader of the Putnam County Herald, although being a native of West Virginia. I have been reading the Herald for the past three years, which proves to me that the paper is Number One reading material of this organization.

"I am now in New Guinea, with most Putnam County boys, and to me they have proven to be outstanding soldiers, and I feel honored to be among them.

"I know of no better way to pay tribute to these men than through their home county paper.

“My one desire, after this war, is to visit the fair cities of Cookeville, Monterey, Algood and Baxter, for having heard so much of these places. I feel as if I had already been there. I am looking forward to the annual reunions we have planned to be held in Cookeville.

“I remain a constant reader, Pvt. Adolph P. Colesante.”

Cpl. Raymond Warren, who recently received his Gunner's Wings at Deland, FL, has been transferred to the U. S. Aerial Marine Base, San Diego, CA. He has been in service since June, 1943, and has two brothers who are on foreign service just now. Cpl. Warren reported to San Diego last week after spending two weeks at home, and was accompanied as far as Brownsville, by his mother, Mrs. Vergie Warren.

Charles Stephen Ford, infant son of Charles Ford, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Ford of Murfreesboro, born on August 1, represents the fifth generation of his paternal family, and has three grandmothers living, including: his great-great grandmother, Mrs. George Judd, of Hickory Street, his great grandmother, Mrs. Sid Roller, now of West Palm Beach, FL, and his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Ford, of Lebanon. Seaman Ford, who was recently promoted to his present rating has not seen his son, as he has been in the Pacific area for several months, but expects to be granted shore leave very soon, when he will come for a visit with his family in Murfreesboro.

Marine Pvt. Billy H. Fox is now in Guam, after participating in the invasion of the island, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Sid Roller, who now resides in West Palm Beach, FL. Pvt. Fox enlisted in the Marine Corps in October, 1943. Before going overseas, he was stationed at San Diego, CA. Mrs. Roller has another son, L. D. Fox, SC 1/c, U.S.N., who is now “Somewhere in the South Pacific.”

Pfc. Cecil Montgomery was called to Cookeville last week on account of the death of his father, Luke Montgomery, and will return soon to El Paso, TX, where he is stationed with the Army Air Corps. Mrs. Montgomery is located at present at Cowan.

Sgt. John Moore, who has been stationed at Alliance, NB, for several months, has been transferred to George Field, IL, located near Vincennes, IN, Mrs. Moore, who spent the summer in Alliance, is now with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

Pvt. Ollie Alloway, U. S. Army, who has been stationed at Fort Riley, KS, since entering the service in the early spring, has been spending a two-week furlough with Mrs. Alloway and daughter, Janet, at their home on Freeze Street, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway, also of Freeze Street. This is Pvt. Alloway's first visit home since reporting for military duty. S/Sgt. James Alloway, stationed at the Smyrna Air Base, came for a week-end visit at home especially to be with his brother.

Mrs. Rayburn Bryant received a letter from her husband, Pfc. Bryant, stating that he had landed safely in England and is quite well.

Joe C. Mabry, Ph.M. 3/c, U.S.N.R. is now stationed at the U.S. Marine Base, Camp Le Jeune, NC, where he was transferred following his completion of a five month course in X-Ray technology at the Naval Hospital, St. Albans, Long Island, NY. He is now in charge of the Onslow Beach Dispensary. Mabry was a member of the WHUB staff prior to reporting for naval duty in April, 1943, and shortly before leaving St. Albans, he was promoted to his present rating. Mrs. Mabry, who spent some time in New York City while her husband was stationed near there, is now with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Mabry, on Preachtree Street.

Twin brothers now on foreign soil are Cpl. Thurman Johnson and Cpl. Herman Johnson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Johnson, of Cookeville, Route 5. The former is with a construction group of the Signal Corps, was stationed at Camp Crowder, MO, and went overseas in the early spring, remaining until the date of invasion in England, in a recent communication he stated he had been at the front in France, but at that time was having a rest period. Cpl. Herman Johnson, who took his training in CA and Washington State, went overseas in April, and since participating in the French invasion, has been in an English hospital, where he was returned after being wounded. He has been hospitalized for the past two months.

The brothers have been together on one occasion since landing in England. Mrs. Thurman Johnson and daughter are residing in Sparta while her husband is away. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's son-in-law, Pvt. Charles Bullock, U. S. Marines, since entering the service in the early spring, has been stationed in San Diego, CA. Mrs. Bullock, the former Miss Emogene Johnson is residing there at present.

Pfc. Maurice Lamb, Radioman, U. S. Marines, who left the States for foreign service several weeks ago, has, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birch Lamb, landed safely "Somewhere in the Pacific area." The letter was dated August 16 and he states he had the happy privilege recently of meeting with three other Cookeville boys, two of whom he had been in school with, including Clifford Mason, Jr., and Jack Waldrip. The fourth of the group was Hammock Wall. They spent the day together.

Mrs. Gaskell Warren and Mrs. J. B. Hooper, Jr., of 56 Arlington St., Dayton, OH, have received word that their husbands have landed recently "Somewhere in France." Pfc. Robert G. Warren and Pvt. John B. Looper are with an M.P. Bn., and have been overseas since January, 1944, having first landed first "Somewhere in England." Mr. and Mrs. Warren are residents of W. Stevens Street, Cookeville and Mr. and Mrs. Looper are residents of Monterey. Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Looper are employees of Inland, Inc., in Dayton.

Pfc. Columbus Ashburn, son of Mrs. Mattie Carr Ashburn, who lives on Route 2, Silver Point, has been promoted to corporal. He is a gunner with the 85th "Custer" Division of the Fifth Army, in Italy.

A dispatch from the Fifth Army in Italy, has the following to say concerning a local boy.

"Pvt. Brice H. Allen, of Cookeville, fought with a small 88th Division platoon that silenced several enemy machine guns, captured 40 Germans and took a mountain town during the Fifth Army's offensive up the Italian peninsula.

"the Germans, situated on the summit of the mountain, threw artillery, mortar, machinegun, and small arms fire at the doughboys, but failed to halt their advance.

"Attaching with determination and aggressiveness, the Americans moved forward, knocking out enemy emplacements with rifle grenades, bazookas and small arms fire. Two of the doughboys crept close enough to a Jerry machinegun nest to fire a rifle grenade and silence the weapon.

"The toughest battle since Santa Maria Infante, remarked one of the boys as they sat eating their 'K' rations victoriously in the main street of their newly captured town."

Private First Class Reubin Cumby, of Cookeville, was killed in action July 12 while serving with the Fifth Army in Italy and according to recent notifications he has been cited by his regiment of the 88th Infantry Division and awarded a Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the Badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Pfc. Cumby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby, of Cookeville, R. 4.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 August 1944

James Way, Monterey, Listed as Prisoner of Germans:

Mrs. Mary E. Way, of Monterey has received a telegram from the War Department stating that her son, James Way, 20, is a prisoner of war in a German camp. She has received a telegram two weeks ago, stating that Pvt. Way was missing in action.

Young Way, who was with a paratrooper division in France, enlisted in the army in May, 1943, and was sent overseas and landed in England in February, 1944.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 September 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley have returned from a visit in Georgia and Florida. At Chatham Field, Savannah, GA, they were the guest of their son, Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., and from there they went to Panama City, FL, to visit their oldest

James D. Massa, Ensign, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at Endicott, RI, for the past three months, has been spending his ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Massa. He leaves Nashville tonight by plane to report to San Francisco, CA, for further naval assignment. Ensign Massa has been in the service for more than a year, receiving his commission from Northwestern University early this year.

Sgt. Robert Leftwich, U. S. Marines, stationed in San Diego, CA, and Mrs. Leftwich, who are visiting in Nashville, came to Cookeville on Monday for a visit with the former's uncle, Ralph Wirt, and family. They were accompanied by Sgt. Leftwich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leftwich, and Mrs. Joe Elmer Leftwich and daughter.

W. C. Davis, Jr., Army Air Corps, stationed on Guadalcanal, had a pleasant surprise in the past few days. He was attending the movies one evening and heard someone call his name, and upon investigation found it to be not just a friend from Putnam County, but one from his own neighborhood, Cpl. Perry Rowe Harris, son of Judge and Mrs. F. E. Harris, also of the Air Corps, who has been on foreign soil a very short time. The Cookevillians had a delightful visit together.

New Guinea:

Dear Sirs:

We have been receiving the Herald since we have been overseas. It sure does keep us informed of things that are happening back home.

We saw in a late issue about the roll of honor that the city put up, giving the names of the boys who are in the service.

We were just wondering if the names of the boys who left with the National Guard in 1941, were entered.

If it is not too much trouble, we sure would like to find out about this. Please publish in your next issue of the paper.

Pvt. Jack D. Jones, Cpl. Henry T. Slagle, Sgt. Olen K. Carr, Cpl. Charlie Strange.

Editor's Note: The honor roll plaque has not been erected as yet, but plans are being made to erect same in the near future, and the service men referred to above will certainly be included.

Cpl. Charles Billings, U. S. Marines, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billings, that he is now in the South Pacific area and is on an island – a beautiful island, where everything is lovely and very different to the States.

The people are interesting he adds and here we have a variety of vegetation, fruits, etc., and further says he is delighted with his location. On a recent Sunday he went visiting and sightseeing. He was recently promoted to the rating of Corporal.



Pvt. William R. Medley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Medley, of Silver Point, Route 1, has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, SD, for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He attended Baxter Seminary and prior to his induction into the service was employed with the Vultee Aircraft Corp., Nashville, and previous military training was taken at Miami Beach, FL, Lockbourne, OH, and Maxwell Field, AL.

(Pictured: William "Bill" Rankin Medley, Class of 1941 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Word was received in Cookeville this week by Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox that their grandson, Jack Colle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Colle, of Washington, D. C., had successfully passed the necessary examinations for entrance in the Army Air Corps, and has been classified for pilot training. At the present he is stationed at Shepherd Field, TX. A/X Collie volunteered for service before graduating from high school the early part of June but was not called until August. His entrance into the Army makes a total of seven member of Mayor and Mrs. Cox's immediate family with the armed forces, including four sons, two grandsons and a son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carr have three sons away on military duty. Cpl. Howard Carr with a Field Artillery Division, who took most of his training at Camp Hann, CA, has been in England some time, and according to last information obtained, is now in France. T/5 Donald H. Carr is stationed in MS, and Merie L. Carr, who has been in the service only a short time, is taking his basic training at Camp Blanding, FL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley have returned from a visit in Georgia and Florida. At Chatham Field, Savannah, GA, they were the guest of their son, Pfc. J. C. McKinley, Jr., and from there they went to Panama City, FL, to visit their oldest son, Pfc. Robert McKinley, stationed at the Gunnery School, Tyndale Field. While away they spent a short time in Montgomery, AL.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McBroom have two sons serving with the U. S. Army who are now in England. Pvt. Samuel McBroom with a Field Artillery Battalion, took his training at Camp Phillips, KS, and Camp Campbell, KY, and has been overseas several months, and Pvt. Berlin Ezell, with a Medical Training Battalion, arrived in England possibly a month ago, and received most of his training at Camp Barkley, TX and Greenville, PA.

Cookeville man is advanced in rate, according to a release from the U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL. Competitive examinations for enlisted personnel who sought advancement in petty officer rating were conducted on this station recently and resulted in the promotion of Howard J. Letner, of Cookeville, to the rank of Baker, third class. Letner was advanced when he received one of the highest marks in group competition. Tests were both written and practical, dealing with the special work of his rating. He is attached to the Naval Air Technical Training Command on the Jacksonville station as a baker in that service center's bake shop. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Letner, of Cookeville, the 32-year-old petty officer is now living in Jacksonville, near the naval air station, with his wife, the former Helen Neudigate.

Seaman first class Keith E. Pinkston, USN, of Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, NY, recently spent a 14-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Pinkston and friends of Cookeville, reporting to duty August 25. Seaman Pinkston entered service August 4, 1943, taking his boot training in Bainbridge, MD, moved to Norfolk, VA, for further training and from there to New York. Seaman Pinkston has a brother, Kenneth Pinkston, now serving with the U. S. Army in France.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell are in receipt of three letters from their son, Pvt. Charles L. Mitchell, who is now in France. The letters were written between August 9 and 16, and reached here the latter part of the month. A portion of one is quoted below:

In France:

Dear Mother, Dad and All:

“How does this find each of you? Fine, I hope, as for me, O. K.

“We are back for a rest now, don’t have any idea how long we will stay here, but anyway it is good to be back where it is reasonably quite for a change.

“I got in France one day and went to the front the next, so you can see I have been on the go.

“Things are really going good right now, especially this week, guess you have seen results from the news in the (censored) territory. No doubt but what the tide has changed for us now, and we have plenty of help now.

“Things are not near as bad as you would think on the front, as we do not lose hardly any men. It is had to believe, but it is the truth.

“I am with the 9th Division, one of the oldest Divisions we have, and has made one of the best names for itself there is, going through Africa and Sicily, and has been going strong here.

“We are back for a rest now, don’t new clean socks most every day, cigarettes, candy, gum, etc., and above all, they keep us dry blankets to have at night; that is what counts, believe me.

“My bududie is Sie Terry’s son, from near Knoxville; this fellow’s grandfather was a brother to Squire Harve Terry there at home, guess you know his people, his name is John, and a very nice fellow. Say hello to all the folks and give them my regards.”

The war department has notified Mr. and Mrs. Sid Stringer, of Monterey, that their son, Pvt. Charles Lemons Stringer, of the U. S. Marine Corps, was wounded in action on Saipan.

Private Stringer entered the service in October, 1943, and has been over seas since January.

Sgt. Waymon Estus Bohannon, formerly of Cookeville, was wounded in action in France in July, according to word received here.

Sgt. Bohannon, who has been awarded the Purple Heart, is serving with the Army Medical Corps. He received his basic training at Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Camp McCoy, WI. He has been overseas since October, 1943.

Sergeant Bohannon, son of Mrs. W. E. Bohannon, Sr., formerly of Cookeville, was born in White County, where he spent most of his life. He is a graduate of Central High School and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville.

The very interesting story given below concerning Lawrence G. Grimes, USNR, came from the Office of Public Relations, New Orleans, LA. Seaman Grimes was at home recently to spend his leave of several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grimes, of Route 2. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes have two other sons in the service, Cpl. Henry D. Grimes and Cpl. James D. Grimes, who are in France, according to recent information received by them.

“New Orleans, LA – Lawrence G. Grimes, seaman first class, USNR, of Cookeville, TN, has returned to the Armed Guard Center here, after ten months at sea as a member of a Navy gun crew aboard a merchant

ship whose assignments included shuttling vital war supplies between England and the Normandy beachhead.

Grimes reported his ship made three trips across the channel before it was put out of action by a magnetic mine. Loaded with American troops when it struck the mine, the ship suffered damage to her forward compartments, but did not sink. There were no personnel injuries other than minor cuts and bruises.

On the second shuttle trip, the Navy gunner said, Nazi high-level bombers lashed at the ship about midnight. The closest bomb exploded in the water about 150 yards away, and sprayed the deck with shrapnel. Grimes said he understood his gun crew received credit for destroying one of the enemy planes.

The first trip was "uneventful and boring," he related.

He enlisted in the Navy in June 1943, and took his boot training at Great Lakes, IL.

Second Lieut. John T. Moore was among the recent arrivals at the Air Transport Command Ferrying Division new Fighter Transition School at the CTU, Brownsville, TX.

When the student has successfully completed his training at Brownsville, he will be qualified for the important job of ferrying fighter aircraft to all parts of the world when and where needed.

Lt. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Moore, of Algood, and entered the Army in April 1943. Before he entered the Army, he was a student of Tennessee Tech. His home base is with the Third Ferrying Group in Romulus, MI.

Garland C. Haney, 18, of Route 3, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Bill Bain, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bain of Baxter, graduated Saturday, September 2, from the AAF Bombardier School, Deming, NM, and received his wings as bombardier and his commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He is now spending a few days at his home in Baxter before reporting to Lemoore Field, in CA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 September 1944

Lieut. Bennet J. Travis Decorated For Achievement:

Lieut Bennett Jared Travis, U. S. Air Corps, only son of Mrs. Hollie Jared Travis, has been serving in the Pacific area of war for the past year, and recently was decorated with the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in the combat area.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Travis from her son's commanding officer, Lieut. General George C. Kenney, of the Allied Air Forces, Southwest Pacific Area:

"Recently your son, Lieut. Bennett J. Travis, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home, and to you.

"He was cited for his meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from December 22, 1943, to January 28, 1944.

"Your son took part in the sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included dropping supplies and transporting of troops over territory that was

continually patrolled by enemy fighter aircraft. Often landings were made on fields which were only a few miles from Japanese bases. These operations aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

“Almost every hour of every day, your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such a good job.

“Theirs is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

“I would like to tell you how proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness, are fighting our country’s battle against the aggressor nations.

“You, Mrs. Travis, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Very sincerely,
George C. Kenney.”

Lieut. Travis was attending Tennessee Tech at the time he volunteered for duty and reported for training in August, 1942. Most of his flying instructions were obtained in TX, where he received his wings and commission at Blackland Field, TX. Serving as a pilot, he received his operational training at Grenada, MS, and left the States for foreign service in the autumn of 1943.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 September 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Haskell and Della Carr, of Buffalo Valley, have three sons in the service of their country. Pfc. A. B. Carr is in the Pacific area, and at present is at Saipan, where he participated in the recent battle for the possession of the island. Cpl. Virgil Carr is in France, where he has been since the invasion in June, and Pvt. Haywood Carr is stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

Pvt. John Pointer, who has been on military duty for the past five months stationed in various Southern camps was here recently to spend his furlough with his family on the Monterey Road. He has now reported for further assignment at Fort Meade, MD.

Cpl. Robert R. Elmore, of Baxter, is now “Somewhere in England.” He has been in the service since October 3, 1942, and was stationed at Indiantown Gap, PA, before leaving the States. His wife is in Detroit, MI, where she is employed and making her home with relatives.

Earl Brown, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Brown and son, who have been here for a furlough visit with Mr. Brown’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Brown, left this week for Topeka, KS, where the former is stationed.

C. P. Snelgrove, Lieut. (j.g.) U. S. Navy, has reported to New York City for further assignment after spending his leave of two weeks with Mrs. Snelgrove and son, Jimmy, at their home on Allen Avenue. Lieut. Snelgrove, member of the Tennessee Tech faculty away on military leave, has been stationed for training at Hollywood, FL, since the early part of the summer.

Pvt. James F. Hill, a Cookeville boy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill, now of Chattanooga, has passed all examinations and tests for Air Cadet and has been qualified for a Navigator at Keesler Field, MS. After a few weeks basic training, he will report to Coral Gables, FL, for advance training in the Air Forces.

Sgt. Millard Neal, who had been in the service for four years is now in the New Guinea Area, serving with the 181st F. A. Bn. He was formerly with the National Guard unit here, and was sent to Camp Forrest for training and later to CA. Mrs. Neal and son, Ray, who reside at her home in the Sand Springs community,

had as their guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Farley and son, Terry R. Farley and Joan Myers, of Cookeville. Mrs. Neal also spent a portion of the week in Cookeville with her sister, Mrs. Millard Myers, who is recovering successfully from an operation which she recently underwent at City Hospital.

Mrs. Lula Qualls has received a letter from her son, Sgt. Billy Qualls, telling her he is "Somewhere in the Pacific." He writes he is feeling fine. He is in an Amphibious Tractor Battalion. Mrs. Qualls' oldest son, Walter Thomas Qualls, has been in India for the past 17 months. He is in the Signal Corps of the Air Forces, and recently spent three weeks at a rest camp in the Himalaya Mountains.

Riley R. Hensley, who is stationed at the Western Signal Corps Unit Training Center at Camp Kohler, CA, has qualified as expert with the .30 calibre rifle, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Arthur J. Wehr, Commanding Officer. His score was 174 out of 195. Hensley, a resident of Monterey, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hensley, of Monterey, Route 1.

According to a cable received by Mrs. Albert G. Fields, her husband has landed safely overseas. He is in the British Isles, and is quite well. Since receiving the cable, T/5 Field's mother, Mrs. Ben Fields, of Cookeville, Route 3, has had a letter from her son. Mr. and Mrs. Fields have another son, Ben Fields, FS 2/c, in service with the U. S. Navy at Newport, RI, where he will complete his training around September 15.

John D. Stites, 17, Algood, is receiving his initial Naval Indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. His recruit training consists of instruction in seamenaship, military drill, and general Naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate duty at sea. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

Aaron Billingsley, U. S. Navy, stationed in Jacksonville, FL, has been spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Billingsley. His sister, Miss Ila V. Billingsley, came from Detroit, MI, to be with him, as did his brother, J. D. Billingsley, Mrs. Billingsley and son.

News from Great Lakes, IL, states that among those graduating from an intensive course in Basic Engineering training at recent Service School exercises was John T. Davis, 25, of Monterey.

Mrs. Lee Hensley's two sons now on foreign soil. Pvt. Cecil Hensley has landed in England within the past month and Cpl. U. L. Hensley has been overseas for some time.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 September 1944

Sgt. Robert P. Judd Wins Silver Star Award:

Staff Sergeant Robert P. Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Judd, of North Walnut Street, Cookeville, serving overseas for more than a year with the United States Infantry, has received the Award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France on August 9.

From the Commander of Headquarters, Sixth Armored Division, comes the following citation:

"Staff Sergeant Robert P. Judd, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in France on August 9, 1944. Attacked by machine gun and mortar fire, he advanced across an open field and with grenades silenced two of the estimated ten enemy machine guns. He disrupted the fire of the other guns and enabled his platoon to advance on the position and destroy it. His gallantry, with disregard for his own life, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Infantryman. Entered the service from Tennessee."

Staff Sergeant Judd's heroic deeds were further noted in an article appearing in "Stars and Stripes" of August 28, when at a special ceremony held by the "Super" Sixth Armored Division, Major General Robert W. Grow, Division Commander, stated: "It is a record to be proud of and there were many gallant individual actions which we tried to recognize by the award of the silver and bronze stars."

The General awarded four Silver Stars for gallantry in action and eight Bronze Stars for meritorious achievement to men of the Sixth, who had earned them during the Brittany campaign. Sgt. Judd was included among the four receiving the Silver Star.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 September 1944

James D. Crowley Promoted to Captancy in Army Air Transport Command:

Capt. James D. Crowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowley, who is serving with the Army Transport Command, and based at Wilmington, DE, was on August 21, promoted to his present rank.

Captain Crowley volunteered for service with the Army Air Force, in December, 1941, and reported to Maxwell Field, AL, for pre-flight training in February, 1942, he was transferred to Camden, SC, for primary training, which he completed in April the same year, going then to Shaw Field, Sumter, SC. His advanced training was taken at Turner Field, Albany, GA, where he received his pilot wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant on September 4, 1942. he was one of 17 of his group selected for Ferrying Command and was sent to Berry Field, Nashville and attached to the Fourth Ferrying Group, where he remained until the entire group was removed to the Municipal Field, Memphis. Later he was returned to Nashville as a member of the Twentieth Ferrying Command. The summer of 1943 he was with the First Operational Training Unit at St. Joseph, MO, and in November of that year was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and shortly thereafter he was transferred to the New Castle Army Air Base at Wilmington, and put in the Second Ferrying Group. Last February and March he spent at Homestead, FL, attending the Second Operational Training Unit for Transport Duty, and from this school, received a certificate of graduation from Advanced Course of Four Engine Airline Training which qualified him to serve in the capacity of First Pilot on C-54 and C-87 type aircraft.

Capt. Crowley throughout this year has piloted a transport plane to all inhabited continents and had the experience of covering five continents within six days. He recently spent a rest period with his parents here, returning to Wilmington at the completion of his eight-day stay.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 September 1944

President Citation Awarded Posthumously to Mrs. Young:

Mrs. Adelle Thompson Young has received the Presidential Citation for her husband, Pfc. Walter E. Young, who died July 2 of wounds received in battle in Italy.

The citation is quoted in part:

“In grateful memory of Pfc. Walter E. Young, who died in the service of his country in the Italian area, July 2, 1944 – he stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives and though it he lives in a way that humbles the undertaking of most men.”

Mrs. Young is also in receipt of the Purple Heart Award which her husband won posthumously. She and her small daughter are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 September 1944

Ardie Rockwell Killed; Brother Wounded in Italy:

Pfc. Ardie Rockwell, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rockwell, of Brotherton, was killed in action in the Central Pacific area some time the latter part of August, the War Department has notified the parents.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell, Pvt. Oleo L. Rockwell, who was wounded in Italy in May, is now recovering in an army hospital in VA.

Pvt. Ardie Rockwell entered the service April 10, 1942. Another one of the brothers, Pfc. Earl A. Rockwell, 18, is in England.

Other survivors are two brothers, Vance Rockwell, of Dayton, OH, and Hollie Rockwell, of Brotherton; three sisters, Mrs. Eva Green of Detroit, MI, Miss Novella Rockwell of Dayton, OH, and Miss Wilma Jean Rockwell, of Brotherton.

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21 September 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Horace Scarlett, SM 3/c, spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scarlett, and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Scarlett. He left Monday to report to his ship at Baltimore, MD, for further service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts have received word that their son, Sgt. Lawrence J. Roberts, has landed safely in England. Before going overseas, he took his training at Camp Wheeler, GA, Fort George Meade, MD, and at Camp Van Dora, MS.

Cpl. Joe Ed Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter, is now "Somewhere in France," serving with a medical detachment. Cpl. Hunter, who in civilian life, was an employee of the Modern Bakery, has been overseas since June 1. He entered the service in April, 1943, and took most of his training at Camp Edwards, MA.

Pfc. James H. Grogan, stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, spent from August 21 until September 1 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grogan, at their home near Bloomington Springs. At the expiration of his furlough, his wife accompanied him to Ft. Bragg. The senior Mr. and Mrs. Grogan have another son in the service, Cpl. Edgar Grogan, who according to best information, is now on Saipan Island. He has been overseas since January, 1944. Pfc. Grogan has been in the service approximately three years.

Flight Officer David Moore, who received his Wings the early part of August at Blytheville, AR, is with the Army Transport Command stationed in Memphis. Mrs. Moore, who spent much of the summer here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wall, has joined her husband in Memphis.

Walter Warren Shanks, of Buffalo Valley, who volunteered for service with the Naval Air Corps, reported for duty the latter part of August and is stationed in Jacksonville, FL, where he will be for a training period of six weeks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shanks, of Buffalo Valley.

Mrs. Haney Breeding, formerly of this city, but now of Detroit, MI, has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Breeding, was slightly wounded in France on August 8. Letters from him state that he is in the hospital but is improving. Mrs. Breeding is the former Miss Lelloine Presley, and Pvt. Breeding is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Breeding, of Cookeville, and has been overseas since January of this year.

Mrs. Clure Coffelt has received a message stating that her husband, Cpl. Coffelt had arrived safely in New Guinea, and says it isn't nearly so bad there as he had been led to believe before leaving the States. Cpl. Coffelt is an Auto Mechanic Instructor with the Army Air Corps ground crew, and has been in the service for almost two years. Mrs. Coffelt, the former Miss Anna D. Sparks, is in Richmond, VA, where she holds the position of Supervisor of Travelers, with the Third Service Command Army Finance Office.

Pvt. F. A. Lewis, who spent his furlough visit of two weeks here with Mrs. Lewis and son at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Haile, left Friday of last week to return to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where he is in training with the U. S. Engineers. Pvt. Lewis entered the service in the early spring and reported to Camp Shelby, MS, and shortly thereafter was transferred to his present station. Mrs. Lewis accompanied him as far as Nashville.

Cpl. W. B. Carlen Jr., who was stationed for several months at Camp Belvoir, VA, is now in Portland, OR, where he is attending an Advanced School of Topography. Mrs. Carlen, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace O_____, in Nashville, for several months, left there last week for Portland where she will reside while her husband is stationed there. She made the trip by plane.

Seaman second class Charles E. Wilson, U. S. Navy, who spent his ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wilson, Cookeville, Route 2, has returned to Camp Peary, VA, where he finished his boot training and is now awaiting further assignment. Seaman Wilson entered the service in June, 1944.

A U. S. Navy Base in England – William Jack Bullock, hospital apprentice, second class, USNR, 19-year-old Algood youth, is a member of the medical department of this U. S. Navy Air Base who recently received a “Well Done” form Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire (MC) Surgeon General, U. A. Navy.

Bullock’s mother, Mrs. J. D. Bullock, lives in Algood. Before entering the Navy he was a student at the Algood High School. He received his basic training and went to hospital corps school at Bainbridge, MD, served in U. S. Navy hospitals at Key West, FL, and Norfolk, VA, before coming overseas.

First Lieutenant Douglas Brown returned recently to his home in Atlanta, GA, after serving with the Eighth Army Air Force in England. With the Finance Department, he was overseas for a period of 27 months. Lieut. Brown volunteered for service shortly after the United States entrance into the war and was in training for a very short time prior to being sent overseas. He spent three weeks with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Brown in Atlanta, and during the time the following Cookeville relatives visited there with him: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilco, Mrs. Louis Johnson, Jr., and son, William Louis III. He has now reported for a new assignment in Miami, FL, and before going to Miami came here for a brief visit as he was enroute to Nashville to spend a short time with Mrs. Eva Betty, Mrs. George Womack, and Mr. Womack.

Estel Ramsey, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who took part in the invasion of France in June, and became ill shortly thereafter, was sent to a North African hospital where he has been until last week when he was returned to the United States. At present he is hospitalized in Albany, NY.

Seaman Ramsey has been in the service for approximately nine months and was assigned to sea duty on the U.S.S. Texas, immediately after completion of his boot training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ramsey, and his wife resides in Algood.

M/Sgt. Hubert Bush, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, stationed for the past few months at Meridain, MS, was here on Monday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Frank Bush. Returning to Meridain, he stopped for a short visit in Somerset, KY. Another son of Mrs. Bush, John Bush, 2/c Petty Officer, who has been stationed for a year at Endicott, RI, with the Seabees, was recently transferred to Gulfport, MS. The junior Mrs. Bush and infant daughter, Mary Virginia, are with their relatives in Orwich, CT, for the present.

The following news release comes from the Americal (spelling correct) Division “Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific; For his performance of duty in action against the enemy on Bongainville, Pvt. David L. Neal of Cookeville, Route 5, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. The badge worn above the left breast pocket, is a silver rifle on a field of infantry blue within a silver border, an elliptical wreath in the background.

Neal, overseas 15 months, is a rifleman in a veteran infantry regiment which fought at Guadalcanal with other units of the Americal Division securing the island on February 9, 1943. Again on Bougainville, the regiment distinguished itself in the bloody battle for Hill 260. Major General Robert B. McClure, of Palo Alto, CA, commanding the Americal Division, saw action on Guadalcanal and led the amphibious attack

that took Vella Lavella in the Solomons. The division, formed in New Caledonia, is the only division in the United States Army having a name instead of a number.

From the 37th Infantry Division "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific Area," comes this new release: Pvt. William H. Huddleston, husband of Mrs. Alice Huddleston, of Algood, has joined the 37th Infantry Division, veterans of two major Solomon Island campaigns. Huddleston, a 29-year-old Machine Gunner, is assigned to an Infantry Regiment famous for victories at Munda Airfield, on New Georgia, and Hill 700, on Bougainville Island. Since he left the States, in February 1944, he has been stationed on New Caledonia and Bougainville.

Capt. Ralph Hayes, of Woodbury, returned from service outside the continental United States, it now being continental United States, it now being processed through the Army Air Force Redistribution Station No. 2, in Miami Beach, FL, where his next assignment will be determined.

AAF Personnel, enlisted men and officers alike, are assigned to a Redistribution Station upon their return to the United States, but do not report to the station until completing a furlough or leave of three weeks.

As a B-17 Navigator, Captain Hayes now 35 missions during one year in the European theater, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hayes, reside in Woodbury, where Capt. Hayes graduated from high school. He received his B.S. degree from Tennessee Tech in 1940. Recently he was here for a visit with friends, spending a period of the time with Mrs. C. M. Smartt.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 September 1944

Lieut. Frank A. Harris Dies in California Accident:

b. 22 September 1920 – d. 13 September 1944, CA, (TN 2nd Lt Army Air Forces pilot).

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for Lieut. Frank A. Harris, U. S. Army Air Corps, at the Algood Methodist church, with the Rev. W. L. Peery, Rev. T. W. Mayhew and Rev. Leo Rippe officiating.

Lieut. Harris, 24 years of age, died September 13, in CA, having sustained fatal injuries in an automobile accident. He volunteered for military duty in 1941 and wore a pilot's wings, which he received when he was commissioned a lieutenant. He was a member of the Algood Methodist church.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Thurman Loftis, and step-father, Thurman Loftis, Cookeville, three brothers, Lieut. Jack D. Harris, Carlsbad, NM, Kenneth Harris, "Somewhere in France," James William Harris, Cookeville; a half-brother and a half-sister, Lloyd and Juanita Loftis, of Cookeville; his grandmother, Mrs. B. L. Judd, of Algood, and a paternal grandfather, Leo Harris, of San Antonio, TX.

Burial was in the Algood cemetery.

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William E. Bean has recently spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bean, in Jackson County. He entered the Navy June 15, 1944, and took his boot training at Camp Peary, VA.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilmoth have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Leo R. Wilmoth, telling them that he had landed safely overseas and is "Somewhere in England." Before going overseas, Pvt. Wilmoth took his training at Camp Stewart, GA, Camp Pickett, VA, and Fort Meade, MD. He entered the service October 8, 1942.

Everett Mitchell Brown, with the U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Peary, VA, has been in the service since May 1, and recently spent his boot leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Brown of Bloomington Springs. His brother, Walter Lee Brown, was spending his furlough at home at the same time. Also with the U. S. Navy, he is on convoy duty in the Atlantic, and was on shore leave for a week or two. He has made many trips to foreign shores and is absent from the States practically six weeks each time. Both sailors have reported to their posts of duty, the former to Camp Peary and the latter to his home port, New York City.

Cordell H. Sloan, S 2/c, who for the past eight months has been stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA, has been spending a 15-day leave with Mrs. Sloan and children and with his mother, Mrs. Kitty Lou Sloan. This is his first visit home in many months. He has now returned to his base in WA.

Hooper Crawford, U. S. Navy, who has been in the service approximately a year, was home for a brief visit last week, dividing his time with his family at Double Springs and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crawford, of near Cookeville. His present station is Bainbridge, MD.

Francis John Frey, who for some months was stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR, and later in CA, is now in Alaska, and in recent weeks has been promoted in rank. Cpl. Calvin Frey has been transferred from Camp Shelby, MS to Fort Jackson, SC, where he is connected with the rehabilitation service. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frey, and their wives are making their homes here while they are away on military duty.

Sergeant Comar T. Carmack, grandson of Mrs. Martha Letner, of Coeekville, Route 1, has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action," during the fighting in France. Sgt. Carmack, who is an adjutant squad leader with the Fourth Infantry Division, was cited for his leadership of a reconnaissance patrol, which penetrated six miles behind enemy lines and returned with valuable information concerning the disposition of the troops and equipment.

The citation stated:

Sgt. Carmack was a member of a reconnaissance patrol assigned to infiltrate through enemy lines in order to obtain information concerning the enemy. At 210 0 hours, the patrol left the front lines. Often starting a cautious advance from the creeping and crawling they silently passed by several groups of enemy soldiers digging in. In this manner the patrol proceeded six miles behind enemy lines.

"Many times during the 36 hours of the patrol they passed through territory that was so heavily infested by the enemy that the slightest misdirected move on their part would have cost them their lives. Because of his accurate observation and all round skill as a non-commissioned officer, he brought back vital information concerning enemy strength, disposition and equipment. This information contributed to the successful completion of the mission assigned his unit. Sgt. Carmacks's courage, initiative and aggressiveness brought great credit upon himself and the military service."
(Censored.)

Pvt. James Lee Keyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keyton, has finished his basic training in the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, NC, and after visiting with home folks for a few days, will report to Camp Maxie, TX, for further duties. He has a younger brother, Pvt. Willard Hughes Keyton, of the Air Corps Ground Forces, who has been in the service more than two years and has been in England for about one year.

Dear Editor:

I have been transferred from Camp Stewart, GA, to Camp Upton, Long Island, NY, just about 60 miles from New York City. It is a lot colder up here than it was in Georgia.

I was in Putnam County for a few days in July, visiting my mother at Boma. I hope to return again soon to stay as long as I wish. I would like to be in that reunion that Pvt. Colsante was speaking about in his recent letter to the Herald, and most of all to be with my wife and son. I still enjoy the Herald very much, I just

received my paper today. I like to read, "With the Armed Forces," that is one way of keeping up with your buddies.

Cpl. Mack Whitehead.

Marine Private Guy D. Farris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemon E. Farris, of Route 5, Cookeville, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at the Training Command at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA. Marines graduating from this school will be assigned to Infantry Battalions and their training has prepared them for amphibious landings and establishing and securing beachheads. Pvt. Farris was engaged in farming before enlisting in the Marine Corps last April at Nashville.

His wife, the former Edan Gilliam, resides in Cookeville.

Lt. Fred Phillips, Jr., who has been spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips, in McMinnville, following his service overseas with the Army Air Corps, is listed among Tennessee heroes.

The young P-38 Lightning pilot, holder of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart and a presidential citation, shot down an ME-210 twin-engine fighter over Austria, on February 24, 1944, blasted a Macchi 202 from the skies over Italy.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 September 1944

Merchant Marine White Missing Off Atlantic Coast:

Rueben White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White of Alpine has been reported missing since September 17. He was serving on a merchant ship which was believed to have been lost on the southern coast during the recent hurricane – to date no definite information has been received by his family.

He has been in the service since April, 1943, and in January, 1944 was married to Miss Louise McDonald of Ivyton, Overton County.

Besides his wife and parents, other members of the family are six brothers: Roy and Russell White, U. S. Army; J. D. and Eugnet White of the Navy; Ray White, Detroit, MI, and Smith White of Alpine. An only sister, Mrs. Rex Vaughn, resides in Cookeville.

Mr. White is a graduate of the Alpine High School and before reporting for duty held a position as a machinist in Akron, OH.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 September 1944

Charles Mitchell Reported Missing in Action in Belgium War Theatre:

Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, of Cookeville, Route 5, have received a telegram from the War Department, stating that their son, Charles Mitchell, is reported missing in action in Belgium since September 6.

He had been in service about a year and had been overseas since February, of this year.

Most of his training was received at Camp Shelby, MS.

Survivors besides his father and mother, wife, Mrs. Bonnie England Mitchell, of Detroit, MI, and two brothers, Staff Sgt. James Mitchell, of Fort Lewis, WA, and Edward Mitchell, of Cookeville; two sisters, Misses Willene and Thelma Mitchell, both of Detroit, MI.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 October 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Lieut Donald Mitchell is spending his leave of several days with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell and other members of his family. The latter part of the week he reports for further assignment at Charleston, SC, where he is stationed with the Army Air Corps.

Pvt. Fred Bussell has returned to Camp Shelby, MS, after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell.

Lieut. Birch Dowell Wade, who has been stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, is now located at Ft. Jackson, SC. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade of near Cookeville.

According to a message received by Mrs. Bill Rippetoe of 207 Steven St., the former Miss Lou Ellen Knight, her husband, Pvt. Rippetoe with a harbor craft company has landed safely in England. He has been in service since Nov., 1943 and took his training at Camp Shelby, MS, and Camp Gordon Johnson, FL. Before he entered the service he was employed in Detroit, MI.

Pvt. Henry Clay Bohannon, who has been stationed for several months at Camp Wolters, TX, is now serving with a Motor Detachment Postal Battalion in New York City. His former home is Cookeville, Rt. 5.

J. D. Bray, Seaman second class, is spending his ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bray, of Rt. 5, and other relatives.

Seaman Bray has spent six months in the Atlantic theater.

John Bush, son of Mrs. Frank Bush of this city, who has been stationed in Rhode Island, for a number of months has been transferred to Gulfport, MS, and since arriving there has been promoted to Petty Officer 1/c. His wife and daughter, Mary Virginia, are remaining for the present at the former's home in Norwich, CT.

Mrs. V. O. Maggart, Jr., has been notified that her husband, V. O. Maggart, Jr., Mo MM1-c arrived in CA October 20, 1944 after having spent 10 months on a submarine in the Pacific war zone.

Petty Officer Maggart received his boot, and advanced training in San Diego, CA. After having completed this training he was sent directly into foreign service.

He will leave CA October 2, for a 30-day shore leave, which will be his first since enlisting in May, 1943.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Maggart, Smith County, Maggart, TN, and before his enlistment, he was connected with the Consolidated Valtec Aircraft Corporation, Berry Field, Nashville.

His wife, the former Miss Virginia Burton, Buffalo Valley, is now employed with Tennessee Eastman Corporation, Oak Ridge, TN.

Pvt. Ralph Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Poe, 407 Chestnut St., Cookeville, has won the right to wear the wings and boots of the United States Army Paratroopers. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Pfc. Thurman H. Braddom, Monterey is now identified as a member of Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's Marauders, who won a presidential citation for their exploits behind Jap lines in northern Burma.

Braddom participated in the 700-mile march to Myitkyina, Jap stronghold and is authorized a bronze campaign star as a member of that unit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Waites have received news that their son, Sgt. William D. Waites, Radioman, has landed safely in England.

He was inducted into the service in April, 1944, and received his training at Camp Stewart, GA, and Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 October 1944

Pfc. J. P. Haney Reported Killed in Action in France:

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Haney, of Brotherton, RI, received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Pfc. J. P. Haney, was killed in action in France, September 16, 1944.

Besides his father and mother, he is survived by three brothers; Carlen, Eugene and Herman L. Haney, and three sisters, Mrs. Doyle McNeal and Misses Una May and Maudie Gayle Haney, all of Brotherton, Rt. 1.

Pfc. Haney was inducted into the service Oct. 12, 1942 and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, AL, and Fort Benning, GA.

He went overseas in March, 1944, and was in England until the invasion. He was wounded in France June 12, and returned to duty July 22.

He was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church.

One brother, Herman L. Haney, is in the armed service. He was inducted into the service January 12, 1943 and received his training in Camp San Luis Obispo, CA, Camp Rucker, AL, and Camp Butner, NC. He has been wounded in France twice, on July 1 and August 3. He returned to active combat duty on Sept. 3, according to reports received by his parents.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 October 1944

Sergeant Turney Reported Prisoner of War:

S/Sgt. Harold Hall Turney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turney, formerly of Cookeville, is according to latest reports, a German prisoner. Serving as a gunner with the Army Air Corps, he was reported missing over Austria the latter part of June.

Sergeant Turney was based in Italy and before going overseas, was stationed in FL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 October 1944

Lieut. Athel L. Gill Reported Missing in Alaska Area:

Lt. (j.g.) Athel L. Gill, 34, husband of Mrs. Dimple Maddux Gill, 929 Montrose Ave., Nashville, was among the 19 persons listed as missing recently by the War Department in the crash September 18 of a C-17 Transport Command plane on Mr. McKinley, 70 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Alaska division of A.T.C., said ground rescue parties have not yet been able to reach the scene of the crash, but that no signs of life have been observed by crews of search planes. The A.T.C. plane was on a routine flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks.

The last radio contact was made with the plane when it was over Summitt, Alaska, more than half way to Fairbanks, the War Department stated. The wreckage was found only after exhaustive search.

Lieutenant Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Gill, Silver Point, served as athletic coach and instructor at the Smyrna High School prior to entering the service in January, 1942.

A graduate of Smithville High School and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, he has been stationed as a communications officer at a naval air station in the Aleutians, near Dutch Harbor, for about two years, according to his wife.

Mrs. Claude Wright of Detroit, MI has received a letter from her brother, Pfc. Charles W. Smith, better known as Bill, saying that he has landed safely in England and that he hopes to see his brother, Pfc. Woodford Smith who is now "Somewhere in France." He has been on foreign soil for more than one year.

Cpl. Calvin Frey, stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, is spending his two weeks furlough here with Mrs. Frey at their apartment on Washington Avenue, and is spending a portion of his stay at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frey. Mrs. Calvin Frey had had as her recent guest her brother, Lieut. Wade Meaks, a former Tennessee Tech student, who has recently returned from military service in Puerto Rico, serving with the U. S. Army Air Corps. He is spending his 30-day leave in the States here and in Arkadelphia, AR.

John Edward Grizzard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grizzard, has been promoted from Corporal to the higher grade. Sgt. Grizzard has been in the Southwest Pacific Area for many months, serving with the Chemical War Division. While in training, after volunteering for duty, he was stationed in AL.

Sgt. William Ernest Brown, son of Ernest Brown, with the U. S. Army Air Corps, is now stationed in Alaska. Shortly before leaving the States, he was on duty in MT. He has been in the service for the past two years.

Lieut. Col. William Hubert Crawford and Mrs. Crawford were in Cookeville for a brief visit this week, enroute from Fort Custer, MI, to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX, where the former will be stationed. Col. Crawford has just completed the Provost Marshal Advanced Course, at Fort Custer.

Pvt. William C. Davis, Jr., according to a recent letter to Mrs. Davis, is spending his furlough of ten to fifteen days in Australia. With the A.T.C., U. S. Army, he is located on Gundalcanal.

W. D. Verble, Sp (M) 1/c, U. S. Navy, is spending a month leave with his mother, Mrs. Terry D. Verble, in Algood. He arrived September 20, after spending many months in the Pacific area, where he served with the postal division. At the completion of his shore leave, he returns to San Francisco, CA, for another assignment.

Billy H. Scott, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, stationed at Oceanside, CA, was home on furlough, and spent the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Scott.

Eugene Duke, U. S. Navy, who has been serving in the Pacific area for several years, is spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Florilla Ditty, of Baxter. He was serving as Gunner's Mate 1/c on the Lexington when it was sunk in the Coral Sea, in the early part of the war. His next assignment is in Washington D. C., where he will attend Gunnery School for a period of four months.

James Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mae Anderson Drake, who volunteered for duty some months ago, is now taking his boot training at Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. He graduated from Central High last May.

Kenneth Chaffin, USNR, was recently promoted to M.M.M. 3/c, Landing in the South Pacific area in April, 1944, where he is stationed as engineer on a P.T. boat. Entering the service July 13, 1943, Chaffin graduated from several Diesel Motor schools here in the States. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K.

Chaffin of Cookeville. He also has two other brothers in the service, Ens. M. C. Chaffin, in the Hawaiian Islands and T/5 Marion Chaffin in Egypt.

Sgt. Cecil Gentry, who spent his two-week furlough here recently with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, and his sister, Miss Dimple Gentry, has returned to his station at Camp Hood, TX.

Dewey F. Newman, AMM 3/c, U.S. Naval Reserve, has been transferred from the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, FL, to the Naval Air Station in San Diego, CA, for special days.

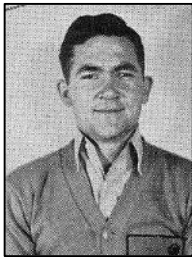
Pvt. Robert L. Copeland is now in Southern France. Pvt. Copeland was landed in Italy, and went from there to his present location.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 October 1944

Pvt. Haton Thompson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, of Baxter, is at home from the battlefields of Italy where he has been serving as a machine gunner until he was wounded and sent to a hospital for some time before being returned August 8, to the States.

Prior to his induction in April of 1943, he was a student at the University of Tennessee. He received his training at Fort McClellan and Fort Meade. After a three-weeks stay at home, he will report to Miami, FL, for a new assignment.



His brother, Austin Thompson, 18, entered the Marine Corps, April 21, 1944, and received his boot training at San Diego, CA. He was recently home on furlough and is now stationed at Oceanside, CA. Prior to his induction, he was a student at Baxter Seminary.

(Pictured: Austin Thompson from The Highlander Yearbook, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN as a junior student).

Mrs. Alva Freeman has received a recent letter from her husband, T/5 Marion E. Freeman, stating that his is now in France and serving with a mechanized cavalry unit. He says also that he is well and expects to be home soon. T/5 Freeman is the son of Mrs. S. C. Freeman of Algood.

Smithville Review, TN: Thursday,

12 October 1944, front page.

Athel Lee Gill Obt.

Lt. Athel Gill Died In An Airplane Crash.

Lt. (j.g.) Athel Lee Gill, 34, husband of Mrs. Dimple Maddux Gill, was among the 19 persons listed as missing yesterday by the war department in the crash September 18 or a C-47 Air Transport Command plane on Mt. McKinley, 70 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Alaska division of the A.T.C. said ground rescue parties have not been able to reach the scene of the crash, but that no signs of life have been observed by crews of search planes. The A.F.C. plane was on a routine flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks.

The last radio contact was made with the plane when it was over Summit, Alaska, more than half way to Fairbanks, the war department stated. The wreckage was found only after exhaustive search.

Lt. Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Napoleon Gill, Silver Point, served as athletic coach and instructor at Smyrna High School prior to entering the service in January 1942. A graduate of Smithville High School

and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, he has been stationed as a communications officer at a naval air station in the Aleutians near Dutch Harbor for about 2 years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 October 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Private Robert A. Donaldson, of Celina, recently arrived overseas and has been assigned to a B-24 Liberator squadron as an aircraft mechanic.

Pvt. Donaldson entered the service August 4, 1941, and arrived in Italy this September. His brother, Champ C. Donaldson, is with the U. S. marines.

Prior to entering the service, he was a farmer. Pvt. Donaldson's mother, Mrs. Lou E. Donaldson, lives in Cookeville.

Frank B. Harris, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harris, who was inducted into the United States Army Sept. 21, 1944, is now stationed at Camp Roberts, CA.

His wife, the former Miss Winona Lee, will remain at the present in Long Beach, CA where she holds a responsible position in the Audit Department of the California Shipbuilding Corporation.

Rev. and Mrs. Harris have another son in service, Pvt. J. D. Harris, Jr., of the United States Army, who is now in France.

Pvt. Emerson Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bartlett, Baxter, has finished his basic training at Camp Blanding, FL. He has now been assigned to M.P. duty at a prisoner of war camp in Americus, GA. Before entering the service in May, Pvt. Bartlett was employed at the Ohio Rubber Co. plant in OH. His wife and daughter, Edna Pauline, are at present making their home with her parents in Willoughby, OH.

Tech Sgt. Lloyd L. Anderson, son of Ervin P. Anderson, of Silver Point has won the right to wear Wings and Boots of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Whitteaker have recently received a message from their son, Sgt. Govy Whitteaker, who is serving with the Air Force "Somewhere in the South Pacific," Stating that he has been promoted to the position of Staff Sgt. Sgt. Whitteaker entered the service in November, 1942, and during that time he has been stationed in Australia and near Guinea.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Swallows of Algood, Rt. 2, that their son, Pvt. Chas. Arnold Swallows, has landed safely in New Guinea. He stated in his letter that he had a nice voyage and found conditions better than he expected.

While on the ship he met an old school-mate, Clinton Ford.

Pvt. Swallows took his basic training at Camp Gordon Johnston, FL, and was sent from there to Camp Beale, CA, where he spent two weeks before embarking for overseas. He spent fifteen days furlough with home folks and friends before sailing.

Pvt. Swallows is a grandson of Senator Swallows of Baxter and is a graduate of Algood High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston have received a letter from their son Pfc. Holmes Cordell Huddleston stating that he is now at a Naval base hospital at Oakland, CA. Pfc. Huddleston, serving with the U. S. Marines, was wounded July 24 "Somewhere in the South Pacific." He was returned to the States for hospitalization around Sept. 30.

M-Sgt. Hubert Bush, U. S. Signal Corps, and Mrs. Bush who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Frank Bush, during his fifteen day furlough, left the early part of the week for Somerset, KY, where the junior Mrs. Bush will remain while her husband reports for further assignment at Meridian, MS. They have been visiting in Meridian for several months.

Pvt. Joe Dyer, U. S. Army, who has been stationed at Camp Lea, VA, for several months is here for a furlough visit with Mrs. Dyer and children and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer. Pvt. reported for duty last spring and this is his first visit home since entering the service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 October 1944

Pfc. Joe Reeder Reported Killed in Action in France:

b. 18 October 1918 – d. 15 September 1944, (Pfc. US Army WWII, Co H 359th Inf. 90th Div), md Georgia Dimple (Palk) Reeder.

Mrs. Georgia Dimple Palk Reeder has received word that her husband, Pfc. Joe Reeder was killed in action Sept. 15, while serving in France.

Pfc. Reeder entered the Army in April, 1942. He was with the 90th Infantry Division and received his training at Camp Walters and Camp Barkley, TX. He arrived in England in April, 1944 and was later transferred to France where he has been on active duty until the time of his death.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Reeder, four brothers and two sisters.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 October 1944

Pvt. Harold Johnson, Baxter, Killed in Action in Germany:

Pvt. Harold Johnson of Baxter was killed in action in Germany, September 17, according to a telegram received from the War Department Oct. 5 by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Baxter.

(Pictured: Harold Johnson 1943 Baxter Seminary Graduate: F. F. A., Treas, Basketball, Varsity Basketball, B. Letter Club, Zeta Society, Freshman Class President, Football, Volunteer Club, Victory Corps and Annual Staff).



Private Johnson was inducted into the Army in July, 1943, and received his first training in the Coast Artillery School at Camp McQuaide, California. He was later transferred to the Field Artillery and was stationed at Camp Roberts, California, and has been overseas since April, 1944, having landed in England and went into France during the first week of the invasion. His last letter home was written from somewhere in Belgium.

Private Johnson was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and was a member of the football and basketball teams. During his senior year he was chosen the most popular student and was awarded the Balfour Key for outstanding student activities.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. Kemper Martin, Cookeville, and Mrs. James E. Cullen, Nashville; four brothers, Lewis Johnson, Jr., Cookeville, Major Hubert V. Johnson, and Intelligence Officer for the 100th Division, S-Sgt. J. T. Johnson, U. S. Marine Corps, now stationed in the South Pacific, and Cpl. Willard Johnson, Army Air Corps Transport Command.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 October 1944

Pvt. Wilmoth Returns to Service After Hospitalization:

Word has received recently by Mr. and Mrs. Cass Wilmoth, that their son, Garland Wilmoth, is back on duty with the 79th Division in France.

Pvt. Wilmoth received the Purple Heart for wounds received in France on July 6. He was sent to a hospital in England where he stayed about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmoth have another son in service, Pvt. Hartford Wilmoth, who received his training at Camp Stewart, GA, and is now "Somewhere in the Eastern coast" for further assignment.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 October 1944

Robert Floyd Maddux Wounded in Action in France:

Mr. and Mrs. Ridley Maddux of Baxter have received a telegram from the War Department, stating that their son, Pvt. Robert Floyd Maddux was slightly wounded in action on Sept. 11. Pvt. Maddux entered the service in January. He received his training at Camp Wheeler, GA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 October 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Seaman 1/c Ray Harold Harmon, U. S. Navy, spent a few days last week with his wife, Mrs. Christine Harmon and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harmon.

A news release from the A.A.F. in Italy – Cpl. Raymond L. Terry, whose sister, Mrs. Willie T. Robbins, lives in Cookeville, Rt. 3, was recently promoted from the grade of Private First Class. He is an armorer with a B-24 Liberator Bomber Group which is bombing enemy bases in Germany, Austria, Italy and the Balkans.

Cpl. Terry is a graduate of Spencer High School, Class of 1929, and of Berea College, KY, 1931. Prior to his entering the service in February 1943, he was a farmer.

Pvt. Harold Tinsley, son of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, TX, has recently been on various military missions to Los Angeles, CA, spending as long as two weeks there at a time. His twin brother, Cpl. Howard Tinsley, is stationed at Harbinger, TX.

Lt. Chas. Holladay, located at Punta Gorda, FL, arrived Monday to spend his leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay of E. Pearl Street.

C. K. Martin, U. S. Army, stationed in Maryland, was here recently on a three-day pass, coming to be with Mrs. Martin and other members of the family, on account of the message received by his parents' in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, that their son, Pvt. T. H. Johnson, had died of wounds in Germany.

Calbert C. Julian, 18, Rt. 1, Baxter, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Lt. Jarvis Lloyd Knight, who has been overseas for approximately two years "Somewhere in the New Guinea area, serving with a task force group, has with certain others in his company, received a commendation of their splendid service from General MacArthur. The message expressed to the officers and men of the task force his admiration for the splendid conduct of the Pacific campaign which they

engaged in, and that operations were planned with great skill and executed with great determination and courage.

Lt. Knight is the son of Mrs. Thurman Knight of Cookeville and his wife and baby are in Detroit.

Lt. Margaret Denton, U. S. Army nurse, formerly of Algood, is now serving with a hospital unit overseas. Her recent duties have taken her to the combat area of Holland and Belgium.

S-Sgt. Bernice E. Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Stanton of Cookeville, has returned to the States after completing 25 missions over enemy-held territory from an English base.

Serving seven months over-seas as a waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, Sgt. Stanton holds the Distinguished Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, two battle stars and the Presidential Citation ribbon.

He received his training at Amarillo, TX and Kingman, AZ.

A Tennessean by birth, he was reared and educated in Detroit, MI, later working for the Color Works and Fisher Body Co. of that city.

W. M. "Billy" Fiske, EM 2-c, son of Mrs. Cora Hicks Fiske, who has been in the Navy for the past 21 months, stationed in San Diego, CA, has been given a medical discharge and is now visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hicks, and his aunt, Miss Nan Hicks.

He came especially to be with his cousin, Sam Hicks, who is home on shore leave.

Three Sons and Two Sons-in-Laws of Mrs. Mary McBroom in Service:

Three sons and two son-in-laws of Mrs. Mary McBroom are in the service of their country.

Pfc. Ernest L. McBroom, formerly of Cookeville, has arrived safely in France.

Pfc. James Fred McBroom is serving with an infantry unit in New Guinea, under MacArthur and has been over seas for 16 months.

Thurman D. McBroom, S 1/c of Detroit, MI, formerly of Cookeville is stationed with the Seabees, at Pearl Harbor.

Pvt. Sam William Boyd, of Old Hickory, a son-in-law, is serving with the Transportation Corps "Somewhere in France." His wife is the former Miss Grace McBroom of Cookeville, who, with her baby, is residing in Morrison, TN.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Perov, from Detroit, MI, another son-in-law, is stationed with a hospital unit at Guadalcanal and has been overseas two years. Mrs. Perov is the former Miss Jewel McBroom of Cookeville, and is now living in Detroit, MI.

Sam H. Hicks, F 1-c, U. S. Navy, son of S. Morgan Hicks, of Dayton, OH, formerly of Monterey, has returned to his base at Norfolk, VA, after spending his shore leave with his father, and with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hicks, and his aunt, Miss Nan Hicks.

Sam has seen much active service in the Atlantic theater of war. He participated in the invasion of France.

James K. Ensor, S 2-c, of the Seabee Unit at Camp Parks, CA, has been spending his 14-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ensor. Seaman Ensor has now returned to Camp Parks, where he has been assigned to the 7th Battalion.

Draper Harris, S 2/c, has been visiting his wife and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris.

Seaman Harris left Tuesday for further duty aboard ship.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown are in receipt of a message from their son, AC Charles Brown stating that he is in an army hospital at Seymour, IN, where he is stationed at Freeman Field. His illness is not of a serious nature and he will possibly be released from the hospital in about two weeks.

Lieut. Will McKinley, of Ft. Blanding, GA, is spending his leave of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, of Buffalo Valley.

Sgt. Pennock Moore, formerly stationed at Berry Field, Nashville, who has been ill for several months, has been removed from Kenny's General Hospital in Memphis to an Army Air Corps Convalescent hospital in Denver, CO. He has been in CO for the past two weeks, and his condition is thought to be much better.

Sgt. William Ernest Brown, who has been stationed in Alaska for the past two months, is at home on furlough. He was called home because of the critical illness of his aunt, Miss Emma Stewart, whose death and burial occurred before he reached Cookeville.

Capt. Alex Shipley, who has been stationed in England with an Army hospital unit for some time, is now in Paris, and Lieut. Sanford Shipley, who has been on foreign duty for almost two years, first stationed in Africa, then at Corsica, is also "Somewhere in France." They are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley.

Mayor and Mrs. J. N. Cox have received notification of their son's, Capt. Robert A. Cox safe arrival in Italy. During his absence Mrs. Robert Cox is in Birmingham, AL.

Cpl. Fioro Mackie Wounded While On Combat Duty in France:

Mrs. Fioro Mackie has received a message stating that her husband, Cpl. Mackie, who was seriously wounded Sept. 9, while on combat duty "Somewhere in France," is now recovering and it has been learned that his left arm was wounded. According to the latest information he is recuperating at an army hospital in France. Mrs. Mackie and small son are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Scott of Sparta.

S-Sgt. Elbert Mackie, with a hospital detachment stationed in England, and his brother, Cpl. Mackie, were together several times before the latter was sent to France. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mackie of Cookeville, Rt. 5.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 October 1944

Sgt. Ernest L. Bandy Killed in Action in Italian Area:

b. 21 March 1925 – d. 27 July 1944, (Tennessee Sgt. 339 Inf. 85 Div. WWII), s/o L. Oscar Bandy & Delah E. Carter. Ernest L. Bandy is buried in the Judd Church Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

According to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bandy from the War Department, their son, Sgt. Ernest Loyd Bandy, was killed in Italy, July 27.

Sgt. Bandy entered the Army at the age of 18, reporting for duty at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, and Camp Blanding, FL. He had been overseas since March 1, 1944, stationed in Italy.

In addition to his parents he is survived by three sisters, Misses Lois, Evangeline and Lorella Bandy, all of near Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 October 1944

Lieut. McCasky Reported Missing:

Lieut. Raymond McCasky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCasky, of Tonica, IL, pilot of a Liberator bomber, United States Army Air Corps, is missing according to a telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Cornelia Taylor, who is now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor, of E. Pearl Street.

The message received this week, stated that Lieut. McCasky had been missing since October 6, in the area of the United States, enroute to Europe.

He took his pilot training at Jackson, TN, Newport, and Blytheville, AR. At the latter place he received his silver wings last March, and was later stationed at Smyrna Air Base, at Lincoln, NB, and Casper, WY, and just prior to leaving the States, the early part of October, he was located at Hampton, VA.

Lieut. and Mrs. McCasky were married in Cookeville, October 10, 1943, and the latter has resided near the various army camps where her husband was stationed since that time, and only two weeks ago returned from Hampton, VA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 October 1944

Pvt. Dave Jackson Reported Missing in Action in France:

Pvt. Dave Jackson, son of Willie Jackson, of the Sand Springs community, has been reported missing in action "Somewhere in France" since September 23. The message from the War Department was received recently by Pvt. Jackson's wife, Mrs. Beulah Jackson, of Cookeville.

Private Jackson entered the military service February 16, 194__, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, AL. He was transferred overseas in August. He has three children.

He has three brother in the service, namely:

Marvin Jackson, who entered the service in April, 1944, and is stationed in New York, NY.

Pfc. Charlie Jackson entered the service in September, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, AR. He was transferred overseas in August, 1943.

Pvt. Clarence Jackson entered the service in November, 1943, and is now stationed at Camp Butner, NC.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 October 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

J. C. Lee, U. S. Navy, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lee for a 30-day leave. He has been serving in the Pacific Theatre of War for several months. He took his boot training in Norfolk, VA. His brother, Edward Lee, who has been overseas for the past 27 months, is a pilot instructor in Italy.

Sgt. Joe Adams, stationed at St. Petersburg, FL, has been been spending a portion of his furlough here with Mrs. Adams at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell. While he was here they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boman, in Nashville, and now he is visiting with his mother, Mrs. H. S. Stallard, of Coeburn, VA. Mrs. Adams accompanied her husband to Coeburn, remaining also for a short visit.

A news release from Eight Naval District Office, Nashville, states that, for meritorious conduct in action, Ernest Perry Taylor, 22, son of Luther Taylor, of Cookeville, has been advanced to the rating of coxswain.

No details of Taylor's action have been received other than that he was promoted for meritorious conduct during the assault and capture of enemy held territory. His advancement was authorized by the

Commander, Administrative Command, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet. Taylor enlisted in the Navy in Nashville on July 11, 1941.

Sgt. Mac E. Rogers, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Bloomington Springs, who is "Somewhere in France," has been in service two years and overseas for 18 months, reports he is getting along fine, and states he is working hard but is enjoying it. Prior to entering the service, he was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Cleveland, OH, and is now serving with a Railway Operation Battalion. His wife, the former Mary Burton, of Silver Point, is making her home in Nashville. A brother, Tom Rogers, who has been in service three years, was sent overseas in January, 1944. Stationed in England, he was wounded in an enemy bombing raid and was returned to the States by plane in June. He is now in Colle General Hospital, Cleveland, OH. His wife, the former Alberta Massey, of OH, is a member of the WAC, stationed in MD.

Pvt. Charlie G. Moore, of Camp Blanding, FL, is spending his 15-day furlough with Mrs. Moore and other relatives in Jackson and Putnam County. Pvt. Moore entered the service at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, June 1, 1944.

F/O Wesley Flatt, Jr., is here from Maxwell Field, AL, where he has been stationed for the past several months with the Army Air Corps, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Flatt, and his sisters, Evelyn and Sue Flatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Carter, of Route 5, Cookeville, have received a letter from their son, Pfc. James D. Carter, stating he is "Somewhere in France." Pfc. Carter has been in England since last March with the Ninth Air Force. Another son, Lt. Willis Carter, Jr., has been transferred from Camp Blanding, FL, to Camp Gordon, GA. Mrs. Willis Carter, Jr., is visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter, Sr. She will leave soon to join Lt. Carter in GA, where she will reside while he is stationed there.

Pvt. Josiah Darnall, formerly stationed at Camp Atterbury, IN, has been transferred to Camp Croft, SC. Before entering the service, Pvt. Darnall was director of music at the Mayfield, KY, High School, and with Mrs. Darnall and small son, resided in Mayfield, KY. Mrs. Darnall and son come to Cookeville next week and will be with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Cummins, for an indefinite stay. Dr. Cummins will go to Mayfield to accompany them to Cookeville.

For having completed the required period of service during which time he has shown faithful and exact performance of duty and efficiency. Pvt. David L. Neal, Route 5, Cookeville, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Neal, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Neal, overseas 15 months with a veteran infantry regiment of the Americal Division, also holds the Combat Infantryman Badge. His regiment distinguished itself on Guadalcanal and also on Bougainville during the battle for Hill 260.

In a letter dated October 9, to his mother, Mrs. Beulah Huddleston, Sgt. R. H. Huddleston stated that on October 8, he met his brother, Cpl. John Huddleston, "Somewhere in France," and they spent the night together, and it would be a night never to be forgotten by either of them. Both the Huddleston brothers are serving under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, in an Armored Division. Both landed in France shortly after D-Day, and had not seen each other in almost two years. Mrs. Huddleston has two other sons now serving in the South Pacific, Pfc. William Huddleston, with the U.S.M.C., and Pvt. Kenneth Huddleston, with an Ordnance Co., also a son-in-law, Fireman first class Clarence H. Gentry, with the U.S. Navy, who has served for the past 16 months and is now stationed in the Aleutians.

Cpl. Ralph E. Mahler, U. S. Air Corps, is now stationed in Cairo, Egypt, with the Air Transport Command. He writes that he is well and doing lots of flying. Before going overseas he was with the 306th Ferrying Group, stationed in Romulus, MI. He has been in service since January, 1942, and has been overseas since July of this year. Cpl. Mahler's wife, the former Dimple Boatman, is living in Detroit, MI, during his absence.

Pfc. Cecil Montgomery, who is stationed with the Army Air Corps, in El Pasco, TX, was home on a 21-day furlough recently.

Lieut. Will McKinley has returned to Fort. Benning, GA, after spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKinley, at Buffalo Valley. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley have with them now another son, Cpl. Joe McKinley, stationed at Camp Stewart, GA, who was permitted to be at home during his brother's visit, which was the first time they had been together in approximately two years.

Ensign Fred Swallows, United States Navy, according to recent letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Swallows, of Algood, is "Somewhere in the Pacific area, and his brother, Cpl. Norval Swallows, with the Army Air Corps, is also overseas in the Atlantic area.

Pvt. J. Don Neville, who is stationed at Fort Sill, OK, is spending his furlough of two weeks with his family at Silver Point. Pvt. Neville was formerly connected with the AA office here, serving as chief clerk. This is his first visit home since entering the service last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt are in receipt of a message from their son, Sgt. Billy Proffitt, who has been returned to the States on account of illness following an absence of several months overseas. According to the message, he had arrived at a Southern port, but in all probability would be transferred to another hospital in the near future. Sgt. Proffitt has been ill for some time and has been receiving treatment at an army hospital in England.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shanks have heard from their son, Flight Officer, H. R. Shanks, the message stating that he had arrived safely in Italy. He is with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Cpl. James H. Grimsley, of Route 2, Algood, has served on his fourth gold overseas service stripe recently. Overseas two years in the Mediterranean Theater, Cpl. Grimsley is in the Transportation Section of his 12th AAF B-26 Marauder bomber squadron.

Lieutenant Travis N. Ford, of Cookeville, a pilot on a B-25 Mitchell bomber operating with a Twelfth Air Force group, recently flew a "nickelling mission" over Northern Italy, dropping leaflets instead of bombs. Thousands of prisoners admit that a propaganda leaflet was the final inducement to their surrender.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 November 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pvt. Johnnie C. Mason has returned to Camp Haan, CA, after spending a few days with home folks. Pvt. Mason entered the service May 14, 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Stewart, GA, Camp Pickett, VA, and Camp Davis, NC. He has been at Camp Haan for three weeks. Pvt. Mason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Mason, of Algood, Route 2. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have another son in service, Pfc. Waymon L. Mason, who is now in Germany. He has been overseas since January, 1944. He took his basic training at Camp Hood, TX and Fort Lewis, WA.

Pvt. William Price has returned to duty after spending a two weeks' furlough with his wife and children. He reported to a camp in Washington.

Pvt. John Scott Cumby has returned to his camp in AL, after spending a 14-day furlough with Mrs. Cumby and children. He is now at Fort Benning, GA. He is the son of Henry Cumby and the late Mrs. Cumby.

Pvt. and Mrs. Thurman Whitson have returned to Biloxi, MS, after a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Whitson, and Mrs. Whitson's parents, at Lenoir City. Pvt. Whitson is now instructor at Keesler Field, MS.

Sgt. Vincent Whitson has been transferred from Scott Field, IL, to Las Vegas, NV. His wife and little daughter are making their home on Dixie Avenue for the present.

Pfc. Edsel Whitson is now "Somewhere in France."

"Somewhere in France"
Monday, October 16, 1944

Putnam County Herald:

Just a line to tell you how much the Herald is appreciated, especially the feature, "With Our Armed Forces." Though it I have been able to keep up with a lot of the local boys. I am in command of a 155mm gun ("Long Tom") Battalion that is seeing quite a lot of action. Mail is the most important item in a soldier's life. Urge your readers to write a service man every day.

Milton L. Acuff.

The above letter was received Wednesday from Lieut. Col. Milton L. Acuff. As Col. Acuff says, the boys do appreciate letters from home.

Frank Gray Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry, of First Street, has reported for naval duty and is now taking his boot training at Great Lakes, IL. Graduating with honors from the Central High School in May, he volunteered for service shortly after spending his vacation of several weeks in CA. Mr. and Mrs. Terry's oldest son, Cpl. Ernest Terry, Jr., is, according to a recent message, now on foreign duty. He was formerly stationed at Camp Stewart, GA.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford, who are now making their home in San Antonio, TX, while the former is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, spent last week-end in Old Mexico when different members of the Mexican Army entertained them in an excellent manner, and they were permitted to see Mexico in a general way.

Lieut. Jack D. Harris, son of Mrs. Allie M. Loftis, of Maple Street, Cookeville, has been transferred from the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, NM, to Douglas, AZ.

Jack Mann, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed in Washington State for several months was recently transferred to Nashville and came to Cookeville to spend last week-end with his family here at their home on Arnold Avenue.

John Darwin, U. S. Aerial Coast Guard, who has been stationed for the past few weeks at Astoria, OR, has now returned to his former post at Port Angeles, WA. Last week-end he spent in Portland, OR, with Cpl. And Mrs. Billy Carlen, and the three had a delightful visit together.

Pvt. Charles R. Bullock, of the U. S. Marines who left the States in August, has arrived safely overseas. He is fine but as yet has not participated in any major battles. He entered the service in April, and completed boot training at San Diego, CA, in June. He was joined during the early summer by his wife, the former Miss Emogene Johnson, who is making her home in San Diego while he is away where she has a position. His brother, Sgt. Dave H. Bullock, is in Holland. He has been in several battles during his two years overseas, and just recently received his present rating. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bullock, of Coeekville, Route 5.

Henry C. Dyer, AOM 2/c, who has been stationed in Memphis at the Naval Air Training Station, recently spent a five-day leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer.

Glenn Stephens has returned to the Smyrna Air Base after spending the week-end with his wife, Mrs. Stephens, who is now living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Billingsley, on the Nashville Highway. Mrs. Stephens spent a portion of last week in Nashville and Smyrna, going especially to attend the stage

show of Ted Fio Rita and his Orchestra, which was followed by a dance for enlisted personnel at the Post Recreation Hall.

John Stewart Baker, Jr., 18, 116 Stephens Street, Cookeville, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. His recruit training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general Naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate duty at sea. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

With the Fifth Army, Italy, Private Brice Allen, whose home is on Route 3, Cookeville, fought his way to the top of one of the highest peaks in the Gothic Line, as his company took the objective following an eight-hour battle on the Fifth Army front in Italy. The company is in the 349th "Krautkiller" Regiment, 88th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant James E. Austin, Baxter, with the Tank Destroyers, attached to the First Army, "Somewhere in Germany," has been awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action. Lt. Austin was a former student at T.P.I., and has been in the service since 1942. Not long ago he wrote that he had met his former professor, now Lt. Col. F. U. Foster, "Somewhere in Europe." He also mentioned that for more than two months he had not had his clothes off and thought they were lucky if they could catch time to take off their shoes and allow their feet to rest. Lt. Austin received his training at various camps, but received his commission at Camp Hood, TX. He has been overseas for 18 months and has a son 14 months old that he has never seen. He was with the first Division to land in Normandy and the first to cross the German border. His wife and son reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sewell, at Baxter.

Mrs. Jewel V. Parkerson was notified a short time ago that her son, Cpl. Ridley Parkerson, with the First Division, U. S. Marines, had been wounded while serving in the combat zone of the South Pacific theater of war. A recent letter from his commanding officer stated that he was wounded September 28, and was at that time in a hospital and even later news from Cpl. Parkerson, who has been overseas for more than 20 months, is that he is improving and has been removed from the hospital to a rest camp.

Sgt. John Mott, who is stationed at Fort McClellan, AL, was here for a recent visit with his mother, Mrs. John H. Mott. Sgt. Mott, with the Induction Center at Fort McClellan, was recently promoted to his present rank.

Pvt. Doyle Rodgers, who volunteered for service in September, 1942, taking his basic training at Camp Wheeler, GA, has been stationed at Fort Custer, MI, for the past seven months as an instructor. He has been attached to the P.M.G.S. (Provost Marshal General's School), at Fort Sam Houston, TX. His wife is staying with him at the present time.

Pvt. Norman E. Bean has been home on a 14-day furlough, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bean, and his aunt, Lean Gentry.

Chief Petty Officer, Bill Clark, U. S. Navy, who has been on overseas duty for many months, is spending a portion of his shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark, and other members of his family in Algood, and with various relatives in other sections of Middle Tennessee.

Donald C. Bean, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been on active duty in the Atlantic Theater of War for almost two years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 November 1944

Pvt. John H. Grant Reported Killed In Action:

Mrs. John H. Grant received a telegram from the War Department stating that her husband, Pvt. John H. Grant, was killed in action in Germany October 5. Private Grant entered the service November 18, 1943,

and took his basic training at Camp Shelby, MS, and Fort McClellan, AL, and then transferred to Fort Meade, MD. He was sent overseas to England, then to France and was in Germany at the time of his death.

Private Grant is survived by his widow, Lula Burks Walker Grant; one son, John D. Grant; a step-son, Carson Walker, Jr., all of Dayton, OH, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grant, of Monterey; two brothers, Cpl. Taylor Grant, with the Quartermaster Corps, "Somewhere in Italy," and Pfc. Norman Grant, with the Engineers in Gundalcanal; five sisters, Mrs. Frank Miller, of Dayton, OH, Mrs. Claude McWhorter, Misses Lizzie, Lula, and Maxine Grant, all of Monterey.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 November 1944

Pfc. Hugh Hudson Reported Killed in Action in Italy:

Mrs. Edna Fields has been notified by the War Department that her son, Pfc. Hugh Hudson, was killed in action October 3, in Italy. Pfc. Hudson had been in the service two years with an infantry regiment. He left the States in December. Besides his mother his is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Hudson, of Baxter, and one sister and two brothers.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 November 1944

Lieut. McCasky, Formerly Reported Missing, Killed in Plane Crash, October 7:

First Lieutenant Raymond McCasky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCasky of Toluca, IL, and husband of the former Miss Cornelia Taylor, of Cookeville, who has been missing in action since he piloted a Liberator bomber from the United States enroute to Europe, was killed in a crash on October 7, according to a second message received by Mrs. McCasky on Monday of this week.

Lieutenant McCasky was given his pilot training at Jackson, TN, Newport and Blytheville, AR, and was later stationed at Smyrna Army Field, Lincoln, NB, and at Casper, WY. He was stationed at Hampton, VA, immediately before leaving the States.

Lieutenant and Mrs McCasky were married in Cookeville where she now resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor, October 10, 1943.

Mrs. McCasky returned here the early part of October, but is now in Toinca, with her husband's parents, where she went shortly after hearing that Lieut. McCaskey was missing.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 November 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Lieut Charles Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Navy, who at present is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA, has at different times during the past year been on sea duty in the Pacific area. In recent months, while at a foreign port, he and his cousin, Clifford Massa, jr., had a delightful visit together. The latter serving with the U. S. Navy, also has been out of the States for the past year. Mrs. Sharpe, the former Miss Nan Holladay, and daughter, Nancy Holladay Sharpe, are making their home at Oceanside, CA, while Lieut. Sharpe is stationed at Camp Pendleton.

A/C James Roy Fitzpatrick, United States Naval Air Corps, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick. He came to Cookeville from St. Marys College, in CA, where he has been stationed for a period of several months, and completing his visit at home, he reports to the Naval Air Base in Memphis for further training. A/C Fitzpatrick has been in the service for more than a year, and during this time has been stationed in FL, OH, Washington State, and CA, and this is the first visit home.

First Lieutenant Wilbur Johnson, U. S. Army, stationed in Boston, MA, has returned to his post of duty after spending a ten-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, and other members of his family. Coming to Cookeville with him were his wife and baby who are remaining for a longer visit, dividing their time with Lieut. Johnson's family and with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Qualls, in Livingston. They will return to Boston the latter part of the month.

Lieut Birch D. Wade, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, was here last week visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade. This week he is visiting his sister, Miss Becky Ann Wade, in Knoxville, and before completing his leave, will go to Washington, D. C., to visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Staley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Phy, of Akron, OH, received a letter recently from their son, Pfc. James Carl Phy, stating that he had been in Belgium and Luxembourg and in addition to a special commendation from his General, had been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service in enemy territory.

Mrs. Robert Mayberry has received word from her husband, Pfc. Robert J. Mayberry, who was wounded some months ago, stating that he is on duty again and is now "Somewhere in Germany." Pfc. Mayberry was wounded July 11 in France and was then hospitalized in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart medal, and an expert combat infantryman's badge. His mother, Mrs. H. D. Mayberry, has also heard from him in recent weeks.

Mrs. Ray Langford is in receipt of a message stating that her husband, S/Sgt. Ray Langford, who has been slated to be at home for a 21 day furlough the latter part of November. Sgt. Langford, who has been serving as waist gunner on a Flying Fortress, has been based in England, and has completed his missions over enemy territory. Due to heroic deeds while on combat duty, he has been decorated and now possesses the coveted Air Medal. He will spend his furlough with his wife and baby and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Langford, on the Monterey Road.

Pvt. Ralph Poe will leave Sunday for Fort Benning, GA, where he is stationed after spending his 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Poe. With a paratroop division, he has been stationed at Fort Benning several months and returns there for a new assignment. He was formerly stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR.

Pfc. Richie Leo Sliger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sliger, of Cookeville, Route 5, is serving with a historical Field Artillery Battalion of the First Division, and has been overseas for over two years. Units of the First Division were the first U. S. Army troops to land in France in World War I, and they have been among the first in this conflict. In the present war, advance elements sailed for England on July 1, 1942, and the entire division was overseas and garrisoned in England by August 9, 1942. The division had been chosen as one of the assaulting forces for the invasion of North Africa and the capture of Oren, later to Algeria and Tunisia. On May 7, 1943, the division was relieved the day Tunis fell, then the preparation began for the Sicilian campaign, at the close of this battle the division sailed for England again and later participated in the French invasion, and in this war as last, the division has maintained its tradition of being first in every operation. Pfc. Sliger is probably in Germany now, and according to a recent letter from him he is wearing the four bronze stars on his ETO ribbon, which represents the major campaigns he has participated in. Mr. and Mrs. Sliger have two other sons in foreign service, Sgt. Fred Sliger has been in the European area for a year, and Sgt. Frank Sliger, with the original 181st, stationed many months in CA, has been in the Pacific area for the past four months.

Warren G. Hale, of Baxter, has successfully completed the sheet metal specialists course in the Automotive Schools of the Ordnance Training Center, Atlanta Ordnance Depot.

Now a member of the Army Air Forces, Private Hale attended Baxter Seminary, and then studied aircraft work in Buffalo, NY. He returned to Baxter to each in the seminary he attended. Later he taught at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. His brother, H. H. Hale, also a member of the Air Corps, is stationed at Madison WI.

Mrs. Solon Mitchell recently heard from her husband, Cpl. Solon H. Mitchell "Somewhere in France." Cpl. Mitchell has been in service since June 2, 1943, taking his training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and has been overseas a year. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is now serving with the Engineers in the Army Air Forces. He has a brother, Cpl. Archie R. Mitchell, in New Guinea, who has been overseas for 14 months, serving with an anti-aircraft artillery battalion. He received his training at Cap Davis, NC, and has been in service since January 8, 1943.

T/Sgt. Monroe Wilmoth of Monterey, a photo-lab technician in the B-24 Liberator group, of the Eighth Air Force, commanded by Col. Albert J. Shower, of Madison, WI, which recently completed 100 bombing missions against enemy targets in the exceptionally brief time of 140 days. During this time, Col. Shower and his group "showered" over 10,000,000 pounds of high explosives onto enemy targets in Germany and the occupied countries.

Sgt. Everett P. Anderson, U.S.M.C., is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Anderson, near Cookeville. Sgt. Anderson has just returned from overseas where he has been for the past 32 months. He was in three battles, Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan. Before returning to San Diego, CA, where he is stationed, he will visit relatives in Detroit, MI.

Tech. Sgt. Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., 21, of Arnold Ave., has been overseas for six months as radio operator of a 15th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress. The unit to which he belongs has recently received the Unit Citation given by the President of the United States "for outstanding performance of duty to armed conflict with the enemy." The citation reads in part, "By the courage, heroism and determination of the air crews, together with the professional skill and devotion to duty of the ground personnel, the officers and men of this unit have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America." Presentation was made by Major General Nathan F. Twining, Commanding General of the 15th Air Force, who affixed the award to the colors of the unit after commending the organization personally.

Each member of the organization is now entitled to wear the blue ribbon which denotes a unit which has received such a citation.

Pfc. Wilson Bean, stationed at Camp Pickett, VA, has been spending his furlough at his home here.

Cadet Midshipman James Clyde Hudgens, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon W. Hudgens, of 400 Oak Street, has completed six and one-half months of sea training as a deck Cadet-Midshipman aboard merchant ships carrying vital war supplies to the far-flung battle fronts and has just reported to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point, NY, for a year of advanced training. Upon graduation he will receive a license as a Third Officer in the Merchant Marine, a commission as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve and the rank of Ensign in the U. S. Maritime Service.

Hudgens is a graduate of Monterey High School, where he played football, basketball, and baseball and was active in dramatics. He was appointed to the U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps about nine and one-half months ago and received three months of preliminary training at the U. S. Merchant, Marine Cadet School, at Pass Christian, MS. During his sea training, Hudgens encountered enemy action. He has one brother who has served three and one-half years in the U.S. Marine Corps, 31 months overseas. Another brother has been in the U.S. Navy two years.

A/C Clarence Bartlett is spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, and Rev. McCaleb, other relatives and friends. A/C Bartlett completed his basic flying training at Stockton Field, CA, and for the past six weeks has been stationed at La Junta, CO, for advanced training towards the attainment of his silver pilot wings. At the completion of his furlough he will report to Denver, CO, for further training.

H. W. Rogers, AMM 1/c, U. S. Navy, is now "Somewhere in the South Pacific." Mrs. Rogers, who has been residing here, is leaving today for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Harley Stamps, and Mrs. Stamps, in Norfolk, VA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 November 1944

Talmadge Sutton Reported Killed in Action in Pacific Area:

b. 5 July 1924, Monterey, TN – d. 26 October 1944, buried in the Welch Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, of Monterey, received word from the Navy Department of the death of their son, Talmadge, Killed in action in the Pacific area. No exact date of the death was given but it was thought he was in the last big naval battle.

John Talmadge Sutton, Quartermaster, third class, U.S.N.R., was born in Monterey, July 5, 1924. He attended the local schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1942. Before the draft, he was an employee for a year of the Tennessee Central Railroad Co., serving as a clerk at the Monterey depot. He also worked in Bowers' store.

He entered the Navy on April 29, 1943, received his basic training in Bainbridge, MD, where he also attended Quartermaster School. From there he trained in Motor Torpedo Boat training center, in Melville, RI. At the time of his death he was in the P.T. Boat Unit.

He was highly respected in the community, known for his clean life, good sportsmanship, and was a friend to everybody. He was a letter man on the football team. His scholastic standing was of the highest type, and he was a member of the Monterey Church of the Nazarene.

Besides his parents, he leaves the following brothers: James in the U. S. Army in Belgium, Freddie, Carl Buford and Joe Howard, at home.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 November 1944

S/Sgt. Alton F. Whitlow Reported Killed in Action:

Mrs. Fanny Barbour Whitlow was notified Saturday that her husband, S/Sgt. Alton F. Whitlow, had been killed in action in France on September 12. He had previously been reported missing in action September 25. Sergeant Whitlow was a graduate of Union University in Jackson and before entering the Army in 1942 was connected with the Tennessee Valley Authority. He had been overseas since July, 1944. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Lodge.

Besides his widow, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Whitlow, of Savannah; two brothers, T. Glenn Whitlow, now serving in the Pacific, and Sgt. Ancil Whitlow, "Somewhere in France."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 November 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pvt. Lewis J. Dawes, son of Mrs. Barbara Parker, of Cookeville, Route 2, has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing. Jumping at the Parachute School has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. American paratroopers have been recognized throughout the world for their meritorious actions against the enemy. In addition to producing the jumpers, Parachute Specialist Trainings is given to qualified men in Communications, Demolition, Riggers and Parachute Maintenance, vital skills for airborne Troops.

A seven pound fourteen ounce daughter has been born to Marine Warrant Officer and Mrs. Hubert Dewitt Lafever, of Silver Point, in the United States Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, NC. Warrant Officer Lafever is attached to the Candidate Battalion at that Marine base. The child, the first born to this couple, has been

named Linda Lee. Mrs. Lafever, the former Vallie May Maynard, is the daughter of Mrs. Martha Maynard, of Silver Point. The paternal grandmother, Mrs. Tavie Lafever, resides also at Silver Point.

Pvt. Algood Vaden, who has been stationed at Camp Crowder, MO, was recently transferred to Fort Benning, GA, where he is with a Paratroop Division.

Charles Hawkins, U. S. Army, who has been overseas since April of this year, is according to a recent letter to Mrs. Hawkins, now in Lexenbourg.

Cpl. Fred Fitzpatrick, who came to Cookeville from Camp Gruber, OK, for a week's stay because of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Sam Fitzpatrick, has reported for a new assignment at Camp Gruber. Mrs. Fitzpatrick and daughter, Kathy, who had gone for a visit with Cpl. Fitzpatrick, returned to Cookeville with him and are now with the former's mother, Mrs. Kate Terry, on South Walnut Street. The senior Mrs. Fitzpatrick is improving at her home on Church Street.

Sgt. Kenneth D. Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Boyd, of Boma, has been overseas for two years. He is with the Signal Corps and has served in Africa, Sicily, Italy and at the present time is in France. Before entering the service, he was employed by the Southern Continental Telephone Company.

Pvt. George C. McCormick has completed his basic training at Camp Hood, TX, and is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR. He recently spent ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick. His brother, Pvt. John D. McCormick, of the Coast Artillery, Fort Baker, San Francisco, CA, is spending his furlough with his parents.

In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry, Ensign Thomas T. Gentry, U. S. navy, tells in an interesting way of his experiences, in so far as the censor will permit. Serving in the Pacific Area, it seems from the best information that he is now at a naval base following participation in the invasion of the Philippines. Ensign Gentry was commissioned the early part of the summer and reported for foreign service in July.

Ensign Newton B. Draper, U. S. Navy, who spent a week's leave in Sparta with Mrs. Draper, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Draper, at their home here, is now stationed at a Pennsylvania port. Prior to his new station, he was at Norfolk, Va, where his wife spent several days with his shortly before he came to Tennessee to spend his leave.

Morrison Lowe, Jr., U. S. Coast Guard, stationed in New York City, left Tuesday to resume his military duties after spending a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lowe.

Fritts, of Monterey, and son are at the Richardson House, Lying-in Hospital, Boston. Ensign Brown, with the U. S. Navy, at present is taking a special course of study at Harvard University. Mrs. Olan Fritts, of Monterey, is spending several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter in Boston.

Mrs. Seburn Bryant, of the Martin Creek community, has received word that her brother, Pvt. Claude C. Putty, who has been overseas for the past year, has returned to the United States. Pvt. Putty was wounded some time in July, and is now in a hospital in San Francisco, CA. He hopes to get in a hospital in Tennessee, so he can visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Putty, of Hermitage, and other relatives. Pvt. Putty was with an anti-tank company in New Guinea, and has been in service for over two years.

"A Soldier's Training Never Stops," and not even overseas. Technical training as well as tactical training is being conducted extensively in an organization commanded by Col. J. Frank Richmond, of Cookeville.

Various schools and training programs are conducted at this base on an administration school which is designed to acquaint prospective army clerks with a working knowledge of administrative problems and organizational and individual records and forms.

Students are chosen on the basis that they would be more beneficial to the army as a clerk rather than in their present military specialty. Factors considered are age, health, civilian occupation and score on previous army tests.

First Lt. Charles A. Wirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wirt, of Washington, D. C., is on active duty with Grn. Hodge's First Army in Germany, and has been wounded twice. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. He is a nephew of Ralph H. Wirt.

Marine Private Shural B. Hensley, USMC, formerly of Cookeville, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command at Camp Pendleton, CA. Pvt. Hensley, born February 10, 1919, at Cookeville, attended Central High School where he was graduated in 1936. He was active in sports, lettering in football, baseball, track and basketball. He attended the University of Tennessee three years, where again he was active in sports. Prior to entering the Marine Corps last March, he was employed by the Los Angeles Union Station. He has a brother, Encil V. Hensley, serving with the U. S. Navy, at Norfolk, VA.

R. H. Wirt is in receipt of a letter from his nephew, Pfc. Joe Elmer Leftwich, formerly of Cookeville, which is dated October 8, "Somewhere in Holland." He stated he was all right now and was back with his company, after being missing in action for three days as the result of being left in newly liberated territory. He further states that was the worst feeling he had experienced since leaving the States, not knowing what minute he might be killed or taken prisoner – during those days all he had to eat were two slices of black bread. The weather is getting cold there now and he hopes the war will soon be over, as he has seen about as much German territory as he cares to see.

Pfc. Leftwich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leftwich of Nashville, who have three other sons in service, Sgt. Robert Leftwich, U. S. Marines, who was on overseas duty for two years in the Southwest Pacific, and is now located at a Marine base in CA. Ralph Leftwich, Flight Officer, Army Air Corps, received his wings the latter part of the summer at an Army Air Field in AZ, and is now stationed in Pecos, TX. The last of the four to enter the service is Sam Leftwich, who some weeks ago volunteered for Marine duty, and is now in training at Parris Island, SC.

John E. Gragg, of Nashville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gragg, of Detroit, MI, a former Central High student, here, has enlisted with the U. S. Marines and is taking his boot training at Parris Island, SC.

Pfc. Burl Phy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phy, of Cookeville, who was wounded in France July 10, and was removed to an English hospital, continues to recuperate there. Mr. and Mrs. Phy are in receipt of the Purple Heart awarded their son for the wounds he sustained while on active duty. In connection with Pfc. Phy's injuries the following article came to the Herald from High Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, England, and a picture of the group accompanied the write-up:

"Dear Sir:

"It has been my pleasure and privilege to meet today a party of men of the U. S. Forces convalescing at Lilford, in Northamptonshire, from the effects of wounds suffered in the fighting in Normandy. They spent some hours at Burghley House, the seat of the Marquess of Exeter (his son and heir, Lord Burghley made many friends among collegians in the States during his career on the track and is now Governor of the Bermudas), and in our old town a mile away. It was obvious that they were interested in what we were able to show them, and the pleasure they derived from the visit gave us much happiness.

We over here ever be grateful for the very great kindness with which our boys have been treated everywhere on your side of the Atlantic, and welcome the opportunity of reciprocating in favour of the boys from America.

Your lads, so cheerful and full of good spiritis in all circumstances, have been a tonic to us in the testing times of the last few years. May the peoples of our two races ever be mineful, in the days which follow the

triumph of our common cause, of the ties which bind them, strengthened by the endurance of trials they have shared for the preservation of their high ideals.

“With cordial good wishes,
H. L. Evans, Editor.”

Lieut. James Hayes, U. S. Navy, who has served on foreign duty for a number of years, first stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, and later in the European area, is spending his 30-day shore leave in Nashville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hayes. Lieut. Hayes, who recently returned to this country from Italy has been here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams and Mrs. Jimmy Ragland at their home on Eighth Street. He always receives a cordial welcome on his return visits to Cookeville, where he spent four years at Tennessee Tech, where he received his degree in June 1941, and volunteered for naval duty shortly thereafter.

S/Sgt. Philip Hutcheson, Jr., Cookeville, recently completed his second year of overseas duty with the 15th AAF P-38 Lightning fighter-bomber group, now based in Italy. Activated in May, 1942, and sent into action in Africa late in December 1942, the group was among the first long range fighter units in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. Since its first mission flown from African soil on Christmas Day, 1942, the group has achieved an outstanding combat record rolling up the top score of any fighter unit in the Mediterranean Theatre of over 550 enemy aircraft shot down in serial combat. Hampered by adverse weather and trying living conditions, frequent shortages of vital parts and supplies, the men of this group, serving through the African, Sicilian, Italian, and European serial offensives, formed themselves into a hard hitting, smooth working combat team that won for them two Presidential and one Distinguished Unit Citations.

The group was first cited for leading the mass P-38 low-level strafing attack on German air bases in the Foggin, Italy, area on August 25, 1943, in which over 150 Junker 88's and fighters were destroyed or damaged on the ground.

The second citation was for an aerial battle on September 2, 1943, with the enemy fighters attempting to intercept a formation of B-26 bombers attacking rail yards in the Naples area. The Lightnings encountered 70 aircraft and shot down 34 of them in a savage battle which carried 100 miles out to the sea. Not a single bomber was lost.

The third citation, recently presented to the group by Major General Nathan Twining, 15th Air Force commander, was awarded for the historic long-range fighter-bomber attack made on June 10, 1944, against the Romana Americans Oil Refinery, Ploesti, Rumania, then a high priority target in Europe. In this attack, P-38's, led by Colonel William Lilton, Shaw, MS, flew 630 miles to the target, at tree top level, then climbed at the last moment brought fierce anti-aircraft fire and swarms of enemy fighters to drop their bombs on the smoke screened target, scoring hits on key installations.

Sgt. Hutcheson has been awarded a Good Conduct Medal, wears three campaign medals.

Among non-commissioned officers recently graduated from the Chemical Warfare School at Camp Pendleton, CA, is Marine Platoon Sergeant William W. Florida, Silver Point, R. I.

Platoon Sergeant Florida attended the Smithville High School, where he was graduated in 1936. Enlisting in the Marine Corps as a private August 16, 1941, at Nashville, he was promoted to his present rank in August, 1943. Platoon Sergeant Florida has served in action against the enemy at Guadalcanal, New Guinea, New Britain and Russell Islands.

The Tampa Tribune of November carried the picture and answer to the question, “If you had 24 hours to spend in your home town what would you do?” of Pvt. James L. McDonald Army Air Corps. The answer is as follows: “Most of my time would be spent with my family, all of whom are at home. I have two sisters and my mother and father there, and we would have so much to talk about that we would never get

everything said in such a short time. My special request to my mother would be that she cook a big dish of fried chicken for one meal and some good old country ham for the other.”

He also spent a two-day pass in Arcadia, FL, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williams, formerly of Cookeville. He spent a day in Sarasota recently visiting the Barnum-Bailey Ringling Bros. Circus, and the Ringling Art Museum.

Two Tennesseans, Pfc. Thurman H. McGowan of Route 3, Monterey, and Pfc. Hickman H. Pope, of Route 1, Loa Vergne, recently completed two years of overseas service with a veteran airborne aviation engineer company in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Sgt. Billy Proffitt, who has been ill in England for several months, and who was returned to the United States in October, is now located at a government hospital in Jackson, MS. Last week his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffit and twin sister, Miss Jean Proffitt, went to Jackson to see him.

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Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

November 16, 1944

WILLIAM COOPER LOFTIS REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM:

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Loftis received a telegram November 13 from the War Department stating that their son Pfc. William Cooper Loftis, was killed in action somewhere in Belgium, October 26. No other details of his death have been learned.



William Cooper Loftis was born June 25, 1924. He attended and graduated from Cookeville Central High School with honors in the spring of 1941. He entered Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at the beginning of the summer of 1941, where he continued through the spring term of 1943. He was called to active duty on June 19, 1943, having previously enlisted in the Regular Reserves of the United States Army, and reported for induction at Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

He majored in mechanical engineering at Tennessee Tech, and made excellent grades during the entire time he attended Tech, Dean A. W. Smith stated today. He would have graduated in 1945 had he continued in school.

After receiving his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, he was sent to the University of Delaware, in Newark, Del., as an Army Specialized Trainee, in Advanced Mechanical Engineering, where he remained until the program was discontinued April 1, 1944.

He was transferred to Camp Carson, Colo., and attached to the 104th Military Police Platoon of the 104th Infantry Division. From the time he was sent to the Port of Embarkation until his arrival somewhere in France, he was assigned to his original division but was reattached to the Military Police Platoon after his outfit arrived in France and served as Military Police until October 15, 1944.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

November 23, 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Charles H. Cox, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been away on sea duty for the past several months, arrived Saturday to spend his ten-day leave with Mrs. Cox and children at their home on Dixie Avenue. Seaman Cox's home port is Boston, MS. He will divide his stay at home with his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox.

Pvt.. Halbert W. Phillips, U. S. Army, is spending his 15-day furlough with Mrs. Phillips and daughter, Gail, and with other members of his family, including his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Phillips, on Stevens Street. Pvt. Phillips who is stationed at Aberdeen, MD, will leave Sunday to resume his military duties there.

Pfc. Dwight F. Maxwell, who has experienced 35 months of foreign service in the Central Pacific Ara, was returned to the States recently because of illness and is now stationed at Mayer Hospital, Nashville. Ill of pleurisy and similar complications. Pfc. Maxwell spent the last five months of his foreign service in the 75th Station Hospital and in the 67th General Hospital at Honolulu. Recently he was granted a sick leave and was permitted to spend 15 days in Cookeville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell, of South Walnut Street, and numerous other relatives.

Another letter has been received by Robert Ray from his son, Pvt. Jeff Dyer Ray, who has been overseas approximately two years, serving in the various theaters of war in Africa and Europe. He is now in England and seems to be doing splendidly. He sends Christmas greetings to his father and everyone at home, and says that they are not sure what they will be doing over there by Christmas. Numerous friends have asked for Pvt. Dyer's address, which can be obtained from Mr. Ray.

Cpl. Ernest Terry, Jr., is now stationed "Somewhere in England," according to recent letters he has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry, on First Street. With an Anti Aircraft Division, he took most of his training at Camp Stewart, where in August he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Cpl. Terry entered the service two years ago, and had at that time completed his third year at Tennessee Tech. He has been overseas since October, and recently was granted a 24-hour pass, which he spent in an interesting English city.

James W. Murphy, Lieutenant (j.g.) United States Navy, arrived in Cookeville Monday to spend a ten-day leave with Mrs. Murphy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy, and other members of the family. Landing on the West coast some time last week, Lieut. Murphy came by plane to Nashville where he was met by Mrs. Murphy. This is the first visit home since November 1943, and during this period of time he has been in the Pacific Theater of Operations, his military duties taking him to the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Admiralty Islands, and in the past few months, he has seen service in two major invasions, that of Saipan of the Marianna group and Peleliu Island, of the Palous. At the expiration of his leave, Lieutenant Murphy reports again to the West coast for further assignment. The Murphy family will be together for Thanksgiving this year, the first time in several years, as Mr. Murphy, Sr., and Miss Mary Ruth Murphy, of Detroit, MI, have joined the family circle for the holidays. Lieut. and Mrs. Murphy will spend a portion of his leave with the latter's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. L. Swallows, in Algood.

Mrs. Kasper Winningham has been notified that her husband, Pfc. Kasper Winningham, is now "Somewhere in France," serving with a General Hospital Unit.

Sgt. James Alloway, Army Air Corps, Smyrna Air Base, was home for a short visit this past week-end, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

November 23, 1944

Burl A. Brown: b. 26 June 1925 – d. 21 April 1974, (Pvt. US Army), md on the 3rd of September 1960, to Jewel Marie (Cooper) Brown, b. 24 November 1926, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 August 2007, TN, d/o Faries Cooper & Doshea Randolph.

Message States Pfc. Burl Brown Wounded Again:

A message received from the War Department by Mrs. Hattie B. Brown, of near Cookeville, states that her son, Pfc. Burl A. Brown, 19, was seriously wounded on November 7, "Somewhere in France." This is the second time Pfc. Brown has been wounded since the French invasion, and he is now the recipient of the Purple Heart Award.

Besides the combat are of France he has also been on active duty in Italy.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

November 23, 1944

Charles L. Mitchell Reported Prisoner of German Army:

Charles L. Mitchell, U. S. Army, previously missing in action "Somewhere in Belgium" since September 26, is according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Bonnie England Mitchell, of Detroit, MI, a prisoner of the German governemtn. This information was received November 16.

Inducted into the army at Fort Custer, MI, he received training at Camp Van Dorn, MS, and Fort Meade, MD. Completing his training in the United States, he was ordered to report for overseas duty in February, 1944. Going first to England, he later saw service in France, participating in the battles of Brett, Normandy, and was with the American troops who aided in the retaking of Paris.

Pvt. Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, of Cookeville, Route 5, and was with the Ninth Infantry Division of the American First Army.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

November 30, 1944

WITH OUR FORCES:

Mrs. Carrie Netherton, of Cookeville, Route 4, has received word that her son, Pvt. Charlie Netherton, has landed safely in England. He entered the service in April 19__ taking his training at Camp Grant, IL, Camp Ellis, IL, Camp Gruber, OK, and Camp Barkeley, TX.

William Howard Mahler, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, who recently spent his shore leave here with Mrs. Mahler and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, and family, has reported to New York City, his home port, and has again resumed his duties at sea. Returning from foreign service, he was in Boston, MA, for ten days before coming home, and was joined there by his wife, who accompanied him to Cookeville.

James Drake, U. S. Navy, who has just completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, is here, spending his leave with his mother, Mrs. Mae Drake, and other members of his family. At the expiration of his leave he returns to his present station where he reports for a new assignment. He volunteered for service shortly after his graduation from high school last May, and was called for training the latter part of the summer.

Frank R. Adams, U. S. Navy, former County Superintendant of Schools, is spending his shore leave of several days with his family in Monterey, and has also been in Cookeville, visiting with friends. He reports for further duty at a New York port some time next week.

Cpl. William Carr, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, and Mrs. Carr were here last week, visiting with the former's mother, and sister, Mrs. Mattie Carr, and Miss Doris Carr.

Oliver Rice, U. S. Navy. Stationed in New York City, is spending his furlough of several days with Mrs. Rice, at their home on Washington Avenue.

Pfc. Robert McKinley, stationed with the Army Air Corps, at Tyndall Field, FL, and Mrs. McKinley have been spending his 18-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, on Washington Avenue,

and with relatives in Nashville and Carthage. In the latter places they were the guests of the junior Mrs. McKinley's family. Miss Virginia McKinley came from Washington, D. C., to be with her brother and sister-in-law during their visit here.

A news release from Wisconsin on November 21, states that Pvt. Mark E. Harris, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harris, 211 Cherry Street, has enrolled in the AAF Training Command's aircraft radio mechanics school at Traux Field, as announced by the post commander.

Frank B. Harris, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harris, who entered the Army September 21, 1944, has received a medical discharge, and is now residing with Mrs. Harris in Long Beach, CA. He has resumed his position with the California Shipbuilding Company.

Pfc. Ralph H. Dyer, who was wounded on October 21, at the battle of Leyte, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Dyer, Cookeville, Route 2, that he is recovering nicely.

Raymond E. Wirt, youngest brother of Ralph H. Wirt, has enlisted in the Navy as a volunteer. He served his primary training period at Bainbridge, MD, and is now at Charleston, SC, preliminary to serving aboard ship.

Mrs. Kenneth Pinkston received a letter recently from her husband, Cpl. Kenneth Pinkston, stating that he had been awarded the second Bronze Star for heroic service in enemy territory. Cpl. Pinkston has been in the service since October 27, 1942. He took his training at Fort McClellan, AL, and Fort Custer, MI. He landed in England the latter part of June, 1943, and has been overseas 17 months. He is now serving with an M. P. battalion, "Somewhere in France."

T/Sgt. Jasper Bailey, Jr., is now at home for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey, and sister, Miss Barbara Bailey, after completing his missions over enemy territory from an Italian base. The following item comes from the Public Relations Headquarters of the 15th Air Force, in Italy: "Technical Sergeant Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., 21, of 103 Arnold Avenue, Cookeville, TN, recently flew his 50th long range combat mission in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He is the radio operator of a 15th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress. Beginning his combat flying June 22, 1944, Bailey has flown on combat missions attacking enemy targets in Italy, Germany, Austria, France, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial combat against the enemy, he has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. His other decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with two battle stars. Sgt. Bailey is a graduate of Central High School, Cookeville, and prior to his entrance into the Army Air Forces, he was a student at Tennessee Tech.

James Harvey Medlin, Cox's'n, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Lillie Medlin, of Cookeville, who has been in the service for more than four years, and who has served in the South Pacific since Pearl Harbor, is now enjoying a few weeks of shore duty near San Diego, CA. His wife, the former Miss Mary Louise Higgins, of Oakland, CA, and their small son, Jimmy, are at home for the present at 4020 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA. Mr. Medlin has liberty from duties Wednesday nights and from Saturday noon until Monday morning and can spend this time with his wife and son.

Pfc. Arbie Lee Bussell, who left the States some three or four months ago, landing in England, has participated in different battles of France, Belgium and Germany. He was wounded October 3 in Germany, and is now recuperating in an English hospital. Mrs. Bussell and three-month-old son, who was born while Mr. Bussell was at the port of embarkation, are making their home on Whitson Street during his absence.

Charles E. Robinson, s 2/c, is spending a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Robinson. He was inducted into the Navy last year, took his boot training in San Diego, CA, and is now stationed at Whitbey Island, WA.

Edward Davis, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Davis, of Oakland, CA, where the former has been stationed for the past year, have been here for a recent visit with Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. S. U. Foster, and other members of the Foster household. They have now returned to Oakland, where he resumes his naval duties.

Sgt. Jack Stringer, a former Tennessee Tech student, who has been overseas with the First Engineers Battalion for several months, and reported missing in action since July 30, is according to a more recent report, a prisoner of the German government. During his school days here, Sgt. Stringer made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, and at Mrs. Daisy Bennett's home, on Dixie Ave.

T/5 Jack Stewart, formerly of Cookeville, is now taking specialist training at the Suffolk Army Air Field, Westhampton Beach, NY. In a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. E. J. Stewart, he states that he is very busy, and while he is not so very far from NY, he seldom has time to visit the city.

Cpl. Charles Erhard, Jr., formerly stationed here with the 46th College Training Detachment, has reported for overseas duty. Since the pre-flight training program was abolished, Cpl. Erhard has been stationed at Camp Polk, LY, and his wife, the former Miss Virginia Ann Rucker, of Cookeville, made her home at DeRidder, LA, until recently. Prior to reporting to port of embarkation, Cpl. and Mrs. Erhard were with his mother, in New York City, for a brief visit. The junior Mrs. Erhard is now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Rucke, of Dixie Avenue.

Sgt. James C. Swallows, of Baxter, is now stationed "Somewhere in France." A letter received by Mrs. Swallows, tells of a mission to London, England, and while there, Sgt. Swallows met Rupert Nunally, also of Baxter, who is connected with the Military Police, in London.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford, who have been located in San Antonio, TX, since early autumn, where the former has been stationed at Fort Sam Houston, were here for a brief visit with relatives the latter part of last week, enroute to Camp Silbert, AL, where Col. Crawford reports for new military assignment.

Sgt. John Mott, of Camp McClellan, AL, and Stacy Mott, RM 2/c, U. S. Navy, who recently returned to his home port on the East coast, following several months of foreign service were here last week, visiting their mother, Mrs. John Mott. Mrs. Ray Boman, of Nashville, is here with her mother, brothers during their visit at home. Coming particularly to be with her.

Robert H. Judd, AOM 3/c, Indian Head, MD, and Richard L. Harris, S 1/c, Barin Field, Pensacola, FL, have been in Cookeville the past ten days, having been called here on account of the death of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ritchie Judd.

Belton Gibson, Pg M 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has spent his shore leave of thirty days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phy Gibson, after a absence of approximately two years in New Zealand, reported last week for a new assignment in New Orleans, LA. From New Orleans, he was transferred to Memphis, and at present is serving with the hospital staff, U. S. Naval Hospital, there.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

November 30, 1944

Pvt. Haskell Grogan, Jr., Wounded in Action:

Mrs. Haskell Grogan, Jr., of this city, has been notified that her husband, Pvt. Haskell J. Grogan, Jr., has been slightly wounded. The message stated he was wounded in action November 9 "Somewhere in France."

Entering the service of the U. S. Army last February, Pvt. Grogan took his training at Indian Town Gap, PA, and has been on foreign duty in the European Theater of Operation since August.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Frank T. Johnson, Jr., now stationed with the 15th AAF in Italy, was recently promoted from the position of Corporal to that of Sergeant. He services as tail gunner and has been overseas since September this year. After flying his first mission over enemy territory, Sgt. Johnson was awarded the Presidential Citation, and has since been presented the Air Medal for special service. Prior to leaving the States, he was stationed at Mountain Home, ID. His wife, the former Miss Lucy Young, is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young, during his absence.

Mrs. Herbert Staley Wall has heard from her husband, Pvt. Wall, with an Armored Tank Division, stating that he had landed safely in France. Mrs. Wall and children are making their home here while he is away on military duty. Pvt. Wall, son of Henry Wall and the late Mrs. Wall, was stationed at Fort Knox, KY, for training.

In a letter from Pfc. Shirley Stamps to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stamps, dated November 9, he says he participated in the Phillipines Invasion and that seeing the natives, who are civilized, it was quite a treat after spending 13 months in the jungles of New Guinea. He said he was very well and sent greetings to all his friends in Putnam County.

Commander Brownlow Oliver, U. S. Navy, stationed in Washington, D. C., was in Baxter last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, and sister, Mrs. Hobart Shields. Commander Oliver also came to Cookeville to visit relatives and friends during his leave.

Cpl. Howard Tinsley, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Harbinger, TX, is spending his 10-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, and Mr. Gibson, and with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pendergrass and family. Cpl. Tinsley is a gunner on a B-24. Going to Nashville to meet him was his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greenwood, Jr.

In a letter to Mrs. L. T. Reeves, Major Reeves, who has been in England since early summer, writes most interestingly of a recent visit to London, where he spent his leave of several days. Major Reeves has in the past few weeks been paid a very high compliment by the Inspector General, relative to his clinic, saying it was superior to any dental clinic in the United Kingdom.

Pvt. James Bush, U. S. Marines, formerly stationed at Parris Island, SC, is now at New River, NC. Pvt. Bush spent ten days here recently with Mrs. Bush and daughter, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Frank Bush. He reported for his new assignment on Friday. The senior Mrs. Bush has just received a notice from another son, Sgt. Hubert Bush, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, stating that he landed safely on foreign soil. His wife is making her home in Somerset, KY, where she and her husband resided before he entered the service.

Pfc. James H. Grogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grogan, of Bloomington Springs, was home on a furlough from August 21 to September 1, and is now "Somewhere in France." Cpl. Edgar H. Grogan, another son, when has heard from was well and living on the Island of Oahu.

Pvt. Robert Rittenberry was inducted into the service November 9, 1944. He is now stationed at Camp Shelby, MS. He is the son of Mrs. Sarah Tosh, of Mayland.

1 November, 1944

Just received my September 28 copy of the Herald and I must say it was nice to get it. I am at present in a hospital deep in the South Pacific, I can't name the island, it's against the rules of the censor. However, I can say it's one that was recently taken from the Japs at a terrific loss. I read your article, 'With the Armed Forces', and I think it's OK. I must admit the boys from home are doing all right in the services of our country and I want to wish every one of them luck and a quick return home. I'm sure all of them are doing

their best as I am, so let's all get this thing finished as soon as possible. Keep up the good work and we will all be home soon.

Now last, but not least, let's give a note of thanks to Sam D. Sullins of Buffalo Valley for his History of F.D.R. and the G.O.P.

Sincerely, H. P. Maddux, MM 3/c

The following news article appeared in the Richmond Daily Register, of Richmond, KY, Nov. 28, 1944:

Gene Huddleston, Musician, 1/c, is attached to the Naval Air Station Band, Pensacola, FL, and plays in the concert orchestra. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huddleston, Beren, KY. Recently, when a musician in the Freddie Slack Orchestra was unable to appear for a national radio hookup program, "Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands," Huddleston was pressed into service with his tenor saxophone. Slack complimented him highly on his performance. He has been in the Navy for seven years, and has seen much active duty. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and participated in the Attu, Midway and Coral Sea engagements.

With the Army Air Force Engineer Command, in Italy – Pvt. Charles E. Norton, who is with an aviation engineer battalion, building bases for Allied air power in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, recently received the Driver's "W" Award upon the recommendation of his company commander for his efficient and meritorious work as a tractor operator.

Pvt. Norton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Norton of Bloomington Springs. A veteran of two years overseas service he wears the European-African-Middle East Ribbon with two bronze campaign stars. He also wears the American Defense Ribbon and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He has served in the whole of the North African Campaign, and the present Italian campaign.

With U. S. Supply Forces in France – The job of restoring U. S. Army planes which have crashed in the communications zone falls to men of the mobile reclamation and repair units – 15-man crews of aviation experts which float like nomads throughout the ETO. One of these gypsy craftsmen is Pfc. Houston Cherry of Cookeville.

Pfc. Cherry is one of the expert welders and sheet metal workers in this repair unit which is a self-sufficient organization geared to strip down a damaged plane, replace missing parts, manufacture parts which are not easily available, and restore each ship to perfect running order before sending it back to the flying front. The unit is continually on the move and covers thousands of miles in the pursuit. They are equipped with two jeeps and two trucks which serve as a mobile repair shop, including welding, sheet metal, machinist and hydraulic machinery. This equipment, plus their own highly developed skill makes it possible for them to work fast – in one three-week period, they completely rebuilt six ships.

Pfc. Cherry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cherry, of Cookeville.

Marine Private First Class Carl Beaty, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wright, of Monterey, has returned to the States, following long overseas service. Pfc. Beaty is a member of the First Marine Division, and served at Peleliu, Cape Gloucester and Guadalcanal. He was 30 months in the South Pacific.

October 14, 1944 – "Somewhere in France"

Dear Editor and Friends:

"If I may have a bit of space, I would like to tell you a bit about France and the boys over here. France is really and truly a very beautiful and thriving country. I have covered hundreds of miles through France and have seen some very interesting and exciting sights as well as some not so good. Back in Normandy, I landed at Utah Beach, and the quiet comfortable days and nights there were not to be found. Artillery fire seemed to never cease. As we moved along, seeing dead everywhere and destruction of all kinds, well, it

made us appreciate home as we had never before, however we soon got used to it and it did not affect us as it did. Some of the going was tough, sometimes we would go like wildfire. Part of the time the Germans retreated so fast we could hardly keep up with them, but now the going is pretty tough, as it was in the beginning.

"I am in an M. P. Combat outfit and we perhaps see as much as anyone, as we keep on the move constantly. I was recently on a post all alone during the wee hours of a moonlit night. A German dive bomber swooped down at tree top level over my head, but, by the help of God, he never released a bomb nor tried to strafe me. However about a thousand yards away, he strafed at two of my buddies, but missed them.

"We would all like to be at home, but we have a victory to win and we all want to stay until it is over. At Germany's defeat, we wonder if we go home, remain in an army of occupation, or go to the Pacific. As there are about three million soldiers still in the States, we all feel as if we would be glad to put up the rest of our time there and let them see what they can do to lick the Japs. We are not gripping because we had to leave our immediate families and friends, sleep in the mud and rain, where danger was imminent, but we have so far, and will continue, to do a good job, but when it's over over here, we all want to come back when transportation is available. We don't worry about our jobs, but we anticipate to enjoy a good night's sleep, a good meal, and know that some Nazi won't keep us jittery all the time.

"The French people give us a nice reception, and admire our great war machine, which is unexcelled. Despite the fact that France has been under Nazi control for four years, it is surprising to see many available articles here that are scarce in the States. I have seen lots of England and Scotland, but, I think all of the others prefer France to Great Britain.

"We wish each and every one of you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Where we will be, God only knows. The war is not over yet, so keep up the good work. Our morale is high. The road is still long and rough, but some day we will be back and we all will feel proud that we have done our part to bring the world to peace again.

"May Victory bells soon ring.

Pfc. Gaskell Warren."

Pfc. Burl E. Tinch, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tinch, of the Nashville Road, who has been serving with an infantry company, in the Pacific Theater of War for many months, writes the latter below which is very interesting. With the letter he enclosed the Infantryman's Combat Badge which he had recently received:

Dear Mother and Dad:

Will write you a few times today as the sun is shining pretty warm and haven't anything to do. Hope this finds you in good health as it is leaving me the same.

There is not much to write about over here. About the same old thing all the time; plenty of trees, vines, and weeds, swamps and also mud. We have a pretty good time in our time off, going swimming and playing ball of various kinds.

There are plenty of birds of all kinds, some chickens, lots of dogs, wild hogs and a few cows, no horses or mules, but a few goats. The houses are all hand made, with no nails in them. The roofs are made of palm leaves woven into shingles. They don't leak at all. The furniture is made by hand, all wood, what little they have. The beds are some bamboo spliced and laid on a platform. The cover is made of grass which is plaited by hand. The native's gardens have a few vegetable in it, such as corn, tomatoes, potatoes, sweet pepper, egg plant, and few others. The fruits are lemons, bananas, and pineapple.

I will change the subject and tell you what I saw on the plateau. We left the company one morning with a patrol out of the other company. We went up the beach for about eight or ten miles. We were on the point

of the patrol. When we got there, we were all tired out. When the natives saw us coming, they all gathered around in a group to greet us, with the Dutch flags waving high over their heads on a bamboo pole.

After all the boys arrived the natives came marching out with the Dutch flags in front and a bamboo band behind. The band was composed of 22 instruments. They could play several songs in their language, but you could tell by the notes what they were. They played "Silent Night" and a few others like it. After they finished the songs, the old chief made them help dig our holes for the night, to sleep in. After we got the holes dug and fixed they played a few more songs for us. When they started to play the third one, I took my old hat and went around to the boys, taking up a collection of cigarettes, candy and sugar or anything they wanted to give. I gave it to them and they divided it equally among themselves, and played two more songs.

The next morning they came out again and played a few more songs to say good-bye. Some of the boys wanted to go with us so we took a few along to help carry our packs and equipment. I got one to help me. He played a flute in the band and was a very smart boy. He was about ten years old. I shared my food 50-50 with him and he was happy to help. At night we slept four in a hole, and gave the native boys part of our blankets to sleep under. They stayed with us four or five days. They hated to see us leave, for they were afraid of the Japs. We did not see any Japs on that plateau that time, but the one before it we saw plenty of them. Both sides were playing it for keeps, but we came out on top after all. There were a few boys hurt, not bad though. As for myself, not a scratch at all, and I was the pointman of the patrol. I got a few Japs for the boys they hurt. We got 20 by rifles, and probably 15 by machinegun, and wounded a few others, don't know how many.

Well, I guess I had better close, I've written a much longer letter than usual. Good-bye, with lots of love, your son.

Pvt. Burl E. Tinch.

Flight Officer Willie L. Huffer, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland D. Huffer of Walnut Street, was among the hundreds of youthful Americans navigation cadets, who have, after 12 weeks of strenuous training, pinned on their silver navigation wings at the commencement exercises at the installation of the A.A.F. Training Command, held November 11, at Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, TX.

In addition to his Wings, F/O Huffer also received his commission. Eight other Tennesseans were listed as members of this class, when they received navigator's Wings and a commission as an officer of the U. S. Army.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

Pvt. Garland T. Wilmoth Killed in Action in France:

Pvt. Garland T. Wilmoth, of the Smith Chapel community, was killed in action in France October 23, according to a telegram received from the War Department, December 2, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Wilmoth, of Cookeville, Route 3.

Private Wilmoth was inducted into the army June 1942, and received his training at Camp Pickett, VA, and Camp Blanding, FL. He has been overseas since April 7, 1944, and landed in England, April 19, 1944.

He received the Purple Heart for wounds received in France on July 6. He was sent to a hospital in England where he stayed about two months. Returning September 7, to his outfit in France, where he was killed in action, October 23.

Pvt. Wilmoth was born December 27, 1910, professed faith in Christ in early manhood and united with the Methodist Church at Mt. Union.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Hodge Stockton, and Miss Lottie Wilmoth, and two brothers, John H. Wilmoth and Pvt. Hartford Wilmoth, in France.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

Pvt. Charles W. "Bill" Smith Prisoner of War in Germany:

Pvt. Charles W. "Bill" Smith is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a telegram received from the War Department the latter part of November by his father, Isaac Smith, of near Nashville, formerly of Cookeville, Route 1.

Pvt. Smith entered the service in January of 1943. He took his training at Camp Stewart, GA, and Camp Pickett, Va. He has been overseas since August, 1944.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: (not complete)

7 December 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pfc. Arvil D. West and Pfc. Robert A. West, both of the U. S. Marines, recently met each other "Somewhere in the South Pacific." It was the first time in a year that they had seen each other and they write that it was a glad reunion. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard West, of Cookeville, Route 2.

Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd received a cable Tuesday from their son, T/Sgt. Alvin W. Boyd, from "Somewhere in Europe," Stating that he was all right.

Pfc. Hester G. Gentry, whose wife, Stella Mae, lives in Brotherton, has been cited by his armored infantry battalion of the First Armored Division with the Fifth Army in Italy, and awarded Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

T/5 Douglas and T/5 Hutler Bush, two Putnam County brothers experienced a happy meeting recently when they were privileged to be together for a visit of a day and night. The meeting occurred the latter part of November when they both chanced to be stationed in Holland. This was the first time they had seen each other in two years. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. MonMonroe Bush of Baxter, and the former's wife, who before her marriage was Miss Dolly Starnes, makes her home here on Cedar Street during his absence.

T/5 Douglas Bush is with the U. S. Army Engineers, and has been in the service since November 18, 1943, and for most his training was stationed at Camp Robinson, AR. Prior to leaving the States in September of this year, he was located at Camp Bowie, TX.

Landing in France the early part of October, he was ordered to Holland during the month of November. T/5 Butler Bush entered the service in October 1942, and is serving with a Headquarters Division of the Ninth Army. He has been on foreign duty since July, stationed first in England and later to other sections of the European Theater of Operations.

Pvt. Arvil Ford was inducted in the Army, April 6, at Camp Shelby, MS, took his basic training at Fort Bragg, NC, and has landed safely in France, according to word received by his wife, Sammie Louise Maxwell Ford. Mrs. Ford and daughters, Martha Faye and Betty Sue, are residing with her mother, Mrs. Pamela Denton "Pama" (Bartlett) Maxwell Maynard.

The following article concerns Capt. Beaty Harris Fleenor, grandson of Rev. J. D. Harris, of Cookeville. Capt. Fleenor, who has been missing in action is a son of Dr. and Mrs. _____ Fleenor of Manhattan, KS.

“The War Department still reports Capt. Fleenor ‘missing in action,’ as of April 16, 1943, while on a bombing mission over Nazi submarine bases at Brent, France.

Marine Pfc. Harley Thompson, son of D. H. Thompson, of Route 1, Cookeville, has been graduated from the Browning Automatic Rifle Section School at Training Command at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Born June 26, 1919, at Cookeville, Pfc. Thompson attended Hilham, Fisk Academy four years. He was employed by E. I. DuPont Co., before enlisting in the Marine Corps, June 29, 1944, at Nashville. He was promoted to private first class, November 16, 1944. His wife, the former Mamie West, and one-year-old daughter, Linda Gail, reside at Cookeville.

Second Lieutenant Barcey Butler Rich, son of Harvey S. Rich, of Cookeville, has been assigned to Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, FL, it was announced by Lt. Col. Richard Fry, the acting commanding officer. Lt. Rich attended Tennessee Tech, at Cookeville, and was an accountant for the Farm Security Administration at Raleigh, NC, prior to his entrance into the service three years ago. He was stationed at Spence Field, GA, before being assigned to Buckingham.

Marine Pfc. Willis L. Goolsby, 19, who was wounded in action during the fighting for Saipan and Tinian, has been awarded the Purple Heart. The Marine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kase Goolsby, of Bloomington Springs.

Sergeant Joe E. Pippin, son of Mrs. Martha Pippin of Bloomington Springs, has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is a squad leader with the 34th “Red Bull” Division of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark’s Fifth Army, Italy.

Pfc. Virgil Travis Murphy has returned to Thayer General Hospital in Nashville, after spending a 31-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Mary Ila Slinger Murphy, and son, Jimmie Travis. Before being wounded in England, he was with the 134th Infantry, and 35th Division. He has been in the States since October 9, 1944. His brother, Sgt Lyman A. Murphy, Jr., is now stationed in Iran.

Mrs. Pearl R. Smith has received word that her husband, Pvt. John T. Smith, Jr., has landed safely in France. He entered the service March 30, 1944, taking his basic training at Camp Shelby, MS, and Camp Blanding, FL. Before going to Fort Meade, MD, where he reported for overseas duty, he spent his furlough with his wife, the former Pearl Randolph, his three sons and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Sr., Whitney St.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. James G. Mitchell announce the birth of a son, James Dibrell, born November 24, at the Methodist Hospital, Scotts Bluff, NB. Mrs. Mitchell was the former Miss Mary Alice Cunningham, and Sgt. Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell.

David T. Dow, U. S. Navy Reserve, stationed in TX, has been spending his furlough of two weeks with Mrs. Dow in Monterey, and with his father, John Dow, at the home of the latter’s daughter, Mrs. Curtis DuBois, and Mr. DuBois. Before volunteering for military duty, Petty Officer Dow was an employee of the local post office, and he and Mrs. Dow resided at their home on Church Street. During his stay here, another sister, Mrs. Harold Duncan, and Mr. Duncan came from Oak Ridge to be with him and were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. DuBois.

S/Sgt. B. E. Stanton, who was recently returned to the United States after serving overseas for several months, with the Army Air Corps, following the completion of his missions over enemy territory, is now stationed in Amarillo, TX. Sgt. Stanton spent his 21-day furlough at his home here on the Smithville Road, before reporting for his new assignment.

Sgt. Woodie Palk, who has recently returned to the States, following many years spent on foreign service, was the honor guest of a delightfully arranged supper given recently by his mother, Mrs. A.C. Palk, whose other guests included, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Palk and family, Albert Jackson, Miss Juanita Palk and Buddie Palk. Sgt. Palk, who has been in the South Pacific area, has now recovered from wounds which he

sustained at Pearl Harbor. Following his furlough visit here and with relatives in Baxter, he returns to CA for further assignments.

Sgt. Billy Qualls has notified his mother, Mrs. Lula Qualls, of Dixie Avenue, of his safe landing on the Philippines, which was October 20. His outfit was the first on the beach for the invasion, and he states he came through the conflict without a scratch and was feeling fine.

On Sunday night, Mrs. Qualls received a telegram that her oldest son, Walter Thomas Qualls, who has been in India for approximately two years, had landed safely from overseas and is now at a Coral Gables, FL, hospital. Shortly after receiving the telegram, Mrs. Qualls talked to her son, who said he was feeling fine with the exception of being tired and nervous. He returned to the States by plane, and hopes to be at home for the Christmas season.

Marine Cpl. Thomas Mitchell Matheny, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Matheny, of Monterey, has returned to the States following long overseas service. Cpl. Matheny is a member of the First Marine Division, and served 30 months in the South Pacific. He took part in the Peleliu Island invasion. He is a former Monterey High School student.

The following article is a portion of a write-up taken from a recent Somerset, KY, paper concerning Capt. Howard Holladay, whose parents formerly made their home here. Capt. Holladay is a cousin of W. J. Holladay of the city, and has numerous other relatives located in Putnam County.

“Capt. Howard Holladay, who spent 17 months overseas with the 8th U. S. Air Force, arrived home Friday for a 21-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Holladay. A veteran of 29 missions, the young Somerset pilot is the proud possessor of the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, awarded him for “exceptional and meritorious service while participating in bomber combat missions over Europe. His courage, coolness and skill were praised.

During his period overseas Captain Holladay was based in England.

“Since April his duties have been chiefly those of operational officer, although he volunteered and took part in five more combat missions. We encounter far less enemy fighters in the sky than we did a year ago, but the falk they throw at us is increasing all the time,’ said Holladay.

“While overseas, Capt. Holladay visited London on several occasions. Edinburgh, Scotland, and Paris, France. He enlisted in the Air Forces February 7, 1941, received his training at TX bases. When he went overseas he held the rank of second lieutenant.

He made the trip back to the States by plane. He left England last Tuesday morning at 9:00 o’clock and arrived at an eastern base in this country the following morning, making the 3800 mile flight in twenty hours. He first went to Washington and then proceeded home.

Pfc. Othel J. Crawford, son of Mrs. Sallie J. Crawford, of Boma, who is assigned to the Enlisted Detachment of the Service Unit, Camp Chaffee, AR, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, according to Col. C. J. Doshel, Jr., camp commander.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

Sgt. Charles Stout Reported Wounded in Germany:

According to a message received last week by Mrs. W. M. Stout from the War Department, her son, T/Sgt. Charles Stout, was wounded in Germany on November 13, and has been removed to an English hospital, where he is recovering satisfactorily.

Sgt. Stout, who has been training with the U. S. Infantry, took most of his training in GA and FL. Prior to his leaving the States, in January, 1944, he was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ. Landing in England, he saw service during the French invasion and also throughout the French and Belgium campaigns.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

Col. Parrett, Ex-Grid Star Reported Killed in Action:

Lieut. Col. Charles Parrett, one of Thomas Jefferson High School's outstanding football stars, and later a backfield ace at the University of Texas, has been killed in action, flying over Belgium, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Parrott, were notified by the War Department. Only last Wednesday they learned that Charley had been promoted to a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. He flew as the commander of a squadron of eight bombers known as "Parrott's Polecats," and had been on so many missions, he wrote that he "had lost count."

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife and a baby daughter, now with her parents, in Shawnee, OK.

Col. Parrett held the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with many Oak Leaf Clusters, and other decorations. He was a veteran pilot, having enjoyed the distinction of being the first University of Texas football student of Conch Dana Bible to be commissioned.

He was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese sneak attack took place, and flew in the Pacific war zone.

His parents are formerly from Monterey, and his grandmother, Mrs. Tom Parrett, still resides there, where they family has many friends and relatives.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

Pfc. Beecher C. Milligan Reported Missing in Action:

Pfc. Beecher C. Milligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Milligan, of Sparta, Route 2, has been missing in action in France since November 9, according to a message from the War Department received by his parents, November 30.

Pfc. Milligan took his training at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA, Camp Rucker, AL, and was stationed at Camp Butner, NC, shortly before leaving the States in May. He entered the service in January, 1943, and a portion of that year he spent on Tennessee maneuvers. Landing in England, he was transferred to France sometime in July. In August he was wounded in action and for this was awarded the Purple Heart.

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7 December 1944

Jesse James Bowman, b. 19 June 1921 – d. 12 April 1945, (Pfc 379 Inf. Div. WWII) s/o Causby R. Bowman (1899-1980) & Addie V. (unknown) Bowman (1904-1984).

Pfc. Jesse J. Bowman Missing in Action since November 14:

Mr. and Mrs. Causby Bowman, Cookeville, Route 2, have been notified by the War Department that their son Pfc. Jesse J. Bowman, is missing in action. The message stated he had been missing in France since November 14.

In service since October 1942, he was stationed in training at Camp Swift, TX, Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Shreveport, LA, and was on desert maneuvers in CA. He had only been overseas since September of this year.

Besides his parents, additional members of his family are: three sisters, Jewel, Mattie and Geraldine Bowman, and three brothers, Finis, Truman and Jere Bowman.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: (not complete)

21 December 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Dear Sirs:

Just a note to let you know that I have been receiving the Herald regularly and to alert you of a change in my address. I am now on Leyte Island, in the Phillipines.

Willard Wright, MuM 1/c

A/S Fred A. Shivers, U. S. Navy, who is in training at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, arrives Saturday to spend until the first of January with his mother, Mrs. L. L. Shivers, and sister, Miss Mary Lane Shivers, at their home on the Algood Road. During his stay at home they will have as their guest, Miss Selton, of Knoxville.

Lieut. (j.g) Arnold Cameron, U. S. Navy, stationed for some months in San Diego, CA, Mrs. Cameron and son, who have been with him since mid-summer, arrived Sunday to spend his leave at their home here on Dixie Avenue. They will divide their time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron, her mother, Mrs. Joe Scott, and many other relatives.

Cpl. Howard Tinsley, who has been spending his furlough of ten days here, left Saturday to report for further duty at the Gunnery School, Army Air Corps, Harlingen, TX. His brother, Harold Tinsley, also of the Army Air Corps, has been transferred in recent weeks from Sheppard Field, TX, to Kingman Field, AR, where he is attending gunnery school.

Sgt. Jasper Bailey who has spent his furlough of 30 days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey left Saturday for Miami, FL, where he goes for a new assignment. Sgt. Bailey returned from overseas duty the latter part of November, where he has been in Italy since June of this year and flying a B-17, had completed his fifty missions with the 18th Army Air Corps. His parents, his sister, and Cpl. Howard Tinsley, went as far as Nashville with him.

Mrs. E. J. Stewart, who at present is making her home in Knoxville, received a letter this week from her son, Lieut. R. D. Stewart, who is now on the Philippines Islands with an Engineering Battalion. Overseas for more than a year, Lieut. Stewart has been located on many islands of the Pacific area, but thinks the Philippines are very lovely. The people there are friendly and speak some English.

Sgt. Billy Proffitt is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt and sister, Miss Jean Proffitt. Sgt. Proffitt returned from overseas, where he had been for almost a year, in October, and has been at the government hospital in Jackson, MS, receiving treatment for an illness contracted while stationed on military duty in England. Attached to a Medical Corps, he took his training at Camp Butler and Fort Bragg, NC.

Robert Childress, son of Major and Mrs. H. J. Childress, reported for naval duty last week, and is now taking his boot training at Bainbridge, MD. This was his senior year at Central High School, where he served as captain of the football team, and was among the letter men on the team. He volunteered for the service some months ago. Major and Mrs. Childress' oldest son, Hugh J. Childress, Jr., U. S. Army, who has been in the service prior to the U. S. entrance into the war is now in England, where he landed some

time in November. Mrs. Childress, who has made her home at the Lowe Apartments for some time, left Saturday to join her husband, Major Childress, who is with the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Luna, Las Vegas, NM, where she will be for an indefinite stay.

Lieut Jack Baggett, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Sarasota, FL, and Mrs. Baggett are spending his leave with his parents, in Rolling Fork, MS. At the expiration of his leave, they will return to Sarasota, and shortly thereafter, Lieut. Baggett reports for foreign service. Mrs. Baggett is the former Miss Ruth Goodpasture, of Cookeville.

According to the Public Relations Office of the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, VA, Willie C. Hyder, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Hyder of Brotherton, was amongst the more than 200 new officers graduated in Officer Candidate Class No. 45, at the Quartermaster School the early part of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turney, of Lafollett, whose son, Sgt. Harold Hall Turney, has been a German prisoner since June, 1944, his plane going down behind the German lines, "Somewhere in Austria," have received two communications from him, one written July 23, and the other received last week, dated August 19. The first was a letter and the other a card – his greatest wish is to come home.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 December 1944

Lieut. Margaret Denton Gets Certificate of Merit in Europe:

Lieut. Margaret Denton, serving as a nurse with the 41st Evacuation Hospital in Holland, is the recipient of a Certificate of Merit.

Lieut. Denton, daughter of Mrs. R. A. Denton, formerly of Algood, but now of Detroit, MI, took her training in Nashville and Detroit, and has been on military duties overseas since November 1943. She is a sister of Mrs. Sam Deton Poteet of this city, and is a graduate of the Algood High School.

Honor was bestowed upon her and other personnel of the 41st Evacuation Hospital as it was the first such unit to cross the Normandy Beachhead Braving German bombs, the hospital set up its tents at LeMolay, France, in the early summer to attend invasion battle casualties. From here it followed close behind American Troops, advancing through France, Belgium and Holland. Its surgeons, nurses and assistants worked long hours beyond regular duty to patch up Americans wounded in such history making battles as St. Lo, The Falaise Gap, the Albert Canal and Aachen.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 December 1944

Sgt. Raymond D. Johnson Killed in Action in Germany:

T/Sgt. Raymond D. Johnson was killed in action in Germany November 18, his widow, Mrs. Doris May Reavis Johnson, has been informed by the War Department.

Mrs. Johnson and their daughter, Sandra Louise, reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Reavis, in Jackson. Other survivors include a brother, Hays Johnson, and a sister, Mrs. Neal Replogie, of Jackson, and a sister, Mrs. John Frey, of Cookeville.

Volunteering for service December 9, 1940, Sergeant Johnson had been overseas since February of this year. He was wounded in action July 29 and again October 9, and had been awarded the Purple Heart Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 December 1944

Pfc Charles Russell Maxwell Killed in Action in France:

The War Department has notified Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Maxwell, of Gainesboro, that their son, Pfc. Charles Russell Maxwell, 19, was killed in action in France November 25.

Private Maddux was serving with an anti tank company. He enlisted in the army at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, September 16, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Eustis, VA. From there he was sent to Yuma, AZ, for further training. He arrived in England last July 7, where he remained until August 1, when he was sent to France. He had been decorated for bravery.

Prior to enlisting in the army, he was employed by the Washington Shirt Company of Gainesboro. He attended Jackson County Central High School at Gainesboro.

Survivors are his parents; a sister, Miss Helen Maxwell; brothers, Fred and Carson Maxwell of Gainesboro; sisters, Mrs. Francis Chaffin, of Detroit, MI; Mrs. Lucy Moore Long, of Huntington Beach, CA, and his grandmother, Mrs. ___ H. Whittaker, of Gainesboro.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 December 1944

Sgt. V. E. Hash Wounded December 4, in Germany:

Mrs. V. E. Hash had a message from the War Department informing her of slight wounds received by her husband, Sgt. V. E. Hash, on December 4, in Germany.

Sgt. Hash was serving with General Patton's Third Army, and has been overseas since August.

In civilian life he was manager of the J. B. Dick & Company stores coming here from Morristown.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 December 1944

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Lieut. Col. John A. Mitchell, stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, TX, arrived Saturday to spend his leave of one week with his family at their home on E. Fourth Street. Mrs. Mitchell, John Alex and Ethel Barnes Mitchell went to Nashville on Saturday to meet Col. Mitchell.

Major Gid H. Lowe has come from his station at Camp Butner, NC, to spend his holiday leave here with Mrs. Lowe and children at their home on Washington Avenue. He will be here throughout the week.

Pvt. George Johnson, who has been in service since August of this year, serving with the U. S. Infantry, is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brett Johnson, at their home on the Algood Road. Since entering the service he has been stationed at Jacksonville, FL, but at the expiration of his Christmas furlough, he reports for further assignment at Fort Meade, MD.

Pfc. Jerry M. Pippin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pippin, of Baxter, who is serving with the U. S. Marines, has been in the South Pacific for many months. A graduate of Baxter Seminary in 1941, he volunteered for military duty shortly after graduation, and served for quite some time with the 181st F.A., before being transferred to the Marines, where he has served for many many months.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bray have received a message from their son, John Douglas Bray, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, stating that he is "Somewhere in the Pacific," after several months of service in the European Theater. His home port is now San Francisco, CA. Seaman Bray spent his ten-day leave with his parents, and other relatives the latter part of September.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford came from the former's station, Camp Silbert, AL, to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Dow, and with Col. Crawford's relatives.

Capt. Harry Draper, serving with the Signal Corps outside the Continental United States, is here on leave, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Draper, and sister, Mrs. Louise Darwin, at their home on Dixie Avenue. Capt. Draper, who has been on military duty for more than two years, was for some time stationed in Seattle, WA. His leave extend until January 8. Coming from London, KY, to spend the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Draper and family, were another son, Charles Draper, Mrs. Draper and children.

Sgt. Walter Thomas Qualls, who landed in Miami, FL, two weeks ago after an absence of two years from the United States, is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lela Qualls. Sgt. Qualls has spent most of his foreign service in India.

Receiving a cordial welcome from his wide circle of friends is Rex Vaughn, U. S. Merchant Marines, who arrived last week to spend until January 13 with Mrs. Vaughn and family, at their home here. He has been away from Cookeville since early spring, and during this time has been on duty in both the Pacific and Atlantic areas. He flew from a Central American Port to Miami, FL, thence to Cookeville by train.

Sgt. and Mrs. Nelson Maddux, who were spending his furlough of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Maddux, of near Buffalo Valley, have returned to Santa Fe, NM where he is stationed. While they were in Tennessee, they came here for a brief visit with relatives.

Henry T. McCaleb, HA 1/c, is stationed at a Navy base hospital "Somewhere in the Admiralty Islands," according to a letter received this week by his sister, Ella V. McCaleb, he had the surprise of his life on December 12 when James Grimsley, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsley, of Cookeville, Route 2, came into the ward where he was. This was the first time they had seen one another for four years and they enjoyed their visit together very much. Both boys are getting along fine. Seaman Grimsley has been in different parts of the South Pacific for the past several months.

Pvt. Joe Dyer is spending his holiday furlough here with Mrs. Dyer and children, and with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer. Pvt. Dyer returned this week to his station, Camp Lee, VA. Henry Dyer, U. S. Navy, stationed in Memphis, is here also for a brief visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dyer.

Roy Fitzpatrick, Naval Air Corps, stationed in Memphis, was here to spend a 24-hour holiday pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick.

Howard Saunders, U. S. Navy, stationed at the Great Lakes Training center, Great Lakes, IL, left Tuesday to report for further duty at Great Lakes, after spending a week here with Mrs. Saunders and family at their home on the Nashville Road. Mrs. Sanders accompanied him to Nashville on Tuesday.

Dewey F. Newman, AMM 2/c, U. S. Naval Reserve, stationed at the San Diego, CA, Air Base, was here to spend a portion of the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newman. He left Tuesday to return to San Diego.

Lieut. Franklin P. Norton, 23, of Double Springs, has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2, in Miami Beach, FL, for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States. Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain at the redistribution station about two weeks, much of which time will be devoted to rest and recreation. Lieutenant Norton flew 31 missions as pilot of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber in the European theater of operations, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norton, of Double Springs.

Howard Eugene Parkerson, S 2/c, whose family resides on Cookeville, Route 2, is undergoing training with the Navy's amphibious forces at Camp Bradford, VA, and has been assigned to the crew of the LST (Landing Ship Tank), largest of the amphibious craft capable of making a beach landing. Camp Bradford is one of the group of bases operated by the Amphibious Training Command of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet along the eastern seaboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Bullington of Cookeville, Route 5, have received word that their son, Willie Clay Bullington, S 1/c, is fine. Located in the South Pacific, he has seen service in New Guinea and the Philippines.

Cpl. William Clay Farris is now in the Philippine Islands, according to recent letters received here by his wife, Mrs. Lena Mae Farris. He writes that he is well and has plenty to eat but doesn't get much sleep because of enemy air raids. He says "their planes still come over, but very few go back." Cpl. Farris is with an antiaircraft battalion, and took his training at Camp Davis and Fort Fisher, NC. He left for overseas duty in August, 1943. Mrs. Farris resides at the home of her parents, on Cookeville, Route 5.

News release for Walla Walla Army Air Field, Walla Walla, WA, states that Lieut. Haynes E. Peery, of Algood, is now receiving his final phase of training as first pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber at Walla Walla Army Air Field, a base of the Fourth Air Force. Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Peery, Sr., parents of the 20-year-old officer, reside at South Cedar Street, Cookeville, and his wife, Mrs. Peery, lives at Algood. Prior in joining the Army Air Forces, Lt. Peery was a student at Tennessee Tech.

Morris Lee Robbins, U. S. Navy, stationed on Long Island, NY, with the Postal Service, Mrs. Robbins and son Morris Lee, Jr., who have been residing in New York City for several months, will come to Cookeville this week to spend Christmas at their home on Peachtree Street.

Jimmy Broshear, U. S. Navy, who has been in the service approximately two years, arrived Monday to spend a shore leave of some weeks with his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Barnes. During his period of service he has spent much of the time in the Pacific area, and this is his first visit in Cookeville since February.

Pfc. Willie D. Manier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Manier, of Bloomington Springs, Route 1, was inducted into the army on October 8, 1943, took his training at Camp Stewart, and Fort Benning, GA. He sailed from New York September 1943, landing in England. Participating in the French invasion, he was wounded in France in June of this year. He has rejoined his division and is now fighting with the Third Army in Germany, according to a recent letter received by his parents, in which he states he is OK, and hopes to have a good Christmas.

Pfc. Carl F. Brown, 109 Columbia Street, is with the U. S. Forces in France who are rapidly overcoming the difficulties imposed upon it by the destruction of war, one of the railway operating battalions of the Transportation Corps has succeeded in sending supply trains to the armies in the field. Placed on a section of road running behind the First Army, the unit found itself operating a secondary circuitous route. Such circling had been made necessary by the thoroughness with which the Air Forces had decimated the main line route.

Calling on their railroad knowledge, gathered in civilian life and during technical training in the army, the men succeeded in opening the tracks close to the fighting front and running supply, personnel and hospital trains into Belgium. The task of opening those tracks required the teamwork and cooperation of all four companies of the battalion.

First Lieut. Ashely Smith, 22, who recently spent his leave of 21 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smith, of Silver Point, is now stationed at Dodge, KS. Lieut. Smith has in the past two months returned from overseas where he served with the Army Air Corps for more than a year and flew 65 missions as a B-26 pilot in the European theater, winning the Air Medal and the Purple Heart, the latter for wounds sustained on his 65th mission over Germany.

Some weeks ago the Herald was in receipt of a letter from Sgt. Romaine Gentry, son of Zeb Gentry, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Detroit, MI, who states that he is Mess Sergeant and first cook at a Prisoner of War Camp, Alva, OK, where he has been for 17 months. He has been in the army 21 months and is very anxious to hear from relatives and friends in TN. Army addresses are not permitted to be published, but those who wish to write to him can contact his relatives here.

Pfc. John E. Clouse, U. S. Medical Corps, University of Tennessee, at Memphis, and Mrs. Clouse will come to spend a portion of his vacation with his mother, Mrs. John Clouse, on Douglas Street.

A/C Clarence Stewart is stationed at Hondo, TX, where he is attending advanced navigation school.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 December 1944

Lt. Fred Phillips, Jr., Dies in Plane Crash Over Italy:

Fred Phillips, Sr., of 504 Sparta street, McMinnville, received a telegram Tuesday morning from the War Department, informing him that his son, First Lieutenant Fred Phillips, Jr., had been killed in an airplane crash in Italy on December 7. No particulars concerning the accident were contained in the message but stated that a letter would follow.

Lieut. Phillips, a pilot of a P-38 Lightning fighter plane, was a member of the 97th Squadron, 62nd Fighter Group of the 15th U. S. Air Force based in Italy. After completing his required missions he was granted a leave and spent 30 days in August with his parents in McMinnville. After completing the required number of missions and the granting of the 30-day leave, a member of the air force is not required to return to combat duty unless he makes the inquire. Lieut Phillips, realizing that there was yet much to be done before the war is won, desired to return to his former command and help carry on. He requested the war department to again assign him to combat service. Very few who have seen the trying times and hard service on the fighting front would ask to be reassigned to foreign duty, as did Lieut. Fred Phillips. After his return he was made the squadron operations officer.

Lieut. Phillips was the most decorated pilot from his squadron and from McMinnville. He would have been only 32 years of age next Monday. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in February of this year and had he lived but a short time, his commission as a captain would have been cleared by the war department.

Lieut. Phillips was born in Putnam County, but lived the greater part of his life in McMinnville. His uncles and aunts of this county are, Edgar Phillips, Byrd Phillips, Lonnie Phillips, Mrs. Jarvis Matheny, Mrs. J. J. Phy, Mrs. Beulah Phillips, and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey.

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28 December 1944

Pfc. Oscar Maloy Verble of Monterey, died of wounds received in action in Germany, November 27, according to a message received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Verble.

Pfc. Verble entered the Army at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, in October 1943. He received further training at Camp McQuade, CA, Fort Miles, DE, Fort Jackson, SC, and Fort Meade, MD. He left the United States for the European War Zone in September, 1944, and landed in England. After a short training period, he was sent to a fighting front in Germany.

He graduated from Monterey High School in 1940. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Verble, sisters, Mrs. Dewey Ray, of Monterey, Mrs. Louis Dillard, of Monterey, Mrs. David Bohannon, of Akron, OH, and two brothers, Coleman Verble, of Monterey and Dennis Verble, of the U. S. Navy, Baltimore, MD.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 January 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Joe E. Raby, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, with Mrs. Raby and son of Fayetteville, spent the week-end in Cookeville with relatives. Seaman Raby has been on sea duty for the past eleven months, which has carried him to different parts of the Atlantic, being in England at the time of the first invasion. His last trip he was transferred to the South Pacific area. After his 20-day leave, he returns to Charleston, SC, for a new assignment. Before entering the Navy, Seaman Raby was connected with the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Fayetteville.

Pvt. Willie P. Christle, stationed at Fort McClellan, AL, has been spending his Christmas furlough with his wife and baby, who are residing at 410 Dixie avenue. During his stay here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Caruthers and daughter.

With the Fifth Army, Italy, Cpl. Hubert C. Randolph, son of Mrs. Hallie Randolph, of Cookeville Route 5, has been cited by the 11th Armored Infantry Battalion of the First Armored Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

Spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Dyer, was Pfc. Ralph H. Dyer, U. S. Army, after having spent several months in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. Pfc. Dyer was wounded on Leyte on October 21, and has been awarded the Purple Heart, also the Infantry Combat Badge. He will remain with relatives and friends until January 6, then return to the Thayer General Hospital in Nashville, for further treatment.

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station England – The promotion of Wilbur N. Whitehead from the rank of second Lieutenant to first Lieutenant has been announced by Col. George Y. Jumper, Natomas, CA, commander of the 385th Bombardment Group. Lt. Whitehead, 28, is the pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, and has won the award of the Air Medal for participation in bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and enemy installations in the path of the advancing Allied armies in Western Europe.

The airman is the son of Mrs. C. M. Osborne, Frederic street, Burbank, CA. His wife, the former Miss Ila King, lives in Baxter. A former student at the University of California, Lt. Whitehead worked as a mechanic for the Lockheed Aircraft Co., in Burbank before his entry into the Armed Forces. He received his pilot's wings in March, 1944, at Pecos Field, TX.

A news release from an Air Service Command Ordnance Depot in England states that Cpl. Gawain A. Wright, of Cookeville, is a driver who gets his bombs through because he knows what makes his truck tick. He was recently awarded a certificate of proficiency after completing a special course on the maintenance of the big trucks which haul bombs and gasoline to the Fortresses blasting Germany. With scores of other drivers at the Air Service Command Ordnance Depot, he spent hours at blackboard drill and actual road demonstrations learning methods to prevent breakdown from "deadlining" his truck. Cpl. Wright is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wright, of Cookeville, Route 1. Before entering the Air Forces in April, 1943, he was employed by Edd Wright, in Cookeville, as a truck driver.

Sgt. Willie Malone has been promoted from Sgt. 4th class to Sgt. 3rd class. He entered the service March 18, 1943 and has been overseas one year. After leaving the States he was sent to New Guinea, where he remained nine months. Word recently received by his sister, Mrs. Ina Morgan, stated that he had been transferred to "Some place in the Dutch East Indies." He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Malone, of 207 Cherry Street.

A letter recently received states that Alvin B. Malone, S 2/c, has landed safely "Some place in New Guinea." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Malone, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee, of Detroit, MI, have received word that their son, Calvin B. Lee, S 2/c, is stationed in FL, where he is taking training. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, IL.

Pennock Moore, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, arrived in Cookeville Sunday from Fort Logan, CO, where he had been since early fall, recuperating from an illness of several months. At Fort Logan he received his honorable discharge because of physical disability. Sgt. Moore entered the service some two years ago and was stationed at Betty Field, Nashville, until he became seriously ill last May. In civilian life he was the local postmaster, and during his absence on military duty, Mrs. Moore has been acting postmaster.

Layton Stanton, RM 2/c, U. S. Navy, has reported for further assignment at Miami, FL, after spending his shore leave in Nashville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton, and with relatives in Cookeville and Algood. Seaman Stanton recently returned to the United States from foreign duty.

Belton Gibson, PhM 2/c, U. S. Navy stationed in Memphis, will come for a New Year's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phy Gibson.

A cable has been received by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade of the Monterey Road, stating that their son, First Lieutenant Burch Dowell Wade, has landed safely in England. Lieut. Wade, serving with a division of Engineers, was, prior to his leaving the States, stationed at Fort Jackson, SC. He has been in the service for several years.

Mrs. Ruby Lee, of Cookeville, Route 5, is in receipt of a letter from Major Williard T. Day, commanding officer of the 804th Engr. Com. Bn., stating that her husband, Technician fourth grade Alvin H. Lee, had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and it was a great pleasure to inform her of this honor in the Army. Good Conduct Medals are awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity. Major Day further states he has personally congratulated the soldier on his award and felt that Mrs. Lee should share in the distinction which he received.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. B. Cox are expected to come to Cookeville next week for a visit with their respective parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves. Lieut. Cox, United States Air Corps, is stationed in Tuskegee, AL.

Lieut. Donald Mitchell, U. S. Army Air Corps, who pilots a B-24 Liberator, is now "Somewhere in Italy," according to recent letters to his mother, Mrs. Nannie M. Mitchell. Lieut. Mitchell, prior to leaving the States the latter part of October, was stationed at Charleston, SC.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bain, of Baxter, have received word that their son, Second Lieut. Bill Bain, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, has arrived safely in New Guinea.

Lewis Hunter Bohannon, RhM 2/c, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on December 17, 1943, reporting to the naval hospital, San Diego, CA, for training for the Medical Corps. With further training at Shoemaker, Oceanside, and San Pedro Naval bases, he has been sent to active duty in the Pacific. His wife, the former Miss Mildred Bilbrey, and their son, Jim Luther, make their home with PhM Bohannon's mother, Mr. J. L. Bohannon. Previous to his enlistment, he was employed by Crossville by the Bilbrey Brothers Funeral Home. His friends are numbered by his acquaintances, and their best wishes are extended to him. In a recent letter to relatives, he sent his kindest regards to all his friends in Cumberland and Putnam Counties.

Flight Officer Willie L. Huffer, of 209 Walnut street, is now receiving his final phase of training as navigator of a B-24 Liberator bomber at Walla Walla Army Air Field, a base of the Fourth Air Force. L. D. Huffer, father of the 24-year-old officer, resides at 209 Walnut street.

A happy meeting of Ray and Clay Maynard, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard, occurred recently in San Diego, CA, after being separated for three years.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mrs. John R. Mott has entertained guests during the recent holiday season, including her son, Sgt. John Mott, Induction Center, Camp McClellan, AL, Mrs. Mott and daughter, Janet, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boman, of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Martin of Baxter, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Grover King, of near Cookeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Smith, of Cookeville, Route 5, have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Willis D. Smith, of the U. S. Marine Corps, who says he is serving in the South Pacific and is well and as happy as conditions permit him to be. In service since September, 1943, he has been overseas since November, 1944. He took most of his training in CA.

Ulysses Randolph has received news from his son, Pfc. Burdett Randolph, who is in Italy. He was formerly with an infantry division of the Fifth Army, but for some time has been in an Italian hospital, suffering from serious wounds. The recent report from his states he is improving.

Relatives have received a recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stone, of Albuquerque, NM, formerly of Cookeville, stating that their son, Cpl. James N. Stone, has arrived safely in Italy, and that another son, Pvt. Floyd L. Stone, is also "Somewhere in Europe. The Stones have many relatives and friends in Putnam County, who are interested in the whereabouts of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Garrison have received word that their son, Henry Garriosn, who was wounded in Europe and has been receiving treatment at an English hospital for a period of six months, has arrived in New York, where he will be located at a government hospital for some time. He is improving satisfactorily.

Henry T. McCaleb, HA 1/c, son of Rev. E. H. McCaleb, had the happy privilege of eating Christmas dinner with his cousin, Staff Sergeant Willie Gaines Gentry, according to a letter received last week by the former's sister. This was the first time these boys had seen each other in four years.

Sgt. Gentry, son of W. L. Gentryk, of Detroit, MI, has been overseas with the army for the past 30 months. He has been stationed on different islands in the Pacific.

William Henry Bullard, EM 1/c, of Brooklyn Naval Hospital, who has been home on a 15-day leave, has returned home on a 15-day leave, has returned to his base on Staten Island, NY. EM Bullard has been in U.S.S.R.U. for a year. He took his boot training in Bainbridge, MD, and has been based in New York since he left Bainbridge.

Robert Horace Scarlett, SM 3/c, U. S. Navy, arrived here December 16, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scarlett, and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Scarlett. He left January 2, for New Orleans, LA, and was accompanied by his wife, who will spend a few days with him while he is in New Orleans.

Sgt. Sam Vaughn, who was here for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Vaughn and baby and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn, has returned to Camp Shelby, MS, his present station.

Sgt. Lawrence J. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts, of Cookeville Route 2, is now in France, and writes that he is well. Sgt. Roberts entered the service in June, 1941 and before going overseas in August, 1944, was stationed at Camp Wheeler, GA, and Fort Meade, MD. His wife, the former Miss Mary Kate Goodwin, resides in Akron, OH.

George W. Short, of Route 5, Cookeville, son of James M. Short, of Cookeville, Route 5, a member of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action against the Japanese on the island of Angus.

The Wildcat Division recently invaded the Southern Islands of the Japanese-held Palau group, 500 miles east of the Philippines, thus establishing another link in the chain of events leading to victory in the Pacific area.

Cpl. Cecil W. Marlow, serving with the 507 Ordnance (HM) Co., F. A., completing his basic training at Camp Carson, CO. He completed an eight weeks welding course at Atlanta, GA, and was stationed at Camp Rucker, AL, when he left for overseas duty in September, 1944. He has been in France and Belgium, and now is in Holland, according to a recent letter received by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Marlow.

After spending a portion of the holiday season here with Mrs. J. E. Clouse, her son, Pfc. John Ed Clouse and Mrs. Clouse left Tuesday of last week for Memphis, where they are residing while he is attending the University of Tennessee School of Medicine.

Pvt. Dave Jackson, son of Willie Jackson, of the Sand Springs community, previously reported missing in action in France, since September 1944, is now a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Beulah Jackson, of Cookeville. Pvt. Jackson was inducted into the Army in February, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, AL. He went overseas in August, 1944. Pvt. Jackson has three brothers in the service, Marvin Jackson, of New York, Pfc. Charlie Jackson, somewhere overseas, and Pvt. Clarence Jackson, somewhere in England.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jared have received word that their son, Pfc. Sam Jared, stating that he is with Gen. Patton's Third Army, "Somewhere in Germany."

Charles B. Brown, U. S. Army Air Corps, was graduated at Freeman Field, Seymour, IN on Saturday morning, December 23, receiving at this time, his silver pilot wings and his commission as a Second Lieutenant. Lieut. Brown pilots a B-24 Liberator. Arriving in Cookeville on Sunday, December 24, he spent his two weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, at their home, on Hickory Street, reporting for further duties at Panama City, FL, on January 9. Lieut Brown was stationed for training at Maxwell Field, AL, Jackson, TN, and Courtney, AL, prior to his going to Seymour.

Jim Watts Moore, U. S. Navy, who has been serving with the Seabees in the Aleutian Islands for almost two years, arrived in Cookeville some ten days ago to spend his 30-day furlough with Mrs. Moore and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. Prior to entering the service, he held a position with the State Department in Nashville. He and Mrs. Moore spent a portion of last week visiting in Nashville. Different members of the family gathered for a reunion at the Moore home on Reagan Street, Sunday, December 31, the occasion celebrating the safe return of Seaman Moore. Enjoying the day together were, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Sr., Seaman and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Huddleston and son, of Harriman, Mrs. Gerald Miller, Miss Wauldean Moore, of Oak Ridge, Mrs. Glenn Fite and Miss Ellen Moore, of Brunswick, GA.

Cpl. Howell K. Harris, 25, husband of Mrs. Edith Harris, of Cookeville, Route 3, has returned from service outside the Continental United States, and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, FL, where his next assignment will be determined. Corporal Harris served 26 months as a cook in the European theater of operation. While there he was awarded the European campaign ribbon, with three battle stars. Before entering the service, Corporal Harris was a farmer. He became a member of the Armed Forces October 3, 1942.

A news release from the 15th AAF in Italy states that Cpl. Joe Lee Anderson, 21, son of William Grover Anderson, of Silver Point, has arrived overseas, and taken up his duties at a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber base. Trained as an engineer-gunner on a B-24 bomber, he has been assigned to a veteran outfit commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah, TN. The group has flown more than 150 combat missions against major German targets throughout South and Central Europe. Employed as a electrician

and rivetor by the Briggs Manufacturing Company. Corporal Anderson entered the service 14 months ago. He attended aircraft mechanic school at Gulfport, MS, and gunnery school at Kingman, AZ.

Pfc. Hilary Marlow with the Ordnance Co., entered the Army in December, 1943. He completed his basic training in CA. He completed a ten-week mechanic's course at Camp Proving Grounds, HI. He was stationed at Camp Ruckner, AL, when he left for overseas duty in November, 1944. He has arrived safely in England, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Marlow.

Clarence W. Ramsey, S 2/c, who has been stationed in Great Lakes, IL, for the past seven and a half months, has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy. He received his boot training in Great Lakes and had been stationed there since that time, serving as assistant Company Commander, training boots. He held this place for three and a half months, then was sent to the hospital, remaining there from October 13, to December 21, date of his discharge. He has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ramsey, of Cookeville, and with his brother, Estel Ramsey, S 2/c, who has also been honorably discharged from the Navy. Estel was in service for 10 months and 18 days. He was on the battleship U.S.S. Texas during the first invasion of France and in the battle of Cherbourg. It was there he suffered back injuries and was carried to a North African hospital where he remained four weeks and was sent back to the States. He was in the Long Island Hospital in New York three months, receiving his discharge on December 14. He and his family spent Christmas with his brother, Porter Lee, Jr., of Paducah, KY.

Word has been received by Mrs. Ollie Alloway, Jr., that her husband has landed safely overseas and is now in France. Prior to his leaving the States, he was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, MS. Mrs. Alloway and daughter, Janet, are residing at their apartment located with Mr. and Mrs. Alloway, Sr., on Freeze street.

Cpl. Billy Carr, son of Mrs. Mattie Carr, formerly stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, has reported for foreign service, and is located at an Eastern port of embarkation. The junior Mrs. Carr is in New York City at present, but plans to come to Cookeville for a visit in the near future.

Frank Gray Terry, U. S. Navy, after completing his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, came to spend his furlough of ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry. He reports again the latter part of the week to Great Lakes. Leaving Wednesday, he was accompanied as far as Nashville by his parents.

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Col. Milton Leone Acuff Obt.

b. 2 August 1904 – d. 23 November 1980, Nashville, TN, (Col US Army WWII Korea), md **Pearle (Cornwell) Acuff**, b. 31 October 1907 – d. 24 February 1995. Buried in the Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Lt. Col. Milton L. Acuff Awarded Bronze Star:

Lieut. Col. Milton L. Acuff, of Algood, who is serving with the Third Army in France, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. The following quotation is taken from the citation accompanying the medal: "Lt. Col. Acuff continuously performed the command functions of a Field Artillery Battalion Commander in such an outstanding manner as to masterfully aid his firing batteries in accomplishing their mission in combat. Lt. Col. Acuff has continually exposed himself to enemy fire. His courage, initiative and leadership inspired his officers and men and reflects credit to the military service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 January 1945

Robert Parrott, Jr., Reported Missing in West Pacific Area:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parrott, of Stephens Street, Cookeville, received a message Sunday from the Navy Department stating that their son, Robert Parrott, MM was missing in the West Pacific theatre of war some time in December.

He enlisted on the Navy January 20, 1942, and received his basic training in San Diego, CA. He had two and one half years of sea duty. He participated in eight major conflicts. He was 20 years old, and attended the Cookeville City School and Junior High School before enlisting. He was home on leave from September 18 to October 5, 1944.

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Pvt. Stanley J. Williams, husband of the former Miss Rozelle Montgomery, of Cookeville, Route 2, is now overseas. Pvt. Williams, formerly of Alpine, CA, was stationed at Camp Butner, NC, for his training, prior to leaving the States, and during last year was in TN on maneuvers. He was married to Miss Montgomery daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Montgomery, of Route 2, on June 6, 1944.

Pvt. Fred Bussell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bussell, has landed safely in England. Before reporting for foreign service, he was stationed at Camp Shelby, MS.

After spending his leave of thirty days here, Capt. Harry Draper left Sunday to report to Fort McPherson, GA, for a new assignment. He has been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Draper, and sister, Mrs. Louise Darwin and sons, at their home on Dixie avenue. Capt. Draper, U. S. Signal Corps, who in civilian life, was an accountant formerly connected in business with Southern Continental Telephone Company here, and with the South Carolina Continental Telephone Co., Sumter, SC, has been on military duty more than two years, serving much of the time in Canada and Alaska.

Cpl. Vestal Choate, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Blanding, FL, Mrs. Choate and daughters, Kay and Mary Joe, spent his week's furlough in Cookeville recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Choate. Joining them at Mr. and Mrs. Choate's home were Cpl. Choate's daughter and son, Ann and Robert Choate, of Cookeville.

Pvt. George Plaxco, U. S. Marines, who has been stationed for several months at San Diego, CA, is on duty in the Pacific area of war, according to information received by Mrs. Plaxco. Mrs. Plaxco and daughter, Aurelia, who have been making their home on East Broad Street, are now visiting with relatives in Hillbam.

A/S James Hill, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Shaw Field, SC, was here during the past week, visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Hill, and other relatives. He had been spending his furlough of ten days in Chattanooga with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill. He also visited his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Mackey, and Mr. Mackey, in Monterey.

After spending the holiday at home with his family, Pvt. Sidney S. Webb has gone to Fort Meade, MD, for further assignment with the U. S. Army.

J. W. Day, Chief Petty Officer, first class, U. S. Navy, stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, and Mrs. Day were here during the recent holiday season, visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips, of Dixie avenue. Chief Petty Officer Day remained for a brief visit, but Mrs. Day, the former Miss Betty B. Phillips, was here until the latter part of the week.

Lieut. Beverly Medley, U. S. Navy, stationed at present near Boston, MA, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zina A. Medley of Buffalo Valley.

Cpl. Theron Frazier, stationed at Camp Blanding, FL, was here recently for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier.

Don Wall, U. S. Navy, who was here recently visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, has returned to the West Coast, and is stationed on Treasure Island, near San Francisco, CA, where he is serving as a Chaplain assistant to Chaplain Vincent.

Lieut. Millard T. DeBerry, U.S.N.R., who has been in North Africa since March, 1943, arrived recently for a ten-day leave which he spent with his parents, Major and Mrs. Roy DeBerry, at Bloomington Springs. Visiting also with Major and Mrs. DeBerry, were their son-in-law, Lieut. Forrest F. Evans, U. S. Army Air Corps, and daughter, Mrs. Evans, who at the close of their visit, left for Fort Wayne, IN, Lieut. Evans' present station. Before their visit here they spent several days with his parents, in Griffin, GA. Mrs. Evans, before her marriage in the late autumn, was Miss Nell DeBerry. Dr. J. T. DeBerry, who recently completed his intership at the Mercy hospital in Detroit, MI, came also for a visit with his parents, Major and Mrs. DeBerry, while his wife, the former Miss Rosemary Piepmeier, spent the vacation season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Piepmeier, of Black River Falls, WI. Dr. DeBerry, upon his return to Detroit, became resident physician at the Mercy Hospital.

A news release from Fort Benning, GA, of January 4, 1945, states that Pvt. Alfred Vaden, son of Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, of 707 Washington avenue, has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the U. S. Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night, involving a combat problem on landing. Pvt. Vaden is now in Cookeville spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Vaden, and sister, Miss Polly Vaden. At the expiration of his visit here he returns to Fort Benning, for another assignment.

Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd were in receipt of a letter on Sunday from their son, Sgt. Alvin Boyd, who recently landed in England. Sgt. Boyd writes most interestingly of his first visit to London, where he saw many of the historic buildings and places, which through the ages have become famous, such as Westminster Abbey, and the Buckingham Palace.

Pvt. Willard H. Keylon, whose wife, Mrs. Ruby Keylon, and daughter, Wanda, live near Cookeville, is an automotive equipment operator in the transportation division of a strategic Eighth Air Service Command Station in England, at a repair base where battle-damaged B-17 Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force are repaired. Prior to his entry in to the military service, April 11, 1942, at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, he was a truck driver. He has been stationed in the European Theater of Operations since October, 1943. Private Keylon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keylon, live at Cookeville. His brother, James, is a private in the Army.

The letter given below has been received by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robinson, written on Christmas Day by their daughter, Lieut. Gladys Corey, A.N.C., "Somewhere in France." Lieut. Corvey's husband, Manuel Corey, PhM 1/c, is in New Guineal.

"Dear Mother and Dad:

"Even through I can't be home this Christmas, I want you to know, I'm safe, well and will be eating a wonderful Christmas dinner of the best food the good old U.S.A. had. We have just served our patients and it was a beautiful tray, with turkey and all that goes with it, even a nice big red apple to eat. I hope you are having a nice Christmas and that you are not worried about me, I do not have everything, but am not in need of anything. It is a great deal to be thankful for, and everything is going our way. The folks back home are seeing to that. They have proven it.

Lots of love, Gladys."

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shanks have had a recent letter from their son, Herbie Richmond Shanks, U. S. Army Air Corps, based with the 15th Air Command in Italy. Since going overseas in the late summer, he has received the commission of a Second Lieut. Formerly he was a Flight Officer.

Mrs. J. H. Billingsley, of Cookeville, Route 2, had a very happy surprise on Sunday, December 31, occasioned by the return of her brother, Julius White, U. S. Army, from overseas where he had been for

thirty-two months. This was his first visit home in three years and during this time he has served in Iceland, England, France, and Belgium. He will be here for 22 days, and during his stay a family reunion has been arranged, his brothers and sisters, with the exception of a brother, who is away on military duty in Burma, all being together. Many came from a distance just to share in this happy reunion.

Lieut. Charles N. Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Navy, stationed at San Diego, CA, and Mrs. Sharpe, announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday, January 7, who has been given the name Martha Jane. Mrs. Sharpe, the former Miss Nan Holladay, of Cookeville, and infant daughter are at an Oceanside, CA, hospital.

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Pvt. Leo Bartly Wilmoth, b. 13 May 1921, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN – d. 2 December 1944, Germany, (Pvt. 121 1NE Regt.), s/o Samuel "Sam" Wilmoth & Martha Ann (Brown) Wilmoth.

Pvt. Leo Bartly Wilmoth Reported Killed in Action:



Pvt. Leo B. Wilmoth, reported as missing in Germany since November 24, was according to a later message, reported killed on December 2.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilmoth, of Cookeville, Route 1, and he took his training at Camp Stewart, GA, Camp Pickett, VA, and Fort Meade, MD. He reported for foreign service in August.

Other survivors are, four brothers, Perry Wilmoth of Algood, Carmel Wilmoth, of Dayton, OH, and Bob Wilmoth of Cookeville, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Slagle.

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Pvt. Samuel R. Bullock Reported Missing in Action:

Mrs. Gracie Whiteaker Bullock has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Samuel R. Bullock, 26, has been missing in action, in Luxembourg, since December 20. Mrs. Bullock received two letters Saturday from Pvt. Bullock, written since the 20th. One dated December 25, and another, December 28. Both stated that he was O.K. and had a good turkey dinner for Christmas. He was serving with an infantry unit in Germany before the German drive. Pvt. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bullock, of Route 5, also have letters dated the 25th and 28th. He was inducted into the army in April 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, FL, and Fort Meade, MD, before going overseas in October. Prior to enlisting in the army, he was employed with a construction company at Clinton. He has four small children, three sisters and five brothers.

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18 January 1945

Hubert Vernon Johnson, b. 5 April 1914, Putnam Co., TN – d. 21 February 1974 (Col.), s/o William Louis Johnson Sr. & Mary Lula Johnson.

Major Hubert V. Johnson Missing in Action:

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Baxter have received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Maj. Hubert V. Johnson, has been missing in action in Germany since December 21.

Major Johnson entered active military service in February, 1942, as a reserve officer. He had trained at Fort Benning, GA, Camp Forrest, Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Bragg, NC, and Camp Atterbury, IN. He went overseas in October and was serving as an Intelligence Officer with the 106th Infantry Division.

Major Johnson graduated from the Junior Military Academy, Bloomington Springs, Castle Heights, Lebanon, and had attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville and Texas A & M. College, College Station, Texas. At Castle Heights he earned letters in football, basketball, baseball and track and received freshman numerals for football and basketball at Vanderbilt in 1934. After leaving college he worked for an oil company in Texas, and an import-export firm in California and just prior to his entry into the army, he was serving as commander of the OCC camps in Tennessee and North Carolina.

Major Johnson's parents received a message in October that another son, Pvt. Thurman Harold Johnson, had been killed in action in Germany on September 17. They have two other sons in the service, S/Sgt. John T. Johnson, Marine Air Service, and Sgt. Wilalrd W. Johnson, Army Air Transport Command, both somewhere in the Pacific Area. Their fifth son, Louis Johnson, Jr., lives in Cookeville, also living here is a daughter, Mrs. C. K. Martin, whose husband is stationed in Maryland on military duty. Another daughter, Mrs. J. E. Cullen, resides in Oak Ridge.

Major Johnson is a member of the Church of Christ and of the Baxter Masonic Lodge.

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Lieut. Travis Ford, U. S. Air Corps, Decorated:

First Lieut. Travis H. Ford has been awarded the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding achievement in action against the enemy, according to the letter received by his father, Joe D. Ford, of Cookeville.

The letter, from John K. Cannon, Major General, U.S.A., states further. "Only few men who fly in battle for their country have been so honored. The high qualities that your son has developed through the home life you so well provided during his formative years, had no small part in making his achievement possible. Lieut. Ford by his courage and devotion to duty, has set an example which has made his comrades proud to serve with him in this war for high ideals. As Commander of the Air Force in which he has served, I also take pride in his accomplishments and appreciate the more intimate joy which I know is yours at this moment. It is a genuine pleasure to have had with me in the 13th Air Force such an outstanding airman."

Lieut. Ford has been on military duty since 1941 when he left for training with the 181st F. A., and was later transferred to the Air Force. He was stationed for training at Camp Hann, CA, and received his Silver Wings and commissioned at Williams Field, AZ. He has been overseas since May 1944, and has completed his 60 missions over enemy territory, which entitles him to a leave at home. According to best information he will arrive in the United States in a short time.

Lieut. Ford was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant after going overseas.

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18 January 1945

Ida Neal Reeves, b. 26 April 1875, TN – d. 14 January 1945, Alexandria, DeKalb Co., TN, md on the 21st of February 1894, Sumner Co., TN to **Jesse M. Reeves**, b. 28 July 1873, Watertown, Wilson Co., TN – d. 15 November 1928, Alexandria, DeKalb Co., TN, s/o **Thomas Alexander Reeves** (1824-1889) & **Evaline Loyd** (1840-1889). Both Buried: Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Liberty, DeKalb Co., TN. (Children: Lillian Lee (Reeves) Evans (1873-1928) md Robert Garland Evans (1887-1969); Walter B. Reeves (1902-1965), md Mary M. (unknown) Reeves (1909-1999); Thomas Lunsford Reeves (1908-); Howell Jesse Reeves (1911-1976) md Martha E. Callaham (1913-1984). Ida (Neal) Reeves, d/o **Lunsford W. Neal** (1851-1917) & **Martha J. Vantreas** (1854-1892). Both Buried: Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Liberty, DeKalb Co., TN.

Funeral Monday In Alexandria For Mrs. J. M. Reeves, 69:

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Neal Reeves, 69, widow of J. M. Reeves, were conducted Monday at the Alexandria Methodist church, with the Rev. Parker of Alexandria, and Rev. T. W. Mayhew, of Cookeville, officiating.

Mrs. Reeves suffered a heart attack more than a week ago which resulted in her death Sunday at her home, in Alexandria. A native of Franklin, KY, she had lived all her married life in Alexandria, where her husband had business connections for many years. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, but as no congregation of this denomination was in Alexandria, she was affiliated with the Methodist church there. Mrs. Reeves has spent much time in Cookeville in the past few years, since her **son, Dr. L. T. Reeves, Major, U. S. Dental Corps**, now serving on military duty in England, became a citizen of this city.

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25 January 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Ensign Holmes Neal, U.S.N.R., in the Pacific Theater of War, and Mrs. Neal announce the birth of a son, who has been named Richard Holmes. The baby was born Sunday, January 13, at the City Hospital. Mrs. Neal the former Miss Juanita Terry, and son were removed to the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, on Monday.

Billy Pedigo, stationed with the Celestial Navigation Training Department, U. S. Army Air Corps, Sioux City Air Base, Sioux City, IA, is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pedigo. His stay at home included also a visit with his brother, Alfred Pedigo, and Mrs. Pedigo, in Chattanooga.

Billy Siris, U. S. Navy, overseas for the past two years, has arrived in Nashville for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Emmett McGee, the former Miss Amy Lucy Bartlett. Seaman Siris has served in the Pacific area. Recently in San Francisco, CA, he chanced to see his cousin, Don Wall, Chaplains Assistant, U. S. Navy, stationed at present on Treasure Island. Neither knew the other had returned to the United States.

Romain Billings, U. S. Navy, stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, has been here for a recent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billings, of the Hilham Road. With a hospital unit and serving for the past two years he has been in training in Sampson, NY, and at the Farragut Naval Station in ID.

Mrs. Dora Speck recently received a letter from her son, Fred Lee Speck, Lieutenant, U. S. Army, who is serving with Patton's Third Army in France (26th Infantry of the Yankee Division), stating that he has been promoted from the rank of a second lieutenant to that of first lieutenant. Lieut. Speck states also that he was in heavy battle all Christmas Day, and that he received a wonderful Christmas present – God had spared him and he was still alive. Lieut. Speck has been in the army since October 4, 1940, and on foreign soil since August, 1944.

Harold E. Oakes, F 1/c, U.S.N.R., is stationed at Little Creek, VA, after completing a training course of several weeks at the Fleet Electrical school in Camp Peary, VA. He reported to Little Creek on December 7, after spending a short time in Cookeville with his wife, the former Miss Mary Lou Hunter, and small son who are with Mrs. Oakes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter. F 1/c Oakes is now assigned to an LSM and is taking 10 weeks of training in amphibious warfare. His brother, A. J. Oakes, returned to the States in November after almost four years of sea duty in the Pacific Area. Serving with Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet, he saw service in many major operations. They are sons of Mrs. Albert Matheny, now of Barberton, OH, formerly of Cookeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lacey have received word that their son, Pvt. William Lacy, is now in the European Theater of War, landing there safely in recent weeks.

Drury B. Cornwell, 811 Spring street, Cookeville, whose wife, Mrs. Virginia Cornwell, is a resident of Baxton, MS, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Transportation Corps School, New Orleans Army Air Base, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States. Lieut. Cornwell attended Cookeville High School and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. Prior to his induction in May, 1942, he was employed as an area supervisor for the National Youth Administration, Knoxville. The officer was assigned to active duty with the Transportation Corps, immediately on receiving his commission. The mission of the Transportation Corps is to transport soldiers and war materials to theatres of operations. His parents are, Mr. and Mrs. John Cornwell, of East Springs street.

Sgt. John Mott, who has been at the induction Center, Camp McClellan, AL, was recently transferred to camp Sibert, AL. Sgt. Mott spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. John R. Mott.

Mrs. W. H. Mahler has returned to her home on Church street, after spending two weeks with her husband, in Boston, MA. CY Mahler is on convoy duty in the Atlantic area, with his home port in Boston. He has now resumed his usual sea duty.

Sgt. Walter T. Qualls, who has been spending his 21-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lula Qualls, has gone to Nashville where he is receiving treatment at Thayer General hospital. Sgt. Qualls returned to the States the early part of December, for a rest after serving two years in India.

Harvey C. Ford, U. S. Army, son of Milton Ford, of Cookeville, Route 5, and Mrs. Ford have returned to Atlanta, GA, where the former is stationed at Lawson General Hospital for medical treatment. They have been spending his 30-day furlough here with different members of their respective families. In the army for a period of three years, he went overseas last spring, landing in England. Participating in the D-Day invasion, he was later wounded on July 4, in the battle of St. Lo, and was then returned for hospitalization in England, remaining there until October 1, when he was permitted to come to a United States hospital.

Henry Dyer, U. S. Navy, stationed in Memphis, is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer.

Sgt. John Moore is here this week for a furlough visit with Mrs. Moore, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. At present he is stationed with the Army Air Corps, at George Field, IL. He came especially to be with his brother, James W. Moore, U. S. Navy, who returned shortly before Christmas after an absence of two years on the Aleutian Islands.

Clarence L. Stewart, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart, of Owasso, MI, formerly of Cookeville, was a member of the first class of 1945 to be graduated from the Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, TX, winning at this time his silver navigator's wings and his AAF commission as a second lieutenant. The impressive ceremonies were held at the post theater, Hondo Army Air Field, January 6.

Lieut. and Mrs. Stewart arrived on Sunday, January 7, to spend his leave with their son, Jack, at the home of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Terry. Accompanied by their son, they have also visited in Owasso, MI, with Lieut. Stewart's parents.

Lieut. Stewart was educated in the Cookeville City School, Tennessee Tech, and in his sophomore college year, was student at the University of Detroit, Detroit, MI. At the time of his induction into the service he had employment in Detroit. He was stationed for training in the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach, FL, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, Cadet Center, San Antonio, TX, Gunnery School, Harlingen, TX, and his navigation training at Hondo, TX.

At the completion of his leave he reports to Honod Field for further assignments.

Mrs. James Bush and daughter, Carol Ann, have returned from a visit with Pvt. Bush, U. S. Marines, who was at the that time stationed at Lejeune, NC. Recently he was transferred to Oceanside, CA, and is stationed for additional training at Camp Pendleton. Mrs. Frank Bush has had a cable during the past week from her oldest son, Master Sergeant Hubert Bush, U. S. Signal Corps, now in India.

Lenneth Shipley, CY, who has been on the Aleutian Islands for the past twelve months, has been spending his 21-day furlough here with Mrs. Shipely and son, Jerry Lynn Shipley. CY Shipley has been returned to the States for shore duty and he, with Mrs. Shipley and son left last week for CA, where they are to be located for the present.

Lieut. W. B. Cox, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Tuskegee, AL, and Mrs. Cox arrived in Cookeville Thursday of last week to spend his leave of two weeks with his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox, and with Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves.

Charlie West, S 1/c, is now stationed at Jacksonville, FL. He recently came to Chattanooga, where his wife and little son, Charles Milton, joined him for a few days. His brother, Claude West, has been in the South Pacific for several months. Before going there, he saw action in the Atlantic. They are the sons of Mrs. Harriett West, of Cookeville, Route 4.

Mack H. Slagle, T/5 at present is at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Ft. Meade, MD. He recently returned from the South Pacific, having been overseas 32 months. His wife, the former Miss Iris Webb, of Melbourne, Australia, expects to join him here in the near future. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Slagle, of Route 4.

Pfc. Ralph H. Dyer, now stationed at Thayer Hospital, Nashville, enjoyed a pleasant week-end with relatives and friends. Coming with him for the week-end was Pfc. Henry S. Richardson, of Jamestown. Both returned to Thayer on January 15 off further medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gentry, of 601 Hickory Street, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Howard Gentry, saying he has arrived safely in India, and finds it a very interesting county. He is with a ground crew in the Air Corps. He was inducted into the Army on May 13, 1943, and received his diploma from the B-24 Liberator Bomber Mechanics School at Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS. While in the States he also was stationed at Shepard Field, TX, Laredo, TX, Lincoln, NB, Mountain Home ID, and at Greensboro, NC.

Mrs. Creola Thomas is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Pfc. J. D. Harris, Jr., who is in a hospital in England with frozen feet, stating in part in regard to his injuries:

"I'll tell you all I know about it. It is what is commonly known as trench foot, but to the medical world it is 'cold injury, ground type.' It is caused by over-exposure to cold and wet. If it is severe, off come your feet (mine is moderate). Once you get it, you have it for life. You have to watch your feet or too bad.

"All though Belgium and Holladn, my feet were wet, but it didn't bother me. I'd put on dry socks, but the shoes were wet so it didn't do any good.

"I had on two pair of wool socks, my shoes and rubber boots. I was in a hold just 50 yards from the German and I couldn't pull my shoes off because they were so close and fairly active that I might have to move at a moment's notice.

"For five days I didn't have my shoes off and I couldn't feel my feet, even when I stood on them. I still didn't think anything about it because they'd been that way before and nothing happened.

"I finally was able to remove my shoes and it took several hours for my feet to thaw out. But then I coulnd get my shoes back on and my feet ached terribly. I managed to hobble to the First Air Station and they took one look at my feet and put me on a stretcher. I got a kick out of it at first, but the humor soon wore off. They were huritn so badly and hurt more each day until a few days ago.

"I was immediately sent by plane to England and can now kind of hobble on my heels a little.

"I know I am safer here, but I worry so about my buddies and wonder where they are, and how they are doing and wish I might be back with them to take another crack at those Germans.

I wish I had the address of some of the boys I know in England and could get in touch with them.

"Love to all the folks,

Your bud J. D. Harris.

Seaman, First Class James Dalton Maynard, USNR, 18, of Timothy, was sitting on the dock of his ship off the coast of France shining a souvenir German bayonet with cleaner fluid when an underwater explosion wrecked and sank the vessel. Except for a fractured right knee, he doesn't remember too much of what happened after that.

"I remember the explosion," he said. "It was kind of like waking up in the morning. When I came too I was in the water. I had my lifejacket on and made for a liferaft. It was pretty full. I was dazed but I do remember hearing somebody say they couldn't take any more men after I got on the raft. Then a motor launch came along and pulled us to a nearby ship."

He is recuperating at the U. S. Naval Hospital in the Charleston Navy Yard where he recently arrived aboard the U. S. Army Hospital ship, which docked at the Charleston Fort of Embarkation.

Seaman Maynard is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Dillard Maynard, of Timothy. Before enlisting in the Navy at Nashville he was employed by Goodrich Tire and Rubber in Akron, OH. He has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 January 1945

Lieut. Will O. Terry Awarded Bronze Star:

A distinct honor comes to another Cookeville soldier who is serving in a heroic manner on the battle fields of Europe. First Lieutenant Will Oliver Terry, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, of Cookeville, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the citation reads as follows:

"By direction of the President and under the provisions of certain orders as of October 16, 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to William O. Terry, First Lieutenant, F. A., 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy."

Lieut. Terry was a member of the National Guard troop organized in Cookeville before war was declared, and was among the first to leave for training camp shortly after Pearl Harbor attack. Transferred to the 181st F. A., he was stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, Fort Knox, KY, different TX camps and in LA. He has been overseas for the past year. Landing in England he has participated in the major battles of France, Belgium, and is now in Germany.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 January 1945

Pvt. Ernest Walker Reported Prisoner of War in Germany:

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Walker, of Cookeville, Route 3, have received a message from the War Department, stating that their son, Pvt. Ernest W. Walker, was missing in action in Germany since November 21. They also received a card and a letter stating that he was a prisoner of war and was being treated very nicely.

Pvt. Walker entered the service in October, 1942, and has been overseas since March, 1944.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 January 1945

Pvt. Odell Dixon has received the Purple Heart, which was awarded her husband, Pvt. Odell C. Dixon, for wounds received in action in France on November 23. Pvt. Dixon has been overseas three months. He was serving with the 15th Infantry Division when wounded.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 February 1945

Pvt. William P. Christie spent a five-day furlough here with Mrs. Christie and baby at their home 410 Dixie Avenue, enroute from Camp McClellian, AL, to his new location, Fort Meade, MD. Pvt. Christie, who left Thursday for his new assignment, visited his father, W. O. Christie, and other members of the his family in Bowling Green, KY, and with relatives at Silver Point.

Clarence H. Lee, MM 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has been serving for several months in the Atlantic area, has been spending a 15-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee, on Whitson street. The latter part of January he reported for a new assignment in Philadelphia, PA

Stacey Lee Buck, EM 1/c, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Buck. Volunteering for service in December, 1941, he has been on duty in the Pacific area for many months, and this is his first visit home since reporting for naval duty.

Lieut. Lucille Thompson, dietitian, who has been at the Smyrna Air Base for several months, has recently been transferred to Maxwell Field, AL, where she is stationed at a base hospital. Her brother, Capt. James Thompson, according to recent communications, is now in England. He left the States in December, and prior to his leaving was stationed at Camp Jackson, SC. Capt. Thompson was a member of the National Guard, and shortly after war was declared, was transferred to the 181st F. A., and took much of his training in CA. Mrs. Thompson, the former Miss Jane Cook, and son, are residing in Miami, FL, with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Cook.

Sgt. James Alloway has returned to his station at the Smyrna Air Base, after spending his 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway.

Capl. Bennett D. Huddleston has recovered from an appendix operation and has returned to Quantico, VA, after spending his furlough with his wife, the former Miss Mary Frances Ferrell, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Huddleston.

Cpl. Henry C. Ferrell has returned to Fort Riley, KS, after a furlough visit of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferrell, and other members of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferrell and sons, of Jasper came for a week-end visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell, and especially to be with Cpl. Ferrell.

Pfc. Cordell Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Huddleston, has returned to the United States Naval hospital, San Diego, CA, after spending his furlough of 30 days at home. Pfc. Huddleston, serving with the U. S. Marines, was wounded while on duty in the Pacific area and was returned in the early autumn. Upon his return to San Diego, he will be attached to the hospital until he receives further orders.

Jim Watts Moore, U. S. Navy, who has been spending his 30-day shore leave at home, following an absence of approximately two years on foreign duty, left Sunday to report for a new assignment in Rhode Island. He was accompanied by Mrs. Moore, who will be away for an indefinite stay.

Lieut. Smith Herbert Bracy, serving with the Seabees, U. S. Navy, who has been in service almost two years and who has not been home since early summer of 1944, is here for a 14-day shore leave from the

Pacific area, and is spending the time with Mrs. Bracy and daughter Gail, at their home, on South Jefferson avenue. The three went to Dalton, GA, for a week-end visit with Lieut. Bracy's mother, Mrs. F. E. Bracy and sister, Mrs. Pryor Fotts.

Pvt. Weldon Harville, husband of Mrs. Helen Harville, of Baxter, has won the right to wear "Boots and Wings" of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tractical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Lillard McDonald, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Drew Field, Tampa, FL, has been at home on a 15-day emergency furlough. Called to Chestnut Mound because of the death of his grandfather, R. E Young, and the critical illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Young, he came by plane to Nashville, thence to Cookeville. He will remain with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald for several days longer.

Mrs. Alva Freeman is in receipt of a letter, written January 5, from her husband, Marion E. Freeman, serving with Patton's Third Army, in German, stating that he was recently promoted from T/5 to the position of Sergeant. Sgt. Freeman has been on overseas duty for several months.

A news release from the 80th Infantry Division in France, states: Major General Horace L. McBride, commanding General of the 80th Infantry Division, has announced that Pfc. Charlie P. Farley, Company L, 318th Infantry has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct in action in France against the enemy on November 28, 1944. Pfc. Farly is the son of Mrs. Scinda Farley, of Monterey, Route 1. He is married to Mrs. Dorothy Farly, of Monterey. Pfc. Farly attended the Grammar School at Monterey, and entered service July 7, 1942.

The General Hospital, England: Struck in the left shoulder by shrapnel from an enemy shell near Brent, France, Pfc. Fred Ray Foster, 24, of Silver Point, is now recovering at this United States Army general hospital in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart. Pfc. Foster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Foster of Silver Point. His brother, Corporal Durell Foster, is in the Marine Corps, in the South Pacific area.

Major Claire M. Smartt, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed in South America, had a brief leave in the States last week, and was privileged to spend a portion of the time in West Palm Beach, FL, with Mrs. Smartt and children. During his stay there he had a telephone conversation with his mother, Mrs. C. M. Smartt, and sister Mrs. Raymond Brown, of Peachtree street.

Mrs. John Pointer, of the Monterey Road, has had a recent letter from her husband, who is now in France. He has been in the service since the early part of last year. He has been overseas approximately two months.

Frank Warren Medley, 31, husband of Mrs. Julia Gill Medley, of Monterey, was graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Electric) on the Purdue University campus, Lafayette, IN. After assignment to sea duty or to a shore station, he will be eligible to earn the petty officer rate of electricians's mate third class.

Pvt. James H. Grogan, husband of Mrs. Beverly A. Grogan, of Bloomington Springs, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct in combat while in action with the Century Division of the Seventh Army in France. The local soldier's division is one of the newest on the front of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Path's American Seventh Army.

Pvt. Odell Sliger, U. S. Marines, and Pfc. Lester Sliger, U. S. Army, have recently had the pleasure of seeing each other in the Hawaiian Islands where they are stationed. It was the first time they had seen each other in 15 months. Pfc. Lester Sliger is a graduate of Central High School, and has been overseas since April, 1944. He has been in service for 27 months. Pfc. Odell Sliger was attending Central High when he was inducted into the Marine Corps in October, 1943. He has been overseas since December of 1943. He has serviced in the Marshalls, and Saipan Island campaigns, and is now at this advance base in Hawaii. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sliger, Cookeville, Route 2.

William Anderson, Lieutenant (j.g.) U. S. Coast Guards, stationed for some months at Houston, TX, reported the early part of December for sea duty, and according to recent letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson is now "Somewhere in the South Atlantic area."

From an Air Service Command Station, "Somewhere in England," comes the following: S/Sgt. Ray E. Langford, husband of Mattie Lee Langford, of Route 1, Cookeville, recently enjoyed a "recess" from aerial warfare at an Air Service Command Rest Center – an English Seaside Resort Hotel where American's airmen who provide aerial cover for the advancing Allied Armies in Germany may relax between missions. Here, Sgt. Langford lounged in the restful atmosphere of this vacationland hostery and was provided with every type of recreational facility. An American atmosphere, and all the touches of "home" are provided by the American Red Cross, co-partners with the Air Service Command in the operation of the Rest Center. After seven days he went back to his combat station ready to play his part once again in the air battle supporting the Allied march across Germany. Sgt. Langford has completed 21 missions over Nazi-dominated Europe. Before entering the service was employed as a service station attendant at Old Lowes Service Station.

An interesting letter to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Slagle from their son who is in the Pacific area, follows:

"Somewhere in the Philippines",
Dear Mom and Dad:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am O.K., and doing fine, am even gaining weight over here. We have been knocking the living devil out of those Japs. Dad, four Jap planes came over the other morning before breakfast, and we shot down three of them. I saw ten of them fall that morning. They lost about 50 planes that day, and we don't see any more planes since they are probably scared to come back. Our P-38's sure do take care of them too. The Japs tried to land some troops the other night to small barges. We turned our artillery around and sent them to the bottom. We are fighting on the Island of Layte, near Ormac. This is Japanese paper that I am writing on. Things are pretty quiet here now, so there is nothing for you to worry about. Well I will close for now, this paper is hard to write on. Tell all the folks hello. I will write you again soon. We are getting good food here. Love, your son, J. R. Slagle.

Mrs. Essie Ray has received a letter from her son, Sgt. Bruce Bean, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since June 29. Sgt. Bean's letter was dated October 5, and he says that he is O. K., but had not received any mail since he had been there. He says, "Mom, I didn't have any cake for my birthday, but bread tastes just as good to us here as cake did at home."

Pfc. and Mrs. Robert J. Mayberry announce the birth of a son who has been named Robert Glenn. The baby was born January 15. Pfc. Mayberry, serving overseas for several months, is now at an English hospital.

Pvt. Samuel Ray, son of Mrs. Bessie Ray, Cookeville, is now a patient at Mitchell U. S. Army Convalescent hospital at Campo, CA. A member of the Medical Corps, he served in Hawaii for eighteen months. At Mitchell, Pvt. Ray will take part in the reconditioning program which will fit him for return to duty or civilian life.

Miss Jeannette Julian, of Brooklyn, NY, daughter of C. J. Julius, of this city, has been accepted for overseas duty as an American Red Cross staff assistant, and will assume her post following two weeks indoctrination course in Washington, D. C. Formerly employed as chief clerk at the U. S. Naval Base, Miami, FL, Miss Julian is a sister of Lieut. Thomas P. Julian, Army Air Forces, bombardier and former Nashville Banner employee, who has been missing in action over Italy since February 22, 1944.

There are three other Julian brothers also in military service or war work, Seaman First Class, V. L. Julian, with the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific; Sgt. Olin C. Julina, with an AAF Fighter Group in Belgium; and C. J. Julian, Jr., an employee of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

Sgt. Charlie M. Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Maynard, of Baxter, Route 1, is now in Germany, serving with Gen. Patton's Third Army. He writes that he is well. Sgt. Maynard entered service in March, 1942, and before going overseas in August, 1944, was stationed at Camp McCoy, WI. His wife, the former Miss Bernice Maxwell, resides in Royal Oak, MI.

Word has just been received that Cpl. Tilbert H. Rice, Jr., of the Army Air Forces, is now stationed with Group Headquarters of the Ninth Group, in the Marianna Islands. Cpl. Rice was inducted into the army in April, 1943, and received his basic training in Miami, FL, Salt Lake City, UT, Dalhart, TX, and McCook, NB. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rice, of Baxter, who at the present time are in Detroit, MI, doing defense work. Cpl. Rice is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peek, of Cookeville, Route 1.

Pvt. Marshall F. McFerrin, of the U. S. Army, husband of the former Miss Pauline Shirley, of Algood, is now at the Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, CO. Pvt. McFerrin formerly of Woodbuty and Muncie, IN, received his basic training at Camp Adair, OR, served for several months in Hawaii, was wounded in the invasion of Leyte on October 24, and received the Purple Heart while in a hospital in New Guinea. Last word received by his wife through the Red Cross, stated that he had had a serious operation for chest wounds, but was steadily improving.

Roy Herscehl Stone, S 2/c is stationed at a Naval Air Station on Oahu Island, Hawaii. He has been in the service almost a year and took his training at San Diego, CA. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Stone, of Cherry Street, he attended Central High School in Cookeville and was employed by the DuPont Company at Old Hickory prior to entering the service. His wife, the former Miss Julia Hutson, and small daughter, Daina, reside at 104 Richmond Street, Old Hickory, while he is always on sea duty.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 February 1945

Cpl. Morgan Pharris, 32, Wounded in Germany:

Wounded by shrapnel while his infantry unit was closing the gap around Aachen, Germany, Corporal Morgan Pharris, 32, of Double Springs, a rifleman is now recovering at a United States Army station hospital in England.

Captain William Van Ormer, of Cumberland, MD, his ward surgeon, has reported him as "recovering satisfactorily." He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Cpl. Pharris' unit was holding a defensive position when he was hit in the left leg by shrapnel from a mortar shell. He was evacuated immediately and later was sent to England.

Before entering the Army in January, 1943, Cpl. Pharris worked for England Potter & Company, Wholesale Grocers, at Cookeville. His mother, Mrs. Morgan Pharris, and his sister live at Double Springs.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 February 1945

Pfc. Clarence Maxwell Wounded in France:

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Maxwell, of Baxter, Route 5, received a telegram from the War Department last week, informing them that their son, Pfc. Clarence Maxwell, had been wounded in action "Somewhere in France," January 4, 1945. They also received a letter from Pfc. Maxwell, stating that he was in the hospital with an injured knee. Pfc. Maxwell entered the service in April, 1944, and received his training at Camp Wheeler, GA. He left the States in September, and has been in action in France since November, with Patton's Third Army.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 February 1945

Pfc. Clyde Milligans Killed:

Pfc. Clyde Milligan, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lelsie Milligan, of the Calfkiller community, has been reported by the War Department, as killed in action in France, November 9.

Pfc. Milligan took his training at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA, Camp Rucker, AL, and was stationed at Camp Butner, NC, shortly before leaving the States in May, 1944. He entered the service in January, 1943. After landing in England, he was transferred to France, and in August, he was wounded in action, and for this was awarded the Purple Heart.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, and five sisters.

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8 February 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Raymond C. Lacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lacy, is taking his basic training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. He reported for naval duty a short time ago. A graduate of Central High, he was in first year college at the time of his induction. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy have another son in service, William A. Lacy, who is now on foreign duty, landing in England some time in December.

After an absence of several years from Cookeville, Pvt. Coran D. Whitson is here to spend his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Matsfield Whitson, his sister, Miss Mattie Whitson, and other members of his family. Pvt. Whitson has been on foreign military duty for most three years and prior to this time was stationed in various western camps, including Camp Roberts and Camp Ord, CA, and Fort Lawson, WA. He was inducted into service July 10, 1941, while holding a position in CA, where he had been residing for five years, connected with the Vauer Pottery Co. With the Eleventh Air Corps Division, his foreign service has taken him to Fairbanks and Cold Bay, Alaska, and to the Aleutian Islands. His sister, Mrs. Fred Goolsby, of Akron, OH, is here for a visit with him.

Billy Danner, U. S. Navy, who has just completed his boot training at Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, is here for a nine-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Danner, and other members of the family at their home, on Whitson street. He leaves Sunday to return to Great Lakes, where he will receive a new assignment. Mr. Danner, who holds a position at Oak Ridge, is spending a portion of this week at home because of his son's visit.

Lieut. Arthur J. Dreiling, stationed with the United States Army in New Guinea, and Mrs. Dreiling announce the birth of a daughter born Thursday, February 1, at the City Hospital. The baby has been given the name of Madeline Claire. Mrs. Dreiling, the former Miss Virginia Calire Bruner, and daughter were removed on Wednesday from the hospital to the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Bruner, on Dixie avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson, of near Baxter, are in receipt of a recent letter from their son, James Robinson, who was with General Clark's Fifth Army in Italy until he was taken a prisoner of the German government last May. The last letter was written November 21, 1944, and received by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson in January of this year. He states he is quite all right. Pvt. Robinson had been wounded twice, in action and for some time after becoming a prisoner, was in a hospital. In one letter he states that he can write two letters and two cards per month.

Marine Corporal James Carl Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Morgan of 404 Walnut Street, Cookeville, is stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps air facility at Walnut Ridge, AR, as a member of the service squadron which services and repairs planes and mechanical field apparatus. The base is used for training pilots in actual combat tactics under simulated battle conditions. A graduate of Central High

School, where he participated in football, Corporal Morgan enlisted on August 17, 1943. The young Marine, who is serving as a cook, as a brother, Paul Morgan, in the Seabees.

Pvt. John M. Horner, of Cookeville, is now in training with a B-17 crew at the Army Air Field, Dyersburg, TN. Mrs. Emma L. Horner, mother of Pvt. Horner, lives on E. Freeze street.

For "skill and courageous conduct" as the pilot of an observation plane during the battles for Saipan and Tinian, Marine Second Lieutenant David S. Kincannon, 20, of Spring City, recently was awarded the Air Medal. He is the husband of Mrs. Ora Sue Huffines Sincannon, of Brotherton.

The award was made by Lieut. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commanding general, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. With the Air Medal went a citation, signed by General Smith, which commended Lieut. Kincannon "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights, in an observation plane, during the invasion of the islands of Saipan and Tinian, June 15 to August 1, 1944."

Although flying at low altitudes in an unarmored and unarmed lane," the citation read, "his great skill enabled his observer to successfully direct artillery fire and thereby destroy the enemy gun installations and troops."

Lieutenant Kincannon is the son of Mrs. Nell R. Kincannon, of Spring City. Before he joined Marine Aviation on June 30, 1942, he was a student in Spring City High School.

Each Sunday a special and particularly beautiful religious service is conducted at the 106th General Hospital, United Kingdom. A mimeographed program is furnished those attending and in addition to the routine program it carries a poem of value, often a prayer. Noted on one of the leaflets is "A Mother's Prayer," and another "I Head a Soldier Pray," and a "Soldier's Plea." Each service consists of familiar hymns, organ music, a male quartet, responsive reading, and prayer, and is under the supervision of the commanding officer, the chaplain and his assistant. Each pamphlet is beautifully illustrated and above all therein is expressed the spirituality which prevails among a battle scarred people and a war weary world.

Cpl. Jesse A. Ray, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, of Cookeville, Route 5, has returned to Lakeland Army Air Field, Lakeland, FL, after spending his 10-day furlough at home. He has been in the service since April, 1943. He received his training at Miami Beach, FL, Aeronautical University, Chicago, IL, Allison Divison Service School, G. M.C., Indianapolis, IN, Harris Neck Army Air Field, Townsend, GA, and Lakeland Army Air Field, Lakeland, FL.

Pfc. Frank Ashburn, son of Robert Ashburn, of Cookeville, is at home, after many months of overseas duty. He served in the 35th Infantry Division, which saw much service in the Normandy and Brest areas.

Hollis L. Daniels, S 1/c, who has been serving in the West Pacific Theater of War for the past two and one-half years, has been spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Daniels, of Algood, Route 1. Coming to be with Seaman Daniels were a sister, Mrs. Gaskell Warren, and a brother, Claude Daniels, of Dayton, OH.

Pfc. Leonard Billingsley, serving with an M. P. Battalion, and recently stationed at Mount Vernon, IL, has been here for a furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Billingsley. He has now been transferred to Scott Field, IL. During his visit here he had as his guest, Miss Martha Dobbs, formerly of KY, but now of Chicago, IL, and as they returned to IL, they stopped for a visit in her home town. Mrs. Billingsley will have as her guest this coming week, another son, Aaron Billingsley, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, stationed at Jacksonville, FL, who reports very soon for sea duty.

The Herald acknowledges the receipt of a very gracious letter from Clifford S. Caruthers, U. S. Army, who is "Somewhere in England." Comments such as his regarding the Armed Force column, are always appreciated as it is a war effort carried on for the benefit of the service men, their families and friends. Thanks very much for the complimentary remarks.

Dan Wall, Chaplain's Assistant, U. S. Navy, who was home recently for a 30-day leave, reported for a new assignment on the Pacific Coast, and has now been transferred to a naval base in RI. The battleship on which he was serving was torpedoed in the China Seas shortly before Thanksgiving and most of his possessions were thought to be lost – it seems in the past few weeks he has heard of different articles such as his watch, typewriter and different personal belongings which have been located in various sections of the country.

Pvt. Glenn Copeland, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, who reported for military service in the late autumn is now stationed at Camp Robinson, AR. Their other son, Pvt. Robert Copeland, is at an English hospital, and Pvt. James Copeland, according to the latest report, is in Germany.

Sgt. James Mitchell, of Ft. Lewis, WA, has joined Mrs. Mitchell and baby here and they are dividing his furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitchell, and with the junior Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Cunningham. Sgt. Mitchell, in service for several years, was stationed at Scotts Bluff, NB, before going to his present location. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Sr., have another son in service, Charles Mitchell, a German prisoner of war, and from whom they have had letters in recent weeks.



T/Sgt. William Clifford Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wallace, of Silver Point, is now stationed in the Netherlands East Indies. He entered the army in September, 1942, and has been overseas for the past 17 months. He has seen service in New Guinea, the Philippines and East Indies. T/Sgt. Wallace wears the Good Conduct Pin and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He graduated at Baxter Seminary in 1940. His wife, the former Miss Edith Julian, and nine-month-old daughter, Jean, live at Boma.

(Pictured: William Clifford Wallace, Class of 1940 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Marine Master Technical Sergeant Perry L. Phipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Phipps, of Cookeville, has been promoted from technical sergeant to his present rank at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC.

Master Technical Sergeant Phipps is serving in the operations section of the Ninth Marine Aircraft Wing, which is in combat training at the Marine Corps Air Station. He enlisted on April 6, 1942, at Nashville.

John D. Lane, 21, of Cookeville, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal according to an announcement from the Headquarters of Maj. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, Commanding General of the China Theatre. Cpl. Lane, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Early P. Lane, reside in Cookeville, has been overseas on duty with an Air Service Command Group for more than a year. His organization, in which he is classified as a chauffeur, is at present stationed in China. A graduate of Algood High School, Cpl. Lane joined the Army Air Forces in January, 1943. He completed his basic training at Miami Beach, FL, and was sent to Chanute Field, IL, for further technical training. He was assigned to his present unit in October 1943. A brother, Pvt. V. L. Lane, is now stationed at Camp Rucker, AL.



Joe Lee Anderson, 21, son of William Grover Anderson of Silver Point, has been promoted to the grade of Sergeant, according to a recent announcement at his bomber base in Italy, where he is serving with the 15th AAF. Sgt. Anderson, an Aerial Engineer-Waist Gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber, has flown five combat missions, and is stationed with a heavy bombardment group commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah. Sgt. Anderson has been authorized to wear the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater ribbon according to another recent announcement from his base, as he has completed the required 30-day period of overseas duty which entitles him to wear the ribbon. He went overseas in November. A graduate of Baxter Seminary, he entered the service approximately two years ago, and received military training at Gulfport, MS, Kingman, AZ, and

Lincoln, NB.

(Pictured: Joe Lee Anderson, s/o William Grover Anderson & Lillian Lee).

Anderson Elmore, Jr., SF 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has been on naval duty for the past three years, was here recently for a brief shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elmore, and other member of the family. Seaman Elmore was for many months, stationed in San Diego, CA.

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Pfc. Hobert H. Allen Reported Killed in Action in Italy:

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Allen, of Cookeville, Route 1, received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Pfc. Hobert H. Allen, who was reported missing in action in Italy since February 18, 1944, was killed in action on that date.

Pfc. Allen was inducted into the service at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, in April, 1943, took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, GA, and later was transferred to Fort George Meade, MD, where he trained as military police. He was home on furlough from October 28 to November 4 of that year and went overseas in November 1943. Transferred to the 133rd Infantry Regiment he had further training in North Africa before being sent to Italy.

He was 19 years old and a member of the Methodist church. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters: Mildred Allen of Detroit, MI, Bettie June Allen, of Cookeville, Route 1; a brother, Albert Allen also of Cookeville, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chaffin, and many other relatives in Putnam County.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 February 1945

Sgt. Estel Bohannon Reported Killed in Action in Germany:

According to a message received by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bohannon, of Cookeville, Route 1, their son, Sgt. Estel Bohannon, was killed in action January 20 in Germany.

Sgt. Bohannon has been in service since November 17, 1942, and on foreign duty the past five months. He took his training at Sam Houston and Camp Swift, TX, was stationed in CA and later at Camp Polk, LA. Shortly before leaving the States, he and his buddy, Byrd Lamb, of Sparta, spent their last furloughs at their respective homes – they had been together all the way – his buddy was killed earlier in January.

Sgt. Bohannon is survived by his parents, three sisters and seven brothers.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 February 1945

Pfc. James Bowman Now Reported Prisoner of War:

Pfc. James Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Causby Bowman, Cookeville, Route 2, reported missing in action in France since November 14, is a German prisoner, according to recent information. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are in receipt of a Christmas greeting sent by their son from a prison camp which was written November 24, 1944, and reached here January 28, 1945.

Pfc. Bowman, serving with an infantry division, has been in service for the past two years, and took his training at Camp Swift and Fort Sam Houston, TX, Shreveport, LA, and spent much time on desert maneuvers. He went overseas in September, 1944.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 February 1945

Services at Union Grove for John Mitchell, 75:

Funeral services were held at Union Grove, Friday, January 26, for John Mitchell, 75, who died at his home in the Union Grove community, January 25. Rev. Andrew Albert, Rev. Albert Ward and Rev. Henry Neely officiated.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife and the following children: Lee, Bill and Durell Mitchell, of Cookeville, Route 2, Solon Mitchell, U. S. Army, "Somewhere in France," and Archie Mitchell, U. S. Army, "Somewhere in the South Pacific ara," and two daughters, Misses Clarissa and Bessie Mitchell, of Cookeville, Route 2.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hemp Brown, of Cookeville, have recently had a message from their son, Pfc. Paul F. Brown, stating that he is now serving with the 60th A. D. G., "Somewhere in the Dutch East Indies." Pfc. Brown entered the Army Air Corps, May 6, 1943, and received his basic training at Atlantic City, NJ. He completed the course of Airplane and Engine Mechinas at the AAF Techinal School at Seymour Johnson Field, NC, and the Electrical Specialists Course at Chanute Field, IL. He also received advanced training at Kelly Field, TX. He has been overseas since November, 1944. Prior to entering the service he was employed in Detroit, MI, where his wife, the former Miss Janie Mae Montgomery, of Gainesboro, now makes her home.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mrs. W. C. Davis, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis receive letters from W. C. Davis, Jr., rather often and he states he is getting along splendidly and in recent weeks has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Located at Guadalcanal, he sereves in the headquarters division of the A.T.C., and his dutes extend over a large territorial area.

Eugene Maddux, S 1/c, U. S. Coast Guard, who has been overseas more than two years, is now on New Guinea, where he is receiving medical treatment at a hospital unit there. L. D. Maddux, S 2/c, RMS, U. S. Navy, who has been on military duty since July, 1944, is now stationed in Bainbridge, MD. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dow Maddux, of Cookeville, Route 2.

Verbie Carrington, U. S. Navy, has been here recently for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington.

In a recent letter from Maurice Lamb, U. S. Marines, "Somewhere in the Pacific area," to his mother, Mrs. Birch Lamb, he stated he was making plans to visit Leyte Island in the near future for the express purpose of visiting the grave of his close friend and school mate, Cpl. Perry Rowe Harris, who was killed in action the early part of November.

Private Robert A. Donaldson, 28, of Celina, aircraft mechanic in a B-24 Liberator squadron of the 15th Air Force has been authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a heavy bombardment group which has been cited by the War Department for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

Pvt. Donaldson worked as a farmer until he entered the service in August, 1941. His mother, Mrs. Lou E. Donaldson, lives in Cookeville.

With the Second Armored Division in Germany – What is believed to be the first German baby delivered by American medic, was born in Gillrath, Germany, on September 19, 1944. It was brought into the world by Captain Robert L. Akin, of Monterey, and two of his assistants, Pvt. Herbert H. Altman, 320 Wyona St., Brooklyn, NY, and Cpl. Harold L. Moore, Kensington, Kansas City, MO.

Their unit had captured the town on that day and it was under heavy German artillery fire. Capt. Akin requested armed guards to be placed outside the house, returned to the cellar and delivered the baby, a six-pound, blue-eyed girl. It was Capt. Akin's first delivery in four years.

Capt. Akin is the oldest surgeon in point of service in the Second Armored Division. He holds the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in France, and has participated in the invasions of Africa, Sicily, and Europe. He is the husband of Mrs. Olive Akin, of Monterey, and they have a daughter, Bobby Lou, age 5.

Twin brothers, who until recently had not seen each other since entering the service, two years ago, are Harold and Howard Tinsley, U. S. Army Air Corps, sons of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, of Cookeville. Both have been at a gunnery schools located in different sections of the West but are now stationed at Harlingen, TX, where Cpl. Howard Tinsley has been for several months.

Ensign W. J. Julina, U. S. Navy, is on a survivors leave and is spending several weeks with his parents at Silver Point, and with friends in Cookeville. Ensign Julian was in the landing on Leyte, where his ship was disabled and had to report to the States for repairs.

Kenneth Walker, S 1/c, ART, U. S. Navy, stationed at Corpus Christi, TX, who was called home because of the death of his father, Alvin Walker, spent ten days with his mother at their home on the Monterey Road. Lieut Robert Walker, U. S. Navy, was unable to reach home at the time of his father's death. He participated in the battle of Luzon as the commander of a LST. He didn't lose a member of his crew and none were injured. Mrs. Robert Walker, who is making her home in Nashville during Lieut. Walker's absence, and is a member of the Ward-Belmont College faculty, was here to be with the senior Mrs. Walker and family last week-end.

First Lieut. Travis Ford arrived in Cookeville, last week to spend a 30-day furlough with his father, Joe Ford, his sister, Mrs. Coleman Bates, and other members of his family.

Lieut. Ford only recently landed in the United States after spending eight months serving with the U. S. Army Air Corps in the European Theatre of War. He completed his 60th mission over enemy territory the early part of the year. Since going overseas he has been promoted from second to a First Lieutenant and shortly before sailing for the States was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding achievement on combat duty.

Pvt. Willie Dow Vinson, U. S. infantry, formerly stationed at Camp Howe, TX, was here last week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Vallie Vinson, of Cookeville, Route 1, and with his sisters, Mrs. Sherman Burgess, Mrs. S. Elrod, and Mrs. Garnet Whitson and their respective families. At the completion of his stay at home he reported to Fort Meade, MD, for a new assignment. Max Vinson, Misses Lura Mae and Vera Vinson, of Detroit, MI, were here to be with their brother, and in recent weeks, Garrett Vinson, of Orlando, FL, was here for a visit with different members of his family. Cpl. Cordell Vinson and Pvt. Waymon Vinson, other sons of Mrs. Vinson, are on foreign duty.

Pvt. and Mrs. Charlie G. Moore announce the birth of a son on February 7, at the City Hospital. The baby has been named Roger Dale. Pvt. Moore has just landed safely in the Eastern Theatre of War.

William Ernest Brown, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed "Somewhere in Alaska, has been promoted in recent weeks from the position of Sergeant to that of Staff Sergeant. He is the son of Ernest Brown, of Cookeville and Oak Ridge, and a brother of Miss Edwinna Brown, of Walnut Street, Cookeville. S/ Sgt. Brown has been on foreign duty for many months.

Henry Frank Carlen, U. S. Army, who has been stationed for some months at Camp Burkely, TX, is spending his ten-day furlough here with Mrs. Carlen and son, Henry Frank, Jr., and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carlen. The junior Mrs. Carlen who has been at Camp Barkely, recently returned to Cookeville with her husband. Pvt. Carlen will report for a new assignment at an Oklahoma camp.

The following item concerning a Putnam County boy, was sent to the Herald by Dr. Alex Shipley, Captain of a medical detachment stationed "Somewhere in France." The clipping was taken from "Stars and Stripes:"

"First Division front line medic, Pvt. Willie D. Thomas, of Cookeville, TN, was on his way up a slope to bring back a casualty. While sought refuge from an enemy artillery barrage in a nearby hole. Jumping into the hole, he came face to face with a Nazi armed with a P-38 pistol. Willie was in a tight spot but in a flash he whipped his shovel into position as through firing from the hip. The Kraut surrendered and Thomas had himself a prisoner. The medic utilized the German to carry the wounded soldier back to the aid station."

Sgt. James Alloway has come from his stationed at the Smyrna Air Base to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ollie Alloway, Jr., who received word the latter part of last week that Pvt. Ollie Alloway was missing in action in Luxembourg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lynch, of Oliver Springs, has received a telegram from their son, James Ray Lynch, F 1/c, stating that he was back in the States and at present is undergoing treatment at the naval hospital in Astoria, OR, and would be home on leave soon. Fireman First Class Lynch has just returned from the South Pacific Theatre of War.

From Peninsular Base Headquarters, Italy, comes the following news of Lieutenant Colonel Harry H. Jenkins, Laurel Avenue, Knoxville, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jenkins, of Cookeville, who has been the commanding officer of the 182nd Station Hospital since its inception and has guided it on its way through 16 months of overseas service. The hospital is now one of the most important organizations of this Base Section, important service and supply body for the Fifth Army in Italy. Lt. Col. Jenkins has expected reason to be proud of his unit for a commendation received from the Commanding Generals of the Fifth Army and of this Base Section at the time.

Lt. Col. Jenkins received his doctor's degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, in 1930 and was engaged in private practice for some time, specializing obstetrics. He received his commission in the Medical Corps in 1930, being promoted to the rank of Major in December, 1942, and to his present rank in January, 1944.

In January, 1943, Lt. Col. Jenkins was serving as Chief of Surgical Serevice at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, when he was called upon to head a newly activated organization, the Station Hospital, being formed at Camp Breckenridge, KY, of personnel largely from OH, IN, IL, WV, KY. After selecting the personnel to staff the hospital and seeing the unit sailed in August. Overseas service began with the landing at Oran, Algiers, September 2, 1943. Details were completed so rapidly, Lt. Col. Jenkins was able to report his organization ready for operation a full month in advance of the scheduled date. The destination of the hospital was not known, but once equipped and ready, sailing orders again came through. The destination of the hospital was not known, but once equipped and ready, sailing orders again came though. The destination proved to be Naples, Italy, and the site selected for the hospital to set itself up was at that time exactly eleven miles from the German rear units. By October 17, after a period of hard work, the hospital's 500 beds were prepared to receive the first combat patitents, and from that time forward the Station Hospital has been a life-saving adjunct of all activities on the Italian Peninsula. Atone time the patient capacity was expanded to a total of 2,300 men, the larges t census of any hospital in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. Lt. Col. Jenkins refers to his unit as a United Nations Hospital as French, Goumiers, Sengalesens, as well as Italian and German prisoners have been hospitalized there. The record of which each member of the staff is proud also in a tribute top the energies of Lt. Col. Jenkins and a source of satisfaction to him.

Lt. Col. Jenkins' wife, Mrs. V. Mayo Jenkins and daughter, Carol Jenkins, are now residing at Lindsey Place, Knoxville.

Charles H. Cuzzort, S 2/c, (RM) son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cuzzort, is "Somewhere in the Pacific area.

J. A. Starnes is in receipt of an interesting letter from his, James Starnes, who is serving with a Field Artillery Battalion. The letter was written "Somewhere in the Philippines and stated they had been in action for days. He and other boys from this battalion are fine, and said the people of the Philippines are very good to them and assist them in digging foxholes, etc.

T/Sgt. Alvin R. Ragland, stationed in Columbus, OH, and Mrs. England, are spending the former's 15-day furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ragland.

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15 February 1945

Cpl. William R. Horn Reported Killed in Action:

Mrs. William R. Horn of Monterey, has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Cpl. William R. Horn, was killed in action in the European Theatre of Operations, December 11. Corporal Horn spent his early boyhood in FL and TN, returning with his family to Monterey where he finished high school in the class of 1940.

He was called into service in April, 1943, receiving his basic training at Camp Polk, LA, and Camp Cook, CA, in February, he went to England, and was in combat in the Normandy pre-invasion, at Nancy, Metz, and in Belgium. He received two medals for expert marksmanship and the Expert Infantryman Badge. Also, it was learned just a few days before his death that he had received the Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit citation.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Myra Venne Bowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bowe, of Celina, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Horn, of Miamisburg, OH, and three brothers; Lafayette Horn, pharmacist mate, third class, U. S. Navy, "Somewhere in the Pacific," Albert, a college freshman in Columbus, OH, and Leon, a junior in high school in Miamisburg, OH.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 February 1945

James Dyer Promoted to First Lieutenant in Italy:

James Dyer, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army, has in recent weeks been promoted from the rank of Second Lieutenant, to his present rank. Lieutenant Dyer, in service for approximately three years, has been on foreign duty two years of this time, serving in the combat areas of Africa and Italy. He is now somewhere in Italy.

Lieutenant Dyer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer, is married and his wife and 19-month-old daughter, Linda Kay, whom he has never seen, are residing on Peachtree Street.

Dr. and Mrs. Dyer have two other sons in service. Pvt. Joe F. Dyer, has been stationed at Camp Lee, VA, since the spring of 1944, and Henry Dyer, Petty Officer, second class, recently stationed at Memphis, is now located at a naval base in Minneapolis, MN. Pvt. Dyer's family is residing on Pearl Street.

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First Lieut. Donald Todd, who has just returned from a year of service in the Pacific Area, serving as a bombardier in the U. S. Army Air Corps, and Mrs. Todd have been here for a recent visit with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Crawford. From here they went to Wartburg and other East Tennessee towns for a visit with

relatives. Mrs. Todd have been here for a recent visit with relatives. Mrs. Todd is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Elgira Summers, of Wartburg, is a former Tennessee Tech student.

Pvt. Josiah Darnell, has been here recetnoy to spend a portion of his furlough with Mrs. Darnell and son at the home of his parents-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Cummins. Pvt. Darnall has been stationed for the past several months at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, SC, and prior to his leaving there. Mrs. Darnall spent two weeks in Spartanburg. This past week they have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Darnall, in Paducah, KY. He reports to Fort Meade, MD, for a new assignment.

Thomasville, GA – Four soldiers at Finney General Hsopital, all patients back from overseas combat, received musical salutes on the “Everthing for the Boys” program over NRC last week.

At Finney, the program was picked up and rebroadcast to patients through the hospital’s sound broadcasting system, Station FGH. Among the patients receiving the salutes were: Cpl. Harvey T. Grose, of Cookeville, who fought in the European Theatre.

A 7th AAF Base in the Marianas – Separated for nearly 36 months, two beothers, Lawrence and William Fuqua, of Cookeville, TN had a reunion at this 7th AAF base less than 1,400 miles from Tokyo.

They are the sons of Lawrence F. Fuqua, Sr., of Cookeville. Lawrence, 28, is first sergeant with an AAF Engineer Aviation Battalion. He is a veteran of the Palau island invasion where his outfit constructed an airstrip and other ground installations.

William, 36, a corporal in the United States Marine Corps, is a veteran of many months in the Pacific, having seen battle action at Guadalcanal, New Guinea and Saipan.

Mrs. John Featherston has received mail from her husband, T/5 Featherston, stating he is now “Somewhere in France.”

Lawrence, whose wife is the former Rena M. Kirby, of Gainesboro, TN, is a former employee of A. B. Long, general contractor, Harriman, TN. He entered the Army in January, 1942, and arrived in the Central Pacific after serving 14 months in Puerto Rico.

Cpl. Hubert Slagle, U. S. Air Corps, is spending an 18-day furlough at his home here. He has been stationed at a Gunnery School at Fort Myers, FL, where he recently graduated and received his wings. At this time he was promoted to the position of Corporal. He reports to Columbia, SC, for a new assignment.

Cpl. Slagle’s brother, Henry T., is with a Filed Artillery Battalion, on Luzon in the Philippines, and ina recent letter to his mother, Mrs. Aloice Slagle, of King Street Cookeville, he states:

“Dear Mother and All: How does this find everyone at home – as for me I am O.K. Guess you have been wondering why you haven’t heard from me – talk about being busy, we haven’t had time to look up. Say Mom, we are on Luzon now, and I tell you I was scared the other night when a bunch of Japs tried to break through out area, but the next morning they looked like cordwood piled up. Don’t worry if you don’t hear from me, I’ll write when I can. Tell everyone to write me for it sure does help. I feel older than Dad after sleeping n a fox hole so long – would like to sleep on my own bed and will be glad when this is over and we can all come home. This is all my time – I will be thinking of you, By-Bye now,

Always your son, Tom”

Lieut Charles Brown, who has been stationed at Tyndall Field, at Panama City, FL, was here for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown, enroute to his new station at Courtland, AL.

Cpl. and Mrs. Ezell McBroom announce the birth of a son, February 16, at the City Hospital. The baby has been named William David. Cpl. McBroom is stationed in France, having gone overseas the latter part of August.

Stacy Lee Burk, U. S. Navy, who has been spending a 30-day shore leave at home, following an absence of approximately three years on foreign duty, left Thursday, February 15, going to Philadelphia, PA, for a new assignment.

Pvt. Leonon J. Birdwell is with a Field Artillery unit in France.

Pfc. and Mrs. Larnie N. Crossman announce the birth of a son born at the City Hospital on February 10. The baby has been named Wayne Merle. The mother and baby have been taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crabtree, on Route 2, where Pfc. Crossman has been spending a brief furlough with his wife and son. He will leave soon for Fort Jackson, SC.

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Putnam Men Who Left For Induction Into Armed Forces:

According to a report from the Putnam County Draft Board the following men left Wednesday for induction into the armed forces.

Thomas Taylor Reece, Fred Wesley Presley, Jr., Benton Frank Flatt, Alpha Lewis Brown, Hershel Monroe Wright, Everett Steele, Walter Smartt Fitzpatrick, L. D. Farley, L. G. Eller, Ray Way, Leonard McCloud, Willie Cloyton Weaver, Harkal Curtis Bohannon, James Argo Steadham, transferred from Gainesboro, and James Arthur Young, transferred from Detroit, MI.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 February 1945

Sgt. Gene Hull Killed in Action in Luzon Invasion:

According to a message received by Cookeville relatives, Sgt. Gene Hull was killed in action January 12, while participating in the invasion of Luzon. He had been in the army since June, 1941, and went overseas in October of that year and had seen service in many major battles of the Pacific area.

Sgt. Hull was reared in FL, and his widow, Mrs. Viola Stewart Hull, formerly of Cookeville, is now making her home at Plant City, FL. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Hubert Stewart, formerly of Cookeville.

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Merle Carr Reported Killed in Action in Germany:

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Carr, of the Holladay community, of Putnam County, received a telegram from the War Department on Saturday, stating that their son, Merle Carr, was killed in action "Somewhere in Germany," on February 3.

Pvt. Carr was inducted into the armed forces August 3, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, FL. He was home on furlough during the Christmas holidays, leaving for overseas duty December 30.

He attended Central High School, completing his junior year in June before entering the Army.

Besides his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Hubert Carr, U. S. Army in France; Howard Carr, U. S. Army now in Germany; Horace Carr, San Diego, CA; Aulcie Carr, Cookeville, Route 2; Mrs. G. W. Miller, Los Angeles, CA, and Mabel and Norma Carr, of Cookeville, Route 2.

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Lieut. Haynes Eugene Peery Killed in Oregon Plane Crash; Funeral Arrangement Later:

Lieut. Haynes Eugene Peery, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. LO. Peery, of Algood and Cookeville, was killed in a plane crash more than a week ago in the area of Troy, OR, while on a routine flight from his station in Walla Walla, WA, according to a message received Tuesday, February 30.

Lieut. Peery had been on army duty since April, 1943, reporting first to Keesler Field, MS, and later being transferred to the Memphis State Teachers College for preflight training. Kansas City, MO, San Antonio, TX, Sherman and Coleman, TX, were other training bases, and on August 4, 1944, he received his Silver Pilot's Wings, and a commission as a Second Lieutenant at Ellington Field, Houston, TX. At the time of his death, he was receiving his final phase of training as first pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber at Walla Walla Army Air Field, a base of the Fourth Air Force.

He was married to Miss Shirliana Looper of Algood, in the summer of 1943, the wedding occurring while he was stationed in Memphis. He was a graduate of the Algood High School and was attending the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute when he volunteered for military service. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two brothers, Willard Peery, Jr., and Harvill Peery, both of Cookeville, and a sister, Miss Marjorie Peery, of Nashville.

Funeral arrangements for the youthful flyer are pending, and will be announced later.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 February 1945

S/Sgt. Frank T. Johnson Reported Missing, Now Safe:

S/Sgt. Frank T. Johnson, who was reported by the War Department to have been missing in action since January 31, has now, according to information received by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Young Johnson, of North Jefferson Avenue, Cookeville, returned safely to his base in Italy. On a B-24 Liberator, Sergeant Johnson's plane did go down the latter part of January, but it so happened that it made a safe landing and was in liberated territory, which accounts for the entire crew being returned to Italy.

A gunner on a B-24 Liberator, he took his flight training with the 46th College Training Detachment, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute here, and received his wings at Fort Myers, FL. He has been in service since April, 1942.

Serving with the 15th Air Force, based in Italy, Sergeant Johnson has been overseas since September, 1944, and was flying his 11th mission when his plane went down.

Since going overseas he had been twice promoted, his squadron has received the President's citation and he has been awarded the Air Medal.

Sergeant Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Johnson, reside in Norristown, PA.

February 21, Mrs. Johnson received eight letters from her husband which were written at intervals while he was supposedly missing, but were not mailed until his return to the 15th Air Force base.

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1 March 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Carson Stanton, United States Army Air Corps, of the class of 44-K, was graduated on Friday February 2, at Frederick Field, Frederick, OK, and at an impressive ceremony held at the Post Gheater, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and at the same time received his Silver Pilot's Wings. Lieut. Stanton's wings were pinned on by his buddy's wife, Mrs. C. B. Seversen, of MI. He pilots a B-25. Shortly after his graduation he came to Cookeville to spend his leave of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stanton, at the expiration of which he reported on Friday of last week to Enid, OK for a new assignment. Lieut. Stanton entered the service in August, 1943, having volunteered for any duty, and throughout his training was stationed in Louisiana, TX, Keesler, Field, MS, and at different OK air bases. Mr. and Mrs. Doss Stanton came to Cookeville from their home at Spring Hill for a visit with him and accompanied by his parents, he spent a portion of his leave in Nashville and Spring Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton have another son, Charles Stanton, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, who is in the Pacific Area, and the last letter received from him was dated January 31.

Other members of the Stanton family serving with the Navy and army are, Layton Stanton, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton, of Cookeville and Nashville, who recently returned to the States from sea duty in the Atlantic area, and a present is in Miami, FL. Pvt. Sidney M. Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian M. Stanton, of McMinnville is spending his furlough at home following overseas duty of two years. He has been in the European Theatre of War. Last week he came to Cookeville for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanton and Lieut. Stanton.

Sgt. John D. Allen, after spending his 15-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Angelo Allen, of Whitson Street, and with friends, has returned to Camp Hood, TX.

Pfc. John D. Ray, Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ray, Sr., 104 Dyer Street, Cookeville, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for faithful and efficient service in the United States Army, it was announced by the War Department.

Prior to his induction on October 26, 1942, Pfc. Ray attended Whitson Chapel, and was later employed by the City of Cookeville as a truck driver for the Maintenance Department.

Assigned to a Field Artillery unit of the 77th Infantry Division, on November 13, 1942, Pfc. Ray has since seen action on Guam and was with the 77th when it landed on Leyte, in the Philippines. His wife, the Jean Bussell, resides with her family, in Detroit, MI.

Among the recent graduates of the Athletics and Recreation course at the School for Personal Services, Lexington, VA, was Cpl. Calvin C. Frey, who is away on leave from the Tennessee Tech faculty, where he has served as an assistant coach for several years. Cpl. Frey has been in the army approximately one year, stationed first at Camp Shelby, MS and at Camp Jackson, SC, prior to his transfer to Lexington.

Lieut. (j.g.) Clarence P. Sneigrove, U. S. Navy, will report to Norfolk, VA, the latter part of the week after spending his leave of ten days with Mrs. Snelgrove and son, Jimmy, at their home on Allen Avenue. Lieut. Sneigrove has been on naval duty since June, 1944. Following a six weeks training period in Miami, FL, he has seen much service in the Atlantic area of operations. He is a member of the Tennessee Tech faculty, and has been granted a leave of absence for military service. This is his second visit to Cookeville since early summer of last year.

Pvt. Gilbert B. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cordell Carr, of Silver Point, Route 1, has arrived at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, TX, to begin his basic training as an infantryman, and has been assigned to a battalion stressing rifle specialist training.

A/C James D. Sloan, formerly stationed in CA with the Army Air Corps, and Mrs. Sloan have been spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Sloan, in Nashville, and came to Cookeville last week for a visit with his grandfather, J. A. Isbell, and other members of his family. Coming to Cookeville with them were the senior Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Earl Sloan, both of Nashville. At the completion of his furlough, A/C Sloan reports to New Mexico for another period of training.

Headquarters, 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific – Two Tennessee men are celebrating the anniversary of their first year of foreign service with “The Crusaders,” a 13th AAF Medium Bombardment unit. For more than a year they have been readying their squadron’s planes for attacks against the Japs in the Pacific. The men are, Sergeant Ernest J. Hardison, a bomb-sight specialist, of 200 Water Street, Lewisburg, and Corporal Ralph K. Hutcheson, an aircraft armorer, of Peachtree Street.

Beginning in the Solomons, where the Mitchell Bombers of their organization were pounding the Nips on Bongainville and Rebaul they worked their way West until they are now stationed at a jungle base in the Netherlands East Indies. From there they watch their squadron’s planes take off to hit enemy bases and shipping from Ceram to the Philippines.

Corporal Hutcheson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Hutcheson, of Cookeville. A graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, he joined the AAF in October, 1942, and left the States for duty in the South Pacific in January, 1944.

Mrs. Willis Dow is in receipt to a letter from her grandson, Sgt. Will Glenn Crawford, son of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford, who is stationed in England, stating that he was “Somewhere in France” at that time, and his letter was mailed on February 15, at four o’clock, their time, and was received by Mrs. Dow at Eleven o’clock CWT, February 19.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Judd of Baxter, have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Ralph C. Judd, saying he had reached his new home after several days of rough voyage. He has received a good conduct medal and has been overseas 15 months, being at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, and Oahu. He received his training at Fort Bragg, NC, Camp Swife, TX, and Fort Ord, CA.

Pfc. Lawrence Hunter, who has been overseas for the past 16 months, was wounded some weeks ago while on combat duty in France, and for some time was hospitalized in Paris and later sent to England for recuperation. At present he has recovered sufficiently to be enrolled in an English school for a special course of study. Mrs. Hunter, the former Miss Ida McKinley, makes her home in Cookeville during his absence.

Pfc. Jack Bratton, now on foreign military duty, writes most interestingly to his wife, the former Miss Felice Burch, who is making her home in Algood during his absence. With a finance detachment, it seems they have a splendid set-up in a Belgian city. Have quarters in a very large home, evidently in former days, it was occupied by person of wealth. He stated that their food was very good and all in all he was situated exceptionally well. Pfc. Bratton, before entering the service, was connected in business with the Federal Lnd Bank and he and Mrs. Bratton made their home in Louisville, KY. He has been in service over a year, taking his training at Camp Benjamin Harrison, IN, and Baltimore, MD. He left the States in December and landed in England the early part of January.

Sgt. Willis Gaines Gentry is now “Somewhere in the Philippines, according to a letter received last week by his cousin, Ella V. McCaleb. He wrote that it was really good to see white people again after two years. The people there are very friendly and think a lot of the Americans. S/Sgt. Gentry has been in the South Pacific 33 months.

M/Sgt. P. L. Phipps, who has been stationed at Cherry Point, NC, is now stationed in Newport, AR. Sgt. Phipps is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Phipps, of Cookeville, Route 3.

Ray Bumbalough, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Lillian Bumbalough, of Cookeville, who is taking his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, is recovering from pneumonia at a Great Lakes hospital. He entered the service in December 1944.

Billy R. Dyer, S 1/c Special Devices, N.A.T.B., Corpus Christi, TX, spent ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Dyer, of Dry Valley. Billy had his early training at Tennessee Tech, and went to William College, MA, in August, and from there to Keen State Teachers College, Kenn, NH, Chapel Hill, NC, Bunker Hill, IN, Great Lakes, IL, and has spent this winter at the University of Chicago. He now has a special appointment at the N.A.T.B., at Corpus Christi, TX, where he reported February 17. While he was home, Miss Rebecca Dyer and David Dyer, who are working at Oak Ridge, spent the week-end with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Henry have received word that their son, Pvt. Willie Rush Henry, has landed safely "Somewhere in France."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 March 1945

Four Brothers Serving Uncle Sam: C. H. Cox, R. A. Cox, J. N. Cox and W. B. Cox:

Here comes the 1945 version of "Cox" Army," although it is engaged in a far different conflict from the civilian army of unemployed that Jacob S. Coxey led into Washington in 1894 to demand that the government put them to work building roads.

They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Cox of Cookeville and also here are two grandsons and a son-in-law serving in the armed forces.

Charles H. Cox, seaman, first class, is serving on a destroyer in the Atlantic area. He has been on naval duty since March, 1944, taking his boot training at Camp Peary, VA, at the completion of which he was assigned to duty on the east coast.

Seaman Cox owned and operated the Royal Crown Bottling Company in civilian life. He is married and has two children, Ann and Charles Cox, Jr., who with their mother, the former Miss Hazel Jenkins, are residing here on Dixie Avenue.

Capt. Robert Cox, intelligence service, army air forces, is now in Italy where he has been since midsummer. Prior to enlisting for military duty he was a special agent in the internal revenue service, Washington, D. C. and Birmingham, AL.

In 1942 he entered the army as a second lieutenant and before going overseas was stationed at Maxwell Field, AL, Cape Girardeau, MO, Sebring and Miami, FL, and Washington, D. C. Mrs. Cox, the former Miss Jean Thompson, of Memphis, is residing in Memphis during her husband's absence.

James N. Cox, Jr., seaman first class, had business connections in Fayette, AL, serving as manager of the Alabama Telephone Company before entering the service. His boot training was taken at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, where he was ordered after reporting for naval duty in the spring of 1944.

He is now in Honolulu, T. H. He is married and has two sons. Mrs. Cox, the former Miss Sybil Webb, and sons, Jim and Joe Cox, are residing here on Freeze Street.

The youngest of the four sons, William B. Cox, army air corps, entered the service while a student at the University of Tennessee in 1942. He was stationed for training at Scott Field, IL, Sheppard Field, TX, and Maxwell Field, AL, and at the completion of his officer candidate school training was commissioned a second lieutenant.

He recently reported for foreign service. In December, 1943, he was married to Miss Catherine Reeves, of Cookeville, who is making her home here while he is away.

They were educated at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and are members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Other's making up the "Cox Army" are two grandsons and a son-in-law.

Lt. Col. Henry Martin, medical corps, and Mrs. Martin are located at West Point, NY, and their son, Robert C. Martin, a marine has been in the Pacific for two years.

James J. Colle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Colle, of Washington, D. C., is serving with the army air corps, having volunteered for service shortly after completing his high school education in June. He is now stationed in FL.

Colonel Cox was one of the leaders in establishing and promoting Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He was the second president of the Cookeville Lions Club, is president of the Alabama Telephone Company. A director in the United States Independent Telephone Association, he is vice-president Telephone Pioneers, and was organizer, and chairman of the board of directors of the independent Telephone Association of Tennessee, and chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Continental Telephone Company. He is one of the owners of the Putnam County Herald, and is one of the few who have served two years as president of the Alumni Association of the University of Tennessee.

He was made a colonel on the staffs of Govs. Hill McAlister and Gorden Browning of Tennessee and Gov. Ruby Lafoon, of KY.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 March 1945

Pfc. Leslie A. Elliott Reported Killed in Action on Luzon:

Pfc. Leslie A. Elliott, 32 was killed in action on Luzon Island, January 23, his widow, Mrs. Elise Elliott, of 1818 Neal Terrace, Nashville, has been notified in a message received from the War Department.

Pfc. Elliott was serving with an infantry division. He entered the army in 1941 and had been in the Pacific area for the past 30 months. He received his training at Camp Wheeler, GA, Camp Blanding, FL, and Camp Shelby, MS.

Mrs. Elliott is the former Miss Elise Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ___P. Stewart, of Cookeville, Route 2.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 March 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Loeut. (j.g.) Dave H. Maddux, U. S. Navy, stationed in Washington, D. C., for the past two years, is here to spend a 10-day leave before reporting to the West Coast for a new assignment. At the time Lieut. Maddux volunteered for naval duty, he was associated in business with the Poteet and Maddux Hardware Compnay, and was numbered among Cookeville's most popular young business men. Entering the service as an Ensign, he has in recent months been promoted to his present rank. He. Mrs. Maddux, the former Miss Margaret Carlen, and son, Robert Algoood, are receiving a cordial welcome by their many friends here while, dividing their visit with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddux and Mr. and Mrs. Algoood Carlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ford are in receipt of a letter from the former's brother, Cpl. Lloyd Ford, who is in France. He said at Christmas time they had a good time and good food, and also enjoyed New Year's Day. He has been overseas more than two years. His mother, Mrs. Smith Patton, lives on Baxter, Route 1.

Mrs. Solon Mitchell is in receipt of a letter from her husband, Sgt. Mitchell, telling about a recent furlough spent in Paris, which he and a buddy from OH, enjoyed very much. They stayed at Chateau and enjoyed

their meals of excellent food, which were served with real linen and china being used on the table. He said it was so nice after eating in mess kits for almost two years. Sgt. Mitchell has signed for a furlough to England. He has been overseas since October, 1943. Cpl. Archie Mitchell writes Mrs. Mitchell also, saying he was on the Philippine Islands, getting lots of rest and sleep. He said everything was quiet there now and he was enjoying it more than New Guinea. He sailed for overseas in August, 1943. Both wish to thank their many friends for the kindness extended the members of their family during the illness and subsequent death of their father, John Mitchell.

Lieut. and Mrs. Quenton Horton arrived Saturday from San Antonio, TX, to spend his leave of 30 days in Cookeville with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, on Fourth Street, and with his parents in McMinnville. Accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, they went to McMinnville for the day on Sunday. They will visit also in Nashville with friends and relatives. Lieut. Horton is stationed with the U. S. Army Air Corps, at Kelly Field, TX.

Colbert C. Julian, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Julian, Baxter, Route 1, entered the Navy October 4, 1944, and took his boot training at Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. Completing his training there he was transferred to Rhode Island, where he remained until reporting in February to the West Coast for sea duty. Before entering the service he was employed in Detroit, MI. Mr. and Mrs. Julian have other sons in the service, Sgt. Hollis Julian, who has been stationed in Iran with the Engineers for the past 28 months, and Pvt. Howard Julian, who is serving with the Field Artillery of General Patton's Third Army in Germany.

Among the young "Hell from Heaven" men who won their silver wings on February 8 at the Big Springs, TX, bombardier school, was Ross Compton, of Loring, MT, who graduated with the Class 44-52-B and in addition to his wings received his appointment as a flying officer in the army Air Force.

The above announcement is of interest in Cookeville, as F/O Compton took a portion of his training here while attending the College Training Detachment, at Tennessee Tech, and in June of 1944, he was married to a popular Cookeville girl, Miss Catherine Walker, who has made her home at Big Springs while he was stationed there.

F/O Compton was a mechanic at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, WA, before entering the service. Already skilled aerial gunners before their training at Big Springs, these men have been thoroughly schooled in the use of the famous Norden bomb sight, and have mastered the art of precision bombing as well as other important principles. The new army air force officers wear the silver wings of bombardiers. Having received the best training in the world, they leave the AAF training command each to become that member of the combat crew known as the "Hell from Heaven" men.

Flight Officer and Mrs. Compton have returned to Big Springs, where he will receive a new assignment, after spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Compton.

On Monday, Mrs. Luther Harris, of Cherry Street, was informed by a telephone call from her mother, Mrs. A. C. Killefer, of Harriman, that her brother, Lieut. Louis Killefer, United States Naval Reserve Medical Corps, who has been on foreign duty in the Pacific Area, for almost two years, has landed in San Francisco, CA, and expects to come to Harriman in the very near future.

Pvt. Lawrence Bartlett, son of Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, has been transferred from Scott Field, IL, to Camp Livingston, LY. Mrs. Bartlett, who has been residing in Scott Field while Pvt. Bartlett was stationed there, has returned home and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chapin. While here she was secretary in the base personnel service office. Another son of Mrs. McCaleb, Pvt. Clarence Bartlett, has been transferred from Denver, CO, to a gunnery school, in NV.

Mrs. William P. Christie, who with her baby are residing on Dixie Avenue has received a message stating that her husband, Pvt. Christie, has landed safely in Italy. His training was taken at Camp McClellan, AL, and following a brief furlough visit here in January, he reported to Fort Meade, MD. Pvt. Christie's father, W. O. Christie, of Bowling Green, KY, is here for a visit with Mrs. Christie.

Coming at an appropriate time, when a Red Cross drive is on, is the following story written by Cpl. Fred L. Haile, Jr., who is in Burma, to his mother, Mrs. Fred L. Haile, of Gainesboro: "I asked my buddy who came from a far New England State to borrow his sewing kit, when I opened it a label was found which read, "The Red Cross Chapter of Putnam County, TN." I remarked to this friend perhaps my relatives or friends made this: I sewed my pants with Putnam County thread." Cpl. Haile is a nephew of Mrs. Allison Ensor, Mrs. J. L. Meadows, and Henry Haile, of Cookeville.

A news release from the Public Relations Office, George Field, Lawrenceville, IL, relative to S/Sgt. John Moore, of 303 Reagan Street, who was recently promoted to that rank, is announced by Colonel Tracy K. Dorsett, commanding officer of George Field. S/Sgt. Moore holds the position of Supply Sergeant at this Troop Carrier base. He attended the Putnam County Central High School. He also attended Tennessee Tech. S/Sgt. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore of 303 Reagan Street, Cookeville, and his wife, the former Miss Virginia Amonett, also resides at the same address.

Sgt. Willie Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitaker, came from Camp Gordon, GA, to spend his recent furlough with his parents. He reported to Camp Meade, MD, for further duties. Coming from Detroit, MI, to be with him was his brother, Jeff Whitaker.

Fred Shivers, Apprentice Seaman, U. S. Navy, stationed at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, was here for a recent visit with his mother, Mrs. L. L. Shivers, and sister, Miss Mary L. Shivers. During his stay at home the three went to Jasper, AL, to visit with Mrs. Shivers' mother, Mrs. J. F. Alexander.

Robert Johnson, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, who has been spending his 30-day shore leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, has reported to Miami, FL, for a new assignment. Serving with the Navy for the past seven years, he has been on sea duty in the South Atlantic area. His recent visit home was the first in approximately three years.

The "Retrainee Booster" is the name of a publication issued at Camp Peary, VA, and in the pamphlet of January 11, 1945, the following interesting article appears under the title, "Instructor of the Week."

"Tilman Phillips Sp 1/c has a wealth of background in the educational field, from the standpoint of both education and actual teaching experience. He is a graduate of the Algood schools, later attending Detroit Teachers College then Tennessee Tech of Cookeville, Tennessee from where he acquired his B S degree in 1933; later he entered Peabody College at Nashville, receiving his M. A., there in 1941. His teaching experience includes seven years of elementary work, plus two years of high school teaching. From teaching advanced to a five year career as a high school principal and then into the position of Superintendent of Schools. In this capacity he supervised 310 grade and high school teachers. Two years before entering the Navy, Phillips accepted the position of Tennessee State Manager for the Economy Educational Publishing Co., being on leave of absence from the enterprise at the present time. He is on leave of absence too, from his position as Chairman of the Board of Education, Cookeville and Putnam County, TN. He had boot training at Bainbridge in the spring of '43 and for a short time after was an instructor in the mathematics in the service schools. In June, 1944, he was moved to Washington, D. C., where he attended Fire Control school and received a diploma from the advanced school there. Camp Peary was the next stop and here in the Retraining Command, teaches a special reading class and also a class in geography. His wife, Jonny Phillips, has an important career in her own right. She is a former Supervisor of Elementary Schools at Cookeville, and is now teaching at the Matthew Whaley school in Williamsburg, VA. Phillips hobbies are athletics and auto mechanics, and now here is one for Ripley – Phillips and his wife are exactly the same age – to the very day – and they have birth certificates to prove it."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 March 1945

Lt. (j.g.) Murphy Wounded Serving in Pacific Theatre:

Mrs. Elizabeth Swallows Murphy received information Sunday, March 4, that her husband, Lieut. (j.g.) James W. Murphy, U.S.N.R., had been wounded while on duty in the Pacific Area.

The nature of Lt. Murphy's wounds were not determined, but according to letters received by Mrs. Murphy which he wrote after he was injured, his condition is not critical, but he has been removed from a ship hospital to an army hospital base "Somewhere in the Pacific."

Liet. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy, of the Algood Road, has been on naval duty since 1942. At the time of his enlistment he was assistant postmaster at the local post office. He was commissioned an Ensign at Columbia University, New York City, following his indoctrination and last year was promoted to his present rank. His first active duty took him to the Mediterranean area., where he participated in the Sicilian Campaign, and later he was transferred to the Pacific Theatre of Operations, where he has seen service on the Gilberts, Admiralty, Mariana, and Pelileu Islands. His last visit home was in November, 1944.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 March 1945

Lieut. David S. Kincannon Reported Missing in Pacific:

Second Lieutenant David S. Kincannon, son of Mrs. Nell R. Kincannon, of Spring City, is missing in action according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Ova Sue Huffine Kincannon, of Brotherton and Spring City. The information was received from the War Department, March 6.

Lieutenant Kincannon, U. S. Marine Air Corps, has been serving in the Pacific Area for many months, and in recent weeks was cited for skill and courageous conduct while serving as the pilot of an observation plane during the battles of Saipan and Tinian, and was presented the coveted Air Medal for his heroic deeds.

Before enlisting for Marine Aviation on June 20, 1942, Lieut. Kincannon was a student in Spring City High School. His wife who at present is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hufine, of Brotherton, is a teacher in the Commerical Department of the Spring City High School.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 March 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Milligan, Sr., of Sparta, Route 2, have been informed that their son, Pfc. Beecher Clyde Milligan, who was killed in action in line of duty on November 9, 1944, "Somewhere in Eastern France, had a simple and dignified funeral service in his honor and memory, which was conducted by a protestant chaplain and interment was made in a U. S. Military Cemetery, "Somewhere in Eastern France."

Pfc. Andrew A. Flatt, serving with the armed forces, entered the service December 7, 1943. He completed his basic training at Fort Knox, KY, and completed a ten-weeks course in radio school at Camp Rucker, AL. He was stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, when he left for overseas duty in January of this year. He has now arrived safely in France, according to a recent letter to his wife, Mrs. Edna Flatt.

Bill Mitchell, Naval Air Corps Cadet in training at Milligan College, visited here and in Livingston this past weekend. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Mitchell, of Livingston.

Pvt. Willie B. Rogers, stationed in Fresno, CA, is spending his 23-day furlough in Baxter, dividing his time with is aunt, Mrs. Thusie Bell, and many other relatives. In service for the past three years, he is attached to the Army Air Corps.

W. C. O'Neal of the Infantry Officers Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA, is on emergency furlough because of the very critical illness of his grandfather, Dr. J. C. Grimes. During his stay there he has come to Cookeville at different times to be with Mrs. O'Neal and daughters, on Freeze Street.

Pvt. Johnnie Birdwell, with a Field Artillery Battalion in France, has been overseas since September and writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Birdwell, in an interesting way of his varied experiences and refers to his packages just received and how much he had enjoyed a group of pictures his family had sent him, and in closing he quotes a poem, entitled "My Dad" which is excellent in sentiment. Pvt. Birdwell is married to the former Miss Mary Watson, who resides in Cookeville while he is away.

Joe Bailey Cobbs, U. S. Army, in training at the University of West, VA, Morgantown, who is spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lewise Cobbs, in Springfield, was here the latter part of last week for a visit with friends. He graduated from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute last June.

Lieut. and Mrs. Quenton Horton left Monday for San Antonio, TX, where they have been residing while the former is stationed at Kelly Field. They have been here and in McMinnville for the past two weeks, visiting with their respective parents. Here they were with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson. Going as far as Nashville with them were, Mrs. Johnson, Jasper Johnson, Jr., U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Johnson.

Layton Stanton, Jr., U. S. Navy, who is spending his 21-day shore leave in Nashville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Stanton, has been here and in Algood for a visit with relatives. Coming with him were his parents and brother, Billy Stanton, and they were joined by his sister, Miss Julia Stanton, of Knoxville. Seaman Stanton recently returned from foreign sea duty in the Atlantic area.

First Lieut. John L. McCawley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. McCawley, Gainesboro and Cookeville, is now attending the fighter transition school at the 4th O.U.T Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, at Greenwood, MS. At the 4th O.U.T, the only school of its kind in the United States, Lt. McCawley will learn to fly five different fighter planes in 30 days and upon successful completion of the course, he will return to his home station at Love Field, Dallas, TX, to ferry such planes as the P-49, P-63.

The lieutenant recently returned from overseas, where he completed 92 trips over the "Hump" and won the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, the Air Medal three times, and the Unit Citation Badge.

Mrs. Sylvia Cumby has received a letter from her husband, Pfc. John Cumby, stating that he had landed safely in France. Before going over seas he received training at Camp Shelby, MS, Fort McClellan, AL, and Fort Benning, GA.

James Albert Huffmeister, Lieut. (j.g.) U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Hoffmeister have named their infant son, James Albert Hoffmeister, III. The baby was born February 13, at a Daytona Beach, FL, hospital. Lieut. Hoffmeister has been on naval duty to the Pacific area for several months, returning to the States in February having been granted a 40-day leave. After spending a greater part of his leave in Daytona with his wife and son, he came to Cookeville on Saturday to visit with his sisters, Mrs. John V. Miser and family, and Mrs. Claron Loftis and Mr. Loftis, and joining him Herman Mott, Nashville, Mrs. Odell B____, Knoxville, Mrs. Bob Barwick and daughter of Oak Ridge, and his niece, Miss Mary Ann Mott, of Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. Minor were hosts to the family group for a week-end visit. Lieut. Huffmeister is leaving today to return to Daytona.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 March 1945

Charles L. (Wahoo) Billings Repeatedly Wounded in Action:

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billings, of Cookeville, Route 1, have received a letter and cable from their son, Cpl. Charles L. (Wahoo) Billings, U. S. Marines, during the past week.

In his letter, Cpl. Billings states that he was wounded during the operations around Iwo Jima Island, but that it was not serious. His chief regret was that he wasn't able to help finish the job there as he had to be removed to a hospital ship. He stated he was receiving the very best care and would soon be all right. He hoped his letter would reach them before his injuries were reported by the War Department. The cable received Saturday stated he was now at a hospital "Somewhere in the Pacific" and was improving.

Cpl. Billings, a graduate of the Cookeville schools, was a star football player at Central High, serving as captain of his team in his senior year. At the time of his reporting for Marine duty in April, 1941, he was a sophomore at Tennessee Tech, and was listed among the popular students of the institution, where also he had made a name for himself in the sports world, as he played on the varsity football teams the two years he was a student there. He was a major in the Industrial Arts Department at Tech.

Cpl. Billings has been on foreign duty for more than a year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 March 1945

Pfc. Tom R. Rockwell Killed in Action in Germany:

Pfc. Tom R. Rockwell, U. S. Army, was killed in action "Somewhere in Germany," February 27, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockwell, of Cookeville, Route 5, from the War Department on March 10.

Pfc. Rockwell was educated in the rural schools of Putnam County and attended Central High in Cookeville. Eighteen years of age, he was inducted into the army in March, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Shelby, MS. He reported for foreign service the latter part of August and since that time has been in the combat area with an Infantry Division of the Ninth Army.

A brother, Aldene Rockwell AMM 3/c U. S. Navy, is stationed at Norfolk, VA. Other survivors besides his parents, and this brother are, three sisters, his twin, Miss Nona Rockwell, Dayton, OH, Mrs. Dave Bullock, Mrs. Fred Burton, Detroit, MI, and Mrs. Victor Burton, Crossville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 March 1945

Lieut. Alard C. Harding, U. S. Army, Promoted:

First Lieutenant Alard C. Harding, U. S. Army, now serving somewhere in Germany, has recently been promoted from the rank of a Second Lieutenant to his present rank, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. R. H. Harding, of Washington Avenue.

Lieut. Harding has been with an Armored Tank Division serving with the Ninth Army since going overseas the early part of last year and at the present in maintenance and executive officer of a Headquarters Company of the Ninth Army. He was in England, France, and other combat areas in Europe before going into Germany.

He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech, receiving his degree there in 1936 at which time he was also awarded the Science Medal. Since entering the service, he was stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, and Ft. Benning, GA. At Ft. Knox, he was commissioned a second Lieutenant.

Lieut. Harding is married and his wife, Mrs. Mary Weyenberg Harding, is residing in Louisville, KY. In civilian life, he was associated in business with his father, the late R. H. Harding, who earned and operated the Harding Studio.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 March 1945

Cpl. Billy R. Lee Awarded Bronze Star for Bravery:

Cpl. Billy Ralph Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee, of Whitson Street, serving with the U. S. Marine Corps, has participated in many major battles while stationed in the Pacific Area of Operations, and has been decorated for bravery while in combat according to a recent release which is given below. Cpl. Lee took his training at Parris Island, SC, and New River, NC, and before going overseas won medals for his skill and accuracy. Cpl. Lee's many friends will read with pride the following account of his deeds:

"A final desperate charge of a Jap force on Tinian was smashed completely though the work of Marine Corporal Billy R. Lee, of Cookeville, TN, who repeatedly carried much needed ammunition to his outfit through heavy fire in time to enable them to beat off the enemy.

"Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his bravery, young Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee, of 205 Whitson Street, Cookeville, was halted only when severely wounded by an enemy grenade. But as a result of his action, his company had sufficient ammunition to state off the charge and completely annihilate them.

"The citation points out that Lee, learning that advance platoons were in dire need of ammunition, unloaded it by hand and carried it repeatedly to the front lines through heavy machine gun and rifle fire until wounded.

"A former Central High School student in Cookeville, Lee also holds the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit citation. The last was awarded to the Fourth Marine Division for its exploits on Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas Islands."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 March 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Sgt. John Jared, who has been spending his two weeks furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jared, of Buffalo Valley, has returned to Phoenix, AZ, where he is stationed with the Air Service. Sgt. Jared came to Cookeville during his stay at home for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Dave High, and other relatives.

W/O H. S. Barnes has enjoyed a recent three-day rest period in Paris, according to a letter to his mother, Mrs. Susan Barnes. W/O Barnes has been overseas more than a year, landing first in Ireland, he later went to England, thence to France and has been on the German front during the major operations.

John C. Darwin, Pilot 1/c, Aerial Coast Guard, stationed at Port Angeles, WA, arrived Sunday to spend his two weeks leave with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin, his sister, Mrs. Pennock Moore, and Mr. Moore. This is his first visit home in almost a year. At the completion of his stay here, he reports to Port Angeles, before going to New York where he leaves Seattle, WA, by plane Saturday evening and arrived in Nashville at 5 o'clock the next afternoon.

W. H. Mahler, CY, U. S. Navy, has returned to Norfolk, VA, to assume his regular duties after spending a nine-day shore leave with his wife, the former Miss Mildred Speck, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, and many other relatives. CY Mahler has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic for the past two years. He has been on volunteer duty since October, and has completed his tenth trip overseas.

T/Sgt. Jim Hunter Bohannon is spending his ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Dimple Hunter Bohannon, other Cookeville relatives, and with relatives in Monterey. He has been stationed in El Paso, TX, but will report to the West Coast at the expiration of his stay here. Sgt. Bohannon returned last year from many months of service in the European and Mediterranean theaters of war. He participated in the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

Pfc. Herman R. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Long, of Cookeville, Route 5, has made for himself a splendid record while serving with the armed forces overseas.

He reported for army duty in 1943 and following his training at Camp Barkley, TX, he was ordered overseas. Landing in England, he was attached to a medical unit of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, and later completed his training in England. At present he is "Somewhere in France," but his service overseas has taken him to all the major battle areas of the Western front, including Belgium and Germany. He proudly wears the Blue Ribbon Good Conduct Medal and with others of a certain Airborne Division shares the honor of having been cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty during the invasion of France when they made a spectacular glider landing.

The All American Paraglide issued in the Netherlands, tells much of the activities of this particular medical unit during the invasion of Holland, and reveals the courage and fortitude which these men added in bringing relief and comfort to the wounded. As in civilian life, Pfc. Long carries with him into battle his principal of aiding rather than destroying human life.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, of Algood, have heard from their son, First Lieut. Fred Moore, Jr., Army Air Corps, stating that he is now in New Guinea. He left for overseas some six weeks ago.

Lloyd Alcorn, A/S, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alcorn, of Cookeville, Route 5, who has been taking his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, has just spent eight days with his parents, returning from his leave to Shoemaker, CA. Before entering the service he was employed by Piggly-Wiggly at Cookeville. Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn have also received word that another son, James G. Alcorn, HA 1/c, has been wounded "Somewhere in the Pacific."

Cpl. William Clay Farris is now on Luzon, in the Phillipine Islands, and writes his wife that he is fine, has plenty to eat, and quite a lot of fun there since there is so many places to go. He says it is much better than New Guinea. Cpl. Farris met his first cousin, Sgt. Fate Bullock son of Mrs. Myrtle Bullock, recently, and also several other Cookeville boys, including Robert Johnson, Ernest Slagle, C. J. Brown, Harvey Whittaker, and Mr. Farris' cousin, Arthur Young. He states they enjoyed their visit very much, as this was the first time in over two years these boys had been together.

Robert McDonald, U. S. Navy, who has been in the Pacific area for several months, is in TN on a several weeks furlough, dividing his time with his mother, Mrs. Wirt McDonald, and sister, Miss Lorena McDonald, and other Nashville relatives, friends and relatives in Cookeville, and another sister, Mrs. Elbert Baker, of Manchester. Before reporting for naval duty, he served a chief clerk of the local draft board. In service for almost a year, he took his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, at the completion of which he reported for foreign duty.

Mrs. J. B. Hall, of Baxter, has received a letter from her son, James Douglas, who has been stationed with the U. S. Army Air Corps, in England for many months, stating that he had been promoted from the rank of Corporal to that of Sergeant.

Harrison Smith, of Corunna, MI, has received the Purple Heart, which was awarded his brother, Sgt. Alpheus C. Smith, who was wounded December 12, in Germany. He received his training at Camp Atterbury, IN, and Camp Breckenridge, KY. He went overseas in March, 1944. Sgt. Smith is now back in action.

Mrs. W. B. Cox, who is making her home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, while her husband is overseas, received a cable this week from Lieut. Cox, stating that he had arrived safely in Italy. In a recent letter he states also that he and his brother, Capt. Robert Cox, and Lieut. H. R. Shanks have had visits together. The three are serving with the Army Air Force based in Italy.

Enroute to Iwo Jima (Delayed) –

Carpenter Mate 3/c George W. Pierce of Dyer, TN, and Seaman 2/c Ervie Peek, of Cookeville, assigned to Marine invasion units as members of a pontoon gang aboard an LSt, are with the first naval Construction Battalion to see service in both the European and Pacific theatres of war. Twelve of the Seabee gang, including Pierce and Peek, have served in North Africa at Arzew, and at Algiers during the Italian invasion. Returned to the States, they were later assigned to the Pacific.

This is their first job in the Pacific. They are charged with the job of building pontoon wharfs. Chained to the sides of the LST are two pontoons, each weighing 83 tons and some 175 feet in length and 12 feet in width. The pontoons are used as docks in invasion strikes. Also aboard the LST are infantry troops of the Fourth Marine Division and part of the Marine Corps 10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

Cpl. Robert B. Elmore, of Baxter, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in connection with the 95th "Victory" Division's historic drive on Metz. A member of the 95th Quartermaster Company, Cpl. Elmore was commended for his showing of efficiency, initiative and devotion to duty throughout the period of operations against the enemy.

Elmore's wife, Mrs. Robert B. Elmore, lives in Baxter.

Technician Fifth Grade Lennie J. Stout, of Bloomington Springs, was recently presented the Silver Star by Major General James A. Van Fleet, commanding general of the 90th Infantry Division. He received the award for his gallantry in action in the vicinity of Gaviase, France.

During the establishment of a beachhead on the flooded Moselle River, it became imperative to have wire communication between the Regimental headquarters and the forward assault troops, who had already advanced across the river. T/5 Stout, a Headquarters Company Field Lineman, crossed the perilous river four times in a storm boat and installed communication cables but each time the swift, turbulent current swept the line away. However, refusing defeat, he voluntarily, and at the risk of his life, crossed the perilous river once more. With the aid of four comrades, while under intense enemy artillery fire another cable was installed. The courageous act of Technician Stout, in establishing vital communication, enabled fire from thirteen artillery battalions to be directed upon the enemy and greatly aided the success of the mission.

A graduate of Putnam County High School, Technician Fifth Grade Stout is the son of Mrs. Sallie H. Stout, of Bloomington Springs.

Cpl. Robert L. Freeman recently spent a 21-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Alene Turner Freeman, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Freeman and other relatives and friends of Cookeville and Algood. Cpl. Freeman returned to a Fort Jackson, SC, hospital, where he underwent an operation in December, and where he is assigned until able for further duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have two other sons in service. Cpl. John T. Freeman, U. S. Marine Corps, located in the Pacific area, and Pfc. Herman Freeman, U. S. Army Air Corps, serving "Somewhere on foreign soil."

Lawrence Grady Grimes, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, who recently returned to the United States following naval duty in the Atlantic area was here last week for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gimes, of Cookeville, Route 2. This was his first visit home since September and while serving on the coast of France, for a period of 15 days, he had the happy experience of being with his brother, Cpl. James Grimes, U. S. Army, who is stationed there. Knowing that his brother was in that section of France, he was permitted to locate him which he did, and a delightful reunion followed, as they had not been together for many months. They were permitted to see each other at intervals throughout his stay there. Another brother, Cpl. Henry Grimes reported to Philadelphia, PA, following his short stay at home.

The following is a news release from the First Cavalry Division in Manila. One of the men is the famous First Cavalry Division's "Flying Squadron" that crashed through the Jap defenses around the capital city of

the Phillipines and captured Santo Tomas University thus liberating more than 3700 Allied civilian internees was Pfc. Allen Huffer, son of Mr.s T. B. Huffer, 101 W. Stephens Street, Cookeville.

John Holmes Hill, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Holmes Hill, of Cookeville, Route 5, was enlisted in the United States Coast Guard, as an Apprentice Seaman, at the Recruiting Station, 433 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH, on 1 March, 1945. He departed Cincinnati for the Coast Guard Training Station at Curtis Bay, MD, for a period of training prior to receiving his assignment. He was attending Tennessee Tech in his freshman year prior to his enlistment.

Albert Peek, son of Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, of Algood, who has served with a Field Artillery Battalion on foreign duty for more than three years is now in France, and a portion of his letter of January 13, 1945, is given below:

Dear Mother and All:

Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am O.K. and hope this will find you all doing well. Hope you are having plenty of good weather; you know I am all right when I get mail and have good weather. My mail has been good, but you know it rains everywhere, even here in France.

Like my job as now I have to work. I could enjoy a few days at home. Since they have started this rotation plan as they call it, I hope to be seeing you before all of the boys get a chance to come back home for a while. Hope they start this program soon. I think they could keep the war going for a while anyway without me. I will give them the chance if I am given that privilege.

Business is beginning to rush, so I will close for tonight.

Love, Albert

L. F. Whitaker, AMM 2/c, U. S. Navy, s/o Mr. and Mrs. ____ C. Whitaker, has been in the service for three years and eight months. He has served 21 months in the Pacific Area.

Sgt. J. E. Reeves, U.S.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves, of the Dripping Springs community, has been in the South Pacific for 33 months. He received his basic training at Parris Island, SC.

Henry Joe Ray, Jr., _____, son of Dr. and Mr. Henry Joe Ray, has been in the service 33 months, much of this time having been spent in the South Pacific. All three of these boys, who lived within one mile of each other, met in the South Pacific after three years in the service.

Pvt. Clarence O. Jones, son of Walter Jones, whose home is on Cookeville, Route 5, has been cited by the 337th "Wolverine" Regiment, of the 95th "Custer" Infantry Division, and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth Army Front in Italy.

A news release from the U. S. Ordnance forces in Belgium station: A former salesman for automotive parts. Pfc. James R. Horn, of Cookeville, is chief of the supply section of a Super Service Station, operated by the Ordnance Service, "Somewhere in Belgium." This station is servicing trucks and other vehicles hauling supplies to the armies pushing to Berlin.

"The only difference in my Army and civilian job," said Pvt. Horn, "is that before, I went to the customer and here the customer comes to me."

The station offers practically the same type of service as modern stations in the United States - Washington, lubrication, oil changes, tire repairs, and battery renovation.

"Although it isn't usually considered a service station duty," he said, "we recently built ten sleds for infantry medics. Ordinarily, it takes four men to evacuate a stretcher case through snow, but with a sled, one man can do the job easily."

Entering the army in June, 1942, Pvt. Horn received training in Fort McClellan, AL, and Fort Lewis, WA. Leaving the United States in March, 1944, he was stationed in England until July, when he went into France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Horn, live near Cookeville.

Loyd Elvis Hickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Hickey, of Baxter, and husband of the former Jewel C. Maynard, of Cookeville, received his Silver Wings, March 11, when he was graduated as a Second Lieutenant, from Marlis, TX Army Air Field, as an advanced two engine pilot school of the AAF Training Command, it was announced by Col. A. J. Kerwin.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 March 1945

Pvt. Clifford Green Killed in Germany:

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Green, of the Nash Chapel community have received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Pvt. Clifford HI Green, was killed in action in Germany, February 23.

Pvt. Green entered the service in September, 1944, took his basic training at Camp Hood, TX, and in January of this year was sent overseas.

Prior to reporting for military duty, he held a position in Pontiac, MI.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 March 1945

Sgt. John R. Cooper Killed in Action on Luzon:

Sgt. John R. "Bob" Cooper was killed in action February 10, on Luzon, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Cordell Rector, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Detroit, MI.

Sergeant Cooper attended the city schools here, but later lived in Florence, AL, and enlisted there for military service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 March 1945

Two Cookeville Servicemen Wounded on Iwo Jima:

Pvt. John L. Stringer of the Marine Corps, and Pharmacists Mate 2/c Joe Mabry, of the Navy, both of Cookeville, were wounded in action at Iwo Jim. According to word received here.

Private Stringer suffered wounds in the right foot and side, his wife, Mrs. Lillian Stringer, has been informed. He has been a marine since June, 1944.

Pharmacists Mate Mabry, who was attached to the Marine Corps during the Iwo campaign, suffered slight wounds and is in a hospital in the Hawaiian Islands, he said in a letter to his wife. He has been in the Navy for nearly two years. He is the son of Mrs. Pearl Mabry, of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 March 1945

First Lieut. Fred L. Speck Reported Wounded in Action:

First Lieut. Fred Lee Speck Reported Wounded in Action:

First Lieutenant Fred L. Speck, U. S. Army, serving with Patton's Army, somewhere in Germany, has been wounded in action according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. Dora Speck, Church Street, Cookeville.

He stated his wounds were not serious and he hoped his letter would arrive in Cookeville before the notification from the War Department.

Lieut. Speck has been in service since October, 1940, and overseas since last August. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and other special metals for his meritorious achievements in combat.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 March 1945

Dr. L. T. Reeves Promoted to Rank of Lieut. Col.

Lieut Col. L. T. Reeves was recently promoted from the rank of Major to his present position. He is now serving as Chief of Dental Service at a general hospital in England.

Lt. Col. Reeves, a prominent citizen and dentist of Cookeville, practiced his profession here for several years before reporting for military duty. As a reserve officer, he was called for active service in July, 1942, reporting to Fort Jackson, SC, where he remained until the early part of 1944, being at that time transferred to Ft. McClellan, AL. He left the States for overseas in June of last year.

Lt. Col. Reeves, active in civil affairs, has served as president of the local Rotary Club, is a Shriner and a member of the Methodist church.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

29 March 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mrs. Vernon E. Pinkley has received word that her husband, Sgt. Vernon E. Pinkley, has arrived safely in India. He was stationed on the West coast before leaving the States in January of this year. Mrs. Pinkley was the former Miss Pauline Verble.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burr Jones have two sons in the service, Pfc. Ernest C. Jones, husband of Vallie Brewer Jones, who entered the army January 20, 1942. He was wounded in France, November 19, and is now recovering from the wounds at a General Hospital in England. He has seen action in Scotland, Belgium, France and Germany, and has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Expert Infantry Combat Medal. Another son, Cpl. J. D. Jones, is in Germany. Cpl. Jones entered the service in April, 1942, and has seen action in Luxembourg, France and Belgium.

Dewey Lacy, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has just completed his boot training at the Great Lakes, IL, has been here for a ten-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Lacy, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Lacy, at their home on Chestnut street. Before entering the service in January, Seaman LOacy, held a position in Detroit, MI. He left Monday to return to Great Lakes where he will be assigned to new naval duties.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Verble, of Algood have received word from their sons, Pvt. Charles H. Verble, who is with an Armored Infantry Division of General Patton's Third Army. He entered the service in July, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Fannin, TX. He was stationed on the East coast prior to leaving the States, in December. Before entering the service he attended Algood High School.

Staff Sergeant Lyman A. Murphy, Jr., has just returned from 26 months of foreign service and is spending his 30-day leave with his wife, Gertrude Sliger Murphy, of Cookeville, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Murphy, at Baxter. Sgt. Murphy is serving with an Ordnance Maintenance Company, and was

stationed in Iran, servicing the long supply line to Russia. During his mission there, he had the privilege of visiting the historic cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem in Palestine.

After his furlough he will return to Camp Swift, TX. Fortunately he and his brother Pfc. Virgil Murphy, are enjoying furloughs together, the latter being home on a 21-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Mary Ila Sliger, and son, Jimmie. He also spent some time overseas and returns to Miami, FL, for another assignment.

Staff Sergeant Willie D. Gentry, of Cookeville, was one of the 320th Infantry Regiment doughboys who rode the leading tanks in the column Tank Force Cyrne, which barreled 50 miles in three days to liberate the Dutch city of Venio, conquer many endamaged German towns, roll up miles of the Siegfried defenses, and capture hundreds of prisoners.

Sergeant Gentry, who will shortly leave his outfit to attend an officer candidate school in France, has been wounded three times. All of the wounds were caused by shell fragments, the first occasion during the assault on St. Lo in Normandy, the second during the assault on Fresnes in Lorraine, and the last time during the famous Bastogne scrap.

Lieut. Charles Holladay, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been stationed at Punta Gorda, FL, is here spending his leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay. The latter part of the week he leaves for Salt Lake City, UT, where he reports for a new assignment. Lieut. Holladay spent Tuesday in Nashville, going especially to meet Miss Joan Frale, of Chicago, IL, who comes to be his guest at the home of his parents, on Pearl Street.

James Chess Waites, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Waites, recently wrote his parents that he was "at sea and O.K."

Pfc. Willard Bryant, who has been overseas for several months, serving on the western battle front, is now at home for a 30-day furlough visit with Mrs. Bryant and son and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant. Following participation in many major battles, Pfc. Bryant became ill and was returned to an English hospital and some two weeks ago landed in New York, having been sent home for further recuperation. At the expiration of his furlough, he will report for additional medical treatment at a Southern hospital.

Lt. (j.g.) Fred A. Swallows, who has been spending his 30-day leave in Algood with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Swallows, left Sunday, going by plane from Nashville to Seattle, WA, for a new assignment. Serving with the United States Navy in the *Pacific area for many months, he has been in three major battles occurring tin the South Pacific.

Cpl. Alex Stanton of Cookeville, entered the National Guard in October, 1940. He was sent to Camp Forrest, and assigned to the 181st F. A. He received his basic training at Camp Forrest and was assigned as a truck driver. He participaterd in the Tennessee maneuvers and returned to Camp Forrest, after which his outfit was sent to the Louisiana maneuvers and on to NC, returning to Camp Forrest. At that time the Tank Destroyers were being organized and he was transferred to the 775th T. D., among the first to be organized. His outfit was then sent to Camp Hood, TX to receive advanced training. After his training there he was sent to Camp Cooke, CA. While at Cooke, he was among the few to be selected to go to Flint, MI, and Cleveland, OH, where he received more advanced training. His outfit was then sent ot Fort Ord, CA, and was converted into the 728th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

Herbert Rogers, AMM 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been in the Pacific area for a year, was promoted on December 1, to Chief Petty Officer. He now also holds the Bronze Star medal. Mrs. Rogers is here with her mother, Mrs. W. M. Stout, after a several weeks' visit in Newark, NJ.

T/Sgt. Charles Stout, who has been in the European Theatre of War for 18 months, has just returned to the States. He was wounded in action in Germany on November 18, and is now convalescing at Thayer General Hospital, in Nashville.

Pfc. Holmes Coirdell Huddleston, U. S. Marine Corps, has come from San Diego, CA, Naval Hospital, to spend his 30-day furlough at home, before reporting to Simon's Island,

J. Horace Maxwell, QM 2/c, son of Mrs. Vestina Maxwell, of Detroit, MI, spent a recent week-end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tuner, of Cookeville, Route 1.

Staff Sergeant A. C. Smith, of the Fairview community, who was wounded some time in January, is back on duty.

Cpl. Shirley Stockton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stockton, of Cookeville, Route 1, is now "Somewhere in France."

Pfc. Austin Barnes, son of Mrs. Laura Barnes, of Algood, Route 2, is stationed "Somewhere in Belgium."

Pvt. Varney L. Waites, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Waites, of Cookeville, Route 1, is in the Ninth General Hospital, according to news recently received by his parents.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

29 March 1945

Baxter Soldier Wins Silver Star Award on Italian Front:

Pvt. Ralph A. Maxwell, son of Mrs. Edda R. Maxwell, Route 2, Baxter, recently was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

He is serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy with the 362nd Infantry Regiment of the 91st "Powder River" Division.

When his company was subjected to a severe counterattack, stated the award citation, Maxwell, with a machine gun squad, moved out ahead of his platoon to prevent the enemy from breaking through. Although the Germans spotted him and he was seriously wounded, Maxwell continued directing the fire of his machine gun, and, in addition, the fire of another machine gun of his company nearby.

He was subjected to grenade blasts by the enemy, but refused to leave his position until the German had been repelled.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 April 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

S/Sgt. Cecial Gentry returns to Camp Livingston, LA, where he is stationed the latter part of the week, after spending ten days here with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, and sister, Miss Dimple Gentry.

Claiburne Hatfield, Lieut. U. S. Navy, has returned to Washington, D. C., his present station, after spending his ten-day leave with his father, J. M. Hatfield, and other relatives.

John Darwin, U. S. Coast Guards, is leaving today to return to Port Angeles, WA, following a visit of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Darwin. In the near future, he reports to an Eastern port, where he will embark for foreign duty. Going to Nashville with him are Mr. and Mrs. Darwin and Mr. and Mrs. Pennock Moore.

Pvt. C. K. Martin, who has been stationed at Aberdeen, MD, was here recently for a furlough visit with Mrs. Martin and daughter at their home, on Freeze street. He has now reported for a new assignment at Indiantown Gap, PA.

Pvt. Joe F. Dyer, who has for the past several months been stationed with a medical detachment at a United States Army hospital on Staten Island, NY, is here to spend two weeks with Mrs. Dyer and children on Pearl Street. At the expiration of his visit home, he reports for further duty in Richmond, VA.

E. A. Fox, U. S. Navy, who recently reported for military duty, is taking his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes IL. He has many friends throughout this section of TN interested in his whereabouts, as he was, until his removal to FL last summer, a prominent and progressive business man of Cookeville. Mrs. Fox and daughter, Brenda, are residing at their home, on Dixie avenue, during his absence.

The Herald acknowledges a recent letter from Pfc. David W. Maxwello, who was in France at the time the letter was written. He stated he was feeling fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hutcheson have heard from their son, Sgt. Ralph Hutcheson, during the week. Overseas for more than a year, he has been in New Guinea, with the U. S. Army Air Corps, but was recently transferred to the Philippines, and during his trip over which was made by boat, he was ill of malaria, but is much better now. In recent weeks he has been promoted from corporal to his present rank.

Johnnie Edward Burroughs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Burroughs, of Center Line, MI, formerly of Brotherton, is in Belgium. He enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve, July 23, 1943, took his training at Great Lakes, IL, Little Creek, VA, and Ft. Pierce, FL. He left for overseas duty February, 1944, and has taken part in three or more invasions. Since entering the service, he has been promoted four times. He attended Algood High School and Warren High, in Warren, MI. His grandmother is Mrs. J. W. Burris, Cookeville.

Lieut. Harden Boyd, stationed near Boston, MA, is here for a visit of several days with his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd. His sisters, Miss Mary Butler Boyd, of Nashville, and Miss Avo Boyd of Sick and Wounded Station Hospital, Ft., Benning, GA, are also at home, coming especially to be here during the visit.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford were here Monday for a brief visit with relatives. They were enroute from Camp Silbert, AL, to Ft. Riley, KS, where Lt. Col. Crawford will be stationed.

After 29 months of separation, Cpl. Charles Gentry, of the Army Air Corps, and T/5 Clarence Gentry, of an Anti Aircraft unit, spent two recent Sundays together. Cpl. Charles Gentry volunteered for service in September, 1942, and had never met with anyone he knew. T/5 Gentry entered the service in August, 1943. The boys write that they had a grand time, as it was spent talking of home and Clarence Thomas, Jr., who was born while T/5 Gentry was on his way across. Mrs. Gentry and children reside in Cookeville. The boys are both graduates of Central High School, and are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Gentry, of Willow street.

Pfc. John S. Pointer, of Cookeville, a member of the famed Rainbow Division, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy.

The Rainbow Division, which made a gallant name during World War I, was reactivated in July, 1943, and is now fighting under the command of Major General Harry J. Collins, on the Seventy Army front. Pfc. Pointer entered the service March 30, 1944.

A news release from the 97th General Hospital, England, states that Pfc. Robert C. West, 24, of Double Springs, has recovered in a U. S. Army hospital from wounds received at Sammen Court. He was struck by shrapnel on November 11, 1944. While at the hospital he received expert medical care, followed by a period of convalescence. He has now been released for return to duty. He is a member of an Infantry Division, entering the Army on June, 1943. His mother, Edna May West, is residing at Double Springs.

A news release from the Fifth Army, Italy, states that Pvt. Ross E. Williams, Route 1, Algood, has been cited by the 351st "Spearhead" Infantry Regiment of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division, and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland have had good news from their sons who are "Somewhere in Germany," namely, Pfc. Robert Copeland and Cpl. James Copeland. The farmer has been overseas since July, 1944, and Cpl. Copeland for more than a year. Recently, through the assistance of the Red Cross, Pfc. Copeland was enabled to contact this brother and the two were permitted to spend a three-day pass together. Their reunion was the first since September, 1943, when they were home on furlough visits. Just where they are located is not known, but the distance between their stations was not too great, because Cpl. James Copeland took Pfc. Copeland back to camp in a car. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are looking forward to a visit from their third son, Glenn Copeland, who completes his basic training at Camp Robinson, AR, around April 7. He will be at home at the time for a stay of ten days.

Billy Danner, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, formerly stationed at Great Lakes, IL, has been transferred to the Naval Training Station at Memphis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Danner, of Whitson street, and volunteered for naval duty the latter part of 1944.

Cpl. and Mrs. W. B. Carlen, Jr., arrive in Cookeville this week to spend the former's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carlen, on Dixie avenue. Cpl. Carlen has been stationed at Portland, OR, since August, where Mrs. Carlen joined him in early autumn. Enroute to Cookeville they will visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Horace Osment, in Nashville.

Harold Oakes, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at Little Creek, VA, has spent his recent furlough in Cookeville with Mrs. Oakes and son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Hunter.

T/5 J. C. Maynard, son of Lark Maynard, of Bater, Route 1, has been admitted to the AAF Regional and Convalescent Hospital, Miami, FL, for treatment and observation.

Pfc. Clarence Fleming, son of Frank Fleming of Algood, was all right January 30, He is "Somewhere in France."

Ray Bumbalough, A-S, U. S. Navy, has returned to Great Lakes, IL, for further duty, after spending his eight-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Lillian BVumbalough, of Cookeville.

Mrs. Carl Ashburn has received a letter from her husband, Cpl. Carl Ashburn, telling of a recent pass he spent in Paris. He described Paris as being beautiful and shows but little sign of war. Although his time was limited, he saw many of the most important places. He stayed at the Red Cross Café. He described the food as good and is prepared by the French people and he really enjoyed the hotel bed after eight months at the front. He also added that even though Paris is the most beautiful city in the world, Cookeville would look better to him. Cpl. Ashburn entered the service in April, 1943, and took his training at Camp Bowie and Camp Hood, TX, and was on Louisiana maneuvers. He went overseas in July, 1944, and is now "Somewhere in Germany." He also has two brothers in the service, Sgt. Doyle Ashburn "Somewhere overseas," and Pfc. Bethel Ashburn, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS.

Burma, 22 March 1945:

Dear Sir:

Just a note to tell you that I have been receiving the Herald and enjoy it very much, especially the "With Our Armed Forces" column, and to say Hello to all my friends and relatives back there, especially to my wife, and little daughter who now reside in Detroit. The weather here in Burma is very changeable, as most of the time it is either too hot or too cold, the temperature getting as high as 145 in the shade, or too dry and dusty or raining and muddy in the monsoon season. The jungle is infested with snakes, leeches and mosquitoes, and the Japanese almost destroyed everything while they held control here. I have seen many

interesting and strange sights, as I have spent some time in the Panama Canal Zone, Australia, Bombay and Calcutta, India. I have received the American Theatre Ribbon, the Asiatic Theatre Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon, and also the Bronze Star.

Pvt. Ullis H. Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Roberson, of Algood, have heard from their son, Sgt. Albert Lee Roberson, stating that he was "Somewhere in the Philippine Islands." He left the States January 1. Sgt. Roberson was with the 109th Cavalry, of Cookeville, when it was called into active service February, 1941. He received his training at Camp Forrest, Camp Hood, TX, Camp Cook, CA, Fort George Meade, MD, Camp Fannin, TX. He graduated from the Algood High School in 1938. Sgt. Roberson visited his classmate, Hubert Byers, of Algood, who has been overseas for 30 months, and states that they had a grand time together. He has also seen Robert Breeding, of Algood, and they were glad to see each other. He is hoping to see his brother, Cpl. Horace B. Roberson, who has been overseas for the past 18 months, now "Somewhere in the Philippines." Horace states in a recent letter to his parents that he is well and all right. Horace and Albert Lee ask everyone to remember them in their prayers as they want to return to their home when this war is won. They are both members of the Algood Methodist church. Horace states that he has been in a number of battles.

This interesting letter comes from Pfc. C. S. Willeford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Willeford, of Cookeville, who is stationed in Assam, India:

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Dear Sir:

For many months, mother has been sending me the Herald. There is nothing like good old home town news.

I have served with the Air Corps for 32 months, six months here in Assam, India. I have been in South America, Africa, and other countries and I've found no place like good old America. After serving almost three years, I have never met anyone I knew until on March 12, 1945 I met my second cousin, Sgt. Roy B. Stockton, a grandson of Mrs. L. F. Stockton of Cookeville. He is serving with an engineering Squadron here in Assam. We both are in good health, and doing all we can to bring about a quick victory. We wish to say the home front is doing a grand job.

Pfc. C. S. Willeford.

Just growing what you and your family will eat will help win the war – this will leave that which you normally buy for other vital needs.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:
5 April 1945

W. B. Cox, U. S. Army Promoted to First Lieutenant:

Lieut. W. B. "Billy" Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cox, of Cookeville, who was recently transferred overseas, is "Somewhere in Italy," and since his arrival there has been advised of his promotion to the rank of a First Lieutenant, the promotion effective as of February 3.

He is with the Army Air Corps, and since being based in Italy, has contacted and visited his brother, Capt. R. H. Cox, who is located in a nearby area.

Mrs. W. B. Cox is making her home here during her husband's absence overseas.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 April 1945

Lt. Frank D. Winchester Reported Killed in Action:

Lt. Frank D. Winchester, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Winchester, Wilmington, CA, was killed in action in Germany on March 9, according to a message received recently from the War Department.

He volunteered for service in November, 1942, received his training at Camp Davis, NC, and Camp Hulen, Texas, went overseas in August, 1944, and was serving with an Anti Aircraft Battalion in France and Belgium, and later in Germany.

He was a member of the Methodist church, a graduate of Tennessee Tech, at Cookeville, and the University of Kentucky, at Lexington. Before entering the service, he was a County Agricultural Agent in Pikeville, KY. His wife, who was Miss Edith Amonette, is residing at the present with his parents, in California. Other survivors are, a brother, Ralph Winchester, in the service, stationed in Louisville, KY, a sister, Mrs. Hulan Jackson, of Cookeville, two sisters in California, Army Nurses, Mrs. Edward Gilbert and Miss Margaret Winchester, and Mrs. Will Sanders, aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Morrow, James and Julian Fletcher, and Mrs. Cora F. Boyd, of Buffalo Valley, and Mrs. Richard Ligon, of Lebanon.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 April 1945

Pfc. Kenneth D. Owen, 19, Killed on German Front:

Pfc. Kenneth D. Owen, 19, killed in action in Germany is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus L. Owen, 1458 Columbia Road, Washington, D. C., formerly of Cookeville, Route 3, in Jackson County, and is a grandson of Mrs. G. W. Genrry, Jr., of Hilham, Route 1.

Pfc. Owen was killed March 16, while serving with the Third Army in Germany. He was a graduate of Central High School, in Washington, where he was the Lieutenant Colonel of the Cadet Corps. He volunteered for service November 30, 1943, and took his basic training at Fort Benning, GA, and Camp McCain, MS, going overseas in August, 1944. He was a member of the Metropolitan Presbyterian church, in Washington, and was a leader among the young people of his Sunday school and church. His father is employed in the State Department.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 April 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Among those graduating from an intensive course of gunners mate training at recent Service Schools at Great Lakes, IL, was James A. Drake, 17, son of Mrs. J. A. Drake, of Cookeville Seaman Drake has spent three days this week with his mother and other members of the family while enroute to the West Coast for a new assignment.

Pfc. Clay Bohannon, stationed in New York City with a postal detachment, is here for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Bohannon, of Cookeville, Route 5. His wife, who resides in Detroit, MI, while he is on military duty, has joined him here for a visit. He is visiting also his sisters, Mrs. Frances Deck and other relatives.

Clyde Vaughn, U. S. Navy Seabees, who has been stationed in CA for the past year, Mrs. Vaughn and baby who have also made their home there, have arrived in Cookeville to spend the former's furlough and are at their home on Peachtree street, and are also dividing their time with relatives here and Overton County.

F. A. Lewis, U. S. Army, who has been on military duty since the early part of last year, is here spending a 15-day furlough with Mrs. Lewis and son, Billy Lewis, at their home, on North Jefferson avenue.

Following a training period at Camp Shelby, MS, he was transferred to Portland, OR, and has been stationed there and in Washington State for several months. Arriving on Thursday of last week, Mrs. Lewis went to Nashville to meet him.

Iwo Jima (Delayed) – Marine Pvt. First Class Walter L. Matheny, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Matheny of Monterey, thinks Bougainville and Guam were simple battles compared to the bitter fighting that took place here. Matheny, member of the pioneer battalion of the Third Marine Division, said, “The constant enemy shelling the rough terrain, the treacherous surf, and the deep volcanic sand along the beach made this the toughest island I’ve been on.

“Bougainville and Guam were easy in comparison.”

A jeep driver for a shore party commander, Matheny landed on the third day under a heavy barrage of Jap artillery and mortar fire from fortified positions on the ridge over-looking Motoyama airfield.

Matheny, who enlisted in August 1942, has been overseas 26 months. A former employee of the New York Central Railroad, he lived with a brother, Frank, at 1654 North Ironwood Drive, in South Bend, IN.

A release from the Fifth Army, Italy, states, after his patrol had tried in vain to make contact recently with the enemy, Private First Class Kenneth E. Bennett, Algood, crossed into German territory alone and returned with German prisoner on the Fifth Army Front in Italy.

The prisoner, 19, a sergeant and a candidate for a commission in the Germany army, had suffered a wound on the Russian front and had only recently been committed again, on the Italian front. Speaking English well, he reaffirmed his faith in the National Socialist doctrine.

Bennett is a rifleman in Company B, 166th “Rainbow” Regiment, 34th “Red Bull” Division.

Norman, OK – Among the Middle Tennesseans who have completed training here at the Naval Air Technical Training Center and will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work. While at Norman, they attended the school for aviation metalsmiths, are: Charles Lemons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lemons of Algood, who received the rating of Seaman first class. He attended Algood High School and at the time of enlistment in the Navy was employed by the Glen L. Martin Company. He enlisted in the Navy June 16, 1944.

Wilbur T. Hastings, Seaman first class of Rickman. He attended the Rickman High School and was also employed by Glen L. Martin before entering the Navy. He enlisted on June 21, 1944, at Nashville. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hastings, now of Detroit, MI.

A. W. Smith U. S. Navy, who has been taking his boot training at Great Lakes, Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, is now home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, and his sisters, Mrs. Edward Gracey and Miss Ann Smith. Seaman Smith volunteered for military duty early this year while in his senior year at Central High. At the expiration of his stay here he reports to Great Lakes for a new assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bain, of Baxter, have received a letter from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied Air Forces, Southwest Pacific Area, informing them that their son, Lt. Billie J. Bain, was recently decorated with the Air Medal. He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from January 16, 1945 to February, 1945.

Lt. Bain received his commission and bombardier wings at Deming, NM, in September, 1944, and has been overseas since December, 1944, with the 13th Air Force, stationed in the Netherland East Indies.

John Thomas Dowell, U. S. Engineers, and Mrs. Dowell, who have been here for a two week visit left Thursday of last week for PA, where the former is a patient at Valley Forge Government Hospital. He was recently returned to the United States for medical treatment following eye injuries sustained while on the

Western battle front. Following a training period of several months, in TX, he reported for foreign duty in the summer of 1944, and was "Somewhere in Germany" when wounded. He was hospitalized in England for sometime, where he underwent an operation.

Carl F. Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dyer, of Hickory street, has been promoted to the grade of Technician Fifth Grade in an Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion which has compiled an enviable combat record. Cpl. Dyer has completed 17 months of service overseas and has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with a bronze star, denoting participation in Northern Solomons Campaign. He has also qualified as a second class gunner in Antiaircraft Artillery. Inducted into the Army in December, 1943, he received his basic training at Camp Hann, CA. In civilian life, he was employed at Industrial Sheet Metal Corp., Detroit, MI. He attended Central High School, graduating in 1939.

Umbrellas found by men of the 5th Armored Division, Ninth U. S. Army, as they moved into Hardt, Germany, were used during a rainstorm as shown in a recent picture of Pvt. Coy N. Mixen, Slayden, TN, Pfc. Horace Chaffin, of Cookeville, and Pfc. John L. Branch, Trion, GA. Pfc. Chaffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Chaffin, has been in service for five years. He spent three and one-half years in Panama and was then returned to the States for a training period of eleven months, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS. He is married to the former Miss Nola Hensley, and they have a daughter, Charlene, who is two months old. Pfc. Chaffin has been in Europe for several months and has served in France, Germany, and other countries of the Western sector.

A picture of these American soldiers has appeared in numerous daily papers including the New York Herald Tribune, and it is of interest to note the various clippings sent by former Tennesseans to Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin.

Ben Draper, son of Mrs. Myrtle Speck, of this city, who has been in India and Burma for the past two years, has recently moved into China via the Burma Road, and likes this country much better than the others. Mrs. Draper, the former Miss Virginia Howard, who holds a position in Brunswick, GA, is now visiting in Cookeville.

Mrs. Bonnie Cole, of 703 Franklin street, has received word that her son, Paul R. Cole, has landed safely "Somewhere in France."

With the Americal (spelling correct) Division, "Somewhere in the Philippines," with a veteran front line infantry regiment of the Americal Division and participating in his second major campaign against the Japanese, is Pfc. David L. Neal, of Cookeville, Route 5.

Veteran of the battle of Bougainville, where the "Americal" distinguished itself in many important engagements, the holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, the Cookeville soldier has been overseas 23 months. He also wears the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with one battle star.

In civil life, a heat treater, Neal served as a mortarman in this combat area where remnants of once-strong Japanese forces are being liquidated by hard-driving doughboys.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rockwell recently received a letter from their son, Pfc. Oren G. Rockwell, "Somewhere in Germany," stating "things were still looking good" over there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Swallows, of Algood, Route 2, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Pvt. Charles A. Swallows, stating that he had landed safely in the Philippines Islands and was feeling fine. Pvt. Swallows was formerly stationed in New Guinea. He says he likes the Philippines better than New Guinea. The people have more of the American customs and habits. While stationed in New Guinea, he had the delightful occasion of meeting an old friend, Pfc. Jessie Joe Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gilliam, of Algood Route 2. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam have another son in the service stationed overseas.

Pvt. Swallows is assigned to the 287th Sig. Co., after being in a Replacement company. He entered the service January 4, 1944, taking his basic training at Camp Gordon Johnson, FL, and has been overseas for seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Swallows are also in receipt of a letter from their nephew, Pfc. Ray Swallows, of Algood, Route 2. Pfc. Swallows is in the European Theatre of War, stationed in Paris, France. He states that France is a beautiful country despite the war-torn places, and that Paris is an interesting city. He says the women have plenty of silk hose as well as other fine clothing. Pfc. Swallows was formerly stationed in England. He is the husband of Eva Dell Neal Swallows, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swallows.

In recent weeks Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Flatt, of Cookeville, Route 5, have received letters from their two sons, James Ottis and Savage Dyer Flatt, both seamen second class of the U. S. Naval Reserve, stating that they are well and as happy as conditions will permit them to be. Ottis is doing shore duty on Oahu, in the Hawaiian Islands. Savage is serving aboard an LST in the Atlantic. They took their training at Camp Peary, VA, entering the service in June and July, respectively. Ottis has been overseas since November and Savage has been on sea duty since December. They also have another son, Pfc. Claudia R. Flatt, U. S. Army, who has been in a hospital at Nashville, recovering from wounds sustained in France, July 8, 1944, who has received his honorable discharge and is now at home. He was on military duty almost three years and on foreign service four months.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 April 1945

Norman Earl Bean Killed in Action in Germany: (Picture appears in the newspaper).

Pvt. Norman Earl Bean, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnel Bean, of Cookeville, was reported killed in action February 25, "Somewhere in Germany, his parents have been notified by the War Department.

Pvt. Bean, serving with an infantry division, entered the service in April, 1944, and received his training at Camp Fannin, TX. He had been overseas since December.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Allen Criswell, of Donaldson, Misses Eva Bean and Shirley Bean, of Cookeville, and two brothers, Ray and Noel Bean, also of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 April 1945

Cpl. Willard Burroughs Killed in Action On Iwo:

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burroughs, formerly of this county, but now residing in Detroit, MI, have been notified that their son, Cpl. Willard Burroughs, was killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 8.

Cpl. Burroughs, serving with the U. S. Marines, has been in service since 1941, and received his training at San Diego, CA. He attended the Putnam County Central High School in Cookeville and was married to the former Miss Marian Smith, who resides in CA. His grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Holloway, resides in Cookeville, and a brother, Cpl. Grover Burroughs, U. S. Signal Corps, is in the Pacific Theatre of War.

Other survivors in addition to those named above are four sisters.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 April 1945

Pvt. James C. Ashburn Dies Of Wounds at Iwo Jima:

Pvt. James C. Ashburn, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ashburn, of the Nashville Road, Cookeville, has died of wounds sustained while on combat duty at Iwo Jima, in the Pacific Theatre of War according to information received from the War Department.

With the U. S. Marines, Pvt. Ashburn has been in the service since May, 1944. Following his training at Parris Island, SC, he reported for foreign service in September.



James Carlton Ashburn, 1944

He attended Central High School here and prior to his induction, was engaged in defense work. In addition to his parents an only sister, Miss Reba Ashburn, of Cookeville, also survives.

Source: Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc. (James Carlton Ashburn (#939))

Pgs. 333 & 334 - James Carlton Ashburn, b. 10 March 1926 in the 8th District of Putnam Co., TN. He was the second child of Ernest Cecil and Mary Carr Ashburn. He grew up on a farm with his sister Reba. Carlton attended the local schools. He joined the Marines probably at 17 years of age. He was killed on 7 March 1945 three days before his nineteenth birthday. He was with the Fourth Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima. His body was brought home and buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery. He paid the ultimate price for our freedom. *Story submitted by: Caroly Ashburn Adcock, cousin, 1283 Jefferson Road, Smithville, TN 37166.*

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 April 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pvt. Cecil A. Alcorn, 20, son of Mrs. Mattie Alcorn, of 111 Franklin Street, Cookeville, has returned from service outside continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, FL, where his next assignment will be determined.

Pvt. Alcorn served ten months as a rifleman in the European Theater of operations. While there he was awarded the European Campaign ribbon with three battle stars.

Before entering the service, Pvt. Alcorn was a farmer. He became a member of the Armed Forces on March 12, 1943.

Pfc. Richie L. Sliger, of Cookeville, Route 5, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement with the First United States Infantry Division in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Sliger of Cookeville.

The skill, zeal, fidelity with which Private Sliger performed his duties as driver under arduous combat conditions contributed immeasurably to the efficiency of his organization during the North African campaign.

Sgt. Harry C. McKinley has been awarded a Bronze Star Medal by Lieutenant General Walter Krueger, Commanding General of the Sixth Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from October 21 to November 20, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Leona McKinley, of Buffalo Valley, Route 1.

With the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion – First Lieut. Victor H. Hawkins, of 510 4th Street, Cookeville, is fighting in Germany with this Battalion. Going into action with the 6th Armored Division at the Normandy breakthrough on July 27, 1944, the 603rd TD has fought with the Sugar Sixth in the Brest Campaign, the

breakthrough at Nomeny, followed by the battles of the Saar Basin and the important job of cracking the Nazis in their counter-offensive near Bastogne.

During that five-month period, the 603rd has earned the reputation of being the best tank destroyer battalion in the Third Army, and has the enviable record of having destroyed a total of 68 enemy tanks and assault guns while suffering a loss of only eight destroyers themselves. The battalion, which is under the leadership of Lt. Col. Clarence D. mcCurry of Memphis, also established the Army ground force firing record for TD's at Camp Hood, TX, in 1943.

Joseph V. Mullins, of Cookeville, was recently promoted from the rank of Corporal to that of Sergeant at one of the largest and most important American air bases in France.

Sergeant Mullins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mullins, now living in Cookeville. Before entering the service in August 1941, he attended the Pickett County High School. He has been overseas since October of 1941 and recently received a battle participation star for work achieved during the Campaign of Northern France.

Thomas H. Pointer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Pointer, of Algood, Route 1, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Radio Naval Training School located on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Cpl. Farrie Hall, of Monterey, is serving with a Ninth Air Force Engineer Command battalion in Belgium as foreman-interpreter supervising a large group of civilian workers on airfield construction projects.

Hall arrived in France shortly after D-Day with his organization, and has since taken part in the construction of many front-line air bases for fighter bombers of the Ninth Air Force. Until recently, Hall served with a transportation unit in his organization, servicing and operating many types of vehicles and the heavier engineer construction equipment.

Entering the service in 1933, Hall has been overseas more than 30 months. His new job places him in charge of a large group of Belgian workers, maintaining and aiding in the construction of air bases in Belgium, Hall, a member of the aviation engineers for more than two years, is familiar with every phase of airfield construction and maintenance.

His wife, the former Valerie Simcox, of Monterey, is now employed at the Willow Run bomber plant near Detroit, MI. His mother, Mrs. Sylvia Hall, lives in Monterey.

Private First Class John B. Birdwell, of Bloomington Springs, has been cited by the 351st "Spearhead" Regiment of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the Fifth Army in Italy.

A field Artilleryman who helped pave the way for dismounted Cavairymen of the famous First Cavalry Division in their fight to wrest control of the capitol city of the Phillippines from the Japanese forces is Private First Class Raymond D. Luke, whose sister, Miss Thelma Luke, lives on Cookeville, Route 2. Also in this group was Private Johnnie Cleghorn, whose mother, Mrs. Effie Miller Cleghorn, also lives on Route 2.

Pfc. Robert D. Ramsey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, of Cookeville, has been accepted for Officer Candidate School. Prior to enetering the service he was employed as an engineer aide at Dale Hollow Dam. He volunteered for service in April, 1943. For a year he was a student in pre-meteorology at the university of Wisconsin. When that program was discontinued, he transferred to communication. He entered foreign service in October, 1944, and has served in Alaska and Canada, where he is stationed at present. He is the holder of the Good Conduct Medal, the sharpshooter medal, and the American Theatre of War ribbon.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal carried a picture recently of Ensign Elida Jasmine Hilton, daughter of Mrs. Nannie M. Hilton, of 77 North Belvedere, Memphis, formerly of Cookeville, and the late H. Grady Hilton. At that time Ensign Hilton was visiting her mother before going to the Naval Air Dispensary at Melbourne, FL. She graduated from St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, in 1942, and was appointed to the Naval Nurse Corps in March, 1944. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Pink Maxwell and the late Mr. Maxwell of Cookeville and Memphis.

Mrs. Charles Goddard has been advised that her grandson, Lt. (j.g.) Sherman N. Smith, Jr., is commended by the Navy for action in amphibious invasion of Southern France last August when he served as a member of the Eighth Fleet. The commendation says: "Your outstanding performance of duty as Training Officer on the staff of a Naval Tank Force commander prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France in August, 1944, is considered worthy of special commendation. During the planning stages of invasion you assisted with exceptional skill and energy in the training of assault elements in the techniques of amphibious warfare and effectively organized an intensive program of ship to shore movement practices, including day and night battalion and regimental landing exercises at the Invasion Training Center in the Gulf of Salerno. During the executive phase of the assault, as an Assistant Operations Officer, you ably advised the Task Force Commander in directing the tactical employment of ships of the force, and thereby contributed materially to the success of naval units in rendering effective support to the ground forces on the beachhead. I commend you for your exceptional ability, sound judgment and outstanding devotion to duty, which reflected credit upon yourself and the naval service. You are hereby accorded the privilege of wearing the commendation ribbon pursuant to the authority delegated by Ulnav 179.

Pfc. Lionel Nabors has been here on a 12-day furlough visit. He is stationed at Fort Jackson, SC.

Mrs. Willis Dow had an unusual experience last week when she received two letters – one from her grandson, Sgt. Will Glenn Crawford, "Somewhere in France," and the other from another grandson, Sam Snodgrass, whose home is in Detroit, MI, but is now serving with the U. S. Navy, "Somewhere in the South Pacific." These letters were written and were received by Mrs. Dow at the same time.

Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth Maxwell of Silver Point, has been awarded the Bronze Star for valorous conduct in action against the enemy while fighting with the Third Infantry Division in France. His mother, Mrs. Mildred V. Maxwell, resides at Silver Point, Route 1.

A South Coast Port, England - When a hospital ship arrives at this Army Transportation Corps port, loaded with soldiers wounded on the Western Front, a group of medical soldiers takes over to carefully remove them to a hospital train or ambulance. One of the members of this unit serving at this port is Pvt. William C. Masters, 20, litter-bearer, of Cookeville.

Pfc. Amon E. Gentry according to latest information is in Germany and is all right.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 April 1945

Baxter Man Describes Air Raid On Tokyo:

The sight of Tokyo ablaze was described by Technical Sergeant James L. Elrod, Baxter, a B-29 superfortress radio operator, who participated in the first low level, night incendiary raid on the Japanese capital.

Other Superforts had preceded Sergeant Elrod's bomber to Tokyo's industrial area, and had dropped incendiaries which set a large section of the city ablaze.

"We broke out of a huge smoke cloud and saw a solid section of the city in flames," he said. "On either side there were other smaller fires burning. Our plane was pitching and tossing in the tremendous heat drafts and several times in nearly was flipped on its back.

“We dropped more incendiaries on the target area and then headed for home. The raid burned out some 15 square miles of Tokyo.”

Sergeant Elrod also told of another mission to Japan from which the plane returned to its Marianas Islands base with only two engines functioning. The target was a Jap airplane factory at Nagoya. Despite interception by some 75 Jap fighter planes, Sergeant Elrod's bomber dropped its bombs and turned for home.

The right inboard engine developed trouble and the pilot feathered its propeller as soon as the plane was clear of the Japanese mainland. The big bomber had reached a position near Iwo Jima, when the right outboard engine burst into flames.

“The flames were licking back as far as the tail,” said Sergeant Elrod. “The pilot turned on the extinguisher and put out the fire but the engine was of no use. We thought we would have to ditch. The plane was wallowing, flying half sideways and losing altitude. We dumped loose equipment overboard to lighten the load and, after falling some 13,000 feet, the plane held an almost constant altitude of 7,000 feet for the remainder of the flight.

“The pilot made a masterful landing even though all the pull was from the two engines on the left wing. He throttled down the engines, straightened out the plane and set it down beautifully.

Sergeant Elrod has flown 15 missions against the Japs. In addition to six strikes at Tokyo and four at Nagoya, he also has flown on raids against Kobe, Osaka, and Iwo Jima. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Elrod, reside on Baxter, Route 1. He attended Baxter Seminary and Tennessee Tech.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 April 1945

S/Sgt. Wilbur F. Waller Awarded Bronze Star:

S/Sgt. Wilbur F. Waller of Baxter, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service with the U. S. Army in the Philippines. He was first in training with the 181st Field Artillery at Camp Forrest, later he was stationed at Camp Roberts, CA. His division has seen service in several sections in the Pacific area. A portion of his citation is as follows:

“S/Sgt. Wilbur F. Waller, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy in Leyte Province, Philippine Islands during the period October 22, 1944 to December 25, 1944. The service of Sgt. Waller as battalion ammunition sergeant was so outstanding that his efforts contributed materially to the successful completion of the mission of the battalion.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

In a recent letter from Harold E. Oakes, U. S. Navy, stationed in Wilmington, DE, he states that within the past 15 days he has been in VA, PA, and DE and is now waiting for his ship, which is to be commissioned in Philadelphia, April 30. He was one of a group of sailors who saw the train carrying President Roosevelt's body go through Philadelphia, and also stated that the service men always appreciate news from home.

Gilbert D. Kinnaird, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, has returned to New York after spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kinnaird, of Cookeville, Route 1.

Kenneth Dyer, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Dyer. He volunteered for naval duty and has spent 20 months with a hospital unit in Australia. At the expiration of his leave he will report to Nashville for further duty.

Sgt. John Francis Frey, who has been serving with an Ordnance Division "Somewhere in Alaska," for a number of months, is here, spending his 30-day furlough with his wife and baby at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Frey, of the Monterey Road. Sgt. Frey has been away on military duty for approximately two years, and was stationed for training in MD, Camp Chaffee, AR, and CA.

Pvt. James Robert Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers, of Cookeville, has spent his ten-day furlough with his parents and with relatives in Sparta and Bloomington Springs. He also went to Dayton, OH, to spend a portion of his stay. He has been stationed at Parris Island, SC, for his Marine training.

Don Wall, chaplain's assistant on the U. S. battleship to be commissioned early in May, is spending his leave of several weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hall, and with the junior Mrs. Wall, in Louisville, KY. At the expiration of his leave, he reports to the Brooklyn, NY to assume his new duties for further foreign service. In recent months he has been stationed on the East Coast. On foreign duty in the Pacific area for more than a year he was returned to the States in November following the bombing of his ship. Mrs. Don Wall joined her husband here during his visit home.

Franklin Sliger, S 1/c who has been in serving a year and his relative, Ezell Hunter, S 2/c, who has been on naval duty since November 1944, were privileged to be together recently when they met for a day's visit on some foreign shore.

Frank Gray Terry, U. S. Navy, stationed at Norfolk, VA, was home this week for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry. Coming from Norfolk to Knoxville by plane, Mr. and Mrs. Terry met him there. Their oldest son, Ernest Terry, Jr., is now "Somewhere in Germany."

Walter Dyer, CGM, U. S. Navy, is spending his 30-day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, following a stay of 20 months in the South Pacific area, where he participated in many major sea battles. Billy Dyer, CY, U. S. Navy, stationed at the Naval Air Station, San Pedro, CA, joined his brother here for a two weeks' visit with his parents and other members of the family who were together for the first time in seven years.

Pfc. Clarnece E. Roberson, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson, of Cookeville, Route 5, is now stationed on the Philippine Islands. He has been overseas for almost one year after receiving military training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and in CA. He was stationed for awhile on Hawaii and for several months was on New Guinea. He is married to the former Miss Ann Sunday and they have a daughter a year old.

Pvt. T. J. Watts, of Baxter, a member of the "Lighting Division," now fighting in Germany, has received the Combat Infantryman's Badge for "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy."

Henry Frank Carlen, U. S. Army who has been stationed at Camp Gruber, OK, the past few weeks, is here for a furlough visit with Mrs. Carlen and son, Frank, Jr., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carlen.

Lieut (j.g) Glenn Gentry, U. S. Naval Reserve, and Mrs. Gentry are spending his 30-day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Gentry, on First Street. He returned to the States more than ten days ago after spending approximately two years in the Southwest Pacific. Stationed in NY for a short time, he was joined there by Mrs. Gentry and enroute home they stopped for a visit in Washington, D. C., with Lieut. Gentry's brother, Lieut (j.g.) Solon Gentry, Jr. and Mrs. Gentry.

V. C. Allison, Jr., S 3/c, is spending his 30-day shore leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison. He has just returned from the Pacific area, where in the past few months he has participated in many of the major battles of that operational territory. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have three other sons away on military duty: Joe Allison, U. S. Navy, is in the Pacific area, John Allison Army Air Corps, is stationed at Tyndall

Field, FL, and Billy Allison, who recently completed his V-12 training at Sewanee University is now at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, where he is continuing his naval training.

Mrs. Frank Bush has had recent news from her three sons who are in the service, Pvt. James Bush, U. S. marines, who was stationed for training at Parris Island, SC, and Camp Pendleton, CA, before sailing around March 12, for the Pacific area, has landed safely according to recent communications from him. John Bush, U. S. Naval Seabees, who has been stationed at Camp Endicott, RI, almost two years, is reporting to Camp Hueneme, CA, for a new assignment, and M/Sgt. Hubert Bush, Signal Corps, is in India.

Cpl. Kenneth Fuqua, U. S. Marines, has landed in San Diego, CA, according to a message received by his father, L. Frank Fuqua, of Bloomington Springs, and in the near future will come home for a visit. He has been in the service 41 months, stationed for eight months in Iceland, he was later sent to the Pacific area, and saw service in the invasion of Guam, Saipan and other major offensives. His brother, Lawrence Fuqua, Jr., U. S. Army, is also in the Pacific area, and while at Guam the boys were privileged to be together.

The second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Ari Medal has been awarded to T/Sgt. William C. Wallace, husband of Mrs. Edith J. Wallace, of Route 1, Baxter. Sgt. Wallace is an aerial engineer with a unit of Fifth Air Force Troop Carrier Command, and he had been in the Southwest Pacific for 16 months. He also wears the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

Pfc. Arnold L. Lee Reported German Prisoner of War:

Pfc. Arnold L. Lee, 20, son of Alfred J. Lee, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a card received by his mother, Mrs. A. J. Lee, of Route 5, written January 10.

Private Lee entered the service July 13, 1943, and took his training at Camp Wheeler, GA, and Fort Meade, MD. He went overseas in January, 1944, and served in France, Belgium and Germany, and was reported missing in Luxembourg, December 18.

His brother, Pfc. Johnnie E. Lee, services in Germany with an Anti Air Craft Battalion, at the present.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

Pvt. Paul R. Cole Wounded Somewhere in Germany:

Mrs. Bennie Cole has received a telegram from the War Department, April 15, stating that her son, Pvt. Paul R. Cole had been wounded on March 28, "Somewhere in Germany, and is now in a U. S. Army hospital. She has also received a card from the War Department stating that he was improving.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

Joe Mabry, U. S. Navy Awarded Purple Heart:

Mrs. Joe Mabry is in receipt of the Purple Heart medal which was awarded her husband, Joe Mabry, U. S. Navy, for wounds sustained while participating in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

He was wounded February 19, and is now recuperating at a naval base hospital "Somewhere in the Pacific." The last letter received from him was written April 13, stating that he is recovering satisfactorily.

The junior Mrs. Mabry is residing with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Mabry, of Hickory Street, while her husband is on foreign duty.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

Lt. Col. Milton Acuff Presented Croix de Guerre:

Lt. Col. Milton L. Acuff, of Algood, who is now serving with the Third Army in Germany as commanding officer of the 273rd Field Artillery Battalion, was presented the French Croix de Guerre with Palm at a ceremony in Luxembourg City on March 11, 1945. Present at this ceremony, in addition to high ranking French officers, was Gen. George Patton, Jr. The citation accompanying the award, stated that the medal was given "by the order of the French Army for exceptional services rendered during liberation of France." This citation was signed by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The battalion commanded by Col. Acuff was recently honored by being selected to fire the two millionth shell of the 12th Corps Artillery.

Col. Acuff has been overseas since July, 1944. He landed in France from England on August 27, 1944, and has been with the Third Army since that date.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

Edward Gracey Awarded Rank of Lieut. (j.g.)

Edward Gracey, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gracey, of this city, has been promoted in the past few weeks from the rank of an Ensign to that of a Lieutenant (j. g.).

Lieut. Gracey has been in China for the past 15 months, and before leaving the States was an athletic instructor, U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Endicott, RL, Norfolk, VA, Bainbridge, MD, and Swathmore College, PA. Graduating from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he was a star football player, in June, 1942, he reported for naval duty immediately thereafter, having volunteered for duty prior to that time.

Lieut. Gracy's wife, the former Miss Myra Smith, is residing with her father, A. W. Smith, and Mrs. Smith, on Dixie Avenue, while he is on foreign duty.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 April 1945

Lieut Charles Holladay Promoted to Higher Rank:

Charles T. Holladay, First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, who was home on leave recently, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holladay, has been notified of his promotion from the rank of a second lieutenant to his present position. Lieut Holladay reported to Salt Lake City, UT, following his visit at home and shortly thereafter was ordered to the West Coast for another assignment.

Lieut Holladay, who volunteered for service is a graduate of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and prior to his enlistment was connected with the United States Government Engineers, building positions in NC and TX. His military training was taken in MI, Chanute Field, IL, where he was commissioned a second Lieutenant, and for the past year his station has been Punta Gorda, FL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 May 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

With the XV Corps of the Seventh Army in Germany – Staff Sergeant James H. Grogan, of Bloomington Springs, Route 1, an infantryman, whose unit has played an active role along the Western Front, was a recent visitor at the XV Corps Rest Center.

Pfc. James Curtis Holloway has just returned to camp after visiting Mrs. Holloway and children, Jackie and Libby, at their home, here. Mr. Holloway entered the service June 6, of last year. Since that time he has been in training at Fort Bragg, NC, Camp Leonard Wood, MO, and Camp Gruber, OK, where he is now stationed.

Capt. Robert A. Cox, who has been in Italy almost a year, is now in this country, and is expected home for a 30-day leave by the end of this week. Mrs. Cox, who has been in Memphis, is coming to Cookeville to be with her husband, Capt. Cox, and they will be the guests of his parents, Col. and J. N. Cox.

The promotion of John M. Horner, 22, of 113 E. Freeze Street, from Corporal to Sergeant, has been announced from an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, where he is tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, he attended Central High School and prior to entering service in October, 1942, was employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corp., at Long Beach, CA. He is married, Mrs. Horner living with his parents.

Pfc. Fred Fitzpatrick, who has been overseas since November, 1944, is now in Germany with the 42nd “Rainbow” Division and recently won the Infantry Combat Medal. Pfc. Fitzpatrick’s wife, the former Miss Hazel Terry, and daughter, are residing on S. Walnut Street during his absence overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Marlow recently received word that two of their sons serving in the armed forces overseas met in Germany and spent a very happy two days together. Pfc. Hilary Marlow entered the army in 1942, went overseas in 1944, and is now with an Ordinance Company of the 15th Army. Cpl. Cecial Marlow, a welder with the 9th Army, under General Simpson, entered the armed forces in 1943, and left for overseas duty in 1944.

Another son, Pvt. Carlos Marlow, entered the service in 1944, and is now completing his basic training at Camp Gruber, OK. Mr. and Mrs. Marlow also have two son-in-laws serving overseas, Pvt. Lester Milton with the 3rd Army, and Pfc. Ambrus Flatt, with the 7th Army.

Technician fifth grade Charlie H. Jackson, of Monterey, has recently been promoted from the grade of Private First Class. T/5 Jackson is a Ward Technician in the 24th General Hospital, Base Headquarters, in Italy, important service and supply organization for the Fifth Army and for the ground forces of the U. S. Army Air Corps and Navy, in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operation.

Husband of Mrs. Bessie Jackson, of Monterey, Route 1, Jackson has been in the service for 31 months, and has been overseas for 20 months, serving in both North Africa and Italy. Prior to entering the military service, he worked for his father on their large farm in Tennessee.

Lieut Jack Moore, Army Transport Command, stationed at Romulus, MI, is spending a leave of several weeks with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore, in Algood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethel C. Whiteaker, of Monterey, have had a message from their son, Pfc. J. B. Whiteaker, stating that he was taking a few days of rest in Luxembourg. He says this seems to be out of the world to be able to take a hot shower, clean clothes and clean bed to sleep on until you are good and ready to get up. Drink Coca-Cola, eat ice cream and cake and have your meals served to you and eat with honest goodness silver. He has been in the army two years and overseas for nine months. He has an older brother, Lawrence F. Whiteaker, AMM 2/c, who has been in the service almost four years, and has spent 30 months in the Pacific. A younger brother, Donald B. Whiteaker, is in a Navy V-12 unit at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

There is an APD in the Southwest Pacific which is doing rather well by Cookeville. The Navy's destroyer converted troop transport is in the Philippine waters with two native sons aboard.

Recently the Cookeville lads participated in the invasion of Palawan Island fifth largest and most westerly island in the Philippine Archipelago. On their decks before H-Hour, Army troops loaded machine guns, mortars and themselves into amphibious craft and after a devastating bombardment from cruisers, destroyers and rocket ships, these assault troops made for the coral rimmed beachhead. Thomas E. Grimes, 21, seaman first class, U.S.N.R., and Willie E. Griffin, Jr., 20, seaman first class, U.S.N.R., watched the show from their 49 millimeter gun station.

Just a month and a half to the day after their departure from the United States, these two native sons were launched upon their first mission with the Seventh Fleet with the December 15 assault on the strategic Mindere Island, where the capture of airstrips helped cinch first Luzon landings in Lingayen Gulf – show No. two for the boys from Cookeville. Third was the invasion of the Zambales Crest of western Luzon, ten miles north of Subic Bay above Manila. That was January 29th and on the 30th, the APD entered Subic Bay and landed troops which sealed off Bataan Peninsula against a Jap retreat to the hills. Palawan makes their fifth operation in less than three months.

Grifen of Cookeville, and Gaines, of Monterey, spent their first 19 or 20 years at home without ever running across each other, although they knew the same people, and not until they were well on their way to Bainbridge, MD, for boot training did they discover that they were neighbors that they had joined the Navy together.

Stopping over in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, enroute to their first action, the boys ran into Robert King, 24, Carpenter's mate second class, U.S.N., of Monterey, whom they both knew. King had always wanted to see an APD and so picking on at random, climbed aboard to find Gaines and Griffen, much to the surprise of the three.

Pfc. Wallace Dyer, who has been on the Aleutian Islands for the past 23 months, is spending his 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dyer, and other members of the family. Leaving Cookeville for Camp Forrest with the 181st F. A. Battalion in 1940, he was transferred to Camp Roberts, CA shortly after the United States declared war in 1941, and this is his first visit home since that time. He reports for further duty May 10. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have another son, E. B. Dyer, Jr., serving "Somewhere in the Pacific" area.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 May 1945

Pvt. Ezekiel Davis Reported Killed in Action in Germany:

Pvt. Exekiel Davis, 22, was killed in action in Germany April 17, according to a telegram received from the War Department Sunday, April 29, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richie Davis, of Algood.

Serving with an anti-aircraft division of the Ninth Army, he had been overseas since September, 1944, and had participated in many of the major battles of the Western Front. He took his training at Camp Stewart, GA, and Camp McCoy, WI.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ona Jane Miligan, of Algood, and by three brothers, Emmett Davis, of Cookeville, Griffin and Cordell Davis, of Flint, MI.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 May 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Paul F. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Brown of Cookeville, has been promoted to Corporal at an air depot of the Far East Air Service Command in the Netherlands East Indies. Cpl. Brown is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. Before joining the army he was employed with General Motors Corporation in Detroit. His wife lives at 111 Marston Street, Detroit, MI.

Henry Frank Carlen, U. S. Army left last week to report to the West Coast for further military orders, after spending his recent furlough here with Mrs. Carlen and other members of his family. His former station was Camp Gruber, OK.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Alexander, of Baxter, have four sons in service, three of whom have been on foreign duty for a number of months. Pfc. Robert Alexander has been on military duty four years, the past three of which he has been with the Eighth Army Air Force, stationed in England. He was stationed for training at Jackson, MS. The second son, Sgt. Harry Alexander, is in the South Pacific, where he has been approximately three years. He, too, has served in the U. S. Army for four years, taking his training at Camp Hulen, TX, and in FL. Cpl. Howard Alexander, also stationed with the Eighth Air Force in England, has been overseas about a year. He and his brother, Robert, have been together a number of times and had the opportunity of spending a week's pass with each other in London. The youngest and last of the four sons to enter the service is Paul L. Alexander, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, who was inducted the early part of this year. He took his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, and is now stationed at Shoemaker, CA.

Charles Chaffin, Ph M 2/c, U. S. Navy, son of C. M. Chaffin, who has been in the Pacific area for many months, is now at a Naval Hospital base in the New Hebrides. Some weeks ago he and John E. Grizzard, Jr., U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grizzard, who is also stationed in this locality, were privileged to see each other, and it has so happened that they can visit one another very often-sometimes at the naval base and again at the Army post.

Chester Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dyer, has returned from Germany, where he has been for more than a year. He participated in the invasion of France, and was with one of the first companies to go into Germany. During the German offensive, he was among those retreating to Belgium and on November 11 to 14, was with the troops cut off in the Huertigen Forrest. At this time he was slightly wounded. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster. He served with the First and Seventh Armies which crossed the Rhine, and had gotten on German territory some hundred miles when he received his 45-day furlough home. He was inducted into the service in June, 1943 and took his basic training at Camp Shelby, MS, where his father was stationed for training during World War I, from there he went to Camp Hood, TX, thence to New York State.

The promotion of Willie Langford of Cookeville, from the grade of Private to Private First Class, has been announced by Lt. Col. Lucian Dade, Jr., of Hopkinsville, KY, commanding officer of the 56th Fighter Group, highest-scoring P-47 Thunder bolt outfit in the Eighth Air Force. Pfc. Langford is a member of his squadron fire fighting platoon, which is called in the event of fire among the various buildings and hangars, and to the scene of airplane crashes. Prior to entering the military service January 1, 1943, he was engaged in farming.

The 58th Fighter Group, a unit of Major General William E. Kepner's Second Air Division, has destroyed 837 German planes, 669 in the air and 168 on the ground.

Pfc. Langford is a son of Daniel P. Langford, of Cookeville.

Pfc. and Mrs. Homer O. Allison left last week to return to his army base in Orlando, FL, after spending his 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Allison, and his sister, Miss Jewell Allison, of Cookeville, Route 2.

The promotion of Ray F. Langford, 24, engineer gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, from the grade of Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant, was announced recently by Lt. Col. Lewis P. Ensign, El Paso, TX, commanding officer of the 398th heavy bombardment group, in England. Sgt. Langford received his training at Amerillo, TX, Burbank, CA, and Las Vegas, NV. He entered the Army January 1, 1943.

Sgt. Langford is now at home, having landed in the States, April 29, and arrived in Cookeville Wednesday of last week to spend his 21-day furlough with Mrs. Langford and daughter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Langford.

Thomas Ray Stout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stout, who was recently promoted from the position of PhM 2/c to PhM 1/c, is now on duty at a Naval Dispensary, Arlington, VA. He was formerly stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD. While he is located in Arlington, he, Mrs. Stout and son, Jimmy Ray Stout, are residing at 710 N. Wayne Street, Arlington. At present they are here for a visit in Cookeville with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stout and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jackson.

Sgt. Victor E. Hash has returned to Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, after spending a 30-day convalescent furlough here with his wife and son, Mrs. Hash and John Robert. Sgt. Hash entered the service in January, 1944, and after receiving basic, went overseas in August, landing in England, then France and into Saarlautern, Germany, where he was wounded in action on December 4. He was returned to the States in March and sent to Kennedy General, where he expects to remain for some time.

Ensign Lawrence D. Lamb, U. S. Maritime Service, has recently spent a 30-day leave in the States. He spent a part of his leave in Seattle, WA, with his wife, the former Miss Patricia Monohan. After six months of service in the Pacific, where his ship took part in the invasion of Luzon. Ensign Lamb is now in NY for his next assignment which will be in the Atlantic. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lamb, who have two other sons in the service, Marine Pfc. Sherman D. Lamb, "Somewhere in the Philippines" and Pfc. Charles Maurice Lamb, with the Marines on Okinawa.

Lieut. Charles Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at San Diego, CA, for more than a year, Mrs. Sharpe and daughters, Nancy Holladay and Martha Jane Sharpe, who have made their home in CA while the former was stationed there, arrived the last part of the week to visit with Mrs. Sharpe's mother, Mrs. Oscar K. Holladay, and other relatives. Lieut. Sharpe, who has been on sea duty much of the time, is reporting in the near future to the East coast for a new assignment, leaving his family here for an indefinite stay. At present, they are visiting Lt. Sharpe's relatives in Knoxville.

Delbert J. Bradford, son of Mrs. Eliza Bradford, who lives on Silver Point, Route 2, has been promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant on the Fifth Army front in Italy. He is a surgical technician with the 339th "Polar Bear" Infantry Regiment of the 85th "Custer" Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Waites, of Cookeville, Route 1, were notified recently by telegram that their son, Pvt. Varney L. Waites, had landed safely in CA, following a period of service in the South Pacific area.

Staff Sergeant Frank T. Johnson, Jr., 15th Air Force, based in Italy, and Mrs. Johnson have named their son born April 11, at the City Hospital, Frank T. Johnson, III. Mrs. Johnson, the former Miss Lucy Young and baby, are now with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Ed Young, of North Jefferson Avenue.

Joe Mabry PhM 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed at a Naval Hospital near the Hawaiian Islands since he was wounded at Iwo Jima, has arrived in the States, and is now located at a Naval Hospital in Norman, OK. The above information was received by his wife, Mrs. Mabry and mother, Mrs. Pearl Mabry, the early part of last week. He landed in San Francisco, CA, April 22.

Staff Sergeant John A. Moore has reported to Salt Lake City, UT, for a new assignment following a two week's furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. Mrs. John Moore, who had been with her husband while he was stationed at George Field, IL, is remaining in Cookeville for the present.

Walton L. Ward SD 3/c, U. S. Navy, is now "Somewhere in the Philippines." He was in the Hawaiian Islands a year before going to the Philippines. He writes that the villages are dirty and much torn up, but is hardly believable what the Seabees are doing toward reconstruction. Walton also says America is a paradise in comparison and he's proud to be an American.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 May 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mrs. Essie Ray has received a telegram from the War Department, stating that her son, Bruce Bean, who has been a prisoner in Germany since June, was returned to military control, April 16. A letter to Baxter Seminary from Pvt. Bean states he has been released from a prison camp and hopes to home soon.

Mrs. Hershel Gentry has had recent news for her son, Pfc. Thomas Calvin Gentry, who is "Somewhere in Germany," serving with the First Army. Another son, Pvt. Thurston Hershel Gentry, is stationed for training at Camp Blanding, FL.

Sgt. Russell White, who has been stationed on the Hawaiian Islands, has been transferred to another Pacific area where he is serving in a Army Garrison Force. Mrs. White and children are residing on South Whitson Street while Sgt. White is away.

Sgt. Charles H. Gentry, 19-year-old tail gunner on an Eight Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on heavy bombing attacks on German military and industrial installations and in cooperation with the Allied ground forces. The award presented by Colonel Nicholas T. Perkins, of San Antonio, TX, commanding officer of the 94th Bomb Group.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis N. Gentry, of Baxter.

Originally a Tennessee National Guard unit, the 181st Field Artillery Battalion has been "infiltrated" by men from so many other states that it's now an All-American outfit-in more ways than one.

Overseas a year and a half, the men of the 181st are veterans of Aitape in New Guinea, where they were commended by General Douglas MacArthur for their work on the Driunimor River. In the current liberation of Luzon, they've given the Japs even more reason to be sorry that their infiltration failed.

Cookeville men remaining with the 181st include S/Sgt. Kenneth S. Harp, 23, Algood High School, 1939, surveyor, and Sgt. William A. Lee, 34, former T.P.I. student, artillery mechanic. The battalion commander is Lt. Col. William M. Delaney, of Maryville.

First Lieutenant Travis H. Ford has reported for duty at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, NM. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dow Ford, Cookeville, Route 5. He was commissioned August 30, 1943, upon completion of cadet training at Williams Field, AZ. He recently returned from the European Theater of Operations, where he served with the 12th Air Force. During his 60 missions, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters.

S/Sgt. Wm. Ernest Brown, Army Air Corps, who has been stationed in Alaska for the past year, is here for a furlough visit with his father, Ernest Brown, and sister, Miss Ewinna Brown. His furlough home was hastened somewhat by the critical illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Brown.

Lieut. (jg) William Anderson, U. S. Coast Guard, who for the past two months, has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic area, landed the early part of the week in Boston, MA, according to recent information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson.

William C. Davis, Jr., who has been stationed with the Army Air Corps at Guadalcanal for almost 18 months, was recently promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant. In addition to advancement in rank, Sgt. Davis has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He services with a Headquarters Division, and prior to going overseas was stationed at Camp Lee, VA. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, of First Street, and his wife, the former Miss Ruth Danner, resides on Whitson Street while he is away on foreign duty.

Announcement was recently made here of the promotion of Albert Fields, of Cookeville, to Corporal.

A member of the Ninth Air Defense Command, Corporal Fields' anti-aircraft unit is charged with the defense of a Ninth Air Force Fighter strip. Through the vigilance and sharp-shooting of the Ninth Air Defense Command's gun crews, the Ninth Air Force can continue their unceasing "round the clock" bombing of German cities and installations without fear of retaliation strafing attacks on their home fields by the German Luftwaffe.

His wife, Mrs. Shivley Fields, lives at 26070 Clancy St., Roseville, MI.

Capt. and Mrs. James M. Nicholas visited his aunt, Mrs. Belle Boyd, May 1. They were enroute to Chanute Field, IL, from Miami, FL, where he will receive further assignment. Capt. Nicholas has spent 21 months in the South Pacific. He is the son of Billie Nicholas, of Port Arthur, TX.

Pvt. Virgil L. Morgan, of Cookeville, a member of a mine platoon in an anti-tank company, 88th "blue Devils" Division, recently added a new accomplishment to the already numerous odd jobs he has undertaken since entering the service. He is now a "road engineer," working on roads in the muddy Apennine Mountains as the 351st "Spearhead" Regiment fights toward the Po Valley, on the Fifth Army Front in Italy.

Morgan wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 May 1945

Pvt. Forrest Johnson Reported Killed in Action in Germany.

Pvt. Forrest Johnson, of Dayton, OH, was killed in action March 30, while serving in Germany with an Infantry Division, U. S. Army, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Verda Roberson Johnson, formerly of Cookeville, but now of Dayton.

Pvt. Johnson, a native of WV, had been in the service for nine months, and on foreign duty the past three months. He was stationed for training in Muskogee, OK, and at a Georgia camp.

Pvt. Johnson's parents-in-law are Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson, and besides his wife, he is survived by a son and a daughter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 May 1945

Flight Officer Joe Parris Rescued From Japs in Burma:

Flight Officer Joe Parris, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parris, of Cookeville, Route 2, was among the American prisoners rescued from the Japanese at Rangoon, according to a recent release from Rangoon, and to a cablegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Parris from their son who stated he was well and expected to be home soon.

This was the first direct word from F/O Parris since his transport plane went down in November, 1943, while he was flying the hump from India to China, which was 18 months ago. He had been reported missing by the War Department since that time. In service since February 1941, he took his training at Lubbock, TX, and was overseas several months prior to his being taken a Japanese prisoner.

At the time of his enlistment, he was a student at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. At an impressive ceremony held last May at the tech stadium, Mr. and Mrs. Parris were presented their son's Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, which he was awarded for meritorious service and bravery.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 May 1945

T/Sgt. Charles E. Anderson, 25, was killed on Okinawa Island, April 16, 1945, according to a telegram received by his wife, Mrs. Notie Pippin Anderson, of Detroit, MI, formerly of Cookeville. He was the son of Acy P. Anderson, of Cookeville.

Sgt. Anderson entered the service in November, 1941, being with the 181st Field Artillery, he took a part of his training at Camp Forrest. From there he was sent to Camp Hood, TX, where he was assigned to the 728th Amph. Trac. B. He was also stationed at Camp Clairborne, LA, Camp Cook and Fort Ord, CA. He was overseas only a short time, spending most of his time in the Philippine Islands.

He was married to Notie Pippin, February 14, 1942. Their infant son preceded him in death April 3, 1944. Sgt. Anderson was a member of the Church of Christ.

Besides his widow, father and step-mother, he is survived by six brothers, Miles and Bill Anderson, Detroit, MI, Dillard Anderson, of Mt. Clemens, MI, Sgt. Everett P.

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Charles Kelso "Wahoo" Billings, b. 15 December 1922, TN – d. 2 April 1971, md Consawilli (unknown) Billings, b. 9 March 1926. Charles Kelso Billings, s/o Charlie Lee Billings & Bessie Mae Taylor.

Recovered from Wounds Suffered on Iwo Jima:

Cpl. Charles K. "Wahoo" Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billings, of Cookeville, Rout 1, of the U. S. Marines, who volunteered for service in 1943, has been on foreign duty in the Pacific area since July, 1944, and was wounded at the battle of Iwo Jima. A number of weeks he was hospitalized, but according to a recent letter, has returned to active duty and states he is now in perfect health.

In his letter of April 22 to his parents, Cpl. Billings says upon his return to his old outfit, he found a car load of mail which he was delighted to get as it has been so long since he had had news of home – the Tech Oracle and Putnam County Herald were among the collection, as were letters from Rev. B. N. Ramsey and numerous members of the Baptist church, for which he expressed sincere appreciation. He says also he had rather a bad wound but had the best of care and the prayers of those at home helped him to recover and now he is good as ever-many of his buddies were missing after this battle. The job now is to finish the war so they all can come home soon, he says.

Mr. and Mrs. Billings have another son in the service, J. R. Billings, U. S. Navy, with a medical detachment, stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center. His former station was New York City.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 May 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Ottis H. Phillips, Motor Mechanic mate, first class, who for the past 19 months, has been stationed in England, has recently been home on leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phillips. Miss Opal Phillips came from Pleasant Hill Academy to be with her brother. On May 15 he reported to Norfolk, VA, and then will be stationed at Cleveland, OH, for eight weeks of training. Enroute from Norfolk to Cleveland, he visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Phillips, of Dayton, OH.

Sgt. Joe Adams, who has been stationed at the Dyersburg Army Air Base since early spring, is here for a furlough visit of ten days with Mrs. Adams at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mitchell.

Pfc. Joe H. Polk, who was wounded in action in December 1944, while serving with the U. S. Army in Germany, was returned to the States around April 1, and is now hospitalized at Kenny General Hospital, in Memphis. He has spent a recent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Palk, and other members of the family at their home near Cookeville.

Capt. Robert A. Cox, U. S. Army Air Corps, recently returned from Italy, where he had been since the summer of 1944, and Mrs. Cox, who have been spending a portion of his leave in Birmingham and Montgomery, AL, have returned to complete their visit with Capt. Cox's parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox.

Dwight F. Maxwell, who has spent four years in the armed forces, is now located at the Veterans Tubercular Hospital at Excelsior Springs, MO. After two and one half years of foreign service, he has spent 12 months at various army hospitals, including the 75th Station Hospital, 147th General Hospital, Honolulu, Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, and Kennedy General Hospital, in Memphis. During his illness, his wife, the former Miss Mary Carney, of Jonesboro, AR, to whom he was married February 28, 1945, is residing in Jonesboro.

Lieut. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart have named their infant daughter, Gerry, for her maternal aunt, Mrs. Bob Ramsay. Mrs. Stewart and her daughter, who was born in May are at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Terry. Lieut. Stewart, U. S. Army Air Corps, who has been here for a brief leave, has reported to Lowery Field, Denver, CO, for a new assignment.

Beasley Thompson, who reported for annual duty the early part of April, is now stationed for boat training at Bainbridge, MD. During his absence, Mrs. Thompson and daughters are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry of South Jefferson Avenue. Mr. Thompson and family made their home in Elizabethton prior to his leaving for military duty.

Pvt. Hubert Bussell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell, has returned to the States after 18 months of service with the U. S. Armed Forces in the Pacific Theater of War. Pvt. Bussell left the States in October, 1943, with the original 181st Field Artillery. He has seen service in New Guinea and other Pacific Islands, and prior to his return to the States was in the Philippines. After a short furlough he returns to Oliver General Hospital, at Augusta, GA. Mrs. Mabel Roberts Bussell, who has employment at Oak Ridge, came to be with her husband during his furlough visit. Mr. and Mrs. Bussell have as their additional guests the following members of their family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bussell and children of Detroit, MI, Mrs. Ruby Kendall and son, Bobby, of Chattanooga, who came especially to be with Pvt. Bussell.

Sgt. Alfred T. Medley, son of Mrs. P. S. Medley, whose home is on Silver Point, Route 2, has been cited by the 85th "Custer" Division and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

T/5 Odell Anderson, of Buffalo Valley, is a member of the 479th Amphibious Truck Company which has been awarded the Meritorious Service Plaque, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has announced. The unit, now at Fort Lewis, WAS, was cited for superior performance of duty in exceptionally difficult tasks, and achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline immediately before and during the Normandy invasion.

Marine Staff Sergeant John T. Johnson, 26, of Baxter, a mechanic with a Fourth Marine Air Wing fighter squadron, based in the Marshall Islands, has returned to the Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar, CA, from the Pacific on furlough and for reassignment. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Baxter, he was graduated in 1937 from Baxter Seminary. He attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute for one year. Prior to enlisting in December 1942, he was employed by Baxter Nursery. He attained his present rank in September, 1944.

Sgt. Johnson is now at home to spend his furlough with his parents in Baxter.

With the Third Infantry Division, Seventh Army, Germany – This is probably the amphibious Third Division's smallest wet landing. Pfc. Robert E. Copeland, of Cookeville, and Roscoe E. Dular, Rockford, IL, were on one bank of the Main River, saw four Germans on the other side. A call to come across and surrender went unheeded. The Germans simply didn't want to give up badly enough to swim for it. The Third Division men then found a rowboat, and covered by two buddies. Manning a .50 caliber machine gun and a tommy gun, moved across and picked up the quartet. A fifth man playing "dead" in a nearby field was grabbed off at the same time. The prisoners were pressed into service as oarsmen on the trip back.

Zina Mitchell, S 2/c, U. S. Coast Guards, who has been stationed in Baltimore, MD, for his initial training, is spending his ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell, and other members of his family. He leaves Friday to report for a training period of several weeks in Atlantic City, NJ.

Pvt. William P. Gambrell, of Route 1, Cookeville, has been evacuated from overseas where he was wounded and is now a patient at the Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, GA. This 27-year-old Infantryman has been in service nearly a year.

Back from overseas this week for treatment at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, GA, is Pvt. Robert J. Emery, son of Robert L. Emery, of Cookeville, Route 5. He was wounded overseas after serving in the army more than two years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 May 1945

Prisoners of War Reported Liberated:

Mrs. Zina Mitchell on Monday received a message from the War Department stating that her son, Lieut. Donald Mitchell, had been liberated from a German prison. Lieut. Mitchell, who, with the 15th Army Air Force, based in Italy had been overseas only a short time when reported missing over Austria on Christmas Day. Shortly thereafter he was listed as a prisoner of war, and until this week no direct news had come from him. He is now reported safe, and Mrs. Mitchell hopes he will be permitted to come home soon. Lieut. Mitchell pilot of a B-24 Liberator, went overseas in October of last year.

Sgt. George Dewey McCulley, who has been a German prisoner since the summer of 1943, has been liberated according to a message received.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 May 1945

Bronze Star Posthumously Awarded Pfc. Clyde Milligan:

The Bronze Star has been posthumously awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Milligan, of Sparta, Route 2, for heroic achievement of their son, Pfc. Clyde Milligan, who was killed in action on November 9, 1944.

The medal was presented to their home by Major Roland and M. Knobles of Camp Forrest. The citation was as follows:

"For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of _____(blank), August 9, 1944, Private Milligan, a rifle squad scout, crawled over a hedgerow and across open ground to the side of a wounded member of another company and administered first aid to this soldier and then dragged him across a field to safety. This action performed voluntarily in the face of enemy artillery, machinegun and small arms fire, reflects credit upon Pvt. Milligan's character as a soldier and upon the military service."

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WITH THE ARMED FORCES:

Cpl. Howard Tinsley and Pfc. Harold Tinsley have returned to Harlingen, TX, where they are stationed with the Army Air Corps, after spending their two week's furlough with their mother, Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, and Mr. Gibson. They divided their stay with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pendergrass and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Clark.

John Holmes Hill, who has been taking his primary training in Baltimore, MD, has spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Hill, of Cookeville, Route 5.

Ensign Newton B. Draper, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Drpaer, of Washington Avenue, who participated in the Okinaw invasion and later was at a Rest Camp in the Pacific area, has been in the States for the past week. Arriving in San Francisco, CA, the latter part of last week, Ensign Draper was joined there by his wife, Mrs. Draper, of Sparta, who made the trip from Nashville by plane. She returns home this week. Recently a group of Cookevillians were privileged to be together while stationed at a Pacific naval base. Among them were, Ensign Draper, Lieut. (jg) David H. Maddux, Lieut (jg) James Murphy, Lieut. Hooper Eblen, and J. N. Cox, S 1/c.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grant, of Monterey, whose three sons have served in the two theaters of war have news from Cpl. Taylor Grant, who has returned from 37 months of service in the European theatre, and is now at Camp Lee, VA. Pfc. Normal L. Grant, overseas since April, 1944, is stationed at Guadalcanal, and the third, Pvt. John H. Grant, was killed in Germany, October, 1944, and besides his parents, is survived by his wife, a son, and a step-son.

John William Day, Specialist first class, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Day, of Waultegan, IL, have named their infant daughter, Mary Inez. The baby, born May 24, and her mother are at St. Thomas Hospital, in Waultegan. Mrs. Day, the former Miss Betty Blanche Phillips, of Dixie Avenue, and her husband, an instructor at the Great Lakes Training Center, have as their guests for several weeks, her mother, Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Bussell that their son, Pfc. Eugene Bussell, who has been with the Ninth Army in Germany, has been awarded a combat medal and has reported to a rest camp in Holland.

Pfc. Bussell has been overseas since October, 1944, and prior to his sailing was stationed for training at Camp Maxie, TX, and at Camp Haan, CA. During his absence, his wife, the junior Mrs. Bussell, has employment at Patterson Field, OH.

Ensign and Mrs. James Seay Brown, who have resided in Boston, MS, for the past year, while the former was studying at Harvard University, are spending his leave with relatives in Monterey and Gallatin, and with friends in Cookeville. Ensign Brown was a member of the Tennessee Tech faculty at the time of his entering the service.

E. A. Fox, S 2/c, who has just completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, has been spending his leave at home with Mrs. Fox and daughter, on Dixie Avenue. He reports for a new assignment the latter part of the week. On Saturday he went by plane to West Palm Beach, FL, to be with his mother, Mrs. Roller and others of the family, upon the receipt of news of his brother's death, returned immediately to West Palm Beach, accompanied by Mrs. Fox.

Lloyd Fox, U. S. Navy, who has been spending his leave of several weeks here with his wife and baby, following an absence of two years in the Pacific Theater of War, and who had spent a portion of the time in FL with his mother, Mrs. Roller and others of the family, upon the receipt of the news of his brother's death, returned immediately to West Palm Beach, accompanied by Mrs. Fox.

S/Sgt. James Farley who has been three years in the U. S. Army, serving much of the time in the European Theater of Operations, is in Germany following the participation in many major battles in France and

Belgium. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Farley, of Double Springs, and a letter to his mother, received in April, is quoted below:

Germany, March 20, 1945

Dear Mother:

"I realize I can't be with you on this wonderful occasion. So I am doing the next best thing, talking with you in this manner, as though I were by your side. I know that today will be just another day with you. Hardships and worry, regardless of how hard children try to console their parents of their safety, that "the" feeling lingers deep down within and some inner voice keeps saying over and over again. If he or she were only here, then I could know and then her voice carries to God a message, which I am sure goes something like this, Dear God, watch and care over them, bring them to safely home to me, Amen. We also pray mother, and most of us I guess, feel the same way that you do.

"I have high hopes of getting a furlough home soon. It takes about 30 days to make the trip and with 30 days at home that means a nice long rest from the fighting front.

"I read in the Herald where Morgan Pharris was wounded in the fight for Aachen, Germany. My outfit, The 'Fighting First' Division, took that city. The 28th, 29th and 30th were nearby and helped us out on our flanks while we went into town and chased Jerry out, so of course he could have been in any one of them, yes, even my own Regiment. I would like to have his address, so I'll know where to start looking.

"Spring has been with us the past two weeks, much of the joy of all, and especially the doughboy in his fox hole. Well I guess this is cheerio for now. Please don't worry, mother. Give Dad and the kids my love and and say hello to our friends for me.

James, Jr."

Pfc. Willard H. Keylon, of Cookeville, is among the personnel of an Eight Air Force Service Command Station, in France who have been commended by Lieut. Gen. James. H. Doolittle, Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force, for "the hardships and trying conditions" under which they have operated the base, the Command's first on the Continent. Once a Luftwaffe field, this base serves as a re-fueling point, a supply and repair depot and alternate landing field for bombers and fighter planes returning from long missions over Germany. More than 600 combat aircraft have been repaired or reserviced and returned to the United Kingdom by this station's personnel since shortly after D-Day. Pfc. Keylon, who aids in transporting supplies urgently needed to sustain operations, has completed 18 months service overseas in England and France. His wife, Mrs. Willard Keylon, and daughter, reside with his mother, Mr. G. W. Keylon, on Cookeville, Route 4.

The Battery Commander of Headquarters Battery, 28th Field Artillery Battalion, had three passes for Paris, but he couldn't decide who to give them to. Corporal Jack Skimmyhorn, of Bloomington Springs, TN, Cpl. Joseph N. Taylor, 2916 Woods Ave, Orlando, FL, and Pvt. Oval Green, of Route 1, Scottsboro, AL, were having a busy day trying to mend breaks in a wire line caused by a heavy Jerry barrage. One shell landed so close that it knocked the trip flat on their backs from the concussion and cut the line in another place. Undaunted the three men recovered their feet and repaired the lines, enabling the forward observer to throw shells back at the Germans, stopping the barrage. When the Battery Commander heard of this feat, he awarded the three men the Paris passes.

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31 May 1945

Houses Being Built Here For Use In England:

The American House plant here is building houses to be shipped to England to replace building destroyed by German bombs.

These houses are built in sections and when put together make a four room house with bath.

At present 65 men are employed, the manager, Carmon Wright, stated today. Presently all the men employed in this plant live in Cookeville and Putnam County.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 May 1945

Pvt. Ernest W. Waller Released from Prison:

According to a message from the War Department, Pvt. Ernest W. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Walker, of Cookeville, Route 3, was on May 2, liberated from a German prison where he had been since November 21, 1944.

Shortly after receiving the telegram, Mr. and Mrs. Walker had two letters from their son, in which he stated he was all right and would possibly be home some time in June.

Pvt. Walker has been overseas since March, 1944. A number of letters had come from him during his imprisonment but the last one received was in January of this year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 May 1945

Sgt. Charlie H. Maxwell Decorated on Luzon:

An Oak Leaf Cluster, representing a second Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded to Sgt. Charlie H. Maxwell, son of Mrs. Dona Maxwell, Cookeville, Route 2, it has been announced by First Cavalry Division Headquarters, Southern Luzon, P. I.

This is the second time Sergeant Maxwell has been decorated for wounds received in action on Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. The award was made by Brig. Gen. Hugh commander.

Sergeant Maxwell has fully recovered from his wounds and has returned to duty with his unit.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: (not complete)

7 June 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bray have received a letter from their son, John Douglas Bray, U. S. Navy, stating that he has been promoted from Seaman second class to Seaman first class. Seaman Bray has been "Somewhere in the Pacific" since last leave home in September, 1944.

Thomas R. White, 31, husband of Mrs. Opal White of 603 Whitson St., Cookeville, was promoted this month to the grade of sergeant. Now serving with the Adjutant General's section of this island's garrison force headquarters, Sgt. White entered the Army in April, 1943, and was assigned overseas in April, 1944.

Pvt. Robert J. Haney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manie Haney, Cookeville, has arrived in the Philippines and has been assigned to the veteran 32nd (Red Arrow) Division. Pvt. Haney will serve with the Division's crack 128th Infantry Regiment. The Division, which for three long years, has fought its way up the "road back" from Australia to the Philippines, is currently fighting amidst the precipitous mile-high peaks of Northern Luzon's Caraballo Mountains. He entered the Army in July, 1944, trained at Camp Fannin, TX, and left the U. S. for overseas duty in February.

Ernest Olin Moore, 29, husband of Mrs. Willie Irma Moore, of Monterey is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

John Thomas Jackson, 23, Aviation Metalsmith, first class, of Monterey, has reported for duty at the Naval Air Station, Seattle, WA, following an 18-month's tour of duty aboard a carrier which participated in the actions at Peleliu, Leyte, Lingayen and Subic Bay. Jackson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson of Monterey, has been in the Navy three years and eleven months. Prior to enlisting in the Navy, he was a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brewington, of Cookeville, Route 2, have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Clifford Brewington, which states that he is stationed at Salzburg, Austria, and was attached to the Infantry Division a part of the U. S. Seventh Army that captured Hitler's home at Berchtesgaden, and spent two night there before advancing into Austria, where he was located when the war with Germany ended.

In a recent issue of the Herald an article coming from the Public Relations Office Third Infantry Division, concerning Pfc. Robert L. Copeland of Cookeville, was published. Pfc. Copeland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, of this city.

Major G. H. Lowe will come this week from Camp Butner, NC, where is is stationed, to spend his leave of several days with Mrs. Lowe and children at their home, on Washington Avenue.

S/Sgt. William Ernest Brown, who spent his leave of two weeks here with his sister, Miss Edwinna Brown, and other relatives has reported for further duty at an Alaskan base, where he is stationed with the Army Air Corps.

Lieut. (j.g.) William Anderson, U. S. Coast Guard, who was at a New England port for two or three weeks, has reported for further sea duty, supposedly in the Mediterranean area.

According to a V-Mail letter received by Mrs. John Farley on May 22, from her son, Pfc. D. C. Farley, who has been listed as missing in action since March 15, he has been in a German prison camp, but is now returned to military control. He writes also that he is well and hopes to be home soon.

Lt. Rupert C. Nunally, leaving Camp Shanks, NY, at night, December 23, 1943 on the British liner Duchess of Richmond (which was later sunk) he landed in Liverpool, England, January 11, 1944. Serving as an M.P. from that date until March 22, 1945, he took the examination for OCS for infantry service, he passed the examination, was sent to OCS in Fontainebleau, France, where he completed eight weeks of extensive training and was commissioned a second lieutenant on May 26, 1945. Lieut. Nunally's parents, are Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Nunally, of Baxter.

Word has been received that Sgt. Alvin Ford Moore is on his way back to the States after 38 months of overseas duty, and 65 months in the Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore, of Cookeville, Route 3.

Lieut. (j.g.) Bernard Price McDonald, USNR, 26, of Monterey, will be assigned as gunnery officer of the new Charleston-built, rocket-firing landing ship, LSM 412, when the vessel is christened and commissioned in the Charleston Navy Yard, Wednesday, May 23. Lieut. (j.g.) McDonald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith McDonald, of Monterey. He attended the Monterey High School. He is a veteran of the invasions of Normandy and Southern France and served aboard rocket firing ships in both. He entered the Navy at Nashville, in July, 1941.

With the Seventh Army in France – Pfc. Jasper D. Webb, son of Mrs. Maude Webb, of Algood, Route 1, was a member of the select Guard of Honor, in a recent formal ceremony at which Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Seventh Army Commander, awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to several French officers for extraordinary heroism in action. The 204th Military Police Company came overseas 28 months ago and has participated in the Moroccan, Sicilian, Southern France and present German campaign.

Capt. Howard T. Brown, son of Mr. John Brown, of Boma, is currently assigned to the Santa Ana, CA, Army Air Base. This Army Air Force base is a reassignment and convalescent station of the Personnel

Distribution Command. Here thousands of combat veterans of the AAF return from 21-day furloughs at home to be refitted for duty in the continental stations of the Air Forces, while their places are taken by men who have not yet seen overseas action. Capt. Brown is a personal affairs officer at this base. He entered the service on February 24, 1941, and has been stationed at Camp Forrest.

Among the 185,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated after VE-Day by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, their commander, were some from Cookeville, including: Cpl. Paul Tollett, Route 5, Cpl. Dean L. Summers, Route 1, Silver Point, Pfc. Porter J. Harrison, of Route 5, and Pfc. Willie Langford. "I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done," Gen. Doolittle said in a message to all personnel.

Pvt. Sidney S. Webb, who is at Thayer General Hospital, in Nashville, was here to spend the weekend with Mrs. Webb and son. Pvt. Webb was recently returned to the States for medical treatment from the European Theatre of War.

Pvt. Herbert S. Wall, formerly of 405 Hickory Street has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach, FL. The carefully planned reconditioning program will speed his convalescence and assist his return to the best of health. The son of Henry Wall, he entered the Army in March, 1944, at Camp Shelby, MS, and has since served seven months in the European Theatre of Operations. His wife and two children now reside at the Hickory Street address. He was formerly connected with the Ragland Potter & Co., wholesale grocery company, here.

Pfc. Vestal L. Pippin, formerly of Cookeville, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach, FL. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake E. Pippin, he entered the Army January, 1943, at Camp Forrest, and has since served 18 months in the area of the South Pacific theatre of operations. He was a mechanic in civilian life.

Thirty-five bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and enemy held installations in the path of the advancing Allied armies have been accomplished by First Lieutenant Wilbur N. Whitehead, pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress. Lieut. Whitehead, 28-year-old son of Mrs. C. M. Osborne, 2235 Frederic Street, Burbank, CA, whose wife, the former Miss Ila King, lives in Baxter, has won the awards of the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement, courage, coolness, and skill." A member of the 385th Bombardment Group, commanded by Colonel George Y. Jumper, Natoma, CA, he flies with the formations of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt aircraft factories at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943. Since arriving overseas in this toughest theatre of aerial warfare in October, 1944, he has helped bomb such vital objectives as the industrial targets in Berlin, port installations in Swinemunde, marshalling yards in Manneheim, Frankfurt, Ludwigshafen, and Chemnitz, tire plants in Hanover, and oil refineries in Merseburg and Hamburg. He has also flown on coordinated air-ground attacks on enemy troop concentrations,

S/Sgt. Vadun Carmack, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack, has been overseas approximately one year. He was stationed for some time in Italy, later being transferred to France, and is now serving with a headquarters division "Somewhere in Germany." In his letter home, he states he is quite well and is getting along fine. An interesting one, to R. H. Wirt, of the Herald force, follows:

Germany, 7 April 1945:

Dear Ralph:

Am sending a money order for \$2.00 for which please extend my subscription to the Herald.

Since leaving the U. S. for foreign duty nearly a year ago, I have been in Africa, Italy, France, Belgium, and Germany. It is always a pleasure to get the Herald, usually not more than three weeks from the date of issue, and read of other Putnam County GI's in other parts of the world. I am in the 38th "Texas" Infantry Division of General Patch's Seventh Army, now participating in the German campaign.

Hope everything is going well with you.

Sincerely, S/Sgt. Vadun Carmack.

H. P. Maddux, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego 34, CA.

“Dear Sirs:

“Just to let you know my new address and to tell you that I have not had my paper for about four months now. However, I have been on the move and so didn’t deem it wise to give you a new address until I was finished with moving around. Frankly, I am not sure by any means even now that I am to be stopped here for any definite time. However I do read the paper and would sure like to get it again, it’s the one way I keep in touch with what the boys at home are doing in the war these days. As for myself, I can say I have seen some of it at least. I was on Saipan and the Marshalls, well at least, I saw all I care for the time being.

“As you know, I was in the hospital on Saipan the last time I wrote to the Herald. Well, I am still in the hospital, but am now in the good old U.S.A., and you can take it from me, it’s sure good to be here. I don’t believe I ever was so happy as the day I saw San Diego from the bow of the ship that brought me home. And the band ever sounded so good.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 June 1945

Col. Harry Jenkins Promoted to Rank of Full Colonel:

Colonel Harry H. Jenkins, of Laurel Avenue, Knoxville, has recently been promoted from Lieutenant Colonel. He is Commanding Officer of the 182nd Station Hospital of the Peninsular Base Headquarters, Italy, important service and supply organization for the Fifth Army and for the ground forces of the U. S. Air Corps and Navy in the Mediterranean Theater of Operation.

Husband of Mrs. Varina Mayo Jenkins, of the Laurel Avenue address, and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins, of Cookeville, Colonel Jenkins has been a member of the Medical Corps, Officers Reserve Corps, since 1930, and has been overseas since August 21, 1943, stationed in Africa and Italy.

Prior to entering the military service on active duty, Colonel Jenkins had a private practice of obstetrics in Knoxville. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt School of Medicine in the class of 1930. He has been awarded the Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with two battle stars for service in the Italian Theater.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 June 1945

Walter D. Buck Participates In Many Pacific Naval Battles:

Seriously damaged by Jap bombs in the Pacific, the USS Caldwell, one of the Navy’s newest destroyers, is back in the battle none after undergoing repairs in San Francisco.

Walter Dyer Buck, CGM, Route 5, Cookeville, was amongst the men who fought the destroyer through the Philippines section in which she was damaged then brought back for repairs. A fierce Japanese air attack damaged the ship last December. It was one of the two lead destroyers in a convey. The other, the USS Reid, was sunk. The attack occurred ten miles south of Ormoc. Japs dive bombed and strafed the USS Caldwell and gave it all they had until they landed a hit on the stern and set the ship afire. While some of the men concentrated on the planes, others fought the fire and brought it under control in half an hour. The crew of the destroyer shot down five enemy planes.

The USS Caldwell participated in raids on Wake, Tarawa, Malkin, Truk, Palau, and Wakde Islands, and the occupations of New Guinea and the Gilbert, Marshall and Philippine Islands.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 June 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:



With a distinguished combat career of over 25 missions to his credit, Staff Sergeant Charles H. Gentry, 19-year-old Baxter tail gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on heavy bombing attacks on German military and industrial installations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gentry, of Route 2, Baxter, a graduate of Baxter Seminary, he enlisted in the Army in December, 1943. He received his wings at Kingman, AZ, in June, 1944.

(Pictured: Charles Gentry, Class of 1943, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

Sgt. Gentry is a member of the 94th Bomb. Group which was awarded a Distinguished Unit citation for its historic bombing of the Muhlembaugh aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the Third Air Division England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943, for which the entire division was similarly cited.

The following article comes from the Public Relations communication of the European Theater relative to a Cookeville boy, his buddy and their dog:

With the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division of the Third Army, in Germany: German police dogs do not come under SHAEF's "Non-fraternization" Policy, so Pfc. Harley H. Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Hicks, of Cookeville, and his buddy, Pfc. Eugene E. Silvas, of Burbank, CA, have taken "Joe" as their mascot. Pfc. Hicks, a member of the famous 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division, says that "Joe" has fast become the favorite pet of Rainbow doughboys, and that they intend to take the canine along in any further war travels. Hicks is a truck driver for his battalion's anti-tank platoon and holds the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge. A picture of them was taken at Stuben, Austria, in the Tyrolean Alps, where the Rainbow Division ended its 450 mile smash from the Hardt Mountains in France, though the Siegfried Line across the Rhine and Danube Rivers into the very heart of Nazi Germany.

Among the 853 graduates from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, two former Tennessee Polytechnic Institute students were included in the list. William Jarrell, Jr., of Springfield, was commissioned a Lieutenant and assigned to the air forces, as was Wendell J. Long, of Harriman, who formerly made his home here. Lieut. Jarrell's marriage on Tuesday to Miss Nancy Travis, was a social event of much interest throughout Middle Tennessee.

T/Sgt. Ray Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langford, who has served with the Eighth Army Air Forces, based in England for 11 months, has according to the point system, been released from active military duty and has returned to Cookeville where he, his wife and baby, will reside.

Sgt. Langford came to Cookeville the early part of May to spend his 30-day furlough with his family following active service in Europe where he participated in many missions over Germany and for his meritorious service was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and other emblems of award. He was a gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. At the expiration of his stay at home he reported to Miami, FL, for a new assignment where it was disclosed he was entitled to points, which gave him an honorable discharge.

During his recent visit home he was extensively entertained. A family party was featured at the home of his parents, and others were arranged by his sisters, Mrs. Alfred Kuykendall, of Cookeville, and Mrs. Virgil Daniels, of Algood.

Major Gid H. Lowe, who has spent a brief leave at his home here, left Wednesday for his present station, Camp Butner, NC. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lowe and children who will spend the summer in Durham, where they have leased a home.

Fred Shivey, Apprentice Seaman, U. S. Navy, who has been taking V-12 training at Carson-Newman

Donald C. Bean, 21, grandson of Mrs. Nancy D. Ellis, of Cookeville, has advanced to radioman, second class, USNR, aboard a submarine off the Atlantic Fleet. He has also seen service at the submarine base, New London, CT, and attended radio school at Bainbridge, MD. Before entering the Navy, Bean was employed by the Colonial Blower Corp., of Hartford, CT. He graduated from Cookeville High School where he played baseball.

A letter from Sgt. Arvil M. Bockwell informed his mother, Mrs. Bertha Rockwell, of N. Broad Street, of his release from Stalag Luft I, in Germany, where he had been held for 14 months. He is now stationed in France with two hometown boys. Sgt. Dave Jackson and Arnold Lee. The letter stated that they were fine and would be home for a long furlough soon.

Lieut. Millard T. DeBerry, U. S. Navy, stationed at present in Washington, D. C., is spending his leave with his parents, Major and Mrs. Roy DeBerry, at the Junior Military Academy, Bloomington Springs. Maj. and Mrs. DeBerry had as their guests also another son, Dr. J. T. DeBerry of Detroit, MI, here for a weekend visit, who was accompanied by Mr. DeBerry and son, who are remaining for a longer visit with them and with Cookeville relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Ford, of Cookeville, have received letters from their sons, Pfc. James Robert Ford, Jr., and Sgt. Willis Lawrence Ford, telling of a happy meeting between them in Hamburg, Germany. The brothers had not seen each other since July, 1944. Sgt. Ford was sent overseas in November, 1944, with the 565th AAA AW Bn. His wife, the former Mary Vidella, and three-month-old son, Willie Lawrence, Jr., reside in Jessup, GA. Pfc. Ford went to Europe in January, 1945, with the Eighth Infantry. Both boys were serving in Gen. Patton's Third Army on V-E Day.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 June 1945

Beecher C. Milligan, b. 15 February 1923 – d. 9 November 1944, buried in the Bohannon Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Memorial Service Set For Pfc. Beecher C. Milligan:

There will be a memorial service Sunday, June 17, at 3 p.m., at the Presbyterian Chapel Church on Calkiller, for Pfc. Beecher Clyde Milligan, who was killed in action while serving overseas with the armed forces on November 9, 1944. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 June 1945

Pvt. Clarence Lee Phillips Killed in Action on Okinawa:

Pvt. Clarence Lee Phillips, serving with an infantry division, of the U. S. Army, was killed in action, April 18, on Okinawa, according to a message from the War Department to his wife, Mrs. Helen Burris Phillips, of Cookeville. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, of Brotherton.

Pvt. Phillips reported for military duty in June, 1944, and following a training period at Camp Hood, TX, went overseas last December. In civilian life, he and his family made their home here where he was an employee of the Piggly-Wiggly Sote.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by two small daughters, Barbara and Janice Phillips.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Cpl. and Mrs. Bennett Huddleston have named their infant daughter, born June 9, at the City Hospital, Katherine Dean. Mrs. Huddleston is the former Miss Mary Frances Ferrell, and the baby's father is serving with the U. S. Marines "Somewhere in the Pacific area."

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Roberson, of Algood, Route 2, who has been overseas since January of this year, is serving for a long period of time, and took his training in TX. His brother, Cpl. Horace Robersonk, has been in the service more than four years. A member of the cavalry troop stationed here, he was transferred to the 181st F.A. and trained in CA prior to reporting for foreign duty, where he has been for many months.

Cpl. Ralph Lee, U. S. Marines, has returned to the Naval Hospital in Memphis, after spending his 30-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee. Cpl. Lee is hos

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall have just returned from a visit in Washington, D. C., where they were guests of Mr. Wall's sister, Mrs. C. C. Fisher, the former Miss Johnnie Wall, of Cookeville, Mr. Fisher and their two daughters. They were privileged to join their son, Don Wall, Chaplain's Assistant, U. S. Navy, stationed then at Norfolk, VA, but who has now reported for sea duty.

Germany, May 20 –

Dear Mother:

In your last letter you said you were sure we were as happy as the people in the States when the war ended. That might have been so in the rear, but to us who were on the front when ti happened, it was only a long, hard job ended, and no more dodging German 88's. You see, we had made the Elbe River crossing, and in less than two days had driven the Boche over 50 miles. I won't ever forget that dreadful day. For 50 miles, the road was jammed with civilians and surrendered German soldiers. Sometimes I would have to take the ditch to get by them. It reminded me of the way the Germans treated the Dutch and Belgian people when they invaded Holladn and Belgium.

I don't know whether you believe the stories over the radio about the slave camps here in Germany. I did not until I saw one for myself. In one building in this camp, there were at least 70 or 80 human beings stacked up like cord wood. Just outside of the camp was a pit that contained 2,000 that had been starved or killed. There were a few men still alive when I was there. They were so weak they could not stand up. After seeing all this, I feel no mercy whatever on the German people.

In the town I am in, the civilians were made to dig about 200 graves in the center of the town for some that had died in this camp. Those who had to dig the graves were doctors, lawyers, and other men of high class. Then all the people in twon wer made to come to the mass funeral and march by the long rows of dead that they, themselves were responsible for.

Love to all, Walter.

This is part of a letter, submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz, form their son, Walter Dietz.

Lieut. (j.g.) William, Anderson, U. S. Coast Guards, who has just returned from foreign duty, arrived Tuesday to spend his leave of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, and sister, Miss Mary Ann Anderson. Lieut. Anderson made the trip from NY to Nashville by plane. He and his crew have the distinction of destroying the last German submarine lurking near the eastern coast of the United States.

Hunter Hill, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, left Sunday to return to the Naval Air Base, Columbus, OH, where he is stationed following a ten day leave spent at home with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Hill and sister, Miss Mary Jo Hill.

A recent letter from Pvt. Hubert Lee Riley, son of the late Tilman Riley, of Cookeville, states that he is stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, and that he and 43 other Putnam County boys send greetings to all their Cookeville friends.

John Ed Clouse, United States Medical Corps, University of Tennessee, Memphis, is here for a vacation visit with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Clouse, on Douglas Street.

Belton Gibson PhM 2/c, U. S. Navy, stationed in Memphis, has been spending his ten-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phy Gibson, and other relatives.

Charles E. Kuykendall, S 1/c, U. S. Naval Reserve, has following many months of sea duty been on the West Coast for a short stay. Seaman Kuykendall, of Algood, in service since May, 194__, has been cited for bravery while on combat duty in the Iwo Jima campaign, and also for his excellent performance of duty during the Lingayan Gulf campaign.

Mrs. Gaskell Warren, of Sayton, OH, formerly of Cookeville, has received word that her husband is back in Erlangen, Germany, well and safe. Pfc. Warren was inducted into the Army in April, 1943. He received his basic training in Camp Shelby, MS, and was then sent on maneuvers through LA, after which he was sent back to Camp Shelby and to Camp Kilmer, NJ, for advanced training. He left the States in February, 1944, and was stationed in Scotland and England for further advanced training.

He has seen action all through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia, where he met the Red army.

Pfc. Warren has been awarded the good conduct medal and has five bronze battle stars to his credit for five major campaigns in which he participated. Despite the constant bombing, strafing, shelling and rifle fire, his outfit did not suffer a single casualty. Pfc. Warren has taken several German prisoners, as well as handling thousands of them. His most prized prisoner he has guarded is, Field marshal Von Rundstedt.

Pfc. Warren's unit has been awarded a unit citation by the Twelfth Army Group, as being the best Military Police Battalion in the E.T.O.

Before Pfc. Warren's induction in the army he was connected with a bottling company of Cookeville. Mrs. Warren has employment in Dayton, OH.

An aidman with infantry front line troops, Technician Fifth Grade J. B. Dodson, of Algood, has been awarded the Silver Star by Major General Charels L. Mullins, Jr., commanding the 25th Infantry (The Tropic Lightning) Division for gallantry in action on Luzon.

During the 35th Regiment's attack on Lupao in central Luzon, T/5 Dodson had to work entirely exposed and several times shrapnel pierced his clothing and finally wounded him in the arm.

Stopping only long enough to bandage his own wound, Dodson returned to aid the other wounded men and remained with them until all had been evacuated to safety.

The citation accompanying the award, reads in part: "The fearless actions and coolness under fire displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Dodson greatly inspired the nearby assaulting infantrymen, reflecting credit upon himself and the medical department of the United States Army."

Awarded the Purple Heart for the wounds he received, Dodson is now back with his outfit, which has captured Belete Pass, and is now pushing toward Santa Fe, Jap strong point in the Cagayan Valley of northern Luzon.

S/Sgt. Milton E. Noel, who for several months, served with the 15th Army Air Force, based in Italy, has been returned to the States, and came to Cookeville, where he joined Mrs. Noel, the former Miss Doris Carr, for a short visit here before going to Pampa, TX, where they are spending the remainder of his 30-day furlough with different members of his family. At the expiration of his furlough he will report for a new assignment.

News Notes from Manila:

Even though the Putnam County boys are on various fronts, they still find time for a friendly visit with a pal from home. In the Luzon battle area, Lt. Willie C. Hyder, son of Willis Hyder, Brotherton, and Cpl. Clarence Roberson, son of Rev. Jim Roberson, of the Poplar Grove community, spent Sunday, June 3 together and enjoyed three good meals.

Tuesday, 5 June, Lt. James Knight, with a Field Artillery unit, had time to pay Lieut. Hyder a visit. Lieut. Hyder is at present the Detachment Commander of his unit. Graduated from the Camp Lee Quartermaster School, on 8 December, 1944, he was ordered for overseas duty on 27 January, 1945. prior to entering the O.C.S., he spent two and a half years in the 87th Golden Acorn Infantry Division, working up through the ranks from a private, to a master sergeant before going to O.C.S.

Lieut (j.g.) James Hoffmeister, U. S. Naval Air Corps, who with Mrs. Hoffmeister and son James, Jr., were here for a visit with different members of his family during his recent leave, has reported to the West Coast for a new assignment. Mrs. Hoffmeister, who went with him, will remain there until he leaves the States. During her absence, Lieut. Hoffmeister's mother, Mrs. J. A. Hoffmeister, who recently returned from a stay in NM and FL, is with their son at their home in the Holladay Apartments, which they have leased, and where they will be located while Lieut. Hoffmeister is away on foreign duty.

The following paragraphs were from a recent letter received by Robert Ray from his son, Jeff Dyer Ray, who has been on foreign duty for approximately three years. He is now in France, and the letter was under date of June 10.

"Just another line to let you know I am coming home soon, maybe next month if nothing happens. I am hoping to leave here this month, so be good. You can call Mr. Dow Waller, of Baxter, and tell him his son, Dow Waller, Jr., and I had a visit together last night. He is a good boy and we enjoyed our nice long talk. I'll see you soon.

Love, Jeff."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

Dewey McCulley, German Prisoner of War for 22 Months, Here on Furlough:

Sgt. Dewey McCulley, a German prisoner of war for a period of 22 months, has been returned to the States and is now at his home in the Shipley community, spending his 60 day furlough with his father, J. H. McCulley.

Sgt. McCulley, a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, based in England, was shot down over Hamburg, Germany on July 25, 1943, on his second mission over enemy territory. He was wounded before going down from a 20mm shell from a German fighter, and during his imprisonment was in six or seven hospitals

and concentration camps. For 17 months he was at 17-B Stalag prison camp, which is about 25 miles from Vienna, Austria.

As the Allies advanced the prison camps were moved. Sgt. McCulley, who has been in service since 1942, and overseas since May, 1943, states his treatment was fair. Red Cross was of much help to the prisoners, as they received parcels regularly.

At the expiration of his stay at home, he reports to Miami, FL, for another assignment.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

Lieut. Travis Wins Second Oak Leaf Cluster in Pacific:

First Lieut. Bennett J. Travis, 25-year-old son of Mrs. William G. Travis, Cookeville, has been awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal while serving with the 317th Troop Carrier Group in the Philippine Islands. He already holds the Air Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster. The 317th, better known as the "Jungle Skippers" has been an active participant throughout the entire Philippine campaign.

Lieut. Travis is a pilot, and has been flying Troop Carrier C-47s overseas for the past 18 months. He now has nearly 2,000 flying hours, and has completed almost 150 Troop Carrier combat missions. For his services performed in the Southwest Pacific's major campaigns, Lt. Travis wears the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze Stars denoting the New Guinea, Bismark Archipelago and Philippine campaigns.

Lieut. Travis graduated from the Cookeville High School in 1938 and entered the army in April, 1942. He graduated from the Blackland Army Flying School at Waco, TX, before going overseas to be assigned to the 317th Troop Carrier Group.

The "Jungle Skippers," a veteran Troop Carrier unit of the Fifth Air Force, was the first organization of its type to enter the Philippines. In its third year of overseas service, it is still upholding its brilliant record of supplying food, ammunition and reinforcements to the battlefield and bringing back the wounded. The "Jungle Skippers" were chosen to carry the paratroopers who dropped from the skies and played such an important part in the recapture of Manila and Corregidor.

Since the above news release was received, it has been learned that this Cookeville flyer has been promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

Sgt. Ben A. Hensley Awarded Bronze Star in European Area:

Sgt. Ben A. Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Hensley, Cookeville, Route 2, serving with the Ninth Army in the European Theater of war has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as of April 5, 1945, while in the vicinity of West Tunner, Germany, in support of Company K's attack on this locality. Sgt. Hensley led his machine gun squad under intense German rifle fire on his own initiative in order to silence a terrific volume of enemy flanking fire. The release further states that the timely bold leadership given by Sgt. Hensley on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him.

Sgt. Hensley, who has three battle stars, Infantry Combat badge, and a good conduct ribbon, has been overseas for the past ten months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hensley have another son, Cpl. Luke C. Hensley, who has been on combat duty in the European area since July, 1944.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

Local Boys Leave Today For Military Assignment:

According to the Putnam County Draft Board, the following inductees left today for military assignments: Lennis Carlon Hickey, Benton Lee, Jr., George Cleveland Jackson, Finis Alvin McBroom, Dillard Clark Daniels, Edd Marlin Reels, Howard Vestal Bilbrey, Carl Henry Clinton, Olen Clay Randolph, Lee Cordell Daniels, Oliver Louis Milton, John V. Minor, Jr., Willis Jere Whitson, Orville Edmon Howell, Jr., Jefferson Dyer, Silas E. Anderson, Lehman Denton Bush, Vernon Farley Harville, William Russell Loftis, Edward Carlos Smith, James Harold Keith, Doyle Whitaker, Carl Delton Bockman and C. B. Finley.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

Monterey Soldier Dies of Illness in India:

Mrs. Gladys Howard Dunn has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pfc. Melvin Dunn, 25, died in Hastings Mills, India, on May 22, of pneumonia.

Private Dunn enlisted in the Army Air Forces September 22, 1942. Before his enlistment he was an employee of the American Airlines and the Tennessee Central Railway Company. He served with Company f, 117th Infantry, Tennessee National Guard, from June, 1937 to June 1940. He took his basic training at Las Vegas, NM, was stationed in Memphis with the 346th Air Base Headquarters for 14 months. He was stationed with the Fourth Ferrying Group in Dallas, TX, before going overseas in June, 1944, where he was with the 10th Air Force, in Calcutta, India.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one daughter, Joe Caroly, 2; his father, H. C. Dunn, his mother, Mrs. J. A. Adams; two sisters, Mrs. William Truse and Mrs. R. E. Dunn; and three brothers, John Dunn, Claude Dunn, U. S. Navy in the South Pacific, and Pfc. W. E. Dunn at Smyrna Army Air Field.

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Lieut. Rupert Maxwell, who was a German prisoner for a period of eight months, arrived in the States June 2, and at his home, in Brotherton, June 6, where he is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boliver Maxwell.

Flying a P47 Thunderbolt, he had completed approximately 25 missions when he went down over German territory enroute from Belgiuym. At the time his plane went down he sustained slight burns.

Lieut. Maxwell enlisted in 1941, and was commissioned and won his wings at Williams Field, AZ, on February, 1944, and went overseas shortly thereafter. He has a brother, Anson C. Maxwell, also with the Air Corps, who is now in Burma.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 June 1945

Sgt. Jasper Bailey, Jr., Missing in Indai-Burma Area:

T/Sgt. Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., has been missing in flight over the India-Burma area since June 6, according to a message received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey, on June 11.

Sgt. Bailey, radio operator with the Army Transport Command, served in the European Theater of War for a period of six months during 1944. Based in Italy, he completed his 50 missions over enemy territory the

early part of November, when he was granted a 30-day furlough at home. After the completion of his stay here he reported to Miami, FL, for a new assignment and has been in the India-Burma area since early spring.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 June 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pfc. Willie D. Vinson, of Cookeville, and a member of Company F, 39th Infantry Regiment, was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in Germany recently for "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy." In addition to the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Pfc. Vinson also wears the EAME (European-African-Middle East) Campaign, Ribbon with one bronze battle star. Pfc. Vinson is the son of Mrs. Vallie Burgess Vinson, of Cookeville, Route 1.

Lt. Mac E. Rogers, formerly of Putnam County, entered the service in September, 1942, going overseas in June, 1943. He served as staff sergeant with a Railways Battalion until February, 1945, going to OCS in France and was commissioned a second lieutenant April 26, 1945. He is also executive officer of his company, serving with the 15th Army, now in Germany. He is a graduate of Baxter Seminary. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers.

Pfc. Willard Maggart, of Silver Point, is now serving in the occupational forces in Germany and at the present is stationed near Neustadt-Waldnaab, Bavaria. Pfc. Maggart landed in Normandy on D plus 2, with "H" Company of 357th Infantry of the 90th Division, and was with the "Rough Ombre" division in Czechoslovakia on V-E Day. He is a veteran of the battles of Normandy, Falaise Gap, Moselle River, Saar River, Siegfried Line, the Bastogne Bulge, Second Moselle Crossing the Rhine River, Main River, and Czechoslovakia and wears five campaign stars on his ETO Ribbon. His other decorations include a Combat Infantry Badge and a Good Conduct Medal.

Cpl. Swep M. Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swep Rodgers, of Algood, has completed training and has been graduated from the school of the Army Air Forces Training Command Chanute Field, IL. While attending this school he received instruction in the Airplane Engine Specialist course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes. Cpl. Rodgers is spending his furlough at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McBroom received a letter from their son, Ventice Frank McBroom, U. S. Navy, stating that he has been promoted from seaman first class to third class Petty Officer, Seaman McBroom has been overseas 41 months and is now "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

Capt. Robert A. Cox, of the Army Air Corps, who has been here on his furlough from Italy, is now stationed temporarily at the Army Air Field, Pueblo, CO. First Lieut. William Cox, also of the Army Air Corps, on furlough from Italy, leaves today for Atlanta, GA, for assignment to some point in the West.

Everett D. Davis, 25, seaman first class, USNR, of Cookeville, is serving on a destroyer of the Atlantic fleet as a first loader on one of the main battery guns. He reported aboard in July, 1943, and wears the American Theater and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater ribbons. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Davis, live on Cookeville, Route 4.

Pfc. Vestal Pippin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pippin, Cookeville, Route 4, who has been overseas for 18 months, is spending his furlough at home. During his overseas service, attached to the Fifth Air Force, he was stationed in New Guinea, Australia, and the Philippines, and for several months, has been hospitalized "Somewhere in the Pacific Area." Prior to leaving the States, he was stationed for his basic training in Atlantic City, NJ, Drew Field, Tampa, FL, and Camp Stoneman, CA. At the expiration of his furlough he reports to Miami, FL, for a new assignment.

First Lieut, John A. Bullington, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington, who has been stationed for more than a year with the Army Air Force in India, is now located on Tinian Island. He is with a B-29 Bombing Group.

Lieut and Mrs. W. R. Jarrell have returned from their wedding trip and are here for a brief visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. Hallie J. Travis, at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Lowe, before going to Albany, GA, where Lieut. Jarrell will be stationed at Turner Field, and where he reports July 5.

W. C. O'Neal United States Infantry, on June 12, graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, and was commissioned a second Lieutenant at an impressive ceremony. Lieut. O'Neal has been in service since January, 1942, and was stationed for a greater portion of his training at Camp Chaffee, AR, and the early part of 1945 was selected for Officer Training. He is now stationed at Camp Blanding, FL, and had a ten-day delay enroute, which he spent here with Mrs. O'Neal and daughters and, accompanied by his family went for a visit with his mother and other relatives to Pulaski. Mrs. O'Neal and W. J. Waldrip went to Fort Benning to be present when Lieut. O'Neal was commissioned.

Lt. (j.g.) Walter B. Morgan, Jr., was promoted to his present rank from that of Ensign in May of this year, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Juanita Morgan, of Monterey. Lt. (j.g.) Morgan entered the service as a Naval Cadet in December, 1942, and received his commission and pilot's wings, February 23, 1944, at Pensacola, FL. He is now "Somewhere in the South Pacific with the 87th Bombing Squadron. Prior to entering the service, he was employed with the TVA in the drafting department, at Knoxville.

Joe Mabry, PhM 1/c, U. S. Navy who was wounded on Iwo Jima, and returned to the States some two months ago for hospitalization, has been stationed at the Naval Hospital in Memphis.

Last week he reported to New Orleans, LA, for a new assignment, following a ten-day visit here with his wife, Mrs. Mabry, and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Mabry. In the service for the past two years he took his training on Long Island, NY, and in NC, and has been overseas approximately six months, participating in several major battles.

Pfc. Walter L. Matheny, Third Marine Division, was home on a 30-day furlough after 27 months in the South Pacific. He will be stationed at Jacksonville, FL, for the next six months. Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mathey, of South Bend, IN, Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Mathey, of Crossville, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Copeland, of Tracy City, and Mrs. Lillie Milligan, of Nashville, were here to be with him.

Lieut. (j.g.) C. P. Snelgrove, U. S. Navy, was here last week to spend his seven day leave with Mrs. Snelgrove and son, Jimmy, at their home on Allen Ave. He reported to Norfolk, VA, his home port, for another assignment in the Atlantic area. In service for the past year, he has made numerous crossings to the European theater of war.

Among the first Putnam County boys to be honorably discharged from military duty because of his 126 service points is Horace Chaffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Chaffin, who has been on military duty for more than five years, serving in the Panama Canal Zone and in the European Theater. On V-E Day he was in Germany after having served in the major battles of France, Belgium and Germany. He arrived in NY Sunday, June 17, reported to Camp Atterbury, IN, and thence to Cookeville, reaching here Saturday, June 23. He is married and has a young son and with his family is now at home on Cookeville, R. 2.

Hunter Hill, Petty Officer, third class, U. S. Navy, stationed in Columbus, OH, recently spent his ten-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Hill, and other members of the family.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. B. Cox have returned from a delightful visit in Tiskegee, Montgomery, and Birmingham, AL, and will be here until June 28, when Lieut. Cox reports for further military assignment.

This very interesting letter comes from Charles Gentry, and is written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gentry, 603 Whitney Street:

Okinawa, April 24, 1945:

Dear Mom and Dad:

Since I have a few minutes before my next move I'll write the "longer" letter I promised. It won't be very long because you probably know more about the news here than I do.

First, I'll say what you probably want to know most. I am O. K., and in the best of health. As long as I stay that way, I won't gripe or tell you any of my thoughts, ha. I'd fill up too many pages. That's really all that's important anyway.

As you know, the fighting in the Southern sector of this island is the fiercest yet encountered in the Pacific. It is the only place they have put up any stiff opposition, and they are throwing everything but the kitchen sink. It is only a matter of days however, before the Nips will all be wiped out.

If the Nips could be met on open ground they'd be licked, and fast, but they hole up in caves, mountains and everything else, where nothing can get to them. The civilians here have tombs in the sides of hills to bury their dead. They are made of concrete and make excellent machine gun emplacements, so you see they use anything, even stinking tombs, occupied by rotting civilians. So much for that.

We are having a few air raids. We have captured airfields here, and our planes are up at all times. Never very many Nip planes get over here, as our ships and planes knock them down before they get in this far. I have seen that "rising sun" insignia on their wings and that's close enough. It's swell when they burst into flames in the air and come crashing down. So, that's all along that line.

Now for a bit of news on the scenery and general conditions of Okinawa. You can see from the map what an important place this is in accordance to its location, so I won't go into that. The land here reminds me a lot of Tennessee. Hills, mountains, valleys, gulleys and ravines. I've yet to see a very large tract of level land. It seems the civilians raised quite a bit of barley and rice, as there are numerous rice paddies here. There is some very nice scenery and all in all the landscape isn't too bad. It seems the only tree that grows here is pine, also there is lots of bamboo. There aren't any coconut trees and that doesn't make me mad.

Thousands of civilians swarm the place, as it is densely populated. They are mixed blood, Japs, Chinks and several other races; small people of very dark complexion.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

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Pfc. Otha V. Loftis Awarded Bronze Star in Germany:

Private First Class Otha V. Loftis Medical Department, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, U. S. Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on April 10, 1945, in connection with military operation against the enemy. When his unit suffered several casualties during an attack, Pfc. Loftis' courageously braved an intense barrage of artillery fire to secure medical equipment. Returning through a veritable hail of bullets, he then hurried to assist wounded men some distance away, and having administered first aid to them, ran several hundred yards further through the fire, to evacuate another casualty. The extreme bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc. Loftis reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Pfc. Loftis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Loftis, of Baxter, Route 1. They also have another son in service, Pfc. Willis A. Loftis, stationed at Fort Jackson, SC.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 July 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

The crew of the oldest destroyer in the United States Navy, veteran of two wars, and a 20-year layup in "red lead row" between the wars, wouldn't trade her for the newest "can" off the ways. The ship is the USS Allen, attached to the Hawaiian Sea Frontier, and the crew calls her Gracie. One of the men assigned to this command is John H. Roberson, gunner's mate third class, USNR, of Algood, who has been attached to the activity for three months. Roberspm's duty is the maintenance and operation of ordinance material. He attended Algood High School, and before entering the service in April, 1943, was employed by N. & K. Construction Corp. at Celina. His wife resides at Algood.

When American forces invaded Luzon, the Martin family of Cookeville, was well represented. Herman C. Martin, 20, seaman first class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Martin of 130 Broad Street, was aboard a destroyer when she supported the land invasion of Luzon. At the same time, a brother, Frank, 25, a sergeant in the Army, was driving an amphibious tank ashore.

Two other brothers, Lillard L., a Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces, and John, a sergeant in the Army, completed the Martin fighting aggregation. Herman has been in the Navy two years and has seen the war in both the Atlantic and Pacific. After recruit training at Bainbridge, MD, he went aboard a destroyer escort and was on submarine patrol in the Atlantic for nearly a year. He later was transferred to this destroyer and has seen action off the Philippines, Formosa, French Indo-China, Tokyo Bay, Iwo Jima and at Okinawa.

William H. Mahler, chief yeoman, USNR, of 178 Church Street, Cookeville, is serving aboard a destroyer escort of the Atlantic Fleet. He has also served on a battleship and a patrol vessel.

Mahler wears the American Defense, Good Conduct, the American Theater, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the latter with one star. Mahler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, 605 West 7th Street. They have two other sons, Len K., radioman, third class, in the Pacific, and Ralph E., a corporal in the Army Air Force.

Serving with the 279th Engineer Combat Battalion is Cpl. Sam Douglas Bush. Arriving overseas in September, 1944, he has served with his unit in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany which has earned him two battle stars.

During the winter when the Ninth Army was holding its line, Corporal Bush did his part of the job as tool corporal in caring for the engineer tools and equipment which were to be used in the crossing of the Roe River. During the actual crossing, he was assisting in the preparation for the crossing, inflating assault boats, and at H-hour, he assisted in caring for and evacuating wounded comrades. His unit was consistently aiding the now famous Ninth Army drive into the heart of Germany, and V-E Day found him near the Elbe River. Corporal Bush is the son of Monroe Bush of Baxter. He is married to the former Miss Daly Starnes, who lives at Cedar St. He attended Baxter Seminary, graduating in 1931, and prior to his induction in October, 1943, was employed by the Chrysler Corporation.

Beasley Thompson, U. S. Navy, who has just completed his boot training at Bainbridge, MD, arrived Monday to spend his two weeks' leave with Mrs. Thompson and daughters at the home of his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry. Mrs. Thompson went to Knoxville to meet him. At the expiration of his stay here he reports to Seattle, WA, for a new assignment.

Mrs. Lula Qualls is in receipt of a letter from her son, Sgt. Billy Qualls, dated June 23, on leaving the States, around nine months ago, he landed on Leyte for that invasion, and on Easter Sunday, his outfit landed on Okinawa and was there though all the operations there. He says he is O. K. and would be very glad when he could have a good bed to sleep on.

Cpl. Clarence Bartlett recently spent his furlough with his mother, Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, and other relatives. For the past several months, he has been stationed at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, in Las Vegas, NV. At the completion of his visit he reported to Lincoln, NB, for further training.

Pvt. Ernest W. Walker, who has been a prisoner in Germany since November 19, 1944, was liberated May 2, 1945. He is now spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Walker, of Cookeville, Route 3. He will report to Miami, FL, for further service, on September 1.

Pfc. Walter W. Taylor has returned to his home in Mattoon, IL, following a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Matthews and Miss Genia Matthews, in Algood. Pfc. Taylor spent 15 months in German custody following his capture at Cassino, Italy, on February 3, 1944. Veteran of early fighting in the Italian campaign with the Fifth Army Infantry, Pfc. Taylor was previously reported missing in action. Wounded at the time of his capture, he is the wearer of the Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, a European-African-Middle Eastern Theater ribbon with two battle stars, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Pfc. Taylor arrived in Newport News, VA, on May 15. He will report to Miami, FL, for a rest July 25, after completing a 67-day furlough.

Morris Lee Robbins, U. S. Navy, Mrs. Robbins and son, Morris Lee, Jr., who have been making their home in New York City for the past year while the former was stationed near there, are in Cookeville for a visit and are spending the time at their home on Peachtree Street. Mrs. Robbins and son spent a portion of last week in Wartburg with her father, Bruno Schubert, and other members of her family.

Morrison Lowe, Jr., U. S. Coast Guards, who has been on sea duty in the Atlantic area for several months, arrived Monday afternoon for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch Lamb are in receipt of two letters, one dated June 20, the other June 21, and relate practically the same story. The letters are from their sons, Pfc. Maurice Lamb, and Pfc. Sherman C. Lamb, both of the Marine Corps, and give in a happy fashion details of their visit together on June 18. Both are stationed on Okinawa, but Pfc. Maurice Lamb did not know that his brother was on the island until he came to see him. This was their first meeting in more than a year, as both have been on overseas duty approximately twelve months.

Pvt. Clinton G. Bumbalough, who was inducted into the armed forces in April, is taking his basic training at Fort Bragg, NC. Before entering the service, Pvt. Bumbalough was employed in Detroit, MI. His wife, the former Willene Shipley and children live on Cookeville, Route 5.

Cpl. John R. Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dillard, of Monterey, serving with a Ninth Air Force Unit, the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, was recently awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, the highest organizational decoration in the U. S. armed forces. Cpl. Dillard is with a squadron of the 67th group, which was commanded at the time of Presidential recognition by Col. George W. Peck, of Detroit, MI, presently commanded by Lt. Col. Richard S. Leghorn, of Winchester, MA. Cpl. Dillard participated in the entire battle for Europe, from Normandy to the heart of Germany; P-38 Lightnings and P-51 Mustangs from his group flew from a Normandy airstrip on D plus 6, and were the first American Air Force planes to operate from east of the Rhine, and provided the Allied Armies and the Ninth Air Force, with 2,200,000 photographs by flying more than 5,000 combat missions. Using P-38 Lightnings, completely unarmed, Cpl. Dillard's squadron earned the original citation, with other units of his group. His squadron was later awarded a cluster to the Presidential badge, "for missions flown at minimum altitudes along the Normandy invasion beaches immediately preceding the Allied landings." Cpl. Dillard managed a restaurant before entering the army in January, 1943. He now is a technician in his squadron photo laboratory.

Sgt. Jack Stringham, of Dangerfield, TX, a former Tennessee Tech student, has been in Cookeville for a visit, spending the time as the guest of Miss Emma McDonald at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McDonald, and with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton. Sgt. Stringham, serving with the First Engineers in the European Theater of War, was a prisoner of the German government for a period of six months and was only recently returned to the States. On his return to military operations, he will be stationed at Hot

Springs, AR. Cpl. James L. McDonald, stationed at Drew Field, FL, was here also for a furlough visit, coming especially to be with Sgt. Stringham.

The following is a portion of an article taken from a recent edition of a Goodland, IN, paper which pertains to Lieut. Col. I. B. Washburn's decoration. The Cookeville friends of Col. and Mrs. Washburn, made during their residence here while he served as an official of the Southern Continental Telephone Co., will be especially interested in the contents of the article;

"The Croix de Guerre, a French decoration presented for exceptional services rendered during military operations in the liberation of France, was awarded to 26 officers and enlisted men of the 5th Armored Division by General Charles de Gaulle. Lt. Col. Israel B. Washburn, of Goodland was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm. Gen. Koeltz of the French army made the presentation recently at a ceremony held at the headquarters of the Ninth United States Army.

The 5th Armored Division played an important role in the liberation of France. In a single month the division fought its way from Normandy to the Belgian Border. Driving behind enemy lines through Le Mans and Sees, it established the lower jaw of the now-famous Falaise trap, then thrust eastward, trapping fleeing remnants of the German Seventh Army between the Eure and Seine Rivers, north of Paris.

"The Fifth Armored then marched through newly-liberated Paris and began its 130-mile fighting drive to the Belgian border. It was the first American division to fight on German soil.

"Withdrawn from Germany, the division later returned, this time to take a part in the bitter fighting through the Hurler Forrest and to the Roer River. When the big push to the Rhine began, Fifth Armored Division tanks and armored infantry spearheaded the Ninth Army Troops to Germany's greatest river, cutting off large numbers of fleeing Germans from their crossing sites."

Carl D. Daniel, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Daniel, of Route 5, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Pvt. Horace Ray Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright, of Algood reported to Fort McPherson, for active duty on June 5. He was assigned duty on June 3. He was assigned to Keesler Field, MS, for AAF basic training. At the present time, Pvt. Wright is in the station hospital at Keesler Field, recuperating from an operation.

Lonnie H. Maxwell, of Highland Street, recently was awarded the medal for daring in action for meritorious service. He is the husband of Mrs. Oral Lee Maxwell, of the above address. Pfc. Maxwell distinguished himself by outstanding courage and heroism. When the enemy armored columns assaulted his position, he courageously set up a defensive position and fired his weapons so skillfully that their column became disorganized and retreated in wild confusion. He continued firing at the enemy infantrymen until many of them lay dead or wounded upon the battlefield. His intrepidity and heroism reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

After tour of duty in Italy with the 15th Air Force, Sgt. Joe Lee Anderson, 21, of Silver Point, gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, is returning to the United States for training and re-equipment, according to an announcement by Brig. Gen. Fay R. Upthegrove, his wing commander. He is the son of William G. Anderson.

Pvt. Sam Jared, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jared, of Boma, and a nephew of Mrs. Ralph Wirt of Cookeville, arrived home today after serving for the past 11 months in the European Theater of War, attached to the 95th Division of Patton's Third Army. Pfc. Jared landed in Boston, MA, on Sunday, and following a brief stay at Camp Atterbury, IN, is now at home for a 30-day furlough before reassignment for the Pacific area.

After a training period at Indiantown Gap, Pa, Pfc. Jared, who has been in service that past 17 months left for overseas duty in August of last year and landed in France. Sent immediately to the front lines, he was in combat duty at the battles of the Ruhr, the Rhine and Saar Rivers and was in Germany interior on V-E

Day. When ordered home he was stationed in Offen, Germany. He wears the ETO Ribbon with three stars, and came through the various campaigns without being wounded.

Pfc. Charles L Bryant, of Wayne, MI, has recently been awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic action against the enemy in the Wawa-Montalban Dam area northeast of Manila. But his chief claim to lasting fame within the aggressive 38th Division lies in the fact that he recently killed the Division's 20,000th Jap since his unit was committed to combat in February. Bryant is credited with 20 of this imposing total.

There was no question as to the exact destroyer of the 20,000th Nip, since Bryant purchased insurance by gagging the 19,998th through the 20,002nd, was an enemy captian. Bryant has a saber and pistol as a memento of the brief fight.

His wife, Mrs. Gertrude Marie Bryant, and two children, Barbara Jean, and Charlotte Marie, reside at 35820 Booth Street, Wayne. Three brothers and one sister live at 506 Seventh Street, Cookeville. Before entering the service, Pfc. Bryant was an assembly line foreman at Ford Motor Compnay's Willow Run bomber plant.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 July 1945

Ira Slagle, Jr. Reported Killed in Action in Pacific:

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slagle, of Double Springs, have been informed by the War Department that their son, Ira Slagle, Jr., 22, was killed in action in the South Pacific on May 17.

Young Slagle was a member of the 77th Division and had been in the Pacific Theater of War for the past three years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 July 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

James Kelly Ensor, CM 3/c, 7th U.S.N.C.B., is serving in the Medical Detachment on Okinaw. He jas also been on Oahu and other Pacific Islands. His training was at Camp Peary, VA, and Camp Parks, CA. He has been overseas six months and holds the Navy Expert Rifleman's Medal. Before entering the service, he was s sophomore in the Pre-Medical School at the University of TN. He is a graduate of Central High School.

Responsible for the health of thousand of officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians of the vast Pacific repair and supply base at Pearl Harbor, T. H., is the Navy Yard Medical Department, charged with sanitation and preventive medicine as well as curative and emergency treatments. One of the corpsmen attached to this department is Ben C. Austin, pharmacist mate third class, USNR, of Silver Point. Austin enlisted in the Navy in November, 1942, and has been overseas for 24 months. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Austin, of Silver Point. Before entering the naval service, Austin was a student at Pleasant Hill Academy.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Roy Stockton announce the birth of a son at the City Hospital on June 29, who has been anmed Gary Dale. Staff Sergeant Stockton is serving with an AAF Service Group, in Assam, India. Before leaving the states in December, he was stationed at Robbins Field, GA. He has been in the Army since December, 1942.

Morris Lee Robbins, U. S. Naval Mail Service, and family, who have been spending ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Robbins, left Tuesday for New York City, wher he is stationed. A portion of his leave was spent in Wartbug, with Mrs. Robbins' father, Bruno Schubert, and other members of the family.

Charles Cox, MAM 3/c, U. S. Navy is here to spend his two weeks leave with Mrs. Cox and son, on Dixie Avenue, and with his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox. During his stay at home, accompanied by Mrs. Cox and son, he will go to Camp Riva-Lake, near Winchester, to visit with his daughter, Ann Cox, who is spending the summer there. Seaman Cox, who has been on sea duty in the Atlantic area since last summer, at the expiration of his leave reports to Nashville for a new assignment.

Frank Johnson; Seargent in Army Air Corps who according to the point system, has his honorable discharge, and is now with Mrs. Johnson and son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young, will with his family be located in the near future in the Mackie Apartments on Peachtree Street. He returned to the States the early part of May, having been sationed in Italy since September, 1944, and after completing his missions shortly before V-E Day. During his service overseas, he was reported missing in action for about ten days when his B-24 Liberator went down over Austria. The crew was resuced by the Russians and returned to their 15th Air Force base in Italy.

Lieut. (j.g.) William Anderson, U. S. Coast Guard, is here on leave until August 1, when he reports to the West Coast for a new assignment. He is spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, and sister, Miss Mary Ann Anderson, and enroute to Cookeville from New York City, spent several days in Knoxville with his brother, James Anderson, and Mrs. Anderson,. Lieut. Anderson has been on military duty in the Atlantic area for more than two years.

Gilbert D. Kinnaird, 19, seaman first class, U.S.N., of Cookeville, is serving on a destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. He reported aboard in April, 1944, and wears the American Defense and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbons. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Kinnaird of Cookeville, Route 1.

Staff Sergeant Govey Whitteaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Whitteaker, of Algood, who has been overseas 19 months, is now serving with the 5th Air Force. During the 19 months away from the States, Sgt. Whitteaker has been in New Guinea, the Netherland East Indies, Australia, and the Philippine Islands on Cookeville, Route 1 while he is away, has submitted an article which contains interesting items relative to the operation of the Fifth Air Force, which appeared some months ago in the New York Herald Tribuen, and was compiled by Special Correspondent, Homer Digart, and is reprinted in part:

“In the briefing shack beside the dusty airstrip near San Jose Mindoro Island, pilots gathered shortly before 5:00 p.m. They were told briefly, “A Jap task force, consisting of one battleship, one heavy cruiser and six destroyers, has been sighted to the northwest, heading this way. It looks like a suicide job. If we return we will be mighty lucky.” That was all the information to be had. Next came the orders. Load up with all the ammunition you can carry, take off singly, every man for himself. Good Luck!”

They took off. The P-47 Thunderbolts were not equipped for night attack, but they were in front and strafed at mast top level. It was one of the most gallant attacks of the war. Colonel Gwen G. Akinson, of Ludkin, TX, leading the Thunderbolt Group, made nine strafing runs, he said, “I didn’t start shooting until I was below 100 feet” – we tried to keep the ships between us so the moon could silhouette them. It looked like hell upside down,” said one of the Mitchell pilots. Fighters swarmed beneath us like a bunch of bees, and you never saw such mad confusion.” A B-25 pilot’s account was:

“I started flying in a search pattern, five minutes east and ten mintues west and so on. It was 10:30 when I saw a small fire burning on the west. We went over to investigate. We were pretty close to the base, and from the terrific attack on the beach it seemed as though it was a coordinated sea attack and a parachute landing.

“As we got over the fire, I saw it was a Jap warship ablaze. The moonlight silhouette showed it was a Jap destroyer. There was a terrific emlosion. Bits of debris slammed agisnt the fuselage. We looked down and saw the destroyer disappear.”

Charles Chaffin, who has been with a base hospital unti on New Hebrides for the past 17 months, was recently promoted from Ph M 2/c to that of PhM 1/c. He is the son of C. M. Chaffin, of this city, and has

been on military duty for approximately three years, stationed for many months in Seattle, WA. In a recent letter to relatives here he stated he was fine, and hoped to be at home in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

John Dudley Stiten, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, based in New Orleans, LA, is spending his furlough with Mrs. Stites, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Flatt, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stites in Algood.

Pfc. Willie S. Harris entered the service in November, 1943, and received his basic army and engineering training at Camp Robinson, AR. He also spent several weeks in LA on maneuvers. He was later sent to Camp Bowie, TX, where he was stationed until he went overseas in September, 1944. He has been awarded an overseas ribbon, a Good Conduct Badge and two battle stars. Pvt. Harris is with General Simpson's Ninth Army, now "Somewhere in Germany." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Harris, and the husband of Mrs. Modenia Harris. They have one small son, Edward, who are now living on Cookeville, Route 5. Pvt. Harris has served in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

Sgt. Hubert Slagle, U. S. Army Air Corps, gunner on an A-26, stationed at Lake Charles, LA, is spending his ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Slagel, and other members of his family.

Sgt. Marion E. Freeman is now at home with Mrs. Freeman and their daughters at their home on S. Walnut Street, after spending a year overseas on combat duty in the European Theater of War. With the Third Army, he saw service in seven different countries, and at the time he was ordered to the States, was in Germany. Sgt. Freeman is the son of Mrs. Ellis Freeman, of Algood and Cookeville, and will spend a portion of his 30-day furlough visiting with her and his sister, Mr. Frank Moss, and Mr. Moss.

Roy Tilman Wiggins, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wiggins, who volunteered some time ago for Naval Flight Training was called to duty July 1, and reported to Atlanta, GA, and is now at Emory University.

Midshipman Bryan D. Wiggins, U. S. N., who has been at the U. S. Naval Academy, for the past two years, has been for a short stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wiggins, of Cherry and Fourth Streets. Midshipman Wiggins was honored just before his leave for home by being elected manager of the baseball team of the Naval Academy for this year. He was also chosen president of the Midshipman's Sunday School class of Calvary Methodist Church, at Annapolis, MD.

131st General Hospital, Blandford Camp, Dorset, England – After treating 7, 100 soldier-patients, with only three deaths, this huge U. S. Army general hospital has completed its mission in England.

Among those who helped operate the hospital was Private first class, Charlie O. Brown, 32, of Cookeville, Route 2, a medical technician. Pfc. Brown is a son of Mrs. Delia Brown of Route 2. He entered the Army in March, 1942.

Lieut. Jarvis L. Knight, who submits the following article released for publication June 13, has joined the 148th Field Artillery unit on New Britian, April, 1944, and has been with it through four major campaigns, counting the one in which it is now engaged. Lieut. Knight is due to be coming home some time in the near future.

The following radio talk was broadcast from Manila on 27 April, 1945, over the Blue Network's World Capitals Broadcast in the States:

"This is David Brent, reporting from Manila.

"This war is now in its 41st month, and if you are looking for an American Army unit that has been overseas every day of all this time, meet the 148th Field Artillery, originally of the Idaho National Guard, but now practically an all-state outfit.

"I visited them the other day in the hill position they are holding as part of the 112th Regimental Combat Team, near Manila. The team is a sort of a field army in tabloid. It consists of the 148th Field Artillery and the 112th Cavalry, under the command of Brigadier General Julian W. Cunningham. You don't hear of it very much, because it has none of the massive dignity of a full-fledged division. But this little Giant of the Pacific has fought over thousands of miles of Southwest Pacific fronts. Now it's in the hills with several thousand Japs, well armed and well entrenched, a few thousand yards across the valley. The Japs hold an important dam which supplies water for Manila. One of these days they will be run out of there, that is what the 12th RCT is waiting for.

T/Sgt. Thomas Alderman has, according to the point system, received an honorable discharge from the United States Army, and he and Mrs. Alderman, the former Miss Lois Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jackson, of this city, will make their home in Philadelphia, PA, where his mother, Mrs. Doris Kaiser, also resides. Sgt. Alderson entered the service and following his basic training at Chanute Field, IL, he was ordered to the Pacific area, where he was stationed at Wheeler Field on the Hawaii Islands for more than two years, and was there at the time of the Japanese attack, and later participated in the battle of Wake Island. He was returned to the States in October, 1943, and took training at Tennessee Tech preparatory to his pilot training. At the time of being discharged he was stationed at Mitchell Field, NY.

Lieut Frank Alexander, U. S. Navy Seabees, who has been in the Pacific Theatre of Operations since 1943, is now stationed on Saipan, and has been placed in command of his divisions. Lieut. Alexandr's wife, the former Miss Mary Carlen, is resididng here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlen, during his adsence.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 July 1945

Pfc. James Bowman Killed in Germany, in April:

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bowman, of Cookeville, Route 2 , received a message June 19, from the War Department stating that their son, Pfc. James Bowman was killed April 19, 1945.

Pfc. Bowman had been a German prisoner sicne November 14, and as far as could be learned, was still in German hands when killed on a train while going through Germany, presumably to another concentration camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are in receipt of a letter from their son's buddy whose home is in Dresden, but who is now hospitalized in Memphi. He state the train on which they were traveling was bombed when Bowman was killed and later when he regained conciousness he was in a German hospital from which he was released by the Allies.

Pfc. Bowman went overseas in September, 1944, and was taken prisoner almost immediately after going into the combat area. During his imprisonment he wrote five times to his parents.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters and three brothers; Jewel, Geraldine, Mattie, Finis, Truman, and Jerry Bowman, all of Cookeville.

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F/O Joe Parris is now at home to spend his 60-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parris, of Cookeville, Route 2, after serving with the Army Air Corps for a period of three years in the Burma-India-China area. He landed in New York July 2, reported to Camp Atterbuty, IN, and after a short visit in Detroit, MI, arrived in Cookeville Saturday evening after having been met in Nashville by his parents, his sister, Mrs. Russell White, and the latter's brother-in-law, Rex Vaughn. Miss Pauline Steck came from Detroit with Flight Officer Parris, and is now visiting here and in Livingston. Flight Officer Parris was a prisoner for 18 months in Rangoon, and during this time no direct word came from him. He went down while flying the Hump in 1943, and from theat time until May 3, 1945, was held as a Japanese prisoner.

When released, he was sent to Calcutta, India, for hospitalization and recuperation before being granted a leave home.

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19 July 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Charles H. Robbins, S 2/c who took his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robbins, of Algood. At the expiration of his stay at home, he reports to Davisville, RI, for further naval training. Seaman Robbins volunteered for military service in April.

Douglas Stone, PhM 1/c, son of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stone, who has just completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Center, is spending his leave at his home in Chattanooga. Last week-end his mother, Mrs. Stone, and sister, Barbara Stone, came from Chattanooga with him to spend the week-end with Mrs. Stone's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Dow Ensor, and sister, Miss Fanny Ensor. At the expiration of his leave he reports to a naval training center in KS for further training.

Robert Ray received a letter Wednesday from his son, Jeff Dyer Ray, who is still in Europe, where he has been with the fighting men of the United States for a period of 29 months. The letter was written on June 22, and he says he has 92 points, and on that day left his original division and had taken the first step toward coming home, which he states might take several months. He is in France, but on V-E day, was in Germany.

Cpl. James W. "Billy" Carr, 65th Division, Army of Occupation, Monthewen, Austria, and Mrs. Carr, of 2187 Evelyn, Memphis, have named their infant daughter, born June 25, Jamie. Mrs. Carr, the former Miss Dorothy Dunn, of Halls, is making her home in Memphis while Cpl. Carr is away, and for the past week has as her guest his mother, Mrs. Mattie Carr, who has now returned to Cookeville.

Algood Vaden, U. S. Army, a paratrooper with the 18th Airborne Division, serving in the European Theatre of Operation, arrived in Boston, MA, last week, and following a brief stay at Camp Aterbury, IN, came to Cookeville Sunday, and is spending his 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, and.

In the army since 1943, Pvt. Vaden took his training in Michigan, Camp Crowder, MO, and following his transfer to the Paratroopers, was stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He left the States for overseas duty in February of this year, arriving in Europe during the early stges of the German invasion, and participated in the crossing of the Rhine, and on V-E day was in German territory.

Cpl. Rayburn Bryant is spending a 30-day furlough here with his wife, the former Miss Willene Gentry, and son, and is dividing his stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant, and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gentry. Cpl. Bryant has served 12 months in the European Theatre of War with General Patton's Third Army and General Simpson's Ninth Army. He returned to the States the latter part of June.

Willard S. Bryant, U. S. Army, has joined his brother here for a furlough visit. Another brother, Finis Bryant, with the U. S. Navy, is away on sea duty.

Sgt. Bruce Bean is spending a part of his furlough here and is happy to be home again after spending ten months in a German prison camp. In the near future he will report to Miami, FL, for reassignment. Mrs. Essie Ray, who went to Detroit, MI, to meet her son, upon his return from the European Theatre of War, and his wife, has returned to Cookeville.

Sgt. Hubert Gragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Gragg, of Algood, of the Army Air Corps, is home to spend his 20-day furlough with his wife and children in Algood. He received his training as gunner at Drew Field, FL.

Ensign W. J. Julian, of Silver Point, is now on duty aboard the USS LSM 367 in the Pacific. His ship was recently in the Okinawa operation. Ensign Julian was home on survivors leave in February, after his ship was sunk by suicide planes last December 7, in the Philippines.

Cordell Sloan, U. S. navy, has been in the Pacific area for many months, serving as a gunner on a battleship in the United States Navy. Recently he was promoted from seaman second class to the rate of seaman first class. His wife and children and his mother, Mrs. Kitty Lou Sloan, reside on Oak Street.

Pvt. Silas Anderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Anderson, of Cherry Street, is now stationed at Camp Wheeler, Macon, GA, where he is a paratrooper. He reported for military duty about a month ago, and was first stationed at Fort McPherson, GA. In May he graduated from Central High School.

Sgt. Charles R. Patterson, First Air Force, West Hampton, L. I., is at the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McGugin, in Algood, for a 15-day furlough.

Lieut. Charles Brown, who has been stationed at Courtley, AL, with the U. S. Army Air Force, has been transferred in the last few weeks to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL, where he is receiving pilot training for a B-29.

The following letter was received from the chaplain by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burroughs, now residing at 915 Baldwin Ave, Detroit, MI, formerly of Jackson County.

“My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs:

“It is with deep feeling that I write you concerning your son, Willard, who paid the supreme sacrifice for his country. I received your letter, and as you requested, I will give you all the available information. Willard was killed instantly, as the result of a gunshot wound received in the chest by enemy sniper fire, on March 9. He was laid to rest in Grave 1330, Row 17, Plot 5, in the 5th Division Cemetery on Iwo Jima, with his companions. Protestant burial services were held for all those who paid the supreme sacrifice. In addition, a memorial service was held at the conclusion of which gun salutes were fired, followed immediately by Taps and the National Anthem.

Willard was a very devout Christian young man, and attended services regularly. He attended services on the Island on March 6, and received the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Willard was very highly respected and beloved by all the men who knew him. While I know this is a little consolation in comparison to your loss, yet, we do have the hope of the Resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

“Words are so inadequate to express fully the sorrow and sympathy felt in our hearts for you in your grief. May I express to you the sincere sympathy of all the many friends made by Willard while serving in the Marine Corps.

“May God bless you and grant you comfort.

Respectfully yours, Glenn E. Baumann, Protestant Chaplain.”

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Tribute to WHUB’s Men in Service”

When the Chaplain has finished the service, and the last note of Taps has died away...it’s too late for the dead to change their minds.

They cannot say, as you can, “We’ve won a few victories, so let’s forget about the war. It’s nearly over.”

The dead know...their living comrades who still fight on, know...a war is not ended until the last note has cleared away of the last shot fired...until the last enemy soldier throws down his arms-surrenders.

This fact, know so well in the front lines, is often overlooked on the home front. Reading of victories in Europe, of American troops on the Rhine, of bombers over Tokyo, we too often change our mind about the urgency of the war effort on the home front. Our war taks, big and little, is vital....increasingly vital, as the war approaches its climax.

WHUB realizes its vital part in the war effort; its duty to fourteen men furnished to the armed forces. Our hat's off to the Army, Navy, and Marines for their splendid victoris, OUR boys are part of them.

Joe Mabry	Horace Young
John Rhodes	Bill Stamps
Charles Burch	Douglas Powers
Hubert Patterson	Royce Richards
Beverly Medley	Harold Davis
Algood Vaden	Grady Lemons
Stacy Mott	Mallory Russell

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Sgt. Jasper Bailey, Jr., Lost in Jungle, Now Safe:

T/Sgt. Jasper N. Bailey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey, of Arnold Avenue, who was reported missing while on transport plane, Sgt. Bailey and his crew went down while flying the Hump-parachuting to safety, he landed in the Burma jungles where he stayed for 15 days, working his way out, he came to a hut and eventually, by the aid of a native, reached a small village, where a rescue crew located him and assisted him to a China base from which he was returned to his India base by plance. In a recent letter home he state he has been assigned to a rest camp for a period of 20 days.

Sgt. Jasper served for more than six months in the European Area, where he was attadhed to the 15th Air Force, based in Italy. He was returned to this country in November 1944, and later assigned to port duty.

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Cpl. Oscar P. McDonald Awarded Bronze Star:

Cpl. Oscar P. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonald, of East Broad Street, serving with the 8th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. The award was made by virtue of heroic achievements on the field of battle according to word received by Cpl. McDonald's commanding officer, Major General Bryant E. Moore, U. S. Army.

Cpl. McDonald was reared near Doyle, but is well known here, where his parents are now residing, as he is a nephew of Mrs. Frank Williams, and has often visited her here. He was stationed at Fort Benning, GA, for training and has been overseas 20 months, serving in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, where he is now stationed, but he expects to be home soon.

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Pvt. Arvel Ford Dies at Army – Navy Hospital:

Pvt. Arvel Ford, U. S. Army, 38, died at the Army-Navy hospital in Hot Springs, AR, July 6, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held July 11, at the Boma Baptist Church, of which he had been a member for a number of years, with Rev. J. B. Patton and Rev. E. H. McCaleb officiating. Burial was in the cemetery near the church, with the American Legion in charge.

Pvt. Ford, son of Daniel Ford, of Baxter, was prior to his entrance into the service 15 months ago, a farmer of the Boma community and an employee of the Tennessee Central Railroad Company. He was married to Miss Louise Maxwell in August, 1934. He had been overseas the past six months and became ill while on the Lexembourg battlefront. He was removed to an army hospital in Paris, France, then to England. On May 5 he was returned to the States for further hospitalization.

For a number of weeks he was a patient at the Batty General Hospital in Rome, Ga, spent some time at Kenny General Hospital, Memphis, and had been in Hot Springs only a week when his death occurred.

In addition to his wife and father he is survived by two small daughters, Martha Faye and Betty Sue Ford, seven sisters; Mrs. Roosevelt Brown, Mrs. Julius Jared, both of Boma; Mrs. Tom Loftis, Mrs. Mattie Lane, and Miss Anne Ford, of Baxter; Mrs. Edgar Brown, of Old Ridge; Mrs. Tamer Thompson, of Buffalo Valley, and a brother, D. J. Ford, of Baxter

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Walter K. Burchett, 20, seaman first class, USNR, son of R. F. Bartlett, Freeze Street, is aboard a heavy cruiser off Okinawa.

First Lieut and Mrs. Willis Carter, Jr. of Camp Gordon, GA, recently spent his ten-day furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bartlett, of Cookeville, Route 5.

Lieut. Carter left Sunday afternoon for Fort Ord, CA. Accompanying him to Nashville were, Mrs. Carter, and Misses Pauline and Nell Carter.

Finis A. McBroom, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McBroom, of Bloomington Springs, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter, Sr., of Cookeville, Route 5, have received a letter from their son, Pfc. James D. Carter, saying he has been transferred from the Infantry to the 8th Air Force. Pfc. Carter spent last winter in France with the Ninth Air Force, and was sent to England in April where he took infantry training. He writes he is fine and expects to be home soon on leave.

Pfc. Joseph E. Dowell, formerly of Cookeville, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach, FL. The carefully planned reconditioning program here will speed his convalescence and assist his return to the best of health.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Dowell, he entered the Army April, 1943, at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, and has since served 18 months in the area of the Pacific Theatre of Operations, until his assignment at Welch.

Lieut. Charles Brown, who has been stationed at Maxwell Field, AL, is spending his leave of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown. The early part of his stay here he had as his guest, Miss Christine Thrett, of Florence, AL, who returned to her home on Saturday. Lieut. Brown, pilot of a B-29, reports for further duty with the Army Air Force at Gulfport, MS, at the expiration of his leave.

Cpl. Henry Clyde Ferrell, stationed at Fort Riely, KS, is spending his furlough of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ferrell, on Cedar Street.

Richard H. Hill, RN 3/c, U. S. Navy, has been transferred in the past few weeks from Columbus, OH, to Meachem Field, Fort Worth, TX.

Sidney S. Webb, Jr., is now at home having received a medical discharge from the U. S. Army, after spending 17 months in service, part of which was spent in the European Theatre of War.

Tennessee can get out the red plush carpet. More of her native sons are headed home after being flown by Air Transport Command from far-flung battle fronts.

They were among 50,000 "chosen" ATC fliers from overseas each month, the majority of whom land at the ATC Miami Army Air Field. Spending less than a day here they are taken by rail to Camp Blanding, FL. Their next step toward home is a reception center for separation from the service or furloughs prior to reassignment.

Latest Cookeville returnees include: Pfc. James H. Kirby, 32, Infantry, 32 months in Northern France and Germany, Purple Heart, and six battle stars.

Pfc. Elbert C. Smith, 100 Whitson Street, Signal Corps, 30 months in Italy, four battle stars.

T/4 Byrd S. McBroom, 25, Engineers, 32 months in Czechoslovakia.

Lt. Ashely Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel D. Smith, Sliver Point, has received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart from Col. Louis R. Hughes, Jr., deputy commanding officer of Harlingen Army Air Field, Harlingen, TX, at a garrison parade, held at that field recently, as shown in a recent picture.

Lt. Smith's citations read as follows:

"Citation – Silver Star

"For gallantry in action on 9 August, 1944, while serving as copilot of a B-25 type aircraft, participating in attack upon a heavily defended enemy occupied port, Lt. Smith received severe wounds in the right leg from shrapnel. In spite of the pain of his injuries, he continued to assist the pilot on the bombing run and thoughout he long return firmly remained at his post of duty, and later assisted in executing a single engine landing. His high courage displayed in the face of the enemy is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

Citations – Purple Heart

"For wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on 9 August 1944 while serving on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory."

For outstanding airmanship and meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as a member of the crew of a PB4Y-1 bomber on anti-submarine patrol in North latitudes during the period from November 1943 to May 1944, George P. Pedigo, AMM 1/c, was recently presented the Air Medal at the Tactical Test division by Captain E. A. Hannegan, USN, Commanding Officer, NAS.

"His skill, resourcefulness, and co-operation contributed greatly to teamwork that resulted in the successful achievements of the crew whose efforts were instrumental in bringing about the defeat the to U-boat activity in the Battle of the Atlantic," reads the citation by Admiral R. Stark, USN, Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe.

AMM 1/c Pedigo, 24, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pedigo, Route 3, Cookeville, attended Smithville High School, Tennessee Tech, and took his boot training at NTC, San Diego, CA.

Sergeant Lonnie H. Roberts, of Cookeville, recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action.

He served with the 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment, 85th "Custer" Division, during the Fifth Army campaign in Italy.

His mother, Mrs. Mary L. Roberts, lives on Cookeville, Route 4.

Winnell Bullington, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bullington, of Cookeville, Route 1, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Verble Carrington, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, who is stationed at present in New York City, following sea duty in the European area for almost a year, is home on leave and is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Carrington, of S. Jefferson Avenue. His wife, the former Miss Linnie McDonald, has come from near Detroit, MI, to spend her vacation here while he is spending his leave here, and they are dividing their time with her barother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Albert. He reports again to New York around August 6.

Haskell and Della Carr, highly respected colored citizens of the Rock Springs community, have sent four sons into the service of their country. They are: Cpl. Virgil Carr, attached to the 3420th Q. M. Trk. Co., who is now with the army of occupation: Pfc. A. A. Carr, serving in the Pacific area; STM 3/c Willie F. Carr, stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, MD, was home for a recent leave, and Pfc. Haywood Carr, with the 39th TNG Regt., is stationed at Camp Livingston, LA. He was formerly located at Fort Benning, GA

Pvt. Eugene Masters, stationed at Camp Livingston, LA, is spending his furlough of two weeks here with his family. His twin sister, Miss Irene Masters, came from Old Hicdory to spend her vacation at home while he was here.

Lieut. Frank Alexander, Seabees, U. S. Navy, who is now commander of his division on Saipan, writes that they are very busy as they are short as much as 100 Seabees, and have a huge job to complete, which requires working ten hours per day, seven days a week.

For meritorious conduct while attached to Fleet Air Wing Two, Lawrence Whiteaker, aviation machinist second class, U. S. N. of Monterey, received a Commendation Ribbon presented by Comdr. Samuel H. Porter, USN, (Ret), acting executive officer of the U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, CA, at that base, the 11th Naval District has announced.

His citation, signed by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, credited him with "courage, and outstanding ability and devotion to duty" in completing scheduled combat flights during his tour of duty from April 19, 1943, to April 10, 1945.

As a member of a patrol bomber crew, he operated in an active combat area in repeated long over-water flights in the Pacific. Bluejacket Whiteaker went overseas in January, 1943. He returned to the United States last April and assumed duties in the aviation and repair division at the San Diego Air Station. While overseas he participated in the Marshall, Gilbert and Philippine Islands campaigns.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Whiteaker, of Monterey, Machinist Whiteaker formerly attended Cumberland County High School, at Crossville.

Pfc. Clarence E. Burton, of Silver Point, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action in Italy.

He served on the Fifth Army front with the 337th "Wolverine" Regiment of the 85th "Custer" Division.

When the two soldiers carrying the mortar, were wounded during an enemy artillery barrage and dropped their mortar, Burton, an ammunition bearer volunteered to return to the shelled area and recover the mortar. Although subjected to heavy fire in making the two trips, he recovered both the mortar tube and base plate.

His mother, Mrs. Dora M. Burton, lives on Silver Point, Route 2.

Pfc. George C. McCormick, whose mother, Mrs. W. A. McCormick, lives on Route 5, is now home on furlough. While fighting with the Timberwolf Division, he participated in the German campaigns and was awarded the Combat Infantry award.

Now in training at the U. S. Marine Service Training Station, at Sheepshead Bay, NY, are James E. Roberts, 17, and Hollie K. Jones, 17, both of Cookeville. The apprentice seamen will receive six weeks of basic training, including lifeboat work, fires fighting, breeches buoy, sea rules and traditions, swimming, ship construction and equipment, gunnery and physical training. After completing "boat" training they may enter deck or engine training. After completing "boot" training they may enter deck or engine training, including three weeks of practical experience aboard a training ship at sea, or may apply for one of the specialized schools of training.

Leonard Forrest Maxwell, son of Mrs. Etta Maxwell, Baxter, Route 3, served in a gun crew that helped repel a Jap air raid on a carrier task force near Kyushu, southernmost of the Jap main islands, sharing in the credit for two of four enemy planes shot down and an assist for the other two.

Not long after our own planes had taken off for a strike against Kyushu, the first Jap plane appeared, screened by cloud cover. Shells from 20-mm. and 40-mm. guns sent the Jap spinning toward the sea. Another, Jap plane which appeared was broken in two by heavy anti-aircraft fire, dropping into the sea where its bomb exploded harmlessly. Next three Jap planes came in, singly and minutes apart. Each time Yank guns turned loose, and a Jap plane tumbled down, one of them fully afire, narrowly missed the fantail of the carrier in its plunge to the sea. Maxwell is director operator on a 40-mm gun aboard his ship. He was a freight checker before entering the Navy in November, 1943.

The Combat Infantryman's Badge, authorized for an infantryman who fights at the front, and accompanied by extra pay for the multiple hazards of the forward infantryman, has been awarded to 546 members of the Second Infantry Division by Major General Walter M. Robertson, commanding general of the division.

Among those receiving the award on the latest list was Pfc. O.B.M. Hix, of Cookeville, Route 3.

Sgt. Louie H. Roberts is a member of the Third Battalion of the 330th "Polar Bear" Regiment, which discovered a vast collection of priceless art treasures that had been taken by the Germans from all over Italy and hidden in a 15th Century castle in Italy. The 239th, part of the 95th "Custer" Division, fought as a unit of the Fifth Army.

Tank-mounted troops of the battalion entered the castle and found a number of large, sealed crates with German lettering on them. Inspection of the crates revealed that they contained 350 pieces of art, paintings, sculptures, carvings, antiques, all properly tagged and in good condition. There were works by Rembrandt, Ruggens, Raphael, Michaelangelo, Botticelli, Holbein and Velasquez.

Pvt. and Mrs. Edward H. Carr and son, Mickey, of Tacoma, WA, and Mrs. Arretta C. Davis and son, Wayne A., of Dayton, OH, have been visiting with their mother and brother, Mrs. E. H. Carr and Clarence Carr, of Peachtree Street. Pvt. and Mrs. Carr and son have now returned to Washington, where Pvt. Carr is stationed at Fort Lewis, and Mrs. Davis and son have returned to Ohio.

Pfc. Luther L. Vaughn, of Cookeville, is a cannoneer in the 80th "Blue Ridge" Infantry Division's 313th Field Artillery Battalion, which recently received the coveted War Department Distinguished Unit Citation in the name of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, as announced in orders of the War Department, Washington, D. C., signed by Chief of Staff General of the Armies George C. Marshall. The decoration accompanying the citation is a gold rimmed blue ribbon, worn on the right chest, the only American decoration so worn.

First Lieut. John Reynolds, who has been based with the Eighth Air Force in England for many months, has returned to the States, and last week was here for a visit with his family on Whitson Street. Lieut. Reynolds goes to Sioux City, IA, for a new assignment. Flying a B-24 he completed his mission over Germany before V-E Day.

T/5 Wheeler B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson are the proud parents of a baby daughter born July 14, who has been named Lula Carolyn. T/5 Johnson is now "Somewhere on the Aleutian Islands."

Cpl. Gilbert Baskil Roberts, of Route 3, Cookeville, has arrived in London from the Continent to spend a seven-day furlough in the United Kingdom. Cpl. Roberts, who fought with the Battery C, 441st AAA Battalion, said he expects to spend his furlough in London. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Roberts, live on Route 3.

Lewis Hunter Bohannon, Rh M 3/c, U. S. Navy, arrived in Cookeville Monday following eight months of naval duty in the Pacific area, to spend his 20-day leave with his wife the former Miss Mildred Bilbrey, and son Jim Bohannon, and with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Bohannon, on Dixie Avenue. In service for the past 19 months, this is his first leave home. He was stationed for many months in San Diego, Ca, and took training at numerous other California naval bases. At the expiration of his leave, he reports again to his ship "Somewhere in the Pacific. His sister, Mrs. Jack Staley and son, of Washington, D. C., are here and are also enjoying his visit.

Pvt. Fred Presley, Jr., stationed in AL, on military duty, and Mrs. Presley are spending his furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Presley, and other members of the family.

Mrs. John Moore is in receipt of a letter from her husband, S/Sgt. Moore, stating that he has arrived safely in India, and is located a short distance from Calcutta. Sgt. Moore who has been in the service for more than two years, attached to the ground crew of the Army Air Forces, left the States some two months ago. He has been stationed at different mid-western camps, and prior to his leaving for foreign duty, was stationed in NV. Mrs. Moore makes her home here during his absence with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore. She recently visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amonett and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of Gordonsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cosby Bowman, of Cookeville, Route 2, were in West Tennessee last week to see Othel McClure, who resides near Dresden, but is stationed at Kenny General Hospital in Memphis, recuperating from wounds received while a prisoner of war in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman's son, James Bowman was killed at the same time young McClure was injured. The train on which they were traveling across Germany was bombed and Pfc. Bowman was killed instantly, just eleven days before peace was declared.

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Rickman Man Gives Bronze Star Medal:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Means, of Rickman have been notified that their son, Pfc. Ernest E. Means, has been awarded the Bronze Star and three Oak Leaf Clusters while serving in Normandy, in Belgium, Southern France and Germany. He has six overseas stripes, E.T.O. and Good Conduct ribbon and Rifle pin.

Private Means entered the service May 1, 1942, and went overseas in July the same year. He served with the 347th Com bat Engineers with the Ninth Army. He is now in Housen, Germany, and has 89 points.

His brother, Sgt. Walter E. Means, is "Somewhere in the South Pacific area."

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

After a year's operation, during which 7,452 soldier-patients were treated, the large United States Army general hospital at Wimborne, Dorset, England, has completed its mission there.

Lieut. Col. Lunsford T. Reeves of Washington Avenue, Cookeville, was Chief of Dental Service for the hospital.

He is the husband of Mrs. Mary Louise Reeves, of the Washington Avenue address, and entered the Army in July, 1942,

Among the hospital's nurses was First Lieutenant Helen Livingston, who performed general duty. Lt. Livingston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harva R. Livingston, of Algood, and was a nurse in the Kirby Memorial Hospital in Monticello, IL, before entering the Army in January, 1943.

Eugene Bumbalough, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Effie Bumbalough, of Cookeville, Route 5, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. When his recruit training is completed he will receive a period of leave.

Pfc. Clay Bohannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bohannon, of Cookeville, Route 5, who has been stationed with a postal detachment in New York City, was recently transferred to the Medical Corps, and is now at Camp Kilmer, NJ. Recently he spent a brief furlough in Detroit, MI, with his wife.

T/4 Brice R. Anderson, of Dixie Avenue, Cookeville, son of B. M. Anderson, of the Fairview community, has been in the service since November, 1941, and overseas for 16 months. He wears three campaign stars, having participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland in Central Europe. He now has 83 deployment points. Prior to entering the army he was a truck driver.

Joe C. Mabry, Pm M 2/c U. S. Navy who was wounded in the battle of Iwo Jim, was returned to the States some months ago for hospitalization, and upon his recovery came to spend his leave with his wife, Mrs. Mabry, and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Mabry. Later he reported to New Orleans, LA, and is now on Treasure Island, CA, where he is awaiting a new assignment.

Pvt. Jess W. Jared, 29, Field Artillery, of Baxter, whose services overseas terminated in Germany, has five battle stars, arrived in Miami, FL, recently by Army Transport Command, and was transferred to Camp Blanding. In the near future he will be granted a furlough home.

Ens. Robert Taylor Rhea, Jr., U. S. Naval Reserve, graduated from the U. S. Submarine School at the submarine base in New London, CT, May 5, and is now on duty in the Pacific. Since enlisting Ensign Rhea has taken training at the University of Louisville, Asbury Park, NJ, Northwestern University, Chicago, San Diego, CA, and New London, CT. He received his commission at Northwestern, September, 1944, where he graduated with honors, and was accepted for submarine service.

T/5 James England, 31, son of Drew England of Ravencroft, and Pfc. Edward Shoemake, 26, husband of Mrs. Amcie Soemake, of Cookeville, have returned from service outside the continental United States and are now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, FL, where their next assignment will be determined.

Cpl. England served 29 months as a truck driver in the European Theater of Operations. While there he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat against the enemy. Presidential Unit Citations, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the European campaign ribbon with six battle stars.

Musician first class Petty Officer Eugene Huddleston and Mrs. Huddleston announce the birth of a daughter at the Naval Hospital, Pensacola, FL, on June 25, who has been named Dona Jean. The baby and her mother have been removed to their home at 100 Gilliland Road, N. W. Navy Point, Warrington, FL.

Pfc. Hubert Luke, of Cookeville, Route 2, has recently been assigned to the Sedalia Army Air Field, Warrensburg, OH, an installation of the First Troop Carrier Command. He is the son of Mrs. Theresa Luke, of the same address, and before entering the Army Air Forces, was employed in farming.

Pfc. John T. Smith, Jr., is spending his 30-day furlough with his wife, the former Pearl Randolph, and three sons, in North Cookeville, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Sr., of 608 Whitney Street. Pfc. Smith has been in service for 16 months, the most of which he spent in the European Theatre of Operations with Patton's Third Army. He is the wearer of the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the E.T.O. Ribbon with four battle stars. At the end of his furlough, he reports to Fort McPherson, Ga, for further assignment.

Pvt. John D. McCormick, of the Coast Artillery at Fort Baker, San Francisco, CA, recently spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick, his brother, Pfc. George C. McCormick, who is with the 104th "Timber Wolf" Division, is spending his 30-day furlough with them. He will return to San Louis Obispo, CA.

S/Sgt. Delbert J. Bradford, of Silver Point, recently was awarded the Medical Badge, in recognition of his having daily shared with the doughboys the hazards and hardships of combat while serving with an infantry unit on the Fifth Army front during the Italian campaign. The badge is an oval silver wreath across which is a litter. A caduceus and the Geneva Cross are superimposed. It is worn above decorations and service ribbons on the left breast. Bradford is a surgical technician with the 339 Infantry Regiment of the 85th "Custer" Division. He is the son of Mrs. Eliz Bradford, whose home is on Silver Point, Route 2.

Pfc. Shoemake served for seven months as a rifleman in the European Theatre of Operations. While there he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat against the enemy, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the European campaign ribbon with two battle stars.

Before entering the service, Pfc. Shoemake was employed by Tennessee Handle Company, of Cookeville. He became a member of the Armed Forces on April 11, 1944.

Sgt. Samuel R. Bullock, 207 Locust Street, is enroute home from the European Theater of Operations with the veteran "Bloody Bucket" Division, which in eight months saw vicious combat from Normandy's hedgerows to the heart of the Reich. The 28th quit its occupational duties in Germany July 5, and moved to Camp Pittsburgh, one of Assembly Area Command's 17 redeployment camps near Reims. Entering action July 30, 1944, at St. Lo, the "Bloody Bucket" men battled across Normandy, paraded through Paris, proceeded east through Belgium and Luxembourg, and smashed into the Siegfried Line September 11, the first troops to enter Germany in strength. After its November fight in Hurtgen Forest, the 28th moved to the "quiet" Luxembourg sector. On December 16, it caught the full force of Von Rundstedt's Ardennes offensive. Quickly recuperating, the 28th moved south to help liberate Colmar in Alsace and drive to the Rhine. Within a month, it was again at the Rhine near Coblenz.

Sgt. Bullock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bullock, of Route 5, and holds the following decorations: the E.T.O. Ribbon, with three battle stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Good Conduct Medal.

James DuBois, TMV 3/c, U.S.N., is here for a 20-day leave, which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. DuBois, at their home on Peachtree Street, following a year's absence on sea duty. Serving on an aircraft carrier he has been in Okinawa and other Japanese areas. At the close of his leave he reports to the West Coast for another assignment.

Ephriam T. Jackson, 19, aviation radioman, USNR, 120 Scott Street, radioman and gunner aboard a twin engine Navy patrol plane, has completed a tour of duty in the Atlantic.

Serving with Patrol Bomb Squadron 212, he flew many long-range flights in search of U-boats and enemy surface craft in helping to keep the sea lanes clear and thus insure a steady flow of supplies to Europe.

The combat aircrewman is the son of B. L. Jackson, Cookeville. He entered the Navy in October, 1943.

T/Sgt. Alvin W. Boyd, who recently returned from infantry combat duty in Germany, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boyd.

Lieut. (j.g.) William Anderson, who has been spending a 30-day leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, left Monday for CA, where he is reporting for a new assignment with the U. S. Coast Guard. Lieut. Anderson left Nashville Monday night by plane, arriving at Burbank Field, Los Angeles, 12 hours later. Sunday, other guests in the Anderson home were, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and son, of Knoxville, Lieut. Russell Anderson, Army Air Corps, and Lieut. Wayne Anderson, U. S. navy, who have just returned to the States, and are spending their leave of 30 days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Anderson, of Gainesboro, Mrs. P. J. Anderson, and Mrs. Harry Page, of Gainesboro.

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Cpl. Henry Grimes Returns From Overseas:

Cpl. Henry Grimes is spending his 30-day furlough in Cookeville with his wife, the former Miss Marie Lamb and young son, William Henry Grimes, who was born after he reported for overseas service. He and his family are dividing their time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grimes, of Cookeville, Route 2, and with the junior Mrs. Grimes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Lamb.

Cpl. Grimes landed in the States the early part of July, after spending many months on foreign soil, where he saw service in England, France and Germany. He was in the latter country when peace came, serving with Patton's Third Army. His training in the States was taken in CA and Camp Rucker, AL, and he reports to Camp Gruber, OK, for a new assignment.

Lawrence D. Grimes, S 1/c, stationed in New Orleans, LA, on naval duty, has been spending his 23-day leave with his parents, and the brothers have enjoyed a visit together, the first they have experienced in some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes have another son, James D. Grimes, with the U. S. Army, "Somewhere in France." He, too, has been overseas many months. A son-in-law, M/Sgt. B. W. Southgate, is now in Germany.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

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Cpl. Willie L. Taylor Awarded Bronze Star:

Cpl. Willie L. Taylor, son of Mrs. Lena B. Taylor, 208 Chestnut Street has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon.

The award was made by the Commanding General of the First Cavalry Division, Brigadier General Hugh Hoffman.

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Cpl. Bryant, Pvt. Gentry Honor Guests:

Honoring their son-in-law, Cpl. Rayburn V. Bryant, home on furlough from the European Theate of Operations, and their nephew, Pvt. Charels Ezell Gentry, who is spending his furlough at home, following many months in the Pacific area, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gentry were hosts Monday of a delightfully arranged gathering when different members of their family participated in the social features of the day.

An excellent menu was served and those sharing it were: Cpl. Buyant, Mrs. Bryant and son, Alex Vaden Bryant, Pvt. and Mrs. Gentry and son, Charles E., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gentry, Mrs. Ester Gaw, Aline Gaw, Jean and Billy Phillips, of Vincennes, IN, who are spending the summer with their grandparents.

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Lieut. Burch D. Wade Receives Bronze Star:

First Lieut. Burch D. Wade, of Cookeville, has received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service performed while he was a member of the 549th Engineer Light Pontoon Company. Specifically, the citation mentioned the officer's work in the speeding of delivery of sections of Bailey bridges, thus enabling rapid construction and replacement of destroyed spans.

Lieutenant Wade, a 1935 graduate of Cookeville High School, attended the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and later worked for the Tennessee Electric Power Company, of Chattanooga, and the TVA. He entered the Army in March, 1941, was commissioned October 14, 1942, and was promoted to his present rank on October 7, 1943.

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Putnam County Veterans Service Office Reopened:

Melvin C. Huffine has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties as Veteran's Service Officer for Putnam County. The office is located in the Capshaw Law Office, Southwest Corner of the Public Square, on Spring Street. All returning veterans who need help in filling out applications under the G.I. Bill of Rights may receive aid at this office, free of charge.

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Service To Veterans – Now for a home, get your Veterans home loan Here:

The G. I. Bill of Rights makes home ownership easier for all honorably discharged men and women of the armed forces than it ever was before. But be sure to avail yourself of its fullest benefits.

True, you may get your home financed up to a large per cent of its value and you may in some cases take up to 20 years to repay your loan. But surely you see that you must be careful in acquiring your home as if you were paying all cash. You must get a home suited to your present and future needs. It must be a good investment.

So you have every reason to seek the benefit of our long experience in making home loans. Come in and talk over your plans with us.

COOKEVILLE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATION: 200 Citizens Bank Bldg.,
Cookeville, TN.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pfc. Willie Langford, of Cookeville, is a member of the 56th Fighter Group, crack P-47 Thunderbolt outfit commanded by Lt. Col. Lucien A. Dade Jr., of Hopkinsville, KY, which has been awarded a second Distinguished Unit Citation for "outstanding performance of duty."

Pfc. Langford's father, Daniel P. Langford, lives in Cookeville.

Arriving August 12 to spend several days with their parents, will be Lt. William H. Boyd, of Ft. Devins, MA, Miss Mary Boyd, of Nashville, and Miss Avo Boyd, of Fort Benning, GA. T/Sgt. Alvin Boyd, who recently returned from overseas combat duty, will return to Pal m Springs, CA, August 19.

Capt. Ciro Martinez, husband of the former Miss Olivia Minor, who was wounded in Luxembourg last December, and who was wounded in Luxembourg last December, and who has been hospitalized in England, recently enjoyed a recuperation and rehabilitation leave in Folkstone, on the English Channel.

William P. Gambrell, of Cookeville, Route 1 has received promotion to Private First Class. He is a patient at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, GA, and was wounded overseas.

Lt. James Beaty, formerly of Livingston, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pointer, of Algood, last week. Lt. Beaty, pilot of a B-24, was shot down over German territory where he was kept a prisoner for nine months. He was liberated recently and is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Beaty, of Clinton. He also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler Pointer Jr., of Cookeville.

Technician 5th grade Thomas H. Patton, 35, veteran of 12 months overseas in the European Theater of Operations where he served in the Army Service Forces, and was awarded the ETO ribbon with one campaign star and the Good Conduct medal, returned to the U. S. July 31, aboard an Air Transport Command trans-Atlantic plane laning him at LaGuardia Field, NY. He plans to visit his mother at 105 W. Stevens Street.

Sgt. Ralph E. Mahler, of the Air Transport Command is now on duty in Casablanca. He was recently transferred from John Payne Field, in Cairo, Egypt, where he was stationed for 13 months. Sgt. Mahler is connected with the "Green project," which, flys American boys back to the States.

Sgt. Robert Poteet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Poteet, was recently transferred from Langley Field, VA, to Scoot Field, IL. Serving with the Army Air Corps, he has been in the service for the past two years. Sam Poteet, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Poteet, is taking his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. He has been away the past two months. At the close of this training period, he will be granted a furlough home.

E. A. Fox, S 2/c, U. S. Navy, stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, was home for a week-end visit with his family in Dixie Avenue. Mrs. Fox went to Nashville to meet him on Friday.

Shelton Sherrell, A-S, U. S. Navy, reported for duty July 20, at Bainbridge, MD, where he is taking his boot training. He and his family were making their home in Sparta, when called to the service. At the present, Mrs. Sherrell, the former Miss Joyce Carmack, and children are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack, on First Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Burton, of Silver Point, have a recent letter from their son, Staff Sergeant Fred Burton, who has been in the ETO for a number of months with a Paratroop Division. At the time the letter, which is quoted in part, was written, he was at Auxerre, France. 'Have just returned from a few days' educational and sight seeing trip up around the border of France, Belgium, over in Luxembourg and down in Germany and enjoyed the trip as well as it being educational. We were transported by plane to different points and then trucks were waiting to carry us to places of interest. By this means, we made the trip without being exhausted from traveling. Saw many historical buildings and many other sights I would have never known about otherwise. Visited the famous French Maginot Line of defense. I learned about bombing and how fierce it can be, as I saw entire cities leveled or destroyed, for example, one German city with a population of over one hundred thousand that was bombed on a single mission, lasting for 30 minutes and the only things left standing were a stone lower and one monument in the city square, and I was told that approximately fourteen thousand persons were buried in the debris. I could go on writing about my trip, but maybe I can tell you in person about it before long - hope so.'

Pvt. William B. Bryant, Cookeville, Route 4, was given a medical discharge from the Army of the United States at the Regional Hospital at Fort Knox, KY, Col. R. C. Thrackmorton, post commander, has announced.

Warrant Officer Hershel Sevier Barnes goes soon to Asbury Park, NJ, where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Ross Gollisby, and Lieut Gollisby for a stay of several days. W/O Barnes is home on leave from the European Theatre of War, and is spending the time with his mother, Mrs. Susan Barnes. On August 18, reports to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, for another assignment. In service the past four years, twenty months of the time was spent on foreign duty. With the 12th Engineers of the Eighth Division, he was stationed in Ireland for a period of eight months, later going on the continent, where he saw service in France, Luxembourg and Germany, and he wears the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in December while on combat duty in Germany. He participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns and has three battle stars on his ETO ribbon. He was attached at different times to the First, Third and Ninth Armies, and when peace came, was in Germany. He sailed for home the early part of July.

Pvt. John Minor, stationed at Camp Blanding, FL, while taking his basic training, has recently been hospitalized because of a leg injury. Pvt. Minor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Minor, has been away on military service since the early part of the summer.

Morrison Lowe, Jr. U. S. Coast Guard, who has been stationed on the Carolina Coast, for several months, is here to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Lowe.

Samule K. Neal, 37, recently promoted to specialist, third class, whose wife, Roberta Conditt Neal, and two children, Roberta Salter, 10, and Kenyon, 2, live in Carthage, is now stationed at the Fleet Home Town News Center, Chicago, IL. A veteran of 20 years of newspaper work, he graduated from Cookeville Central High School in 1927, and attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute for two years.

During his extensive newspaper career, Neal has been associated with the Herald, Cookeville, 7 years; the Nashville Banner, 5 years, and the Chattanooga News, Free Press, 1 year. Having bought their own paper six years ago, he and his wife are owners and publishers of the Carthage Courier, a weekly. His wife is running the paper in his absence.

He entered the Navy in January, 1945, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

The Fleet Home Town News Center is where news and pictures of the men and women of the Navy all over the world come in for editing and distribution to their home towns. Through the Center people at home read and hear of the adventurous or routine lives their Navy men and women are living.

News comes into the office from Fleet correspondents all over the world. Here it is read in conformity with newspaper style, checked for security, taste, and accuracy, and is quickly dispatched to the daily and weekly newspaper and radio stations covering the areas of the men and women concerned.

Neal is assigned to the copy editing section at the Center.

Pfc. Clarence F. Ward, of Brotherton, Route 1, enroute home from Europe with the "Old Hickory" Division, which broke up Germany's supreme counter-offensive in Normandy, is now being processed at Camp Oklahom City, an infantry redeployment center operated by the Assembly Area Command.

On December 17, 1944, the Division wheeled south to help stop Runstedt's lightning attack in the Ardennes. After some bitter fighting in the Stavelot-Malmedy sector they sent the Germans reeling back, frustrating Nazi plans to seize Belgium's northern ports. Stunned SS Panzer troops taken prisoner and gasping Nazi radio commentators spoke of having yielded to "Roosevelt's SS" in this battle.

Out for the kill, the 30th led the Ninth Army's assault crossing of the Rhine on March 24, and fought its way more than 200 miles to the Elbe at Magdeburg, where Russians and Americans clasped hands in an historic union.

Pfc. Ward is the husband of Sarah Ward, of Brotherton. He holds the following decorations: Purple Heart, ETO ribbon with three battle stars, Good Conduct ribbon, Unit Citation and Combat Badge.

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Camouflage Specialist at Deployment Center:

A total of 114,000 signs contribute to the effective operations of the 17 camps in the Assembly Area Command, in northeastern France, now speeding the army personnel from Europe to the Pacific and the United States.

Company "D", 604th Engineer Camouflage Battalion, painted the signs at the rate of 11,000 a day – but huge and rapid production for the members of this outfit, formerly assigned to the U. S. Ninth Army.

When Lieutenant General Simpson's troops were poised for a crossing of the Rhine River at Wesel, Germany, the camouflage specialists constructed and set up 500 decoys – dummy tanks, landing craft, pontoons, trucks, and bulldozers – miles to the south, in the vicinity of Dusseldorf.

So complete was the deception, the Germans moved thousands of troops from Wessel to Dusseldorf as a defense against the expected attack. The Ninth crossed the Rhine at Wessel, and the enemy forces were so out-generated, the Americans advanced 4,000 yards east of the Rhine before the Germans fired a shot.

This mission played such an important part in the crossing of the Rhine by the Ninth Army, that "D" Company received a commendation from General Simpson. It said, in part: "The deceptive measures employed were of such a nature that on one occasion enemy aircraft strafed the dummy installations, leaving the actual equipment unmolested. Large numbers of enemy troops were diverted from the crossing site thereby aiding materially in the success of the crossing.

"I desire to commend the officers and men of Company D, 604th Engineer Camouflage Battalion," the commendation continued, "for their splendid performance and to express my appreciation for a job well done."

Members of the unit included Sgt. Alvin H. Lee, of Cookeville, Route 5.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Gilbert D. Kinnaird, U. S. Navy, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Kinnard, on Cookeville, Route 1.

Charles F. Officer, Jr., Chief Boatswain's Mate, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Officer, has been spending a 30-day leave in Monterey, after having been in Attu, Aleutian Islands, for the past 14 months. He reported to Nashville to be assigned to a destroyer training program at Norfolk, VA.

Pfc. Arthur Akin is spending a 30-day furlough in Monterey, having been in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines the past 20 months.

First Lieut. John Allison Bullington, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington, who has been overseas for the past 16 months, serving with the B-29 bomber group to serve in the China-Burma-India area, was

stationed with the 20th Bomber Command in India for a year. Recently he was transferred to the 21st Bomber Command and is now on Tinian, where he is Personal Equipment Officer of his division. He has flown missions over targets in six countries and wears the Distinguished Unit Citation and Air Medal and the Ribbon bearing four battle stars.

Billy Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapin, in the European Area for many months, has been promoted to Chief Warrant Officer, and has been transferred to the 900th Signal Corps, according to a recent letter received from him. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin's son-in-law, Lawrence Bartlett, is now stationed in Honolulu. Mrs. Bartlett, the former Miss Virginia Chapin, has a position in Oak Ridge.

Cpl. Robert McKinley, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Tyndall Field, FL, has been promoted from Pfc. to his present grade. Pvt. J. C. McKinley, Jr., is now stationed in France after having been overseas for several months. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinley, of this city.

James Grimsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsley, of Cookeville, Route 2, is here on leave following naval duty in the Atlantic area, and later in the Pacific Theater. He has been in service since February, 1943, taking his training at Bainbridge, MD, and has been on active sea duty for 22 months. He saw service in five major campaigns, including the Marshalls, Pelelieu, Luzon, Leyte, and Okinawa, and in the latter, on May 26, his ship was sunk. He reports to Nashville on August 26, for further assignment.

Lieut. Charles Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Navy, is here on leave, spending the time with Mrs. Sharpe and daughters at the home of her mother, Mrs. Oscar K. Holladay. Lieut Sharpe recently returned to the States, following sea duty in the Pacific Area.

Sgt. Billy Proffitt has returned to Jackson, MS, after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt, and his sister, Miss Jean Proffitt. He has been hospitalized at the government hospital in Jackson, since returning from overseas duties some months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Proffitt accompanied their son to Nashville.

Algood Vaden, U. S. Army Paratroopers, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Saturday, has been removed to Thayer Hospital in Nashville, where his condition is thought to be slightly improved. His mother, Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, and sister, Miss Polly Vaden, are in Nashville to be near him.

Aboard the USS Texas, "Somewhere in the Pacific"-Lloyd R Sherrell, 19, Seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sherrell, of Baxter, has served aboard this man-o'-war, veteran of five invasions, during 50 consecutive days of the Okinawa campaign.

Aboard the USS Mobile, in the Pacific-Charles E. Burch, radio technician, first class, USNR, of Algood, served aboard this light cruiser which ducked a dozen Kamikaze planes and avoided enemy mines, torpedoes and suicide boats in order to move in close and smash more than 350 Jap shore targets as her contribution to victory at Okinawa.

The handled two million gallons of gasoline daily in combat, but the soldiers of the 1370th Engineer Petroleum Distributing Co., would consider themselves fortunate to get even an extra gallon on their return home. The 1370th is heading for the United States through redeployment procedure of the Assembly Area Command and with it is Cpl. Thomas Patton, of 105 W. Stephens Street.

Having handled better than 40,000 tons of supplies in the European Theater, a Quartermaster Depot Company, of which Pfc. Joseph F. Jacquess, Cookeville, Route 3, is a member, is now being processed at Camp Cleveland in the Assembly Area Command, near Reims, France, for direct redeployment to the Pacific. The unit, which served as many as 750,000 troops at one time in Germany, reached Scotland in late June, 1944. For a month it operated a general depot in England before moving across the Channel.

Twenty-six months in the combat zones without firing a round, the 550th Field Artillery Battalion challenges any organization to beat this mark, or match its hard luck story of no battle stars for the same length of time. Formerly the Second Battalion of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment, the 550th missed out on

battle participation stars by six degrees latitude once and again by six days and six miles. And the worst part of it all, one star would put many members over the critical 85-point score, and two stars would untittle 80 percent of the battalion to discharge.

With this outfit enroute to the U. S. is Cpl. Bethel L. Brown, of Cookeville.

Pfc. Everett R. Miller, son of Mrs. Mindie C. Miller, of Monterey, Route 3, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary conduct, efficiency and fidelity." Pvt. Miller is a member of Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division, which last fall wrested the Palaus and other Western Caroline Islands from the Japs.

Cpl. Ray J. Swallows, of Brotherton, Route 1, is now being processed at Camp Detroit in the Assembly Area Command as a member of a veteran P-47 Fighter Group being redeployed directly to the Pacific area. Cpl. Swallows is the husband of Mrs. Ray Swallows, of the same address. Overseas 15 months, he is authorized to wear the Presidential Unit Citation, award and four Bronze Stars, battle campaign stars.

Pfc. Elmer H. Gamble, is enroute home from Europe with the five-star "Santa Fe" Division, which is ten months battled across the Elbe River to within 42 miles of Berlin. The 35th ended its occupational duties in Germany during the second weeks of July and moved to Camp Norfolk, one of the Assembly Area Command's 17 redeployment camps near Reims. Elements of the Division served as honor guards for President Truman when he arrived at Antwerp. Hitting Omaha Beach, on July 7, 1944, the 35th fought the Germans from St. Lo, broke the counter-offensive at Mortain, swept across France, cracked into Germany Saar Valley on December 2 and then whipped into Belgium and Luxembourg to wither Von Rundstedt Ardebbe bulge.

Following a shift to the Vosges Mountains, the Division dashed 300 miles North through Holland to jump the Roer and Rhine Rivers, crush the Siegfried Line defenses, and to scoop up more than 30,000 PW's by V-E Day, to mark the end of more than 1600 combat miles in the ETO.

Pfc. Gamble is the son of Jesse Gamble, of Buffalo Valley. He holds the following decorations: Presidential Citation and Oak Leaf Cluster with five battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal and Combat Infantry Badge.

Sgt. Harlon B. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Allen, 411 Hickory Street, Cookeville, is also enroute home after serving through the European Campaign with the above outfit. He wears the following decorations: Purple Heart, five battle stars and Combat Infantry Badge.

Pfc. Howard R. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson, of Brotherton, is also enroute home after having served with the 35th Division in Europe. He holds five battle stars and the Combat Infantry Badge.

John Jared, S 1/c, is spending his leave with his wife and little daughter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jared near Boma. He has been serving in the navy about 28 months, 18 months, beyond Pearl Harbor. He had not been home in two years.

George P. Ray, Jr., SP 1/c has been with the U. S. Navy since June 1943, in July he was transferred to San Diego, CA, for his boot training and in October, 1943, was assigned to a LST. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ray Sr., of 115 Proffitt Street. The following items relative to the activities of his particular ship are taken from a recent press and radio release:

The USS LST 477, battered veteran of six major Pacific campaigns from Attu to Iwo Jima, has returned to the West Coast for repairs before returning to battle.

After breezing through many near misses from bombs, gunfire and torpedoes in the Aleutians, Gilberts, Marshalls, New Guinea and Marianas, LST 477 finally took, simultaneously, a Jap bomb, and a Kamikaze plane off Iwo Jima. Despite resulting fires and heavy internal damage, the landing ship pressed on to safely land the Third Marine Tank Battalion, with their tanks, on the volcanic ash beach.

Following this action, LST 477 was routed back to a West Coast port for repairs and her second return to the States for this purpose in two years.

The crewmen of the 477 enjoy telling the story of their three “sinkings,” two of which were false rumors and the third an error in numerical designation. The first occurred in the Aleutians campaign when ships arriving from San Francisco quoted on “good authority” a report that the 477 had been sunk with only six survivors. The second came in the Gilberts invasion when an “eye witness” account of her destruction circulated in Pearl Harbor. The third report, an official mistake, was most impressive, for the crew heard with their own ears a news broadcast from Pearl Harbor reporting LST 477 had been sunk by the Japs at Okinawa. The Navy Department corrected the error within a few hours.

First landing ship, Tank, built in the yards of Kaiser Cargo Company, Incorporated at Richmond, CA, the officers and men of LST 477 claim an astonishing list of “firsts.” These are reported by Lieut. Joseph C. Cowden, USNR, of 414 Smith Street, Niles, O.

“After commissioning February 29, 1943, the 477 was hurried up to the Aleutians with less than a month’s shakedown. She was one of the first LST’s in service in the Pacific, and with three sister ships, was first to go into an active combat zone.

At Attu, on May 11, 1943, the ‘Old 77’ made her first combat beaching and was the first LST to beach on an enemy-held island.

After putting the Marines ashore at Guam, LST 477 retracted under a hail of shells from unsubdued Jap artillery on Orote Peninsula. The LST group commander ordered the 477 to follow a larger ship to sea, out of range of the shore batteries. It happened that the guide ship was bound for Pearl Harbor and, literally interpreting her last, order, LST 477 tagged along for 4,000 miles to Hawaii. From Pearl Harbor, the ship was sent to the West Coast for Navy Yard overhaul.

Assignment to a secret camp located at Los Alamos, NM, one of the homes of the atomic bomb, was for Sgt. Roger T. Moore the anticlimax of three years of service in the Pacific Theatre. He is the son of Henry C. Moore, of Algood. Sgt. Moore was proud to be chosen to work on the most guarded secret of this war; surprised to learn that he was the only man in his group not holding a college degree or degrees.

Sgt. Moore had only two years of electrical engineering at the University of Oklahoma, and experience with telephone equipment installation. For being chosen to participate in the final perfection of the atomic bomb, his overseas record stands in the light of an honorary degree.

His group, working with electrical and electronic equipment, was to make up timing apparatus to control many data-collecting instruments which were to be used in testing the perfection of a bomb test to be made at a future date.

Sgt. Moore can now speak of the secret so instantly revealing, so stunning revolutionary. “Two weeks before the test, our group left for the Alamogordo Air Base, near Socorro, NM, where the test was to be made. There we set up and installed our equipment. The evening of July 15, 1945 my last detail was the last-minute checking and adjusting of apparatus. The early morning of July 16, I was ten miles distant from the bomb and its tower, wearing a welder’s goggles to protect my eyes. No one knew just what to expect, therefore I was startled at the spectacle which followed, as the whole affair was of many seconds duration. I have seen a liberty ship, loaded with explosives, bombed and explode. But it’s comparison with the atomic bomb in action is like comparing a small firecracker to a stick of dynamite.

“I consider myself very lucky in being one of only a few hundred to witness the first atomic bomb do its destruction. It is the most terrible weapon man has ever created.”

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COOKEVILLE CELEBRATES JAP SURRENDER; MAYOR ISSUES VICTORY PROCLAMATION.

Churches Open Doors for Thanksgiving Services:

As soon as President Truman announced the Japanese surrender, ending World War II, Tuesday evening at six o'clock, the celebration was on here, with whistles blowing, car horns tooting, loud speakers on cars in the parade playing patriotic songs, which continued throughout most of the night and early Wednesday morning.

The churches were opened and thanksgiving services were held, the churches remaining open for anyone to go in and worship until late in the evening.

Mayor D. S. Mahler issued the following proclamation, which was given over WHUB. The Mayor's proclamation follows:

"Whereas, by the proclamation of the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, announcing unconditional surrender of Japan and the ceasing of hostilities.

"I, D. S. Mahler, Mayor of the City of Cookeville, by virtue in me by the Charter of the City of Cookeville, do hereby declare the 14th day of August, 1945, to be a holiday for the purpose of giving thanks for the peace which has come to us.

"I appeal to all citizens to go to the church of their choice and to offer thanks to Almighty God for the glad news of the cessation of hostilities and to pray that the peace to follow will be a just and lasting one.

"I further appeal to all citizens that at all time, in any celebrations that may be held, that they will act in an orderly and peaceful manner as befitting Christian people.

"In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Cookeville, Tennessee, this 14th day of August, 1945.

Signed: D. S. Mahler, Mayor of the City of Cookeville, Tennessee."

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Lieut. James W. Murphy Promoted in Naval Reserve:

Word has been received by Mrs. James W. Murphy that her husband, Lieut. James W. Murphy, now stationed in Hawaii, has been promoted to senior lieutenant in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Lieut. Murphy has been on active duty with the Navy for the past three years, one year being served in the Atlantic and the remainder of the time aboard a ship in the Pacific operations.

During the invasion of Iwo Jima, he was serving as Officer of the Dock when his ship was attacked by enemy planes, and a Kamikaze plane carrying a five hundred pound bomb crashed in flames on her decks. Lt. Murphy, according to word received by Mrs. Murphy, from those on board the ship at the time, has been highly commended by his commanding officer for his actions during and after the attack. Even though seriously wounded and losing blood, he left the bridge after being relieved by the navigator and joined the repair party to help fight the fire. Murphy had been serving as the ship's First Lieutenant, and Damage Control Officer since November 1943. Later he was evacuated by hospital ship to the Mariana Island, and from there to Hawaii, where he completed his recovery.

Lieut. Murphy was one of the 44 men to receive Purple Heart Awards at a ceremony on board the ship after it arrived in Pearl Harbor. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy, he was assistant postmaster of the local office in civilian life.

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23 August 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

F/O Wesley Flatt, Jr. after a ten-day leave at home, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Flatt, has returned to Langley Field, VA, where he has been stationed for special training for several months. He is chief pilot on a B-24 Liberator, and was scheduled for foreign service when Japan surrendered. He is now awaiting further military orders.

Pfc. Joel Hensley who was here last week because of the death of his brother, Eddie Hensley, and to spend a short time with relatives, recently returned from 32 months of military service, stationed with the 114th General Hospital in the North African and Italian areas. He has been in service approximately four years. At present he is visiting his sister, Mrs. Cecil Cowan, and other relatives in Detroit, MI, and at the close of his 30-day furlough reports to Camp Crowder, MO, for a new assignment.

James Walker, son of Mrs. Mae H. Walker, of Dixie Avenue, is training for the U. S. Naval Air Corps, at A. & I. College, Monticello, AR, where he has been since early summer.

Lieut. W. C. O'Neal, who was recently for a brief leave with Mrs. O'Neal and daughters, reported to CA, where he is awaiting his orders for foreign service.

John Dow Thompson, U. S. Navy, who is spending his 30-day shore leave at his home in Baxter, where his mother resides, has been on naval duty since November, 1942. He took his boot training at Camp Bradford, VA, and later was transferred to the West Coast. He was granted a six-day leave, which he spent with relatives in Ventura, CA. Reporting soon thereafter for sea duty, he spent 13 months in Hawaii. He saw service during the campaigns of the Marshalls and Guam, remaining at the latter place until July of this year. His overseas service totals 28 months. At the expiration of his shore leave, he reports to Nashville for a new assignment.

In recent weeks, Pvt. Robert Rodgers, U. S. Marine Corps, spent a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers, of Cookeville, Route 4. He is now on foreign duty.

Capt. Leland P. Lovette of Greeneville, son of the late Rep. O. B. Lovette, is the skipper of the Navy's battle cruiser, Guam, one of two ships in the new class. Only six months in combat, the Guam already has proved a battling fortress. Capt. Lovette, an Annapolis graduate, was public relations director at Washington before taking over the warship. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked. Capt. Lovette is a cousin of Mrs. Henry Trent, of this city, and her friends here will be interested in reading of his exploits.

Lewis Hunter Bohannon, RHM 2/c U. S. Navy, is now stationed at a Naval Base in Seattle, WA, following his 26-day leave which he spent in Cookeville with Mrs. Bohannon and son, Jim Bohannon, and with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Bohannon. His sister, Mrs. Jack Staley, and son, of Washington, D. C., were here also to share his visit. This was the first time he had been home since entering the service more than a year ago, and much of his absence was spent in the Pacific area.

Among 17-year-old Middle Tennesseans enlisted in the Navy recently as announced by Lieutenant Commander E. E. Keith, Navy Recruiting Officer of Nashville, are: Joe Elmer Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson, 405 Peachtree Street, and Jame William Harris, son of Mrs. Allie Judd Loftis, of 507 Maple Street, both of Cookeville.

Woodrow Walker, ACMM, U. S. Navy, who has been in the Pacific area for the past 18 months, is home on a 30-day shore leave and is spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker. He has been on naval duty for six years, and at the expiration of his stay at home, he reports to FL for a new assignment. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have another son away on military duty, who is now stationed in Germany.

Pvt. Virgil L. Morgan, 24, of Cookeville, Route 5, serving in the MTO-Italian Theatre of War with the 351 Infantry, 88th Division, was returned to the States August 14. He wears three battle stars, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Good Conduct Medal.

Pfc. Noah F. Flatt, Bloomington Springs, Route 1, who has served 20 months overseas in the European area, was returned to the States.

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Lieut. Col. L. T. Reeves Home on 30-Day Furlough:

Dr. L. T. Reeves, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army, arrived in Cookeville, Saturday, August 18, to spend his 30-day furlough with Mrs. Reeves at their home on Washington Ave. In the European Theatre of War for more than a year, Lieut. Col. Reeves was among the hundreds of Americans obtaining passage on the Queen Elizabeth which landed in New York City early last week. He reported immediately to Fort McPherson, Atlanta, GA. Mrs. Reeves went to Atlanta to meet him and following a two day stay there, they stopped for a brief visit in Chattanooga, arriving here on Saturday.

Lieut. Col. Reeves, listed among the prominent professional men and civic leaders of Cookeville, prior to military duty, reported for army service in July, 1942, and went overseas last summer where he served as Chief of Dental Service, with a large general hospital located at Wimborn, Dossett, England, which has now completed its mission there.

At the conclusion of his furlough he reports to Camp Silbert, AL, for a new assignment.

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Sgt. Byrd McBroom Home Following Foreign Service:

Sgt. Byrd McBroom, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd McBroom, of Cookeville, Route 2, has, according to the army system, been discharged from military duty on 126 points, after serving 33 months in the European Theater of War. With Combat Engineers of the Sixth Army, he saw service in the African and Sicilian campaigns. From Sicily he was transferred to England, where he was in training for several months prior to the French Invasion. Landing on the Normandy beachhead he was in the entire French campaign, was in Luxembourg, fought in the Belgian Bulge, and crossed the Rhine into Germany, and was in that country on V-E Day. At the time he received his homeward orders he was in Czechoslovakia. He arrived in Miami, FL, by transport the early part of August, and came to Cookeville shortly thereafter. Wearing eight battle stars, he came through the 33 months without a wound of any kind. He enlisted for service and took his training at Fort Benning, GA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

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Capt. Charles A. Wirt Decorated in Bavaria:

The following article appeared in a Nashville daily recently, and will be read with much interest in Cookeville where Capt. Wirt's parents were reared. Ralph H. Wirt, of this city, is his uncle.

“Capt. Charles A. Wirt, 25, former Nashville resident and Vanderbilt University student, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in battle in the Siegburg sector of the Rhine bridgehead.

Captain Wirt was presented the DCS at a Regimental Parade, July 4, at Hamberg, Bavaria, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin B. Wirt, formerly of Nashville, now of Washington.

A member of Company G, 16th Infantry. First Infantry Division, Capt. Wirt was graduated from Hume-Fogg High School in 1937 and attended Vanderbilt University prior to entering the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, in 1939. He was graduated from the academy in January, 1943.

In addition to the DSC, Capt. Wirt holds the Silver Star and the Bronze Star, each with an Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.”

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Sgt. Ollen Carr Commended For Bravery in Pacific:

Sgt. Ollen Carr, Battery C, 181st F. A. Bn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, of Cedar Street, and whose wife has been residing in Detroit, Ohio, is due home shortly for a rest following many months of service in the Pacific area.

In recent weeks, Sgt. Carr has been commended for bravery, with the commendation reading as follows:

“It has come to my attention, near San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, you participated in the following action. A force of eighty Japs, including one Captain and one Lieutenant, armed with two flame throwers, eight mortars, six machine guns, small arms, grenades, mines, and demolition sets, attacked the battery position with the mission of destroying howiters and other material. Although the arms carried by the Japs were uncertainly superioe to arms in possession of your battery, you, and the other members of your battery moved from your position to intercept the enemy force moving into your area. Your courage and devotion to duty in fighting to stave off this attack is exemplary of the high standard of training and serious desire to do a good job.

“It gives me great pleasure to extend this commendation to you and desire that it be made a permanent part of your military record.

Leonard F. Wing, Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

Headquarters, 181st Field Artillery Bn, APO 159, 2 May, 1945.

TO: Sgt. Ollen K. Carr, Battery C., 181 FA Bn, APO 159

“It is with pleasure I transmit to you this well deserved commendation from Major General Wing. My congratulations to you and to the fighting team of Charlie Battery.

Copy of this commendation will be attached as a permanent record to your Service Record.

William M. MdLanry, Lt. Col, 181 FA Bn, Commanding.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Among those graduating recently from an intensive course of signal-man training at Service School at Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, was Austin Wheeler Smith, 17, son of Austin W. Smith, of Dixie Avenue. He was here for a week-end visit with his parents, reporting to Great Lakes again on Monday.

Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Ralph Williams are visiting Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. ___C. Stephens. Lieut. Williams has recently returned from 18 months duty in the North Pacific. After their visit here, they will go to New Orleans, LA, where he will receive further orders.

William S. Rose, U. S. naval Reserve, formerly of Monterey, who is stationed at Harbor Craft Base, San Pedro, CA, has just been awarded to the rate of Storekeeper third class, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. V. R. Williams, of Cookeville. Rose, who has been in the Navy since May, 1944, took his boot training at Camp Wallace, TX, and there was sent to San Diego. Upon completion of six months training there, he was transferred to San Pedro, CA, for duty in the Small Craft Supply Office, Harbor Craft Base. Prior to his enlistment in the Navy, he was employed by the Tennessee Central Railway Company, in Monterey, and is a graduate of the Monterey High School, serving as president of the senior class of 1944.

Cpl. Cecil Montgomery, stationed in El Paso, TX, has returned to his post of duty following a furlough visit here with relatives. Mrs. Montgomery, who accompanied him here is now in Cowan, her former home, following a summer stay in El Paso.

Lt. Bill Bain, who has spent the past nine months with the 13th Air Force, in the Pacific area, is spending his 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bain, of Baxter, and other relatives at Baxter and Gainesboro.

Lt. William McKinley, who recently arrived in Manila from Europe had the pleasure of a three-day visit with his brother, Sgt. Harry McKinley, who has been in the Pacific area two years. It was the first time they had seen each other in 31 months. Another brother, Cpl. Joe McKinley, is on Mindanao.

According to letters recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Judd, of Cookeville, Route 4, from their sons, Staff Sergeant Campbell Judd and Pfc. Everette Judd, who met on August 7, near Nurnberg, Germany, for the first time in two and one-half years. Campbell has been in the service 15 months and overseas 11 months with an infantry division. He was first sent to Italy and then to France and Germany. Everette has been in the service two years, and overseas nine months, serving with a field artillery division. He first went to England then to France and Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Judd have two other sons in the service, Staff Sergeant Robert Judd and Pvt. Ridley Judd, in the Pacific Area. Robert has been overseas of 28 months, and has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in action.

Pvt. John Everette Lane, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, FL, with an infantry division, has returned to camp after spending his 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lane. They also have another son, William Dolphus Lane, of the U. S. Navy, who is at present stationed at Norfolk, VA. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, IL, and has been stationed at Jacksonville, FL, for the past two years.

One of the first Cookeville men to receive an honorable discharge from the armed forces was Seaman first class Harry W. Gentry. He was inducted into the U. S. Navy in March, 1944, and served 17 months, 12 of which he was on sea duty.

Hugh J. Childress, Jr., U. S. Army, returned some weeks ago from the European Theatre of War, where he had been for several months, and is spending his 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. H. J. Childress.

E. A. Fox has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy, and returned recently from the Great Lakes Training Center, where he had been stationed for several months. He has joined Mrs. Fox and daughter at their home on Dixie Avenue, and has resumed his business interest here.

Cpl. Robert C. Martin, U. S. Marine Corps, who has been on military duty more than two years, spending 17 months of the time in the Pacific area, was recently returned to the States for his 30-day furlough, which he is spending at West Point, NY, with his parents, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Henry Martin. The former is Chief Surgeon, Ear, Nose and Throat, West Point Army Hospital. Cpl. Martin is a grandson of Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox of this city, his mother being the former Miss Louise Cox. Although only 20 years of age, he has a splendid record, holding the American Theatre Service Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star, and the naval Unit Citation with one Star.

Frank Gray Terry, of the U. S. Navy, has been promoted to the rate of Seaman, first class, in the past few weeks. He volunteered for naval duty shortly after graduating from high school last year and reported for training at the Great Lakes Training Center in October. Following his boot training he was transferred to Rhode Island and in May of this year was assigned to foreign duty in the Pacific area, serving on an LSD 16. He recently had a visit with Lieut. (j.g.) Harold Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, of Nashville, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barlowe, of Cookeville, who is the commanding officer on an LCI in the Pacific Area. Cpl. Ernest Terry, Jr., who has been in the European Area since October, 1944, with the 565th AA Bn., of the Third Army, saw service in three major battles, the Belgian Bulge, Rhine and Central Germany. At the present he is at the University of Biarritz, Biarritz, France, where he is taking a special course of training. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry, of First Street.

Cpl. L. R. McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McClain, of 311 Willow Street, has received an honorable discharge and arrived in Cookeville last Saturday. Cpl. McClain enlisted in October, 1940, and entered into active service February 24, 1941. He was sent to the South Pacific in October, 1943, landed in Sydney, Australia, November 14, 1943. Later he was sent to New Guinea, Luzon and Mindoro. He was in three campaigns and received the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon, one Bronze Ribbon and three Bronze Service Stars. He received his discharge August 24, at Camp Chaffee, AR.

Willis Draper Harris, S/ 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris, and Fred Howard Maynard, SM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Maynard, both of the U. S. Navy, had the happy privilege of being together on August 18. Both have been in the Okinawa area for quite some time and knew of each other's location, but were not able to get together until recently, when they had a delightful visit. These sailors have been buddies since they were small boys and were reared together at their respective homes on the Nashville Road. Seaman Harris is on a U. S. battleship and Seaman Maynard serves on a landing craft. The former's wife and children make their home with his parents while he is on sea duty. They are in the Tokyo Bay area at present.

T/Sgt. Halbert W. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Phillips, is now on Luzon where he has been for several months. Entering the service in May, 1944, he took his training at the Receiving Proving Grounds, at Aberdeen, MD, and was later transferred to Toledo, OH, for training with an Ordnance Division. In March he was ordered to the West Coast, where he embarked for foreign service. Mrs. Phillips, the former Miss Hershel Lee Dunn, and daughter, are making their home on Highland Street during his absence.

Lieut. Smith Herbert Brancey, U. S. Seabees, arrived in Cookeville on Thursday of last week to spend his shore leave with Mrs. Brancey and daughter at their home on South Jefferson Avenue. This is his first visit home since January, 1945, and during his absence he has been on naval duty in the Pacific area. At the conclusion of his leave, around September 10, he reports to the West Coast for another assignment.

Herbert Staley Wall, who served with the U. S. Army in the European Theater of War for approximately one year, and who was returned to the States the early part of the summer, has his honorable discharge and is now in Cookeville with Mrs. Wall and children at their home on Hickory Street.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Crawford, stationed at Fort Riely, KS, receives special recognition for the excellent service he has performed while commanding the 396th MP's. The following article gives interesting items concerning this battalion and its maneuverings:

“The 396th MP’s hit the jackpot,” as Lt Col. Williams H. Crawford described the Army Cops’ most recent assignment.

“Over 400 of them left this week on duty in eight states of the Seventh Service Command. Such cities as St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Cheyenne, Minneapolis, Des Moines and Omaha will be their “headquarters” for the next few months.

“The men are all hand picked for this assignment,” Col. Crawford said, ‘and insofar as possible they were allowed to choose the city in which they wanted to be assigned.’

“Headquarters of the 396th MP’s will remain at Fort Riley, KA.

“Since having been stationed at Fort Riley, Col. Crawford and the 396th MP Bn. have received many commendations. Among them are letter from Brig. Gen. Harry Vaughn, Aide to President Truman; General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Governor Andrew F. Schoepel, of KS, Col. Charles A. Brown and Kansas State Guard, Mayors and officials of the cities of Independence and Kansas City, MO, as well as Abilene, KS, and from commanding officers of camps throughout the command.

“It is often said that Col. Crawford is the best known officer in the Seventh Service Command.”

Mrs. W. B. Cox is leaving Friday for Alamogordo, NM, where she goes to join Lieut. Cox, Army Air Corps, who is stationed there, and where she will be for an indefinite stay.

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Lieut. Alard C. Harding Awarded Bronze Star:

First Lieutenant Alard C. Harding, who has been in the European Theatre of War for the past year is now stationed in Germany, and is with the 67th Armored Division and wears on his shoulder loop a green strip (showing combat troop leader) on which is the regimental insignia. Lieut. Harding saw service in France and was in the Battle of the Belgium Bulge. He has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement against the enemy on January 10. On his ETO Ribbon are four battle stars.

Since V-E Day he has spent much time in Germany, and for several weeks was stationed in Berlin. He recently sent his mother, Mrs. R. H. Harding, a collection of interesting snapshots made during his stay there, showing buildings of historic interest, famous statutes (not destroyed by bombs), views of Linden, once considered the most famous street in Europe, and many others. In a recent letter, Lieut. Harding states “the total devastation and destruction of Berlin is beyond imagination until one has seen it – it really is an education. His homecoming is indefinite.

The junior Mrs. Harding makes her home in Louisville, KY, while he is away on foreign duty.

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William B. Allison Receives Commission as Ensign:

Ensign William B. “Billy” Allison, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Allison, of Pearl Street, received his commission upon his recent graduation from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen’s School, Columbia University, New York City, and is now spending his eight-day leave with his parents before reporting to the West Coast, where he will be assigned to duty on a destroyer.

Ensign Allison volunteered for service following his graduation at Central High School, and reported for his V-12 naval training at the University, and attended the Midshipmen’s School in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison have three other sons away on military duty. V. C. Allison, Jr., Seaman, first class and Joe Allison, Storekeeper, first class, are with the Navy in the Pacific area, where they have been for the past year. John Allison, aerial photographer, U. S. Army Air Corps, is stationed at McCook Field, NB, and is scheduled for foreign service.

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Pvt. Omer L. Dubree has been awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge after completing a rigorous course of training in the Infantry Replacement Center, at Camp Rianding, FL.

Sgt. George D. McCulley, 27, of Cookeville, Route 1, has arrived at the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2, in Miami Beach, FL, for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Sgt. McCulley flew as a B-17 gunner in the European Theatre. He is the son of James H. McCulley, of Cookeville, and entered the Army February 25, 1942.

Pvt. Howard G. Cooper has been awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge after completing a rigorous course of training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Blanding, FL. He is the husband of Mrs. Gladys Cooper and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cooper, of Cookeville who live on Route 5. A graduate of Central High School, he was just before entering the service employed by W. R. Whitaker & Co., in Cookeville.

George W. Shirley, seaman, first class, USNR, of Monterey, is serving aboard the battleship Alabama, in the Pacific, which in one month's time raided the Japanese mainland twice, bombarded a Jap-held island North of Okinawa, and rode unscathed through a violent typhoon.

Keith E. Pinkston, aviation ordnance man, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pinkston, has helped the light cruiser USS Astoria, avenge her namesake, heavy cruiser which was sunk by the Japs off Guadalcanal in 1942.

Since she entered the Jap waters eight months ago, this ship has been in the thick of action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, in the North China Sea and off the coast of Tokyo itself. Operating with a fast carrier task force under Admiral William H. Halsey, Jr., she has succeeded in knocking 13 Jap planes out of the air and hitting numerous others.

For their outstanding record of service during the recent United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco, members of the 749th Military Police Battalion from Camp Beale, CA, have been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. The official commendation authorized the 532 enlisted men and 31 officers to wear the Meritorious Unit Insignia.

Pfc. Clarence Lambert, of Cookeville, is a member of this battalion.

Pvt. J. D. Lee, of Cookeville, enroute home from Europe, with the "Old Hickory" Division, which broke up Germany's supreme counter offensive in Normandy, is now being processed at Camp Oklahoma City, an infantry deployment center operated by the Assembly Area Command. Prior to joining the 30th, Pvt. Lee fought in the ranks of the 76th Infantry through the Siegfried battle and across the Moselle in support of General Patton's tank army.

Pvt. Lee is the son of Vera Speakman of Cookeville.

Now serving on a Western-Pacific island is James K. Bilbrey, seaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bilbrey, of Cookeville, Route 2. Bilbrey, a graduate of Central High, entered the Seabees in December, 1944. He is a rodman with a survey party.

Pfc. Ross E. Williams, of Algood recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat in Italy. He served with the Fifth Army in Headquarters Company, 351 "Spearhead" Regiment, 88th "blue Devil" Division. His mother, Mrs. Sallie Williams, lives on Algood, Route 1.

Pfc. Willard Vaughn has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy in German campaigns participated in, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. His wife, Mrs. Florine Vaughn, resides at 113 Franklin Street.

Pvt. Jim S. Maddux, 22, of Buffalo Valley, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, FL, where his next assignment will be determined. Pvt. Maddux served 15 months as a rifleman in the European theater of operations. While there he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat against the enemy, and the European campaign ribbon with one battle star. Before entering the service, Pvt. Maddux was employed as a truck driver by Baxter Nursery.

Frank Bartlett, 19, of Silver Point, has advanced to quartermaster, third class, USNR, on an auxiliary ship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Bartlett, of Silver Point. Bartlett was graduated from Baxter Seminary. A brother, Harold, is a captain in the Marine Corps.

Cpl. William Clay Farris has recently been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, according to a recent letter to his wife. Sgt. Farris has been serving in the army for 32 months, 24 of which has been spent on various islands in the Pacific, including Australia, New Guinea, New Britain, Leyte and Luzon. He is the wearer of four battle stars. He writes his wife that he hopes to be with her by Christmas. Sgt. Farris has two brothers serving with the Marine Corps, Pvts. Guy and Fred Farris. Guy is serving with the First Marines and was on Okinawa, and Fred is "Somewhere in the Hawaiian group" at present. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Farris, of Cookeville, Route 5.

After 20 months in the ETO, the 19th Special Service Company is looking for new worlds to entertain and new records to break. The 19th is now in Camp Atlanta of the Assembly Area Command, near Chalons, France enroute to the United States, and with the outfit is Pfc. Josiah Darnall, of 305 Cherry Street.

Their status calls for a tour of the Pacific area after 30-day furloughs at home.

Pfc. Darnall, since the above was received at the Herald office, landed last week and is now in Cookeville with his wife and son at the home of his parents-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Cummins.

News from an Advanced Base Construction Depot, Pearl Harbor, T. H. from the Navy Department, announces that Johnny C. Sparks, of Cookeville, has been advanced to the rating of seaman, first class. He is the son of Mrs. Harriett Sparks, of Cookeville.

Sgt. Charlie M. Maynard, who has been in Europe for one year has returned to the States for a 30-day furlough. He served with Patton's Third Army in the 808th T. D. Bn., and covered 1625 miles and was on the Enns River in Austria on V-E Day. He participated in four major battles, France, Central Germany, Ardennes and the Rhineland. He was awarded the good Conduct medal and the Bronze Star.

Sgt. and Mrs. Maynard will return to their home in Royal Oak, MI, after spending two weeks vacation with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maxwell, in Buffalo Valley, and then Sgt. Maynard will report to Camp Grant, IL, for further assignment.

V-E Day has brought with it a liberal furlough policy for soldiers in the European Theater of Operations, and many are spending their leaves in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, staying either at private homes or American Red Cross Service Clubs. Among recent arrivals in London from the Continent is Pfc. Fred D. Bussell, 20, 601 Laurel St., Cookeville. Pfc. Bussell is expecting to spend his leave visiting London.

This week's graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training School (Radio) on the campus of the Wisconsin University, Madison, WI, qualified Bluejacket Thomas H. Pointer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Pointer of Algood, route 1, as a radio operator with the fleet.

Some weeks ago the following clipping was sent to the Herald and as Mrs. Terry was born and reared in Putnam County, it will prove of interest here. The article in part, comes from the Lenoir City News. In all probability, Pfc. Terry is now at home from the European Theatre of War:

Pfc. Henry N. Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Terry, Route 2, this city, was wounded recently in the foot by shrapnel, and was hospitalized for 36 days. The first time he was wounded was October 1, and he sent the Purple Heart to his mother. Pfc. Henry has been in service two years. A letter from a Red Cross worker to his mother, praised him for his help to the Red Cross. Where he was here he helped distribute articles and books to the wards, and built wooden frames for our cabinets.

Mrs. Terry has another son, Cpl. Elmore Terry in Europe and to aid the war effort, she has saved 6,636 pounds of tarlow from the City Slaughter House, to aid the war effort in the grease saving program.

T/5 William B. Carlen, Jr., serving with the Pluto Mapping Division, U. S. Engineers, is now stationed in Manila, where he has been since August 1. Prior to leaving the States he was stationed in Portland, OR. Mrs. Carlen, who has been with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Horace Osment, in Nashville since returning from Poetland in the early summer, is here for a visit with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carlen.

Ensign Gene Alford, on naval duty in the Atlantic area for many months, has been stationed in Charleston, SC, where Mrs. Alford and daughter, Mary Malinda, joined him and where they resided until last week when he was transferred to the Great Lakes Traiing Center, Great Lakes, IL, and who are now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Potet.

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Ensign Thomas T. Gentry On LCI Rocket Gunboat:

Ensign T. T. Gentry recently returned to the Hawaiian area, where he left a year ago for duty in the forward area. During the past year the LCI Rocket Gunboat on which he has duty has participated in four amphibious actions. The work of this craft consists largely of patrol duty, covering under water demolition teams, and pre-invasion beach bombardment. A bombardment is quite interesting and has a devastating effect on enemy beaches. We approach as close as 300 yards from the shore line, firing rockets, and strafing the beaches with machinegun fire immediately preeding the first wave of landing troops. Their most recent action was at Okinaw, where they covered the underwater demolition teams and hit nearby islands for six days prior to the landings. The two and one-half months we spent there were pretty tough, he states.

Other actions include Leyte landing operations in the New Guinea area and the invasion of Luzon at Lingayen Gulf.

Ensign Gentry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry and has been on foreign duty since July, 1944, following a course of training at Charleston, SC, and Plattsburg, NY, where he received his commission.

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Robert D. Ramsey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, has returned to the United States after being stationed in Alaska and Canada for the past nine months with the Army Air Forces. He is at present, attending OCS Engineer School, at Fort Belvoir, VA.

Algood Vaden, U. S. Army, who has been at Thayer Hospital in Nashville, for several weeks recovering from serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident which occurred on Springs Street, is now at home with his mother, Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, on Washington Avenue. The latter part of July, he returned from the European Theater of War.

Billy Proffitt has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army, and is now at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt. In service for the past two years, he was on foreign duty a portion of the time, and since his return to the States some months ago, has been stationed in Jackson, MS.

Clifford Clark, Y 1/c, was aboard one of the LCT in the "cockleshell convoy", traveling 5,000 miles of the blue Pacific under her own power, and he says the only good thing about it was, "we made it." With the U. S. Navy for 15 months, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, of Monterey. Mrs. Clark and their two children, Barbara and Jackie, also reside at Monterey.

Ie Shima was an uneventful stop-over for Japanese emissaries who paused on the desolate Pacific island while enroute to Manila for peace conferences with General of the Army MacArthur's staff.

But for Garney R. Harris, 22, seaman, first class, USNR, Monterey, Route 3, this area near Okinawa recalls a 13-minute victory over five Jap suicide planes that attacked the lone destroyer escort, USS John C. Butler, there last spring.

Bethel Bascom White, of Brotherton, Route 1, is serving with a repair and training base, at an Amphibious Base in the Pacific, which supplies troops and landing craft for the major invasions in the Marshalls, the Gilberts and at Okinawa.

Carrying a 24-hour, seven-day-week schedule, his unit maintained all types landing and assault equipment and repair supplies. The base also trained personnel in amphibious communications, mines-sweeping and camouflage operations.

William B. Uffelman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus C. Uffelman, of Monterey, is receiving his initial Naval Indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. His recruit training consists of instruction on seamanship, military drill, and general Naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School to a shore station, or to immediate duty at sea. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

Claude Barnes of the U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Barnes, is spending his furlough with the latter and his wife, Evelyn Gentry Barnes, and son. About two months ago Claude returned from the European Theater of Operations, where he was wounded, and sent to a hospital in Louisville, KY, where he has had two operations and reports back there at the expiration of his furlough for the third operation.

Pfc. Austin Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barnes and the late Mr. Barnes, has spent his 30-day furlough at home and reported to Fort McPherson, and from there to a camp in TX. Pfc. Barnes served in the European Theatre of Operations with the Medical Corps. He states he administered first aid to many of the wounded Germans. He has been in the service for three years.

Jeff Dyer Ray, in a recent letter to his father, Robert Ray, states he expects to be in Cookeville some time this month, and how glad he will be to see home again. During his absence of three years, he has covered much of the European Theatre of Operation and has been in as many as six major campaigns.

Pastel L. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice, of Route 2, is now at home and has an honorable discharge following overseas duty of more than two years. He was in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, and wears on his ETO ribbon six battle stars and the silver star. His special duty was transporting troops from ship to shore on the various beach heads.

A surprise attack on the rear of Japanese lines paid big dividends for Corporal Jessie A. McCormick, of Cookeville, and his heavy weapons company during the Mindanao campaign. The enemy held a strong line which rifle companies were having difficulty in breaking. Corporal McCormick's squad was assigned to go through five miles of dense jungle and circle to the rear of Jap positions. The men dropped round after round of high explosives and mortar shells in the area. Observers reported that one hit alone killed five. No official count was made of the dead, but bodies were scattered all over the place, and McCormick's mortar barrage, coupled with frontal attack by riflemen, broke all resistance in that sector.

After two years of training in the States, he was sent overseas eight months ago and joined the 34th Infantry in a combat zone on Leyte. His first action was the invasion of Luzon and the bloody fight on Bataan. His outfit's latest operation was the 150 mile land drive across Mindanao which concluded the Philippine liberation.

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Dr. Harry Jenkins Home From European War Area:

Dr. Harry Jenkins, Colonel, United States Army Medical Corps, landed in Boston, MA, last week, and with Mr. Jenkins and their daughter, Carol, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins, and other members of the family.

Colonel Jenkins volunteered for army service in August, 1941, and after serving for 18 months as Chief of the Surgical Service at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, organized the 182nd Station Hospital, with which he went overseas and served throughout the Italian Campaign, and with which he was sailing for the Southwest Pacific area when the unit was ordered diverted to the United States.

Since going overseas some two years ago, Colonel Jenkins has been promoted to his present rank and has received the following decorations: American Defense, European Theatre ribbon with three battle stars, Medalha de Guerra from the Brazilian government and the Legion of Merit. In addition to the above, the 182nd Station Hospital, which Colonel Jenkins commanded, was awarded the War Department's Meritorious Service Plaque and received a citation from General Juin, Commanding General of the French Expeditionary Forces.

A portion of his leave is being spent at his former home in Knoxville, and in October he reports to Camp Sibler, AL, for a new assignment.

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13 September 1945

Pickett County Boy Wins Medals in Pacific:

S/Sgt. Obie C. Catron, husband of Mrs. Nettie Catron, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart for meritorious duty and wounds received in action while serving in the Pacific area.

S/Sgt. Catron served 11 months overseas and was wounded February 7, in action in the Philippines. He is a member of the 37th Division, on Luzon, and also holds the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star and Infantry Combat Medals.

Catron, an employee of the Clinton Engineer Works, at Oak Ridge, prior to his entering the service in February, 1944, has recovered from his wounds and is stationed on Luzon at this time.

Mrs. Catron resides here on Dyer Street.

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Sgt. Charlie G. Moorem with the 7th Army in the Army of Occupation in Germany, has received the following decorations: the Good Conduct Badge, Bronze Star and E.T.O. Badge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moore, of Cookeville, Route 1, and the husband of Mrs. Clio Welch Moore, of Cookeville, Route 3.

Cpl. Marion T. Welch, Jr., "Somewhere on New Guinea," has recently been promoted from private first class to his present rank. Corporal Welch entered the service in May, 1943. He is the son of Mrs. Jessie Welch, of Cookeville, Route 3.

T/5 John B. Featherston, after serving several months in the European Theatre of Operations, with the 12th Armored Division, is spending his 30-day furlough with his wife, Emma Watson Featherston, and with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Featherston. T/5 Featherston leaves September 23, and reports to Fort McPherson, GA, for further assignment.

First Lieut. Travis Ford, U. S. Air Corps, Big Springs, TX, and Mrs. Ford are here spending his 20-day furlough with his father, Joe Ford and other members of the family. They will also visit Mrs. Ford's relatives in Livingston.

James Robert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jonson, who has served with the U. S. Navy the past seven and one half years, and during this time has been on duty in practically all countries of the world, is now at home as he was recently discharged at Key West, FL. He was a Chief Gunner's Mate when discharged.

Sgt. Ben A Hensley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hensley, of Cookeville, is now stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, with the famed 95th "Victory" Division which is awaiting further assignment.

Sgt. Hensley recently spent his 30-day furlough at home following a stay of eleven months overseas where he saw duty in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was a squad leader of an Infantry Division, and has three bronze stars, the ETO Ribbon and Combat Infantry Badge. Before entering the service in October, 1942, he was engaged in farming. He took his basic training at Camp Swift, TX. A brother, Cpl. Luke C. Hensley, is still on military duty in Germany.

S/Sgt. Will Glenn Crawford, U. S. Air Corps landed in New York City on Friday following two years of foreign service, during which time he was stationed in England and France. He has been on military duty for more than three years. Following a brief stay at Camp Kilmer, NJ, he reported to Fort Leavenworth, KS. Afterwards he goes to Manhattan, KS, to join his parents, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford, who have made their home there while the former has been stationed, at Fort Riley. Some time next week, Col. and Mrs. Crawford and their son will come to Cookeville to spend a portion of Sgt. Crawford's 30-day furlough with different members of their families.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 September 1945

Capt. Benton, Wearer of 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, on Leave:

Capt. James E. Benton is here on leave with his wife, Mrs. Vivian Benton and small daughter, Judy Carol, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Grimes.

Capt. Benton flew a P-47 with the 507th Fighter Squadron of the 404th Fighter Group, Ninth Air Force through France, Belgium and into Germany. He was overseas for 14 months and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, the ETO Ribbon, with four battle stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Belgian Fourgaere.

Capt. Benton is the son of Lieut. George C. Benton, U. S. Coast Guard now at Seattle, WA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 September 1945

James C. Clouse Returns After Three Years Overseas:

James C. Clouse, who has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Army, is spending some time here with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gentry. In August he returned from the European Theatre of War, where he had been for more than two years.

Entereing the service in 1940, he recived training at Fort Benning, GA, Camp Jackson, SC, and Camp Miles Standish, MA, from whence he sailed for Iceland, where he was stationed for eight months. From Iceland he was sent to England; was on combat duty in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. His ETO Ribbon carries two bronze stars, and in addition he has an American Defense Service Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. He left the States in August, and returned three years later almost on the exact date. He landed in Boston, MA, and received his discharge at Camp Atterbury, IN.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 September 1945

Willie Clyde, Earl R. Hyder Receive Army Commissions:

Lt. Willie C. Hyder, received his commission in Qm. U. S. Army, in December, 1944, at Camp Lee, VA, following his graduation he was assigned to the Southwest Pacific. Lt. Hyder received his basic training in Camp Ruckner, AL, with the 81st Division, he was then transferred to the 87th Division, at Camp McCain, MS, to help train inductees on their entry into service.

Lt. Earl R. Hyder received his commission in Transportation Corps, U. S. Army, at a recent graduation exercise of the 41st Officer Candidate Class, New Orleans, LA. Lt. Hyder received his basic training at Camp Barkley, TX, was then assigned to the Central Pacific and then later to the Southwest Pacific. He was then re-assigned to the mainland to Officers Candidate School, New Orleans. He has now reported to Camp Stonewall in San Francisco, CA.

They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Hyder, of Brotherton.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

August 1951

William D. Maynard Obt.

b. 18 April 1930 – d. 27 August 1951, (Pfc R A 14345945), md **Marie (Brown) Maynard**. William D. Maynard, s/o **Bethel Maynard & Lizzie Bryant**. Buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Local Soldier Killed In Action In Korea:

Pvt. William D. Maynard, of 726 Hickory, Cookeville has been killed in action in Korea. The young soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Maynard were notified of his death which occurred on August 27, in a letter from the Department of Defense last Thursday.

Private Maynard had been in the army since July 1949 and had been overseas about 21 months. He had been previously reported missing in action.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Mrs. Marie Brown Maynard, Cookeville, Rt. 4; two brothers, Pvt. Howard Ray Maynard, United States Air Force and Joe Mack Maynard of Cookeville; a sister, Betty Lou Maynard of Cookeville. He was a grandson of Mrs. Lura Boyd of Boma.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Swallows, of Algood, Route 2, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Pfc. Arnold Swallows, since the Japanese surrender, stating that he is well and happy and "guess most everyone is happy too." He sates that he "can hardly realize the war is over but there is that glorious reality that it is so and soon he can return and take up his life as a citizen of the greatest nation in the wourld, the good ole' U.S.A."

Pfc. Swallows has been in the service 20 months, a year of which has been on overseas duty. He is stationed in Manilla at present.

Morrison L. Lowe, Jr., U. S. Coast Guards, and Mrs. Lowe arrived on Saturday from Norfolk, VA, where he is stationed, to spend his 15-day furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffitt.

Harry Richmond, U. S. Army, who has been on foreign duty for more than six months, serving in the European Theatre of War, arrived in the States last week. He recently received his appointment to West Point and came from Paris, France, to Washington, D.C., by plane. Following a short stay in Baltimore, MD, with his maternal grandmother, he goes to Amherst College, for special studies preparatory to his entering West Point. Volunteering for service in the summer of 1944 he was in the combat zrea by Christmas time. His brother, Lieut. Frank Richmond, Jr., is now in France. Mrs. Frank Richmond has gone to Baltimore to be with her son and going with her were her daughters, Mrs. Charles Meehan and Susan Richmond, and Mrs. Meehan's daughter, Diana Meehan.

Harley Langford, who has been at a veteran's hospital at Hot Springs, AR, since returning from foreign service in May, has received his honorable

Robert T. Rhea, Jr., Wns., USNR, Cookeivlle, Route 5, witnessed the formal Japanese surrender from the submarine, USS Haddo, in Tokyo Bay, which has sunk or damaged more than 40,000 tons of Jap shipping. The Haddo and 11 other underseas craft joined the powerful Allied fleets for the occupation.

Flight Officer Joseph Edgar Parris, of Cookeville, who served 29 months in the China-Burma-India theater of operations as a pilot, has arrived at the San Antomio District AAF Personnel Distribution Command. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cosby L. Parris, of Cookeville, Route 2, and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He was recently released from a prisoner-of-war in Burma.

Ventice F. McBroom, ship's serviceman, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid McBroom, of Route 5, who took part on the light cruiser San Diego, in many of the Pacific operations, was at his battle station in Japanese waters when announcement of the Japanese capitulation was broadcast. His ship was among those that then entered Tokyo Bay for the first stages of the occupation.

Lt. Charles B. Hayes, Jr., Monterey, serving on the destroyer escort, USS Parks, in the Pacific, participated in the Naval occupation of Mille Atoll in the Marshall Islands – the first formal surrender of Japanese territory to the United States.

Willis Draper Harris, seaman, 2/c, USNR, of Cookeville, Route 2, can claim two "firsts" along with other members of the crew of the USS Alaska, in the Pacific. The Alaska was the first of a new class of fighting vessels – the battle cruiser-and she took part in the first raid on Tokyo, in February, this year.

First Sergeant Charlie C. Morris, of Silver Point, Route 2, who served 10 months in the European and Asiatic theater of operations as a First sergeant, has arrived at the San Antonio, AAF Personnel Distribution Command. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morris.

Joe C. Maggart, S 1/c, USNR, of Cookeville, Route 2, celebrated the surrender of Japan aboard the famous American battleship USS Nevada, as she rested at anchor in Leyte Gulf after a 32-day mission into the East China Sea.

Lieut. (j.g.) J. W. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee, of Monterey, who is stationed with the Naval Air Corps at Lee Field, Jacksonville, FL, and pilots a Corsair Flyer, was among the 200 Navy pilots who brought their planes to the Smyrna Air Base on Saturday in order to escape the hurricane. Leaving Jacksonville at 8:00 Saturday morning and flying in formations of 16 planes to group they reached Smyrna at 10:00.

Lieut. Lee has been in the service since August 1942, and following an extensive training period he received his wings and commission on November 2, 1943, at the "Annapolis of the Air" training center, Pensacola, FL. Later he served as an instructor at Whiting Field. Soon he goes to New York for special work, and in October reports to the West Coast for special assignment. Mr. and Mrs. Lee went to Smyrna to see their son while he was there for a short time.

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First Lieutenant Will O. Terry, Tank Destroyer Battalkion, of the Ninth Division is now spending his 30-day leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Terry, following foreign service of 18 months, spent in the European Theater of War, where he participated in many major battles of Central Europe. In January he was awarded a bronze star for meritorious services in enemy territory and below is given a report as given by Lieut. Terry to his commanding officer relative to a special assignment in various sections of Germany. At the time he received his embarkation orders for the States he was in Munich, Germany.

"On April 11, 1945, orders were received from our Tank Force Commander, Lt. Col. Harold S. Sundt, to move our echelon from its position near Georghenthal, Germany, to Neiderwillingen, Germany, a distance of sixty miles. The column consisting of 40 wheeled and track vehicles, moved at 1730. I was Trail Officer and rode at the rear of the column, being charged with the duty of keeping all elements of this column on the route and rolling.

"Just after dark the column halted at a non-prescribed hour and position. I went forward to determine the trouble and found that the Column Commander had broken away his column with the faster lead vehicles, and that the driver of the now lead vehicle did not know which way to go.

"I now took the lead and proceeded on toward Neiderwillingen, Germany, with close contact being maintained throughout the column. Three hours later we came to the small town of Trassdorf, Germany, which was not on our prescribed route. Here I halted the column and started a route reconnaissance to determine the now best route to our destination. The town of Trassdorf was occupied by Infantry troops and I was told by them that the road to Niederwillingen from Trassdorf was clear of enemy troops and large enough to accommodate our vehicles.

"Not being satisfied with this report I left the column in charge of the other officers and went forward on a route reconnaissance. About two miles out we came to a small village that had been reported clear. Here on the outskirts of the town we were unexpectedly met with 20mm, mg, and small arms fire. Taking cover in the roadside ditches, my driver and I escaped without serious injuries. There was no present chance for escape so we surrendered ourselves to the enemy as prisoners of war. We were evacuated to the rear where I started making plans for escape. But due to the narrow escape without lives on our capture, my driver considered our present welfare satisfactory. Three days later I met three English soldiers that had plans similar to my own for escaping. We joined plans and made good an attempt the next evening (April 15, 1945).

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 September 1945

Lieut. Sanford Shipley to Arrive in States Soon:

First Lieutenant Sanford Shipley, commanding officer of the 117th Radio Intelligence Company, will arrive in the States early in October, according to a letter received by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley. Lieut. Shipley entered the service six months prior to Pearl Harbor and has served 33 months overseas. He was in the African, Sicilian and European campaigns. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and his company was awarded the Meritorious Service Plaque. He will spend his leave in Cookeville with his parents.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 September 1945

Lieut. Millard DeBerry Dies Of Heart Attack in Honolulu:

Major and Mrs. Roy T. DeBerry, Junior Military Academy, Bloomington Springs, are in receipt of a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Lieut. Millard Thomas DeBerry, U. S. Naval Reserve, had died on September 19, at Pearl Harbor, T. H., where he was stationed in the service of his country. Major DeBerry learned from additional communication that his son died unexpectedly of a acute ailment and the day prior to his death he was apparently in the best of physical condition. In a letter received by his parents under date of the 17th, Lieut DeBerry stated he hoped to be home by Thanksgiving.

Lieut. DeBerry was reared in Putnam County where he attended the elementary and high schools and graduated from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. Prior to his enlisting for naval duty in September, 1941, he was a member of the Junior Military Academy faculty. The early part of 1942 he was commissioned an Ensign at Prairie State College, New York City, and later attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. While on sea duty in the Atlantic area he was promoted to Lieut. (j. g.) and following 22 months of service in North Africa he returned to the States in December, 1944, and for a time was on temporary duty in Washington D. C. In the intervening months he received his Lieutenantcy. In June, 1945, he spent his leave with his parents, and at the expiration of same, reported to the West Coast where he was stationed until sailing for his Pearl Harbor assignment.

In addition to his parents, Lieut. DeBerry is survived by a brother, J. T. DeBerry of Detroit, MI, and four sisters, Mrs. Forrest Evans, Misses Edith Mable, Maxine, and Dorothy DeBerry, grandmother, Mrs. Meda DeBerry, Bloomington Springs, and Mrs. M. F. Hamilton, of Humboldt.

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4 October 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Pfc. Stanley J. Williams has returned to Welch Convalescent Hospital, Daytona Beach, FL, after spending 30 days with his wife and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Montgomery, of Route 2.

Harold Lowery Brown, U. S. Navy, who has completed his bott training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, is spending his 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Brown. He returns to Great Lakes for a new assignment. Mr. and Mrs. Brown's older son, Paul Braown, U. S. Army Air Corps, is in the Pacific Area, stationed in the Netherlands East Indies.

Cpl. Cordell H. Vinson, who has served three years with the armed forces overseas, returned in August, and at the completion of his 30-day furlough reported to Nashville, at which place he is now stationed. At present he is spending another furlough at home. His mother is Mrs. Vallie Vinson, who has three other sons in the service including: Garrett Vinson, U. S. Navy, Pfc. Harley Vinson, and Pfc. Willie D. Vinson, who are both in Germany, but hope to be home soon.

As assistant squad leader in the 181st Regiment of the 25th "Tropic Lightning" Division on Luzon Island in the Philippines, Pfc. James Cluse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bol Cluse, of Cookeville, Route 2, has been

promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Clouse was inducted into the Army June 8, 1944, and left for overseas service January, 1945. He served in the Luzon Campaign and is entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one battle star, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star, and the Good Conduct Medal. Before entering the service, Sergeant Clouse was engaged in farming operations with his father, near Cookeville.

Mrs. David Norris will return to her home in Grand Rapids, MI, this week after spending the past month with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom Warren. Mrs. Norris reports that her son, David A. Norris, Jr., AAF, has served five years and four months, having volunteered his service in July, 1940. He is a prop specialist, and has taken training in Bakersfield, CA, Ft. Sumner, NM, Salt Lake City, UT, and went last week to Elgin Field, FL, where he expects to be discharged soon. He has served continuously in this country throughout the war. He is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chess Warren, of Algood.

Luther E. Jackson, seaman second class, USNR, Route 4, Cookeville, serves on the escort aircraft carrier USS Chenango, which is climaxing her war career by helping in the occupation of Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jernigan, of Cookeville, have received a message from their son, Cpl. Clifford D. Jernigan, stationed on Luzon Island, stating that he is fine. Cpl. Jernigan, with the 756th Field Artillery Battalion, has quite a record for continuous combat. By supporting the 40th, 37th, 6th, 1st Cav., and 11th Airborne divisions, while on Luzon from January 9 to May 4. The battalion during this time compiled a record of 115 consecutive days in active combat. Cpl. Jernigan, who has served five years in the service is hoping to be home in the near future.

Dave Jackson, of Cookeville, is now home with a discharge after spending ten months overseas, and eight months in a German prison camp. Jackson was inducted in the army February 16, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, AL. He went overseas in August, 1944. Jackson, the husband of Mrs. Beulah Jackson, of Cookeville, and the son of Willie Jackson, of Sand Springs, received the Purple Heart and two bronze stars, also the Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantry badge. He has three brothers, in the service, Marvin, in New Jersey, Charlie in Italy, and Clarence, in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland are expecting their son, Cpl. James Copeland home from overseas in the near future. In service for a period of five years, he spent 21 months on foreign duty, and has been honorably discharged. Another son, Pfc. Robert Copeland is still in Germany, and their youngest son, Sgt. Glenn Copeland, who has been on military duty only nine months, is in the Philippines.

Lieut. W. B. Cox is now in Cookeville and has been honorably discharged from military duty following three years of service with the Army Air Corps. The early part of the summer he returned from Italy where he was for six months, and since that time has been stationed in New Mexico and Tuscon, AZ. Mrs. Cox, who has been with him is here also and at present they are with their parents, Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves.

Among the U. S. Coast Guardsmen discharged under the Navy point system from the Coast Guard Separation Center, St. Louis, MO, and who is now at his home in the Cameron Apartments, Dixie Avenue, is William J. Erwin, coxswain, who recently returned to the States from sea duty in the Pacific area.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 October 1945

Lieut. Neal Returns From Foreign Service:

A message was received Thursday by Mrs. Tom Ford, stating that her grandson, First Lieut. Edward Ford Neal, had landed safely in the States after serving the past year in the European Theatre of War.

Lieut. Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neal, of Milburn, NJ, has been based in Italy since last November, until V-E Day, he was with the 15th Army Air Force, serving as a pilot on a B-17, and since that time has been with Army Transport Command, stationed in Naples.

Coming by plane, the he landed Sunday at West Palm Beach, FL. Following a short stay at Camp Blanding, FL, he will be granted a leave and will join his wife at the home of her parents, in Sunflower, MS. A portion of his leave they will spend with the senior Mr. and Mrs. Neal, in Milburn, and they will also come to Cookeville for a visit with his grandmother and other relatives.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 October 1945

Newell Helms Returns From Foreign Service:

Newell Helms, after serving five years in the United States Army, is now at home, 303 N. Jefferson Ave., having recently received an honorable discharge. He was returned to the States several weeks ago, following 20 months of foreign duty.

His foreign service took him to Africa, England and Central Europe. He was with the unit which spearheaded the Normandy Beach, where he was wounded and following a hospitalization period, was returned to active duty and was in the combat area of France, Belgium and Germany until V-E Day.

In addition to the Purple Heart, he has a Good Conduct Medal, wears an African-Eastern Service Ribbon, carries four bronze stars, representing battle of the French, Belgian and German campaigns. The Distinguished Unit citation is also among his awards for meritorious service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 October 1945

Col. J. F. Richmond Wins Legion of Merit in Manilla:

Cpl. Joseph Frank Richmond, U. S. Cavalry, who has been on foreign duty since 1943 stationed much of the time on New Caledonia, but for the past few months has been in Manilla, has received an award of the Legion of Merit, which reads as follows:

“Award of the Legion of Merit: By Direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress. Approved 20 July, 1942 (Sec. III, Bul. No. 40, W. D., 1942), and pursuant to authority in War Department radiogram, 1 June 1943, a legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific, to the following named officer:

Colonel Joseph F. Richmond, Cav., U. S. Army, 10 Dec. 1942, to 12 May 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General Richardson.

Col. Richmond's wife and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Meehan and Susan Richmond, have made their home here during his absence. His sons, First Lieut. Frank Richmond, Jr., and Pvt. Harry Richmond, have served in the European area. The former has seen service in the African-Sicilian-Italian campaigns and at present in France. Pvt. Richmond, who spent six months in Europe serving in the combat area of Germany, is now spending a 30-day furlough here before reporting to Amherst College, Amherst, MA, for training preparatory to entering West Point Military Academy. Col. Meechan, whose wife and daughter are here with Mrs. Richmond, has been on foreign duty for the past two years.

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Sgt. John C. McKie Decorated in Far East:

The following letter of commendation as received by Dallas McKie, of Detroit, MI, is of especial interest here when he formerly lived and where Sergeant McKie has frequently visited his aunt, Mrs. H. E. McLean and Dr. McLean, and many other members of his father's family.

Dear Mr. McKie:

Recently your son, Sgt. John C. McKie, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

He was cited for meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flights in the Pacific area from April 5, 1945 to June 20, 1945.

Your son took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations, consisting of bombing mission against enemy aerodromes and installations as well as attacks on naval and cargo vessels, aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American fathers, are doing just such things as that here.

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4 October 1945

Pfc. Talmadge Essex Wins Silver Star in Mindanao:

Pfc. Talmadge Essex, of Cookeville, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the bitter battle for Mindanao.

In a hot skirmish in the hills west of Davao, Essex, a lead scout, spotted a Japanese delaying party well entrenched in camouflaged "spider holes." His sub-machine gun sputtered into action. He killed at least one Nip, then fell back while mortar fire was directed on the positions.

Again taking the lead, Essex spotted five more enemy soldiers. His automatic weapon jammed, but the infantryman wriggled out of his spot. Essex crawled back and borrowed another weapon, then sent forward alons and poured a torrid hail of lead on the Japs.

A furious counter-attack wounded the Tennessee doughboy, but he kept firing until his entire platoon maneuvered to a more favorable position. He then refused medical treatment until his wounded comrades had been evacuated.

Essex is the son of Mrs. Clyde K. Essex, of Cookeville, Route 2.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Charles S. Stanton, Jr., radioman second class, USNR, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stanton, live at 231 Maple Street, has been awarded a battle star for participating in the Okinawa campaign on the destroyer USS Waldron.

Sgt. Lawrence J. Roberts, who is with the 361st Military Police Company, is now stationed in Paris, France, and writes that he is fine and hopes to be home soon.

Pfc. Oren G. Rockwell has returned to Thayer General Hospital, Nashville after spending his 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rockwell.

Another son, J. L. Rockwell, who is employed in Dayton, OH, came home for several days to visit with Pfc. Rockwell, has recently returned from overseas where he was stationed in the European Theater for several months.

Elma Lee Holman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holman, of Cookeville, Route 5, reached home last Friday morning after being in service three years. This was the first time he had been home since entering the service on October 8, 1942. Mr. Holman, honorably discharged with 91 points, saw action in the North African and Italian campaigns.

Rev. E. H. McCaleb received a letter last week from his son, Henry T. McCaleb, HA 1/c, stating that he was to board a ship to sail for the States on October 1. Seaman McCaleb has been stationed for the past 13 months at a naval hospital on the Admiralty Islands. For the past few weeks he has been a patient in the hospital suffering with a tropical disease.

Sgt. Clarence Bartlett, who has been stationed for the past months in Clovis, NM, left Monday morning after a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. E. H. McCleb, and other relatives and friends.

Pvt. Horace R. Wright, Army Air Corps, arrived Wednesday from Keesler Field, MS, for a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright, in Algood. Pvt. Wright reported for service June 5, 1945, and is enroute to Wisconsin, where he will be stationed.

Lester V. Anderson, ship's service man, (barber), third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Anderson, Cookeville, Route 3, is serving on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, assigned to the Japanese occupation forces.

Jack Mann, who has served with the U. S. Army Air Corps, for more than a year, has received his honorable discharge and returned to Cookeville last week. At present he, Mrs. Mann and their children, Betty and Taylor Mann, are visiting relatives in West Tennessee. Prior to reporting for military duty, he had business connections with the Cookeville Marble and Granite Works and with Middle Tennessee Mills, and, with his family, resided on Arnold Avenue. He has been stationed in MS, WA, CA and FL. He was in Miami when discharged.

Cecil Burgess, shipfitter, third class, whose wife, Lola Burgess, lives at Sliver Point, Route 2, is serving with an amphibious repair and training base which supplied troops and landing craft for major invasions in the Marshalls, the Gilberts and at Okinawa.

T/Sgt. Murry Owen, who recently returned to the States, following 30 months of service in India, is now in San Antonio, TX, where he will receive an honorable discharge at an early date. Mrs. Owen, the former Anna Marie Carmack, of Cookeville, who has made her home in Ladiluck, TX, during her husband's absence overseas, went to San Antonio to meet him. In the near future they plan to come to Tennessee to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack here, and with relatives in White County.

Billy Danner, U. S. Navy, who has been for a recent visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Danner, of Whitson Street, is now stationed in Philadelphia, PA. He has been on naval duty since early spring, and took his boot training at the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Pvt. James C. Rogers is home on furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Rogers. Since entering the service in March, 1945, he has been stationed in Fort Lewis, WA. He reports to SC for further assignment, at the expiration of his visit. His brother, Cpl. Carmel Lewis, is "Somewhere in the Pacific," and has been overseas almost two years.

Pfc. Harold Tinsley and Cpl. Howard Tinsley, twins sons of Mrs. E. Y. Gibson, who have been stationed with the Army Air Corps, at Harlingen, TX, were last week transferred to Boca Raton, FL. The brothers have been together now for several months. Not so long ago, one was alerted for foreign duty, but on

learning he was a twin, the commanding officer had his orders rescinded. Since going to Florida they have been entertained by B. Fox, in West Palm Beach and have visited with Cpl. W. C. Cooke, Jr.

Ben Hooper Crawford, seaman, first class, USNR, Cookeville, Route 2, is serving on the communications ship USS Ancon, in the spearhead of forces that pushed into Tokyo Bay to receive the surrender of Japan. The ship is one of the few in Tokyo Bay which fought through the war from the first invasion to the last. The Ancon took part in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, and Normandy and in many in the Pacific including Okinawa.

Walter K. Bartlett, 20, seaman, first class, USNR, of 106 Freeze Street, serviced on the heavy cruiser USS Portland off Truk, witnessed the surrender of by-passed Mariana and Caroline Island groups. Vice Admiral George D. Murray, USN, of Washington, D. C. commander of the Mariana, accepted the capitulation of Lt. Gen. Shunzaburo Magikura, commander of the 31st Imperial Japanese Army, and of Vice Admiral Chuichi Hara, officer in charge of the 4th Japanese Fleet, aboard the Portland.

Cpl. Joe Brewington, who has been for a recent furlough visit has returned to Love Field, TX, where he has been stationed since September, 1944.

Pvt. Girstle Lee Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Copeland, of the Bangham community, is now stationed at Camp Robinson, AR.

Keith E. Pinkston, aviation ordnanceman, third class, USNR, Cookeville, is serving on the light cruiser, USS Astoria, which was in the first group of warships to return to the United States September 13, from the Pacific Fleet.

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Lieut. Wade Returns From Foreign Service:

Lieut. Burch D. Wade is spending his 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wade, on the Monterey Highway, following eight months of service with an Engineering Division of the U. S. Army in the European Theatre of War.

Lieut. Wade landed in New York some two weeks ago, has been in the army since 1941, and took his training in NC, LA, SC and TX, and while overseas was in the combat areas of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. In England for several weeks he was privileged to spend six days in London. Following V-E Day he spent some time in Paris, Berlin, and in Austrian towns and cities.

His stay at home has included also a visit in Knoxville with his sister, Miss Becky Ann Wade. He reports to Fort Jackson for a new assignment, and in all probability will be granted a discharge.

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Five Putnam Men Get Honorabel Discharges:

Johnnie W. Jared, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jared, of Silver Point, Route 1, who has served with the U. S. Navy for 29 months, was recently returned to civilian life through the Navy's Personnel Separation Center, Memphis. Twenty-five months of navy duty was spent at sea, participating in the Atlantic and Pacific areas. He engaged in three invasions. His wife, Mrs. Olive (Jernigan) Jared, resided in Boma during his absence.

James Roy Fitzpatrick, AV/CAD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick, Algood Road, serving with the U. S. Navy for 29 months, has been honorably discharged and is now at his home here.

Another Putnam Countian who has been returned to civilian life is Wilbur Hughes, M 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hughes, of Buffalo Valley, who was in the Navy 49 months and on sea duty in the Atlantic area for a period of 40 months.

Howard Kenneth McDaniel, Ptr 2/c son of Mrs. Emma McDaniel, of Cookeville, after 35 months in the Navy with 31 months spent in the South Pacific area, has received his honorable discharge. He saw service at the invasion of the Marianas.

Pfc. Charles A. Barnes, recently stationed at Camp Swift, TX, has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Army, and is returning to his home in Algood. He was away on military duty more than three years, serving with Co. A, 2nd Medical Bn., of the Second Division. His decorations included the Bronze Star, the ETO Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. During his 22 months of foreign service he participated in the Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany invasions, fighting with the Second Division.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Billy R. Lee of 205 Whitson Street, has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps. He participated in the Marshalls, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jim campaigns. He wears the Purple Heart and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism.

Sgt. Roy Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dillard, of Monterey, was recently discharged after serving 33 months with the Air Forces. Sgt. Dillard spent 20 months in Europe with the Ninth Air Force, and was a member of the famed 67th Reconnaissance Group, which was known as "Peck's Bad Boys." It was this same group that found the spearheads of the U. S. Third Army after they broke through at St. Lo and advanced so far that Gen. Patton didn't know where they were. During the 20 months of foreign service, he participated in the air offensive of Normandy Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. His decorations include the Presidential Citation with Cluster, the ETO Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged at Camp Gordon, GA, with 82 points.

Capt. Robert A. Cox of Memphis, was released from service with the U. S. Army Air Force October 10 at the Drew Field Separation Center, Tampa, FL. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Cox, of Cookeville, and his wife, the former Miss Jean Thompson, resides in Memphis. He was sent overseas with the 98th Bomb Group to the European Theater of Operations in September, 1944, where he remained until his return to the States in April. He holds the ETO Ribbon and six battle stars. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Internal Revenue Department, Birmingham, AL.

Second Lieut. Clarence L. Stewart, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart, of Cookeville, was recently reverted to inactive status with the Army Air Forces. Lt. Stewart served as navigator and flight engineer. He was last stationed at Hondo, TX. Employed by the Continental Motors Corp., Detroit, MI, prior to entering the service, L. Stewart's plans for the future are not definite.

Miss Robbie Ray Morton, of Monterey, has received her honorable discharge from the WAVES at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, CA, the Eleventh Naval District reported.

Miss Morton, who enlisted in December, 1943, served in the WAVES as a Specialist (Q) Third Class, the rating given qualified teletypists. She was stationed at Washington, D. C., and a Imperial Beach, CA, while in the Navy. The sister of Mrs. Eto Innocency, of Monterey, she is a graduate of Monterey High School, and Imperial Beach, CA, while in high school. She plans to continue with teletype work in civilian life.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McCanless recently received a letter from their son, Sterling McCanless, seaman, first class, aboard the USS Vulcan, %Flett Post Office, San Francisco, CA, stating he had been at New Caledonia, Ulithi-Samar, Leyte and was in Okinawa when he wrote they would soon go to Japan. This is

the first time he has been allowed to tell of his whereabouts in the Pacific area since going there in June, 1944.

Major Clair M. Smartt, U. S. Air Corps Chief Executive Officer, stationed at the Homestead Air Base, 30 miles from Miami, FL, called his mother, C. M. Smartt, last week telling her to meet him at the Sam Davis Toel in Nashville for a ten-hour visit. Sixteen months ago, just before Major Smartt went to South America, he had a similar visit with his mother, and has not seen her since that time. Major Smartt has been highly praised by the Miami papers for his excellent work in evacuating the enlisted men and the C-64 TP's to safety when hangars and barracks were almost totally destroyed recently by the worst hurricane since 1925, at which time his wife and children were in great danger when their home was partially destroyed.

Pfc. Robert J. Mayberry is now home with a discharge, after seeing 11 months of overseas duty. He was inducted into the Army in January, 1943, and received his basic training at San Luis Obispo, CA. He went overseas in May, 1944, He received the Purple Heart, an Oak Leaf Cluster, three bronze stars, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was discharged from Fort Knox, KY.

Luther E. Jackson seaman, second class, USNR, served on the escort aircraft USS Chenango when she carried 1,3357 released prisoners of war from Nagasaki, Japan, to a redistribution point at Okinawa. Some of the evacuees, Americans, English, Australians, Dutch and Javanese, are survivors of Walk Island, the Batan "Death March," and the sunken USS Houston.

Pvt. Millard K. Carr, who has completed his basic training at Fort McClellan, AL, has spent his 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Carr. Pvt. Carr also spent several week-ends with home folks while taking his training. He reported to Fort Riley, KS, for a new assignment. From there he went to Fort Ord, CA, and is now at San Francisco. His mother recently received several letters from him, stating he was fine, and enjoying lots of outdoor sports. He also stated they enjoyed a nice trip to CA for KS, through CO., NV, and UT, with lots of beautiful scenery.

S/Sgt. George D. McCulley, of Route 4, Cookeville, who served 24 months in the European Theater of Operations, has arrived at the San Antonio District AAF Personnel Distribution Command. He is the son of Mrs. James H. McCulley. Sgt. McCulley was a prisoner of war.

Compton Clark, son of Mrs. Nellie Clark is now here for a visit with her and his sister, Miss Beulah Clark, at their home on North Walnut Street.

Serving as Staff Sergeant with the Aviation Engineers, he was on military duty forty months, spending 37 months of this time overseas in the European Theater of War. He was first stationed in England and following the French invasion he went into Central Europe, participating in the major conflicts of that area and when peace came in Europe, he was in Germany. Sgt. Clark has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, and has a Good Conduct medal.

Arriving in the East Coast more than two weeks ago, he was transferred to Camp Atterbuty, IN, where he was granted an honorable discharge based on the army point system. Prior to reporting for army duty, Sgt. Clark had business connection in CA.

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Lieut. Gracey Returns From China-Burma-India Areas:

Lieut. (j.g) Edward C. Gracey, U. S. Navy, arrived in New York some weeks ago, following almost three years of service in the China-Burma-India area, and is now at home spending his leave with Mrs. Gracey and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gracey, on Washington Avenue. The junior Mrs. Gracey went to Washington, D. C., to meet him and joining them in Knoxville were his parents and sisters, Misses Josphine

and Charlene Gracey. The former who is teaching there, came for a week-end visit at home, especially to be with her brother.

Lieut. Gracey has been in the Navy almost four years, enlisting shortly after his graduation at Tennessee Tech. It was recently revealed that he was with the Sino-American Cooperative Organization to the U. S. Fleet and to the 14th Air Force in China.

At the close of his leave, the latter part of October, he reports to Marquette College, Milwaukee, WI, where he will serve as a naval instructor. Mrs. Gracey will reside in Milwaukee while he is stationed there.

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American Legion to Have Armistice Day Program Here:

The Cookeville Post, American Legion, plans to have a parade here on November 13th. This should be very interesting to everyone here, since there has been nothing like this in Cookeville for some time.

After the parade, a nationally known speaker will be at the Court House and everyone who possible can, should attend this speaking, for Cookeville is very fortunate in having this speaker as a guest.

Armistice Day should really mean something for everyone, so let's tune out to see the boys in uniform once again.

All veterans are asked to attend the next Legion meeting on Friday night, November 2, so that all plans may be completed.

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WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Lieut. Edward Ford Neal, U. S. Army Air Corps, and Mrs. Neal spent last week in Cookeville with his grandmother, Mrs. Tom Ford, and other relatives. At the completion of their visit here they went to Milburn, NJ, to be with Lieut. Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Neal, for several weeks. Recently he returned from a year's service in the European Area, where he was stationed with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Piloting his plane, he landed in FL, flying from Naples via Africa, South American and Porto Rico. His ETO ribbon carries five battle states and an Oak Leaf Cluster and in addition he wears a Presidential Citation ribbon. Since obtaining his leave from Camp Shelby, MS, he has been with Mrs. Neal at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lancaster, in Sunflower, MS. In November he reports to San Antonio, TX, for a further military assignment.

Sgt. John Mott, station at the Separation Center, Ft. Dix, NJ. Mrs. Mott and daughter, Janice, are here to spend his furlough of two weeks with his mother, Mrs. John R. Mott.

Lieut Frank Alexander, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Alexander were in Nashville last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moon and Mr. and Mrs. Gore Sadler. Saturday afternoon they attended the Vanderbilt-Kentucky game and that evening attended the dinner dane at the Richland Club. Wednesday they left for New Orleans, LA, where they will be for a stay of several days. Lieut. Alexander returned recently from the Pacific Area, where he was stationed for more than two years.

Chief Petty Officer Mark Whitehead, after serving two years in Honolulu, HQ, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Iona Whitehead, of Boma. He has served six years in the U. S. Navy, and has now reenlisted for two more years. He left Wednesday to spend the remainder of his 60-day leave with his family in Miami, FL, after which he will report to Seattle, WA, for further assignment. Mrs. Whithead's older son, Maxwell Whitehead, is in France. He is scheduled to leave for the States December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz are happy to have their son, Cpl. Walter Dietz home again after being overseas since May, 1943. He served with the 82nd Air borne Division throughout the European war. He was in Headquarters Co., which with Division Headquarters of the 82nd received the Presidential Unit Citation for taking part in the initial landings in France. The honor resulted from "outstanding performance of duty between June 6 and June 9, when it labored without rest during the first three days of the invasion. He received his discharge September 22.

Another son, T/3 Shelah Paul Dietz, is in Northern Honshu, in the Army of Occupation of Japan. He has received a medical badge for satisfactory performance of duty under combat condition on Peleliu Island. He is also eligible to wear the bronze star for participation in the Southern Philippines campaign.

James William Murphy, Lieut., USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy, of the Algood Road, arrived in Cookeville last week, following 38 months of Naval service, 30 months of which was spent on foreign duty on the USS Keokuk AKN 4. He participated in the invasion of Sicily in the European Area, Saipan, Peleliu, and Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater of war. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during the Iwo Jim campaign. Prior to his sea duty he attended Midshipman School at Columbia University, NY, where he was commissioned an Ensign. While on foreign duty he was promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) and to a Lieutenant. In recent months he has been at Pearl Harbor. He now has his honorable discharge and in the near future will resume his former position as Assistant Postmaster. In October, 1943, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Swallows, of Algood, who has made her home in Cookeville during his absence, and who went to Nashville to meet him on Saturday. They are at present located at South Hall, Tennessee Tech campus, where Mrs. Murphy serves as Dean of Women.

Col. John P. Wheeler, Commanding Officer of the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Hot Springs, AR, recently presented the Purple Heart medal to Pfc. Corbin O. Maynard, son of N. C. Maynard, of Baxter, Route 2, at a ceremony in the office of the Station Commandant. Former prisoner of war, Pvt. Maynard also received his honorable discharge from the Army. Veteran of 51 months Army duty, he served in Germany with the 7th Armored Division and wears the American Defense ribbon and the European theater ribbon with two battle stars.

Joe Nelson Scott, of the U. S. Navy, is home visiting his parents, J. J. Scott, and family, for 60 days after three years in the Pacific area. He has been in the service five years.

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Billy Mattson Commissioned at Fort Benning, GA:

Billy Mattson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mattson, was on October 16 commissioned a Second Lieutenant after completing several months of training at OCS, Fort Benning, GA.

Lieut. Mattson volunteered for military duty in January 1945, while taking his pre-med work at the University of Tennessee, where he had been since September, 1944, having graduated from Central High in May of that year. As a high school student he was engaged in all the school activities, and served as captain of the football Team.

He was stationed for basic training at Camp Robinson, AR, prior to his going to Fort Benning. After spending a ten-day leave at home he has reported to Camp Roberts, CA, for further military assignment.

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1 November 1945

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Carl J. Swafford, ship's cook, first class, USNR, of Monterey, serving on the attack transport USS Pickaway is still technically at war with Germany and Japan. He had no V-E Day and no V-J Day.

This story of scrambled holidays is an old one for these men. In the course of 50,000 miles of Pacific travel this year, they missed not only V-E and V-J Day, but the Fourth of July as well and enjoyed two Easters. They are dubiously looking toward Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Lieut. Frank Alexander, who has served overseas with the Seabees of the United States Navy for more than two years, arrived in San Francisco, CA, some two weeks ago and came to Nashville by plane where Mrs. Alexander, the former Miss Mary Carlen, went to meet him.

Lieut. Alexander has seen service in the combat areas of the Pacific throughout his tenure of foreign duty, and at the time of his return to the States, was the commanding officer of his division on Saipan. While overseas he was promoted to his present rank.

He is spending his 30-day leave with Mrs. Alexander at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlen,. And they will also visit with his relatives throughout the state. At the expiration of his leave, he reports to New Orleans, LA, and later to Memphis where he will receive an honorable discharge.

Cpl. Rayburn Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bryant, of near Cookeville Saturday following 37 months with the U. S. Army, of which time he spent 12 months in the European Theatre of War, serving in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany. He was in Germany on V-E Day with the 95th Infantry Division. He wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, the European-African-Middle East Ribbon with three battle stars. He now has his honorable discharge, and in the near Future will reside in Cookeville. In June, 1942, he was married to Miss Willene Gentry. They have a son 22 months old. Mrs. Brynat and son have resided in Cookeville during his absence. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have two other sons in the service, Willard Bryant in the Army now in CA, and Finis Bryant, of the U. S. Navy, now in China.

For outstanding service aboard the USS New Orleans, Raymond Driver, Y 2/c, of Monterey, has been commended by Captain C. F. Erck.

His commendation said, in part: "For outstanding services as Navigator's Yeoman and Librarian during operations against the enemy in the Western Pacific waters from 17 May 1943 through 15 September 1945. During this period he participated in six major amphibious campaigns, two surface actions, and numerous air actions. During all of this period, his excellent performance of duty was most effective in furthering battle efficiency of the ship. His loyal attitude at all times, and example set in action, were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service.

Driver has been in the Navy for three years. His wife, the former Betty Joe Wright, is residing in Monterey.

Luke Danner, S 3/c, has received his discharge and is now at home. He was inducted in April, 1943, and was at sea most of the time since. He will return to Detroit, MI, where he was employed before induction.

Fred P. Turner returned home, with an honorable discharge with 95 points. He was stationed in Italy for 18 months with the Fifteenth Air Force. He served 26 months in the service.

T/5 Dibrell M. Boyd, son of Mrs. Belle Boyd, of Cookeville 17, with an honorable discharge. He enlisted in the U. S. Army November 27, 1941, and served overseas 34 months with Reconnaissance Co., 66th Armonred Regiment, as dispatcher clerk, motor vehicles, and in combat directed the trucks with gas and oil from supply dumps back of the lines, to proper places in front line combat, also he tabulated and posted data in record books of the vehicles. He participated in campaigns in Algeria, Morocco, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. While in these campaigns he received the American Defense ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern ribbon, with seven stars, good conduct, Croix de Guerre, Bronze Arrowhead Medal, and the Belgian Fourragere. He will pick up and carry on his work with the herd of Jerseys of Boyd Brothers.

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Henry Frank "Skinny" Carlen Obt.

b. 6 July 1907, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN - d. 29 October 1945, Putnam Co., TN, md the 18th of October 1933, Putnam Co., TN to **Jessie Lee (Cameron) Carlen**, b. 5 September 1912, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 October 1978, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **O. E. Cameron**. Henry Frank "Skinny" Carlen, s/o **Walter Raleigh Carlen & Frances "Fannie" Richmond**. Henry was a Methodist, his son was **Henry Frank Carlen Jr.** Jessie Lee (Cameron) Carlen md 2nd **Asia B. Fox**, b. 1913 – d. January 1984.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg, 174: Henry F. Carlen married 18 October 1933, Putnam Co., TN, age 26, address: Cookeville, TN to Jessie Lee Cameron, age 21, address: Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: O. E. Cameron, Cookeville, TN)..

Henry Frank Carlen, 38, World War II Veteran Dies of Heart Attack:

Henry Frank Carlen, 38 died unexpectedly early Monday morning of a heart attack, his death occurring at the home of his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron, on Dixie Avenue, where his wife and son had resided during his absence on array duty.

He apparently was in the best of health on Sunday but became ill shortly after one o'clock and passed away before medical aid could be obtained.

Mr. Carlen, son of W. R. Carlen, Clerk and Master, and Frances Richmond Carlen, was born and reared in Cookeville, and because of his genial personality he numbered his friends by the hundreds and was prominently identified with the civic, educational and religious interests of his home town which he loved. He was a popular business man of the city, with interest in the Webb Pharmacy and was an active member of the Methodist Church. A member of the State Guard, he held the rank of Captain. He was educated in the Cookeville elementary schools and was graduated from the high school department of Branham and Hughes Military Academy, Spring Hill. He attended Milligan College, near Johnson City, and Tennessee Polytechnic Innitute here. At both athletic programs and other college activities.

October 18, 1933, he was married to Miss Jessie Lee Cameron, who survives. On his anniversary date he was discharged from the U. S. Army, with which he had served for the past 18 months, returning home approximately a week before his death. His army training was taken at Camp Barkely, TX, Camp Gruber, OK, and in mid-summer, he reported for foreign service on the Aleutians, from which area he returned the early part of October.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church, Tuesday afternoon, October 30, by Dr. C. N. Sharpe, Chaplain, U. S. Navy, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Thorton Fowler. Interment was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by a son, Henry Frank Carlen, Jr., one sister, Mrs. Philip Webb, and a brother, James Carlen, all of Cookeville. His grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Carlen, and his step-grandmother, Mrs. Josie Lee Richmond, also survive.

Active pallbearers were: A. G. Maxwell, Jr., Dr. Everett Derryberry, W. K. Crawford, H. H. Clark, Wendell Johnson, Fowler Clark, Aubrey Johnson, and P. V. Overall.

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Sgt. Ralph E. Mahler of the Air Transport Command, arrived in the States the latter part of August and went to Detroit, MI, the first of September, to spend a few days of his rest leave with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boatman. He and his wife came to Cookeville to spend the remainder of his 45-day leave with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. D. S. Mahler. Sgt. Mahler was based in Cairo, Egypt and Cassablanca while overseas. He flew to all the different parts in the Far East and in South America, and has now over 1300 flying hours to his credit. He reported to Hamilton Field, CA, October 26, for further assignment.

Word was received recently by Mrs. Henry Allen that her son, Sgt. Cecil Allen, was in Belgium and all right and was expected to return to the States soon. Sgt. Allen has been in service 27 months, with 19 months overseas. He was in the service in France with a Tank Division until he was wounded July 27, 1944.

Mrs. Ruby Burris of 504 Seventh Street, received a letter from her husband, Pfc. Herschel Burris, recently, saying he had arrived in Hokkaido, Japan. He says it is very cold there. He hopes to be home by Christmas. Pfc. Burris entered the service in February, 1944 going overseas in September of that year. He served in New Guinea and the Philippines before going to Japan.

Sgt. Jack Bratton, Jr., stationed at the Separation Center at Camp Shelby, MS, spent a recent furlough visit with Mrs. Bratton at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch, in Algood. They also were with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bratton, in Dyersburg, for apportion of the two weeks. Since returning to Camp Shelby, he has been promoted to his present position.

Ernest Crawford, U. S. Army, who has been honorably discharged from military service, and is now with Mrs. Crawford visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crawford. Mrs. Crawford went to Nashville to meet her husband who arrived there on Saturday. They will divide their time with various Putnam County relatives within the next few weeks.

Pfc. Vernon Huddleston of Cookeville, is now home with a discharge after seeing 20 months of overseas duty. He was in the service for three and one-half years. Mrs. Huddleston, the former Miss Evelyn Goolsby, has been residing in Cookeville during his absence. He served with General Simpson's Ninth Army and participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and the Ardennes.

Robert Horace Scarlett, who was recently discharged at the N.A.S., Memphis, arrived home Wednesday of last week. He has been in the service more than three years, serving in the European Theatre. He and his wife, Evelyn Scarlett, are residing at the home of his parents in Cookeville.

Julius White, who has served with the U. S. Air Corps for some forty months, landed in the States from the Pacific area on October 23, and following an honorable discharge, he came to Cookeville November 1, and is now with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Billingsley. Last January he returned from the European Theater of War, where he had participated in many of the major campaigns of Central Europe, and following a 30-day furlough reported for further military duty. A portion of his foreign service was spent in Iceland. His brother, Pfc. J. P. White, who has served with the U. S. Medical Corps for many years, stationed in the China-Burma-India area, is now in the Philippine Islands.

James Alloway, who served as a Staff Sergeant with the Army Air Corps for more than two years, stationed a greater part of the time at the Smyrna Air Base, has been honorably discharged and is now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Alloway, on Freeze Street, and has resumed his business interests here.

At home with their mother, Mrs. Margaret Reynolds, in Algood, are Cpl. Albert Peek and Pfc. Jesse Peek. The former recently returned from overseas after spending more than three years in the European Theater of War. Pfc. Peek is spending his 45-day furlough at home, following a year of foreign service. He reports for further duty on December 3, at Fort Bliss, TX.

Pvt. Horace Ray Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright, of Algood, has been assigned to overseas duty, and is now on the West Coast awaiting shipment. At the expiration of a 15-day leave at home, he reported to Truax Field, WI, where he received his orders for foreign duty.

W. D. Clark, Jr., Chief Pharmacist Mate, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark, of Algood, has returned with his discharge. He enlisted in the Navy in April, 1943, and had all of his training in CA. He was then attached to the Marine Air Group and spent several months in the South Pacific. He is now back withy Ragland, Potter and Company, and he and his wife are residing in Nashville.

H. J. Childress is now at his home on Washington Avenue and has been grated an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army Air Forces, with which he has served for the past four years. He was stationed throughout this time in NM, MN, and prior to his discharge, was in AK. Following his return to the States he was at Greensboro, NC, where Mrs. Childress went to meet him. Their son, Hugh Childress, Jr., who has been on army duty since war was declared, received his discharge shortly after he returned from the European Theater of War in August. Their youngest son, Robert Childress, is with the U. S. Navy, stationed on the Philippines.

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Judge John Mitchell now full Colonel in U. S. Army:

Colonel John A Mitchell, U. S. Army, within the week has been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to that of Colonel. Serving with the Reserve Officer since World War I, he reported for active duty shortly after war was declared in 1941 and was stationed for the training of troops, at Camp Swift, TX, Grenier Field, NH, in the area of Boston, MA, New York City, and Baltimore, MD. Since 1943, he has been stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, TX, where he has served as Chief of Claims in the Judge Advocate General's office.

The latter part of this week he will come to his home here to spend his terminal leave with Mrs. Mitchell, the former Miss Matalee Barnes, their son, John Alex Mitcehll, and daughter Ethel Barnes Mitchell, who have spent much time with Col. Mitchell during his sojourn at Kelly Field.

Colonel Mitchell, at the expiration of his terminal leave, will resume his post as Judge of the Criminal Court, Fifth Judicial District, in Cookeville.

Colonel Mitchell holds the Distinguished Service Cross awarded for heroic service while with the 118th Infantry, 30th Division of the AEF in Belgium and Frnace, 1917-18. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Mitchell, he was reared in Livingston where he received his elementary education, winning a scholarship to Transylvania University, Lexington, KY. He was a student there a year and later graduated from the Department of Law, University of Tennessee, and gegan the practive of his profession in Cookeville in 1923. He was assistant Attorney General and Attorney General prior to his judgeship election.

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Dr. L. T. Reeves resumed his practice of dentistry in Terry Building November 10, following on absence from Cookeville of three years while away on army duty. He entered the army in July 1942, and went overseas in June 1944. Serving as a Lieutenant Colonel with the 108th General Hospital, he was the Chief of Dental Service and Oral Surgery and was located at Wimbors, Dorset, England, while overseas. He returned to States in August, and on October 28, was discharged at Camp Silbert, AL. He and Mrs. Reeves are at their home on Washington Avenue.

First Lieut. James E. Dyer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer, arrived in the States October 10. Lt. Dyer has been in the European Theater of Operations for approximately three years, serving with the Fifth Army. He is now at home with an honorable discharge. Pvt. Jefferson Dyer who entered the Army the latter part of June, is spending his furlough with his parents. At the completion of his furlough he will return to FL for a special assignment. Henry C. Dyer, First Class Petty Officer, is stationed at the Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, FL. Pfc. Joe F. Dyer is stationed with a hospital unit at Camp Lee, VA. He was here recently for a week-end visit with his family and parents.

Harry Cumby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby, was honorably discharged from the United States Army, according to the point system, on October 13, at Camp Atterbury, IN.

He returned to the States early in October from the European area, where he served 34 months. He had been on army duty since November, 1941, and was attached to the Second Armored Division and later to a Tank Division. His training was at Fort Bragg, NC, and Ft. Knox, KY. Christmas Eve, 1942, he landed in North Africa and was engaged in the African and Sicilian campaigns before going to England. He was with the Allied troops who invaded France on D-Day, and continued with his division through Belgium, Holland and Germany. He and one other were the survivors of his original division on V-E Day. His medals include a silver star and two bronze stars. A brother, James Cumby, is in the South Pacific area and another brother, Pfc. Reuben Cumby, was killed in action while serving with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Being greeted by hundreds of Cookeville friends in Clure Coffelt, who is now at home with an honorable discharge from army duty, arriving in the States the early part of October from a stay of 19 months in the Pacific area. Landing in San Francisco, CA, he was ordered to a separation center at Camp Chaffee, AR, where he remained until ten days ago. Mr.s Coffelt, the former Miss Anna D. Sparks, went to Nashville to meet him and they are now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparks. A sergeant with a Cargo Control Division of the Army Air Corps, he was stationed for many months on New Guinea and when ordered to the States was in Manila. He has two bronze stars received for meritorious service in the New Guinea and Philippine Invasions. Prior to foreign service he was stationed in Westover, MA, and Richmond, VA, and was on Army duty three years.

Lieut. Herbie R. Shanks is spending his terminal leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shanks. He recently returned from the European Theater of Operations where he had been since August 1944. With the 15th Air Force, he was stationed at Foggia, Italy for a portion of the time and later while serving on Transport Duty, was located at Naples. He returned by plane via Africa, South America and Porto Rico, and landed the early part of October in West Palm Beach, FL. Last week-end he went for a visit with his brother, George S. Shanks, and Mrs. Shanks at Oak Ridge.

Luther C. Dyer, son of Mrs. Velera Oliver Dyer, Cookeville, Route 4, was recently discharged from the U. S. Army at Fort Sill, OK, following 27 months spent on military duty, 13 of which was on foreign soil. He was in the African and Central Europe campaigns and his decorations include five battle stars, one bronze star medale, oak leaf clusters, a purple heart award and a good conduct medal. He had been in the service since June, 1943.

Sgt. Ralph D. Pedigo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pedigo, has returned to Cookeville with an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army Air Corps, with which he served with the 347th Fighter Group. He arrived in the States the middle of October, and following his stay at the Camp Chaffee, AK, separation center, came to join his wife, the former Miss Gladys Green, of Sparta, at the home his parents. Following training at Buckley Field, CO, he left the States for the Pacific area more than two years ago, and for his heroic achievements, wears one bronze star and a silver star. He has besides a Good Conduct medal an AAF Technician badge, Guadalcanal, N. Solomon, New Guinea and Southern Philippines battle star, on Air Combat, Borneo medal, Philippine Liberation ribbon and the APS ribbon. He entered the service in July, 1942, and was discharged on October 28, 1945.

Beasley Thompson who has been with the U. S. Navy since April, 1945, has received his nonorable discharge and last week came to Cookeville for a brief stay with Mrs. Thompson and daughters at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Gentry, prior to going to Nashville, Tennessee, and where he will be

joined in the near future by his family. At the time of his reporting for military duty he had newspaper interest in Eliabethton. Since midsummer he has been in Washington State and in Alaska. His basic training was taken at Bainbridge, MD.

James Haile, Corporal, U. S. Army serving with an anti-aircraft division for approximately three years, know has his honorable discharge. He arrived in San Francisco, CA, the early part of October following more than two years of foreign service and came to Cookeville shortly thereafter. He sailed for home from Manilla Bay, and for several months he had been stationed in the Philippines. His service stars are for the invasion of New Britain, Dutch New Guniea, Leyte and Luzon. He is the son of Henry Haile, of Washington Avenue, and his wife, the former Miss Caprice Smith, has resided throughout his absence at their home on Maple Street. Prior to Army service, he held a responsible position with McMurry and Company, and has now resumed his former position.

Capt. Paul Moore is now spending his terminal leave with Mrs. Moore and children, Rebecca, Frank and Douglas Moore, at their home on the Monterey Road. He laned in New York the middle of October after an absence of 15 months in the European Theater of War, where he was attached to the 183rd Division o fPatton's Army. For a while he was stationed in England and later was located in Paris, where as an Educational Program officer, he attended the University of Paris for a short training period. He saw service in Belgium, Luxembuorg, Czechoslovakia and Germany. His orders for embarkation home came while in Austria. He has four campaign stars and a bronze star medal for heroic achievement while on active duty. When he retuns to civilian life the early part of 1945 he will have completed 18 years of military service as prior to actibve duty in 1941, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore, and before reporting for military training was connected with the Putnam County education system.

In last week's Herald the article relative to the promotion of Frank Gray Terry, Cookeville and Charles Thomas, Baxter, U. S. Navy, now located in a Japanese harbor, was in error. They were promoted to Yeomen 3/c instead of Seamen 1/c. They received their promotion in a year's time, as they have been on Naval duty since the autumn of 1944.

S/Sgt. Charles H. Gentry, 20, son of Willis Gentry, has been honorably discharged from the Army Air Force.

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Marshal A. Perkins, CM 3/c, who has been stationed in the Philippine Islands for several months, has returned to the States, and has recently been honorably discharged. He was inducted in April, 1943, and received training at Baninbridge, MD, Norfolk, VA, Vallejo, CA, and New Orleans, LA, prior to going to sea a year ago.

Cecil R. Dyer, GM 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dyer, of Cookeville, Route 2, who has been in the Navy practically eight years, has his honorable discharge. He was in the Pacific area for 64 months, participating in four major engagements. He wears three battle stars on his overseas ribbon, and has a good conduct medal and his Captain's commendation.

Ottis H. Phillips, who served as a MOM 1/c with the U. S. Navy for a period of 30 months. He has his discharge. He was in the European area for many months when granted a leave home. Following a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Phillips, he reported for foreign service in the Pacific area.

Ralph E. Maxwell, Baker, 2nd class, has been returned to civilian life through the Navy Personnel Separation Center, Memphis.

Sgt. Dallas F. Maxwell, of Cookeville, was honorable on November 27, at the Army Air Forces Separation Center, at Scott Field, IL. Sgt. Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Maxwell, is married and Mrs. Maxwell and their two children have been residing in Cookeville during his absence.

Mrs. Lula C. Ward has received a message stating that her son, Walton L. Ward, SK 2/c, has arrived in San Francisco, and expects to be home soon. He has been overseas for nearly two years, and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Samoa, and Yokasuka, while on foreign service.

Sgt. Burgess Ray, who has been stationed for several months in Cincinnati, OH, has been here for a furlough visit with Mrs. Ray at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mott. He also visited his sisters, Mrs. A. L. Campbell, and Mrs. Clay Barr in Sparta.

Cordell Hull Sloan, S 1/c, who has been on sea duty the past eleven months, has received his honorable discharge, and has joined his family here at their home, 403 Oak Street. He has been on naval duty approximately two years. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan spent a portion of last week in Nashville with the former's sisters, Mrs. J. T. Buck, and Mrs. Doyle Thompson.

James Drake, S 1/c, who has been on naval duty for more than a year, and at sea the past six months, landed in San Francisco, CA, on Tuesday, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Mae Drake. He hopes to be home to spend Christmas. His duties at sea have carried him to Dutch New Guinea, Borneo, and to the Philippines.

John C. Cowan, S 1/c, according to a recent release from the Memphis Naval Personnel Separation Center, has received his honorable discharge and has been returned to civilian life. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan, of this city, he has had 44 months of service, 40 of which has been spent at sea, in both the Pacific and Atlantic areas. He has a good conduct medal, and has participated in nine engagements and in four invasions. He has eight battle stars.

Sgt. Francis J. Frey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frey, has been honorably discharged from army duty and has joined his wife and son here at the home of his parents, where they have resided during his absence. He volunteered for service and reported to Camp Peary, OH, on November 21, 1942, following his training there he was transferred to Aberdeen, MD, and later to Camp Chaffee, AR. For the past several months he has been in Alaska and the Aleutians, serving with an ordnance division, he was attached to the U. S. Army Air Corps. He has a good conduct ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, A-P ribbon, the A-D ribbon, and the ORO Technician award. Prior to army duty, he was with the United States Engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Swep Rogers received a letter last week from their son, Cpl. Maurice Rogers, who is in Tokyo. He stated in the letter that he had attended the first rodeo show to be staged in Tokyo. He also mentioned seeing one of our American officers riding the Emperor's white horse in the beautiful stadium there. Cpl. Rogers said he was well and hoped to be home before too long.

S/Sgt. Jack Bratton, stationed at Camp Shelby, MS, came for a recent furlough visit in Algood with Mrs. Bratton at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burch.

Zina Mitchell, RM 3/c, U. S. Navy, who has been stationed in Atlantic City, NJ, is spending his furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell, and other members of the family. At the expiration of his stay at home he reports to New Orleans, LA, for a new assignment. He has been on military duty since early summer.

S/Sgt. Dallas L. Montgomery has just returned from the European Theatre of war after spending 34 months. He came on an emergency furlough to be with his mother, Mrs. Everette Montgomery, who underwent a major operation at St. Thomas Hospital. She has now recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home. Sgt. Montgomery will report to Fort McPherson, GA, for further assignment.

Mrs. C. K. Martin received a message on Monday that her husband, Pvt. Martin, had landed in the States following an absence of several months in Panama, where he was stationed on military duty. In the near

future he will be given an honorable discharge and will return to Cookeville, where he has business connections with the Martin Buick Company.

Major Mitchell Shipley is now on his terminal leave following many months of army service, where he served as chief of Veterinarian Service, and is with his mother, Mrs. Harve Shipley, of near Cookeville. While on military duty he was stationed in Chicago, IL, Ft. Worth, TX, Camp Bowie, TX, Camp Wheeler, GA, and Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

Douglas McDowell has been honorably discharged from the United States Army, following a long period of service much of which was spent in the European Theater of War. He landed last week in New York, and shortly thereafter came to Cookeville to be with his brother, J. L. McDowell, who is ill. His military duties took him to England, France, Belgium, and into Germany.

Information coming from the Memphis Separation Center states that Lieut. Smith H. Bracey has been granted an honorable discharge from the United States Navy, where he has been serving with the Seabees for more than two years. His sea duty in the Pacific area included 20 months and he participated in the invasion of the Marianas, Paulau, and Okinawa. He returned to the States in November, and is now with Mrs. Bracey, the former Miss Helen Paris, and daughters at their home on South Jefferson Avenue.

William S. Rose, SK 3/c, USNR, who has been stationed for the past 16 months in CA, is spending his leave with his mother, Mrs. V. R. Williams, Mr. Williams and with his sister, Miss Mary Carolyn Rose, at their home on the Algood Road. At the expiration of his leave, he reports to San Pedro, CA, for further naval duty. Mrs. Williams other son, John Rose, and Mrs. Rose of Knoxville, were here last week for a Thanksgiving visit, coming especially to be with Seaman Rose.

Pfc. Cordell Huddleston has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps. He entered service on October 27, 1942, was discharged November 14, 1945, and has served many months in the South Pacific, on Tinian, Saipan, and the marianas. He was wounded in action on July 24, 1944. After being home two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston, he has gone to Detroit, MI, where he holds a position.

CWO Billy Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapin, is at home on terminal leave. He has been away on military service the past five years, with 27 months spent in the European area. He went into France on D-Day and participated in the major battles of Central Europe, and for meritorious service, was awarded numerous medals and citations. At present he is visiting with relatives in Detroit, MI. Going with him was his sister, Mrs. Lawrence Bartlett, of Oak Ridge, who will spend a week there. Her husband, now in Hawaii, states in a recent letter that his work at the Army University of Agriculture, is very good.

Cecil Gentry, Sergeant with the United States Army who has been on military duty the past five years has been granted an honorable discharge, and is now at home with his mother, Mr. J. J. Gentry. Stationed for some time at different camps in TX, he has been located in San Francisco, CA, the greater portion of this year, and for the past six weeks has had as his guest his sister, Miss Dimple Gentry, who returned to Cookeville with him on Sunday. Sgt. Gentry, with the National Guard, was among the first from Cookeville to report for active duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. O'Dell have come to Cookeville to reside and have an apartment at the Holladay Apartments. The former has business interest with his uncle, J. L. O'Dell. Prior to coming to Cookeville, he was granted an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army Air Corps, with which he served as a Lieutenant, he spent seven months overseas with the Eighth Air Force based in England. He was a navigator and flew 30 missions over enemy territory. He has the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and his ETO ribbon carries three battle stars. He also has the Distinguished Unit citation. Mrs. O'Dell is the former Miss Ruth Rogers of Knoxville.

Lieut. John Allison Bullington, U. S. Army Air Force, who has been on army duty for more than three years with much of the time spent on foreign service in the China-Burma-India area, arrived in the United States the early part of December and is now here on leave, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. L. M. Bullington. Serving as a flightengineer, he flew the famous "Hump" route numerous times, and for his heroic service, wears the silver star, the air medal and other citations. The latter part of his stay overseas was in the Pacific area. At the expiration of his leave in January, he reports to San Antonio, TX, for futher assignment.

William Ernest Brown has his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army Transport Command, with which he has been serving as Staff Sergeant for several years. Stationed for smome time at Great Falls, MT, he spent much of the past year in Alaska and other extreme northern bases. He arrived in Cookeville on Sunday and is now with his father, Ernest Brown, his sister, Miss Edwinna Brown, and his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Brown, at their home on Walnut Street.

Morrison Lowe, Jr., has his honorable discharge from the U. S. Coast Guards, with which he has been serving for approximately three years, and came to Cookeville last weeks where he joined Mrs. Lowe, the former Miss Jean Proffitt. He was stationed throughout his military service in the Atlantic area. He and Mrs. Lowe will make their home here where he has business interests.

Lieut. (j.g.) Clarence A. Cameron returned to Cookeville recently to spend his terminal leave, in effect from November 19, until December 24, with Mrs. Cameron and son at their home on Dixie Avenue. Serving with the navy for the past 35 months, he psent approximately two years on sea duty in the Pacific area and participated in the Saipan and Okinawa invasions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cameron, of Dixie Avenue, and prior to entering the service, was an assistant National Bank Examiner, with headquarters in Atlanta, GA.

Kenneth H. Dyer, PhM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Dyer, of the Nashville Road, according to information received from the Memphis Naval Separation Center, has been granted an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy, following a service period of 36 months. His sea duty consisted of 23 months spent in the Southwest Pacific. His awards and commendations include American Theatre and South Pacific ribbons, good conduct and American Defense awards. He participated in two major invasions.

Lieut. Donald Mitchell, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Mrs. Nannie Mitcehl, has been granted an honorable discharge. Going overseas in September of 1944, he was based with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Christmas Day of last year, he went down over enemy territory and was a prisoner of war from that time until peace came in May. He has been spending his leave here since mid summer. Last week he and his mother returned from a visit in Washington, D. C., with the latter's daughter, Miss Margaret Mitchell.

Cpl. Ray W. Maynard, U. S. Marine Corps, and Clay W. Maynard, Cox'n, U. S. Navy, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Van Maynard, are home together for the first time in three years.

Ray recently received an honorable discharge, after having spent 23 months overseas, participating in many of the major battles in the South Pacific. He received the Purple Heart after being wounded on Bougainville.

Clay, who is spending a 60-day furlough here, spent many months in the European theatre, before being sent to the Pacific, where he saw action in many of the Pacific battles. He was wounded on Okinawa. He will report to Nashville, January 1, for further assignment.

Cpl. Clayton Brown, son of J. M. Brown, and husband of Mrs. Odell Brown, of Dayton, OH, formerly of Putnam County, has returned to his home with an honorable discharge after four years of duty with the U. S. Army. Young Brown spent 28 months overseas in France, Germany, Ireland, England and a short time in Switzerland.

John A. Elmore, shipfitter, first class USNR, of 605 Hickory Street, Cookeville, and other navy men who served on the motor gunboat USS PGM-3- have been credited in Navy records with an achievement believed unequalled by any other ship assigned to the same type of duty. In 10 days, while assigned to duty with minesweepers, as fire support and a mine destruction vessel, the crew of the gunboat destroyed 19 mines by gunfire while operating at Tokashiki, a short distance west of Okinawa. Previously she had

poured projectiles into the mouths of numerous enemy caves with unerring accuracy, and Army patrols later confirmed the devastating effect of the fire.

Pfc. and Mrs. Haney Breeding are here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Presely. Pfc. Breeding has just received his honorable discharge after spending 23 months in the European Theatre. He is the wearer of the Purple Heart with one cluster, the Good Conduct medal, a Presidential Unit Citation ribbon, and the ETO ribbon with five bronze stars. Mrs. Breeding is the former Miss Lelloine Presley.

Mrs. Lula Qualls has recently received a letter from her son, Sgt. Billy Qualls, stating he would soon be home from the Pacific area. He is now waiting transportation.

Staff Sgt. Riley Parkerson, Jr., arrived home November 23 from the Pacific. He spent 33 months overseas, serving with the First Marine Division, and participated in the New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Western Carolines and Okinawa battles. Sgt. Parkerson received the Purple heart after being wounded on Peleliu. Leaving the First Marines in Peking, China, he returned to the States and received an honorable discharge. He is the son of Mrs. Riley Parkerson.

Information coming from the Memphis Personnel Separation Center, states that Ray W. Cusick, 3/c petty officer, has been granted an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy, where he has been serving for more than two years. His sea duty in the European and Pacific areas, included 21 months. He returned to the States in November and joined Mrs. Cusick, the former Miss Mable Allison, here after being home three weeks with Mrs. Cusick's mother and other relatives, they have gone to Detroit, MI, where he holds a position with the Chrysler Motor Corporation.

Sgt. J. C. Goolsby, of Cookeville, received his Silver Star medal at a recent Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, decoration ceremony. Now a patient at the Army hospital, the sergeant was cited for gallantry in action April 10, 1945, Germany. With another man, Sgt. Goolsby was manning a machine gun which was protecting the left flank of his company when the enemy launched a heavy counterattack. The assistant gunner and Sgt. Goolsby were both seriously wounded but the Tennessean continued to fire his gun until he fell from loss of blood.

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Gene B. Alford Promoted to Lieutenant, Junior Grade:

Gene B. Alford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alford, of Harriman, has been promoted to Lieutenant, junior grade, according to an announcement made by Captain E. W. Irish, Commanding Officer of the Naval Personnel Separation Center, Nashville.

Lt. (j.g.) Alford, a graduate of Tennessee Tech in the class of 1943, is now stationed at the Nashville Naval Personnel Separation Center as an assistant Barracks Officer. Before duty there Lt. (j.g.) Alford was attached to LCT 5, which operated in the Atlantic Theatre of War for 15 months.

The Lieutenant, junior grade, is married to the former Doris Poteet of Cookeville, and they have one daughter, age two.

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Ben A. Hensley, Jr., is now at his home near Cookeville, following a recent discharge from the U. S. Army, in which he had served for several years. He was in the European area for a number of months, and for his meritorious service was awarded numerous decorations. He was returned to the States in October, and following a stay at Camp Fannin, TX, was granted a discharge in November. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hensley, who have another son in the service, Cpl. Luke C. Hensley, who is with the Army of Occupation, in Munich, Germany.

Pvt. Jim S. Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Josiah Maddux, has his discharge from army service. He entered the service in May, 1943 and was graduated from the parachute School in October of that year. He was overseas 17 months and following the Normandy invasion was taken prisoner of the German government. He has the following decorations: Purple Heart, one battle Star, Good Conduct medal, ETO ribbon, Presidential Unit citation.

Alvin A. Hix, BM 1/c, of Cookeville, is on his way home. He is one of 500 high-point Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the USS Kitkun.

Gilliam Massa Smith, S 1/c, 805 W. 6th St., Cookeville, and shipmates on the escort carrier USS Manila Bay helped take that vessel through action in the Pacific from the Marshalls across the ocean to Okinawa, and finally to the northern coast of Japan for occupation duties the Navy's histories of its ships, now being revised, have disclosed.

Cpl. James Fred Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Richardson, of Gainesboro, Route 2, was in Cookeville recently for a short visit with his aunts, the Misses McGlasson, while enroute to his home at Gainesboro. Cpl. Richardson arrived in Boston on the USS Wakefield, November 22, and was immediately transferred to the Atterbuty, IN, Separation Center, where he received his honorable discharge.

Pfc. William C. Moore, son of Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Whitson St., is serving in Manila with the 248th. He instructs Filipino civilian laborers in the Army work systems.

Cpl. Charles Randolph served almost four years in the Army, serving seven months in Italy, was honorably discharged October 17. Edward Randolph, S 1/c, served almost four years in the Navy, serving for about three years overseas. He was honorably discharged November 15. A. W. Randolph, Jr., F 1/c, served almost four years in the Navy. He also served about three years overseas. He was honorably discharged November 13. These boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Randolph, of Cookeville, Route 2.

Pfc. William P. Gambrell, of Route 1, Cookeville, has received an honorable discharge from the Army and has returned to his home. He was a Private First Class with the Infantry and was discharged at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, GA.

Glenn Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, 421 King St., Cookeville, has recently been promoted to staff sergeant. He is a member of the 160th Regiment, 40th Infantry Division. Sgt. Copeland entered the army in December, 1944 and went overseas in May, 1945. He has been stationed on Leyte and Philippines and is now a member of the U. S. Occupation Forces in Korea. Sgt. Copeland's regiment has been charged with the responsibility of processing the thousands of Japanese troops and civilians that have passed through that port city on their way back to Japan.

Pfc. Dow E. Slagle, of Cookeville, Route 5, and veteran of 25 months, overseas was discharged from the service by the Army at the War Department Personnel Center, Camp Chaffee, AR, on November 15.

Raymond Q. Driver, 22, yeoman, second class, USN, has been commended by the Commanding Officer of his ship, the USS New Orleans, in the North China Area, for outstanding services against the enemy in the Pacific from May 17, 1943, through September 15, 1945. He is the husband of Mrs. Betty Driver, of Monterey, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Driver, of Lebanon.

Pfc. Clifford H. Brewington, of Cookeville, Route 2, son of Mrs. W. E. Brewington, has returned from overseas and has been admitted to the Oliver General Hospital, at Augusta, GA, for further treatment. He has been in the Army four years and six months, and served with the Field Artillery.

Cpl. Charles K. Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Billings, of Cookeville is on his way home. He is one of 810 high-point Navy and Marine veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the USS Catskill.

Finis A. Bryant, MOMM 3/c, U. S. Navy, who has been in the China-Burma-India area for some time, and who is now on his way to the States, sends his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant, of Cookeville, an interesting article describing the first Navy truck convoy ever to go the length of the famed Stilwell Road from Ledo to Kuming, a distance of 1,072 miles of some of the roughest country imaginable. Bryant, numbered with the convoy has this to say of the unforgettable trip: "There were 180 of us from Calcutta, Indai, to Kuming, China, 1,800 miles. There was one killed and three wounded. From Kuming to Chungking it was 745 miles. Taking nine trucks, nine drivers and a dozen officers, Ensign Low and Ensign Baker. The total number of vehicles on this trip were: nine GMC's, five jeeps, one ambulance and one command car."

Cpl. Jessie A. McCormick, of Cookeville, a veteran of Philippine campaign, is returning to the States from Japan. He was a member of the 24th Infantry Division, a unit of Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth army, which fought at New Guinea, Leyte, Bataan, Corregidor, and Mindanao. At the time of his departure he was engaged in occupation duties on Shikeku.

James K. Bilbrey, CM 3/c, USNR, son of F. E. Bilbrey, of Cookeville, and Ira J. Cunningham, EM 3/c, USNR, husband of Mrs. Pauline M. Cunningham, of 404 Oak Street, Cookeville, are on their way home.

They are passengers aboard the USS Bottineau, one of more than 250 carrier, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "magic Carpet" fleet, which left Okinawa November 20, and was scheduled to arrive in San Pedro about December 5.

A/C James Hill, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hill, of Cookeville, was released from the Army Air Forces at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, AL, recently. A/C Hill entered the Army Air Forces in the summer of 1944. Before receiving his discharge, he was stationed at Gunter Field, AL. He has returned to Chattanooga to resume his studies at the University of Chattanooga.

Lawrence G. Grimes, who has been with the U. S. Navy, serving as Seaman, first class, is according to latest information discharged from the service and is now at his home on Route 2. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grimes, he has been in the service 30 months, and his 23 months of sea duty took him to both the Atlantic and Pacific areas. The recipient of one battle star, he has participated in one invasion and one engagement.

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Pfc. Thomas M. Warren Deis in Japan, November 10.

Mrs. Tom Warren received a message from the War Department on December 6, stating her husband, Pfc. Thomas M. Warren, died November 10, 1945, in Honshu. Pfc. Warren was born March 16, 1908, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chess Warren, of Algood. He entered the service in May, 1943, serving in the European theater, and after V-E Day was redeployed to the Philippines and in October was sent to Japan.

He was married to Miss Christine Gibson October 19, 1938. He is survived by his widow, two sisters, Mrs. David Norris, Reed City, MI, Mrs. H. T. Giles, Norwood, GA; and four brothers, Oakley T., of Long Beach, CA, Oscar, of Cookeville, and Sid and George, of Detroit, MI.

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Lieut. Fred Moore, Jr., has returned to the States following several months of foreign service in the Pacific area, where he served as a pilot with the United States Army Air Force. Immediately upon landing on the West Coast, he was transferred to San Antonio, TX, for his honorable discharge. He goes to Shreveport, LA, to join Mrs. Moore when his army service is terminated, and later they plan to come to Algood to visit his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Moore.

Pfc. Woodrow Carmack has returned from overseas. He has been in the service 45 months, 30 months of which was overseas. He went with General Clark's Fifth Army through Italy, and participated in the major battles, wears the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct medal and five battle stars. After the war ceased in Italy, he spent several weeks in Rome, visiting many of the places of interest, saw and heard the Pope many times, was in many Italian homes and states they were very kind to the American boys.

Kenneth C. Chaffin, MoMM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Chaffin, of Route 3, Cookeville, whose wife resides in Gainesboro, has been honorably discharged from Navy duty following 29 months in the Southwest Pacific. He participated in two engagements and wears two battle stars on his foreign service ribbon.

Asia Fox, U. S. Army, who has been in the European Theater of War for the past two years, is now at home and has his honorable discharge. Landing in New York City last week, he was granted a discharge shortly thereafter and arrived in Cookeville on Sunday. Going to meet him in Nashville were Miss Pauline Hudgens, Mr. and Mrs. Pennock Moore and Mrs. H. F. Carlen. His mother, Mrs. Ada Fox, formerly of Cookeville. Prior to his army duty he was associated in business with the Middle Tennessee Mills.

Belton Gibson is now at home following many months in the U. S. Navy, where he served as PHM 2/c. For a long period of time, he was stationed in New Zealand, and after his return to the States, during the year, he has been in Memphis, and it was at this Separation Center he received his honorable discharge. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phy Gibson.

Lt. Vernon C. Gresham, husband of Mrs. M. Gresham, of Cookeville is on his way home aboard the USS Saratoga.

Pfc. Odell Allison, who has been serving in the U. S. Army Air Corps for over three years, including several months of foreign service, has his honorable discharge, and is now at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Allison, and sister, Miss Jewel Allison, of Cookeville, Route 2. Stationed for some time at Guam, he was at Pearl Harbor, and was at Ie Shima, when orders came to return to the States. He was discharged from the service by the Army Personnel Center, Camp Chaffee, AR, on December 6.

J. V. Thomas, USNR, husband of Mrs. Willine Thomas, Silver Point, is on his way home aboard the USS Grafton.

Odell Sliger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sliger, of Route 2, has received his honorable discharge, and is now at home for the first time since leaving for service more than 27 months ago. Sliger served with the Fourth Marine Division and participated in many amphibious landings, including those of the Marshalls, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. His company received the Presidential Citation for courage and bravery shown while in combat. Mr. and Mrs. Sliger have another son, Lester Sliger, who has just been promoted to Technical Sergeant. He is now with the occupation forces in Japan.

Sgt. Henry S. Crabtree, husband of Mrs. Ethel O. Crabtree, of Cookeville, is on his way home aboard the USS San Saba.

Clifford Caruthers, son of S. B. Caruthers, and the late Mrs. Caruthers, is another Putnam County boy who is at home with an honorable discharge after approximately two years in the European Theater, spending much time in England and throughout Central Europe. At the present he is with Mrs. Caruthers at the home of her parents in Silver Point.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford and son, Will G. Crawford, will come from Ft. Riley, KS, to spend the Christmas season at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Minnie Crawford Barbour. They will divide their time with other relatives. Enroute to Cookeville, they will visit in Memphis, Nashville and New Middleton.

John Bush, son of Mrs. Frank Bush, of Peachtree Street, has his honorable discharge from naval duty and has joined his wife and daughter at their home in Norwich, CT. He has been with the Seabees since July 1943, and held the rating of EM 1/c and was stationed in Rhode Island, Gulport, MS, and in CA. Pvt. Jamres Bush, U. S. Marines, who underwent a major operation at a governemtn hospital at Pearl Harbor on December 6, is improving and according to the latest information, his conditioin is satisfactory. Mrs. Bush and daughter, Carol Ann, are with Pvt. Bush's mother, Mrs. Frank Bush, during his absence.

Robert Lee King, QM 3/c, U. S. Navy, is spending his 30-day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther King, of the Shipley community. Seaman King has been in the service almost two years, and 16 months of this time has been spent in the Pacific area. He sailed for home from the Philippine Islands, and enroute stopped for a brief stay at Pearl Harbor, and coming via the Panama Canal, he landed at Norfolk, VA. He reports for a new assignment at New London, CT, on January 1.

Clifford T. Massa, serving as CMaM with the United Sates Navy, for the past three years, is now at his home here, following an honorable discharge granted at the Memphis Separation Center last week. Twenty months of service was spent in the Panama Canal Zone, and since his return to the states last spring, he has been stationed in Galveston, TX. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Massa. His wife, the former Miss Henrietta Jared, has made her home on Church Street during his absence.

John Ed Clouse, U. S. Medical Corps, in training at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Memphis, has been spending his furlough of two weeks with his mother, Mrs. John Ed Clouse, on Douglas Street. The junior Mrs. Clouse came from Memphis on Sunday to join her husband here for a visit of three days.

Billy Danner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Danner, has his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy and is now with his parents on Whitson Street. He has been on naval duty for several months, much of the time being spent at sea in the Atlantic.

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Capt. Powell Hutcheson, U. S. Medical Corps, Promoted:

Capt. Powell Hutcheson was recently promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to his present rank.

Capt. Hutcheson, who is serving with the United States Medical Corps, is now stationed at Mason General Hospital on Long Island, and has been on military duty for approximately one year.

He is a graduate of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institure, and the University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Memphis. Following his graduation, he served his internship at a Memphis hospital.

In December 1943, he was married to Miss Charlene Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster, of this city, and at present they are residing on Long island, NY.

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Thomas R. Stourt, PhM 1/c, the husband of Mrs. Anna Stout of 201 Whitson St., is one of the 1,300 highpoint Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the USS Tazewell.

Cpl. Shirley V. Stamps, son of Esq. and Mrs. W. V. Stamps, of Brotherton, Route 1, is now at home after spending three years in the U. S. Army, 28 months in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Cpl. Stamps wears World War II Victory ribbon, Good Conduct medal, the C. P. Theater Ribbon with four bronze stars, and

one bronze arrowhead, the Philippine Liberation ribbon and two bronze stars. His wife, the former Miss Delzie Ray, came from Detroit, MI, to meet her husband.

Cpl. James Dow Carter, who has served three years in the European Area, was honorably discharged at Indiantown Gap, PA, on December 27. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter, of Cookeville, who have another son in the service, Lieut. Willis Carter, Jr., who is with the Army of Occupation in Fukushima, Japan. He has been in the army for the past five years and recently reenlisted for two more years.

Pfc. William P. Christie, who is now stationed at Camp Campbell, KY, has returned to camp after spending a ten-day furlough with Mrs. Christie and son, Danny, who are making their home on Hudgens Street.

Pvt. Joe Bailey Cobbs, of Springfield, outstanding farmer Tech student, graduaring in 1944, has arrived in France to serve in the Army of Occupation.

John Douglas Bray, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bray, of Cookeville, has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy following 27 months of service with 15 months spent in the Southwest Pacific. He participated in four invasions and wears four battle stars. He received his discharge at the Memphis Naval Personnel Separation Center on December 22, and was home for the Christmas holidays.

Sgt. Ralph Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hutcheson, of Cookeville, returned to his home last week after reciving his honorable discharge from the Army at Camp Chaffee, AR. He had been in the Army since September 1942, and during this time he had spent 28 months overseas in the Pacific Theater of War. He was located in the Solomons, New Caledonia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He has the Good Conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with a silver star, and two bronze service stars, the Philippine Liberation ribbon, one bronze star and World War II Victory ribbon. His brother, Philip Hutcheson, Jr., who is a student at the University of Tennessee, and who received his honorable discharge last June, came to Cookeville to spend his vac ation. This was his first Christmas at home in a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Anderson are in receipt of a message from their sond, Cpl. Silas Anderson, Jr., who recently landed in Europe, and is now in Munich, Germany, serving with the Army of Occupation. Cpl. Anderson entered the service during the past year, and took his training at Camp Wheeler, GA, and Camp Pickett, VA. He sailed for Europe Decmeber 18.

John Pointer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pointer, arrived in Cookeville the latter part of December and is now with his wife, the former Miss Mildred Gentry, and children, at their home on the Monterey Road, and has been granted an honorable discharge following military duty of several years. Since the autumn of 1944 he has been in the European Theater of Operations, arriving there shortly before the great German offensive in Central Europe.

James Ragland, husband o fMrs. Sara Frances Ragland, arrived in the States around Christmas time and shortly thereafter was granted an honorable discharge at Ft. Knox, KY. Following a week-end visit here with his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams, he and Mrs. Ragland are visiting his parents in Springfieldd. In the near future they plan to return to Cookeville to reside. He has been in the service approximately three years and on foreign duty the past two years. Serving with the Signal Corps, he saw service in the French Invasion, and various major battles of Central Europe.

Capt. Roy Hugh Sullivan, who has been in the Pacific Theater of War since mid-summer, returned to the Statres hortley before Christmas, and is now spending his leave of 45 days with Mrs. Sullivan, who has been away on military duty for the past four years, was stationed on the Philippines prior to sailing for home.

Ben H. Crawford, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crawford, of near Cookeville, who has been with the U. S. Navy in the Asiatic-Pacific Area for 16 months, was recently granted an honorable discharge at the Memphis Separation Center, and has joined his wife and children in Cookeville. He has been in the service 24 months, and has two battle stars. He participated in two engagements and one invasion.

William C. Moore, son of Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Whitson Street, is now at home with an honorable discharge following an absence of more than two years while away on military duty. Prior to his sailing for foreign service he was stationed in Washington State, but for the past two years, he has been in the Pacific Area. He landed in Anzio, CA, the latter part of December, and was transferred to Camp Chaffee, AR, for a visit with his sister, Mrs. U. H. Holt, and family, and where his mother had been visiting for several weeks. Mrs. Moore and son came to Cookeville the early part of this week. He wears the Philippine Liberation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and three battle stars representing the New Guinea, Admiralty and Philippine campaigns, and the Asiatic-Pacific and Victory ribbons. Before entering the Army he was a member of the high school faculty in Crossville.

Billy Gray Johnson, U. S. Navy, has reported to Boston, MA, for further duty following a furlough visit at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson. He has been with the Navy for the past two years, and prior to his homecoming he had just returned from sea duty on the Atlantic and Pacific areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's oldest son, Jasper Johnson, also with the Navy, recently landed in the States from foreign service, in the Pacific area and was transferred to the Memphis Separation Center, where he was granted an honorable discharge. His wife, the former Miss Doyne Martin, went to Memphis to meet him, and they are now in Cookeville.

Lieut. Quenton Horton, U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed in Greenville, MS, has joined Mrs. Horton, who before her marriage was Miss Mamie Sue Johnson, and they are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Joe Dyer, U. S. Army, was granted an honorable discharge at Indian Town Gap, PA, last week and has returned to his home here where his wife and children have resided on Pearl Street during his absence of two years on army duty. He was stationed at Camp Lee, VA, and with a hospital unit on Staten Island, NY, during his entire military service. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Crawford has returned to Fort Riley, KS, after a recent leave in Cookeville. Mrs. Crawford and their son, Will Geln Crawford, who came with him are remaining here and are at their home on the Monterey Road. The latter recently received his discharge from the U. S. Army following foreign service of two years.

Dave Maddux, Lieut (j.g.) U. S. Navy, is now at home, having been granted an honorable discharge at the Memphis Naval Separation Center shortly before Christmas. He arrived in CA from the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, where he had been since the early part of the year, in mid-December, and came directly to Tennessee. Before foreign service he was stationed in Washington, D. C., for a period of 15 months. Mrs. Maddux and sons have been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Carlen, during his absence. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddux, and has now resumed his business connections with the Poteet and Maddux Hardware Co.

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Billy Qualls, son of Mrs. Lula Qualls, who has been on foreign duty with the U. S. Army for the past 18 months, is now at home and has been honorably discharged from military service. With the National Guard, he was transferred to Camp Forrest for training and later as a member of the 181st F. A., he was stationed in CA before going overseas.

Lieut. Ira Winningham U. S. Army who has been in the European Theater of Operations for the past two years serving throughout France, Belgium and Germany, is now at home with an honorable discharge, and has joined Mrs. Winningham, the former Miss Irma Nell Freeman, on Church Street, where she has resided throughout his absence. He has been on active military duty more than four years, as he left Cookeville with the National Guard unit. He was promoted to Lieutenant while overseas.

Claude D. Crowley, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, has returned to his ship, the USS R. B. Anderson, at Seattle, WA, after a 20-day leave which he spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowley, and with his sister, Miss Ruth Crowley, in Steelville, MO.

Capt. James Crowley, Army Transport Command, is now at home on terminal leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowley, after four years of military service. His term of active service expires May 4. In recent weeks he has been stationed at Hamilton Field, CA, but was discharged at Maxwell Field, AL.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlen Swafford, of Monterey, have received word that their son, Bryson, has been promoted to the rank of Major. Major Swafford returned from overseas duty in October, 1945. He was with Patton's Third Army in the Normandy invasion. The cavalry squadron of which Major Swafford was a member, participated in the campaigns of Normandy, the Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe. This unit freed the King of Belgium from his German capturs near St. Wolfgang, Austria, where he was being held prisoner. They also liberated approximately 10,000 Allied prisoners held in a German concentration camp in the Southern part of Austria. Major Swafford wears the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Croix de Guerre, the French Fourragere, the American Theater Ribbon, the European Theater Ribbon, with four bronze campaign stars, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He has been stationed at Fort Knox, KY, since returning to the States.

Glenn Copeland who is now in Korea, on army duty, was recently promoted to Technical Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, who also have a son, Robert Copeland, stationed in Germany.

Charles D. Vaughn, who has been serving with the U. S. Army Air Corps, for several years, with two years of foreign service, is now here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn, and other members of his family. He returned from the European Theater of Operations, where he had been stationed in France and Germany, around the Christmas season, and was granted a discharge in CA, where he had resided prior to military duty.

Cleo N. Hodges, 37, S 1/c, USNR, of 304 Hudgens Street, attached to a Naval Amphibious Base, at Little Creek, VA, has been discharged after 21 months of duty.

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Walter Dyer Buck Cited for Bravery:

The citation below has been received by Walter Dyer Buck, Chief Gunner's Mate, U. S. Navy, now stationed at the Naval Training Center, Hunter's Point, San Francisco, CA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, of Cookeville, Route 5. The Commander of the Seventh Fleet takes pleasure in making this commendation, according to a recent notification received by Mr. and Mrs. Buck regarding their son's navall record: "For Service as set forth in the following Citation:

"For distinguishing himself by excellent service as Chief Gunner's Mate on the Destroyer USS Caldwell, which suffered heavy damage by bombing during the re-conquest of the Philippine Islands, on 12 December 1944, at the risk of his own life, Buck entered furiously buring compartments to flood several endangered ammunition magazines. Thereafter, he organized and led a party in jettisoning many unexploded projectiles, some of which were smoking. By his own bravery, he furnished a sterling example for his shipmates. For his conduct throughout he is commended and authorized to wear the commendation ribbon."

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Kenneth Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore, is now at home and has been granted an honorable discharge from military service, following three years of army duty, two of which has been spent in the combat area of Europe. With a hospital unit he was stationed in England before being transferred to the continent, where he served in Germany and France. Mr. and Mrs. Moore's four sons who have been on foreign duty throughout World War II were at home together for the first time in several years last weekend. Jim Moore, was with the U. S. Navy serving in the Aleutians and the Philippines. John A Moore, a Staff Sergeant with the U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed for several months in the China-India-Burma area. Sam Moore, First Lieutenant, with a paratroop division, participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and other major engagements of the Pacific area. These three have been home with honorable discharges since before Christmas, and now the family circle is completed with the return of the youngest son. Mr. and Mrs. Moore's son-in-law, Gerald Miller, who served with the Merchant Marines for three years, also has his honorable discharge and he and Mrs. Miller are located for the present in Pikeville.

Gathering at the Moore home last week-end for a reunion and to welcome Kenneth Moore, were, Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Brown of Cookeville, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Huddleston and son of Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Pikeville, Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Moore, of Chattanooga, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Misses Ellen and Waldean Moore of Cookeville. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fite, who have been here in recent weeks, but are now resident of FL, were the only absent members of this happy group.

Sgt. Solon Mitchell, who has been serving with the 850th Avn. Eng., in the European Theater for the past 26 months, has his honorable discharge and is now home with Mrs. Mitchell on Stevens Street. Sgt. Mitchell spent 31 months in England and the remainder in France and Germany. His brother, Cpl. Archie Mitchell, is now home with his honorable discharge, landing in Long Beach, CA, last week, and arriving in Cookeville on Tuesday. Cpl. Mitchell has been in the service three years spending most of the time in the South Pacific.

According to information received from the Post Public Relations Office, Fort Knox, KY, Pfc. Fred Fitzpatrick, who landed in New York last week, has his honorable discharge from the United States Army, and has joined Mrs. Fitzpatrick, the former Miss Hazel Terry, and daughter, Kathie Fitzpatrick, at their home at 210 S. Walnut Street. Pfc. Fitzpatrick, son of Mrs. Sam Fitzpatrick, has been on military duty approximately three years.

Lieut Col. W. Hubert Crawford is now on terminal leave, and is at his home on the Monterey Highway. He has been away the past five years on military duty, serving as Provost Marshal with the Military Police, and some two weeks ago was granted his honorable discharge at Fort Riley, KS, where he had been stationed for several months.

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Lieut. Col., A. L. Campbell Returns to Germany:

Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Campbell, General Staff Corps, head of the Department of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, away on military leave since November, 1940, is spending a 30-day leave with Mrs. Campbell, the former Miss Hallie Ray, here and with his mother in SC. He is at present on temporary duty in the United States from headquarters, United States Forces, European Theater, Frankfurt, Germany, to which post he returns in February.

Colonel Campbell entered the army as a Lieutenant, and following military training in the United States has been in the European Theater of operations for the past two years and has been on duty in each of the following countries: England, Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland Denmark and Norway, and until the dissolution of the SHAEF in July 1945, he served with the Financial Branch of the Military Government Civil Affairs Division and returning to Europe around February 6, he will resume his duties as Chief of Audit and Inspection Section of the Combined Agency (British and United States) engaged in completing the SHAEF financial and supply commitments in the liberated countries and Germany and in liquidating combined financial agencies.

Colonel Campbell held the rank of a Major when ordered overseas and was promoted to his present rank in the autumn of 1945. He wears on his ETO ribbon one combat star, Battle of the Bulge. He arrived in the States for his 30-day stay the latter part of December.

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Lieut. William C. O'Neal Promoted Recently:

First Lieut. William C. O'Neal has been, according to recent information, promoted from the rank of a Second Lieutenant to his present rank. He is now stationed in Manila, and was recently transferred from the Infantry to an Ordnance Division. He is now commanding officer of the 3039th Ordnance Base Power Train Rebuild Company, 141 Ordnance Base Automotive Maintenance Battalion.

Lieut. O'Neal volunteered for military duty in November 1941, and reported for an assignment in January, 1942, following training in OH and Camp Chaffee, AR, he attended Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, and was commissioned in July of last year. August 17, 1945 he sailed for foreign duty and for the past several weeks, has been stationed in Manila.

Mrs. O'Neal and daughters make their home in Cookeville, and are residing on Freeze Street.

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John A. Bullington Promoted to Captain in Army Air Corps:

Capt. and Mrs. John Bullington are now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bullington, as he is on terminal leave.

He returned from overseas in December where he had served two years with the United States Army Air Corps in the China-Burma-India area, as well as in the Pacific area. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant while overseas, and since his return to the States has been advanced to his present rank.

He was married in December to Miss Temperance Hazard, of Nashville, and following his leave at home reported to San Antonio, TX for further assignment. His terminal leave expires in early summer.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 February 1946

F. U. Foster Full Colonel in United States Army:

Colonel F. U. Foster who is on terminal leave and has resumed his teaching position as head of the Chemical Department, Tennessee Tech. has been promoted to his present rank.

With the Reserve Officer's Corps, he was called to active service before the United States entered World War II, and was stationed in various army camps in the States before reporting for foreign service. He spent forty months in England with the Chemical Warfare Service, and while there was promoted from the rank of Major to a Lieutenant Colonel.

Col. Foster returned to the States in November.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 February 1946

Wedding of Miss Manning, Lieut Ramsey Event of Feb. 4:

Members of the two families and a small number of additional guests witnessed the lovely wedding of Miss Bobbie Mae Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Manning, and Robert Dewey Ramsey, Jr., Lieutenant, U. S. Army Engineering Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, all of Cookeville.

Characterized by arrangements of beauty and charm, the ceremony was solemnized at Sunnybrook, home of the bride's parents, on the Algood Road, when the vows were exchanged at ten o'clock Monday morning, February 4. The impressive double ring rites were used, with Rev. Bob Ramsay, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Before and during the ceremony, a program of nuptial music was given by Mrs. Tillman Phillips, of Algood. Her selections were, "Venetian Love Song," "The Rosary," and "Liebestraum." She rendered Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the entrance of the bridal party, and "the Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin furnished the recessional music.

The youthful bride, who descended the winding stairs with her father, given in marriage, was preceded by her sister, Miss Sarah Bernice Manning, the maid of honor. The three were met at the altar by Lieutenant Ramsey and his best man, Harlon Allen.

The altar was arranged at the entrance of the dining room, where French doors, banked with huckleberry vine, and ferns, formed an effective alcove for grouping of the bridal party. A canopy similarly ornamented added to the beautiful decorations, and dotting the greenery were white gladioli. These blossoms were used also in tall floor baskets placed at either side of the altar, and illuminating the wedding scene was the soft glow of many tapers burning in branched candelabra.

The bride presented a charming picture, wearing an advanced spring model of dove gray with navy accessories. Enhancing her costume was her corsage of gardenias encircled with tiny pink rosebuds.

Wearing a costume of pink, accented with brown accessories, the maid of honor was lovely on the occasion of her sister's wedding. Her bouquet was a cluster of gardenias.

The bride is a graduate of Algood High School and at the time of her marriage was in her junior year at Tennessee Tech. Lieut. Ramsey, also a graduate of Algood High School, attended Tennessee Tech prior to entering the army several years ago. With the United States Army Air Corps, he was in training at Keesler Field, MS, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, and was stationed in Alaska and Canada. Later transferring to the Engineering Corps, he attended Officers Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, VA, where he was commissioned a Lieutenant.

After a short wedding trip, Lieut. and Mrs. Ramsey, who have a wife circle of friends sincerely interested in their marriage, will go to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, where he reports for further military orders. The bride chose for traveling a suit of plaid tweed with brown accessories.

Mrs. Manning, the bride's mother, was attired in a becoming costume of aqua crepe. Her flowers were pink roses. The bridegroom's mother, Ramsey, wore an attractive jersey ensemble and her corsage was red roses.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 February 1946

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

Cpl. Lee Cordell Daniels, U. S. Army, recently received his honorable discharge and is now at home with his wife and son, in Van Dyke, MI. Cpl. Daniels, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Daniels, formerly of Cookeville, but now residents of Van Dyke, MI. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have another son, Woodrow Daniels, S 1/c, U. S. Navy, now stationed at Bangor, WA.

Fowler G. Stanton, AMM 2/c, U. S. Navy, after many months of service is now at his home on Route 1, Baxter, following an honorable discharge granted recently at the Naval Separation Center, Memphis.

Billie Stamps, of Knoxville, was the recent guest of his uncles, Harry, Carl and Dave Dietz, and their respective families. He was in the European Theatre of War, and has received his honorable discharge.

Howard Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gentry, is visiting his parents after receiving his honorable discharge. He entered the Army Air Corps in May, 1943, and has served as Crew Chief in the China-Burma-India theatre since October, 1944. He is holder of AAF Crew Member Badge, .45 pistol mm, the Asiatic theatre ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three bronze stars, good conduct medal, Distinguished Unit badge, world war II Victory medla and holds the rate of Sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Reserve Corps. He will join his wife, the former Jewel Ashburn, in Dayton, OH, where he holds a position.

Cpl. Maxwell R. Whitehad has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army in Janaury, after three years in the service, one year of which was foreign duty, spent in Germany, Belgium, and in France. Returneing to New York with the 82nd Division, of the Queen Mary, he was sent to Camp Grant, IL, where he was discharged. He is now visiting his mother, Mrs. Iona Whitehead, of Boma, and other relatives and friends. After his visit, he returns to East Prairie, MO, where his wife and son have resided during his absence.

Robert Brewington, S 1/c, USNR, husband of Mrs. Amanda Brewington, of Oak Street, is one of 1,222 veterans rreturning to the States for discharge aboard the USS Sherburn, an attack transport of the "Magic Carpet" fleet. The ship left Okinawa January 21, and was scheduled to arrive in San Franciso about Febraury 6.

Another of the returning veterans is Sgt. Thomas L. Passons, Jr., who entered the army December 13, 1942 and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers. He served overseas with the 873rd Engineer Aviation Battalion for 31 months during wich time he was stationed at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Biak, Leyte, Zambonga, and Okinawa. He was discharged January 11, at Camp Chaffee, AR, after 37 months of service.

S/Sgt. Ben M. Shelton is home from overseas service. He entered the service in April, 1943, and was stationed at Camp Bowie and Camp Hood, TX, for training with the 772nd F. A. Bn. He served in the European theater for 18 months and now has an honorable discharge. Later he will be located in business on West Broad Street.

Sgt. William Clay Farris has recently been discharged from the U. S. Army after three years of service, 28 months of which was spent in the South Pacific Theater of War with General MacArthur's Sixth Army, participating in four major campaigns, including the New Britian, Duthc New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon. Sgt. Farris is the holder of the Good Conduct medal, Victory ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with four battle stars, and the Philppine Liberation ribbon with two battle stars and a bronze arrowhead. Sgt. Farris servied with the famed 469th Ack Ack Battalion, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Farris, of Cookeville, Route 5, who have two other sons serving their country. Pvt. Guy D. Farris, of the U. S. Marine Corps, entered the service in April 1944, going overseas in September of the same year. He participated in the Okinawa campaign with the First Marine Division then was transferred to China shortly after V-J Day.

Pfc. Lemon Fred Farris entered the Marine Corps in February, 1944, going overseas to the Hawaiian Islands in June of the same year where he psent 17 months with a guard unit, returning to the States in October of 1945, spending a 30-day furlough at the home of his parents, at the completion of which he reported for further duty at Camp Le Jeune, NC.

Charles Elbert Wilson, F 1/c, has recently been promoted to the rate of Motor Machinist third class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wilson, of Cookeville, Route 2, and has been serving with the U. S. Navy since June, 1944, and has been overseas a year, being stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for three months then was transferred to the South Pacific, and since V-J Day has been on an anchored ship in Leyte Gulf between Leyte and Samar Islands, but expects to return to the States some time this summer.

Pfc. Clifford H. Brewington has returned to the Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, GA, after a 45-day convalescent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brewington, of the Nashville Road. He landed back in the States on November 30, after two years in the European Theater.

Cpl. Swep M. Rodgers of Algood, is one of 1,514 Army veterans returning to the States aboard the S.S. Goucher Victory, which left Yokohama, Japan, January 22, and was scheduled to arrive in Seattle, WA, about February 5.

Charles C. Gentry, MaM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Gentry, of Cookeville, Route 2, has returned to CA, where he lived prior to entering the service, with his wife and daughter, Patricia. He has been in the Navy for about two years, 14 months of which was overseas in the South Pacific.

Shelah Paul Dietz has received an honorable discharge from the Army, and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietz. He served in the Pacific with a Medical Detachment of the 81st "Wildcat" Division. He was in the Philippines when the war ended, but was sent to Japan with the Army of Occupation.

Finis A. Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant, recently received his honorable discharge at the Memphis Separation Center, and is now at home following 28 months of naval service, eighth months of which was spent in the India and China Area with the SACO Unit.

Two Baxter veterans, Joe Gentry, S 1/c, and O. D. Anderson, F 1/c, of Route 1, served on the USS Jason, now anchored off Pagoda Pier, Tsingtao, China, providing headquarters for the Senior Officer Present Afloat in the area. The Jason, a repair ship, served ships of all types during and following the war. To speed the vial job of returning fighting ships to battle, she was stationed just behind the front lines at Purvis Bay in the Solomons, Manus, and Ulithi before the surrender.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 February 1946

Frank S. Sliger Awarded Purple Heart Here, Feb. 12:

Frank S. Sliger was awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action May 25, 1945, at an informal ceremony arranged February 12, 1946, at the local Army Recruiting Station in the Post Office Building. Major G. R. O'Melveny, from Hdq., Dist. 1, 4th SvC., station in Nashville, made the presentation, with Capt. G. F. Bartmus, local Recruiting Officer, reading the citation.

Sgt. Sliger, with the National Guard, was ordered to Camp Forrest in the spring of 1941, where he was transferred to the 181st F. A., thence he went to Camp Hood, TX, where he was attached to the 775th Tank Destroyers. With the 728th Amphibious Battalion, he sailed for Hawaii in August of 1944, thence Hawaii in August of 1944, then he was with the initial assault waves during the retaking of both the Philippines and Okinawa, where he was later wounded in May, 1945.

He was evacuated to Guam for hospitalization, and then to San Francisco, CA, for recuperation. He obtained his discharge at Ft. McPherson, GA, in September of last year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 February 1946

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES:

James N. Cox, Jr., SK 3/c, son of Col. and Mrs. J. N. Cox, landed in CA last week after approximately two years of foreign service. With the U. S. Navy, he was stationed at Pearl Harbor, T. H., and came from CA to the Memphis Separation Center, where he was granted an honorable discharge, and is now in Cookeville where his wife and sons who have been residing at 700 Freeze Street, during his absence on naval duty. Prior to his entereing military service, he was located in Fayette, AL, with the Alabama Telephone

Compnay. Col. and Mrs. Cox's four sons, Charles, Robert, James N., and W. B. Cox were in the service during World War II and all have been returned to civilian life.

Algood Vaden, who has been away on military duty more than three years, is now with his mother, Mrs. Rosalind Vaden, and has his honorable discharge. Serving with a paratroop division, he was in the European Theater of War for several months. He returned to the States in the early autumn, and in recent weeks has been stationed at Fort Bragg, NC.

Arthur J. Dreiling, First Lieutenant Ordnance Division, U. S. Army, who has been in the Pacific area approximately two years, has returned to the states, and recently received his honorable discharge. Mrs. Dreiling, the former Miss Virginia Claire Bruner, went to Nashville on Tuesday to meet her husband and they came to Cookeville on Wednesday to be with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Bruner, with whom Mrs. Deviling and daughter, whom Lieut Dreiling had not seen before, have been residing since his going overseas.

Pfc. Rupert M. Nash, whose wife, the former Jewel Mae Scarlett, and children, Peggy, Harold and Dallas, live on Route 3, Cookeville, has arrived in Kyushu, Japan, with the 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Division. His arrival in Japan comes as a climax to bitter fighting overseas with the 32nd, for the Red Arrow itself, the Kyushu landing meant the end of a long and bloody road studded with smashing victories at Buna, Sidor, Aitape, Morotai, Leyte and Luzon. In the service since December 1944, Nash left for overseas duty in March, 1945.

Pfc. Doyle Garrison has returned to Fort Knox, KY, where he is now stationed, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garrison, of the Nashville Road, and his wife, the former Miss Margie Blohm, of Bell Gardens, CA. He entered the army two years ago, and was later assigned to the Corps of Engineers. He served overseas with the 643rd Engineer Combat Battalion for 15 months. His wife and daughter are making their home with his parents while he is on duty at Fort Knox.

Pfc. L. E. Billingsley, son of Mrs. Ethel Billingsley, is due to return from overseas where he has served in the China area and later in Japan sometime this month. He has been on foreign duty since November, following three years of military duty in the States where he was stationed at Fort Custer, MI, Camp McCoy, WI, Glennview, Mt. Vernon, and Scott Field, IL, different camps in TX and in CA. His brother, Lee Billingsley, S 2/c, has reenlisted following a leave home, and is now in Jacksonville, FL. He has had two years of naval duty in the Pacific area.

Jack Bratton, who has been on military duty the past three years, has been granted an honorable discharge from the Army. Serving as a Staff Sergeant, he was stationed for training in the United States for a year before sailing to the European Theater of War where he remained until June, 1945. Since his return to the States, he has been at Camp Shelby, MS, where he received his discharge February 7. He and Mrs. Bratton, the former Miss Felice Burch, of Algood, are dividing their time at present with their respective parents in Algood and Dyersburg.

Sgt. Morgan Mayberry, of Cookeville, is on his way home after 22 months in the Southwest Pacific. He is being processed for return to the States at the 28th Replacement Depot of Leyte, Philippine Islands. He went to the States at the 28th Replacement Depot on Leyte, Philippine Islands. He went to the Pacific Theater on March 9, 1944, landing at New Guinea. He served as a Medical Non-Commissioned Officer with the 783rd Petroleum Distribution Company, and participated in operations at New Guinea. He served as a Medical Non-Commissioned Officer with the 783rd Petroleum Distribution Company, and participated in operations at New Guinea, Ow I Island, Biak, Leyte, Mindoro, Cebu and Mindana. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mayberry, of Route 4, Cookeville.

Charlene Cambrell, ship's cook, third class, Silver Point, has been discharged after honorable service in the Navy, at the personnel separation center in Jacksonville, FL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 February 1946

Hubert Johnson, U. S. Army Promoted to Lieut. Colonel:

Lieut. Col. Hubert V. Johnson has been promoted from the rank of Major to his personal position, which became effective Saturday, February 18.

Serving with the Reserve Officers Corps prior to World War II, he was called to active duty in February, 1942, and was stationed at various United States camps before going overseas where he served as an Intelligence officer with the famous 106th Division. In December, 1944, during the battle of the Belgium Bulge, he was taken prisoner and remained in a German prison until liberated at the close of the European conflict in May, 1945. He wears the Purple Heart, an Oak Leaf cluster and other decorations. Since returning to the States he has been hospitalized at Coral Gables, FL. In the past week he was home on leave, coming particularly to serve as an attendant in the Martin-Stanton wedding, but has now returned to FL.

Colonel Johnson's brothers, John T. Johnson, has recently been discharged from the U. S. Marines, and will be associated in business with his father in Baxter. He spent approximately four years in service, much of which was in the South Pacific area. Another brother, Willard W. Johnson has also been discharged. With the U. S. Army Air Force, he was on military duty three years and also saw foreign service. A third brother, Thurman Harold Johnson, was killed in action in September, 1944, in Germany. All are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 February 1946

Mrs. Hallie J. Travis, Mother of War Hero, Given Air Medal:

Mrs. Hallie J. Travis was last week presented the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters which were posthumously awarded her son, Capt. Bennett J. Travis who was killed in action June, 1945.

The presentation was made by Maj. G. R. O'Melveny of the Fourth Service Command headquarters in Nashville.

The award was made for "meritorious achievement while participating in flights in the Southwest Pacific area during which hostile contact was probable and expected.

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"The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Travis during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 February 1946

Col. J. Frank Richmond Now Post Commander at Ft. Knox:

Col. J. Frank Richmond, formerly commanding officer of the Sixth Replacement Depot which served in New Caledonia and Luzon, became post commander of Ft. Knox, KY, February 20, replacing Brig. Gen. George D. Wahl.

Colonel Richmond, a native of Cookeville, entered the Army in March 1908 and served 31 months in the South Pacific during World War II. He organized and trained the Sixth Replacement Depot before taking it overseas in April, 1943.

Prior to this assignment he was stationed at the Port of Embarkation, New Orleans, LA. When World War II commenced he was a member of the General Staff of Second Army Headquarters, and was transferred to the 15th Cavalry as commanding officer of the unit, before being assigned to New Orleans.

Colonel Richmond was awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious service and outstanding work in organizing training and leading the Sixth Replacement Depot.

Returning from overseas in November 1945 and after leave with his family, he reported to Fort Knox.

His wife, Susan Richmond, 413 Jefferson Street, is expected to join him at Fort Knox when the current term of school is completed. Two sons, Frank and Harry, both served in World War II; Frank now discharged was with the 117th Ca. Recon., and Harry with the 69th Division during the war, is stationed at Fort Bragg.

One daughter, Diana, is married and her husband is serving overseas and another, Susan, is attending school here.

Colonel Richmond has attended Command and General Staff School and the Cavalry Officers Training School. General Wahl, who replaces Colonel Russel C. Throckmorton, as post commander in September 1945, has been assigned to the Ninth Service Command for duty.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 March 1946

Veteran of Foreign Wars Lanch Membersip Drive:

Harris Brothers Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars launched an intensive membership drive at its meeting Monday night, March 4, at the Courthouse. Three committees were put to work to canvas the City of Cookeville, the County and Tennessee Tech. Committee chairman are: Cookeville, Riley Millsap; the county-at-large, Keith Ball, and Tennessee Tech, Donald Mitchell.

A committee composed of John Moore, chairman; Kenneth Biley, L. K. Mahler, Ralph Maddux and Harry McKinley, was named to cooperate with other veterans organizations in raising funds for the erection of the proposed \$150,000 Memorial Building and Auditorium for all Putnam County veterans.

A resolution to ask the Rents Control Division of the Office of Price Administration to establish controls in Cookeville was adopted. Copies of the resolution were sent to the Putnam County Court, the Putnam County Herald, the Office of Price Administration, Senators K. D. McKellar and Tom Stewart, and Congressman Albert Gore. Committee to draft the resolution was John Pointer, chairman, Will O. Terry and Thomas A. Jeter.

Employment problems of veterans in Putnam County were discussed by Will Wall and two members of his staff in the United States Employment Service office. Charlie Pierce represents the spot as employment officer.

A number of ladies – the wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters of overseas veterans were in attendance.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 March 1946

Capt. Eugene Mayberry Spends Leave With Family:

Capt. Eugene Mayberry has reported to Ft. McPherson, GA, after spending a leave of several weeks with his family at their home here. Capt. Mayberry recently returned to the States after serving 21 months in the Pacific Theater of War, and prior to his home coming he was statione din Manilla. Capt. Mayberry,

serving with the Field Artillery, has been on military duty since the national Guard was organized here. He was stationed at Camp Forrest, Camp Roberts, CA, and other California camps before embarking for the combat area of the Pacific. Shortly after reporting to Ft. McPherson, he expects to sail for Hawaii, where he will be stationed in Honolulu. Capt. Mayberry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mayberry of this city. His wife, the former Miss Beatrice Maynard, and their sons, Eugene, Jr., Tommy and Jimmy, are residing on Oak Street.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 March 1946

Col. H. H. Taylor Returns From Foreign Service:

Dr. Harlan H. Taylor, Colonel, United States Army Medical Corps, who was promoted in January, 1946, from the position of a Lieutenant-Colonel to his present rank, returned from Europe the early part of March and with Mrs. Taylor has been in Cookeville for a visit with his uncle, Dr. W. A. Howard, Mrs. Howard, and Miss Peggy Howard. A family reunion was also a feature of their visit, and was enjoyed at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nora Taylor, his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cato Taylor, in Livingston. The latter's sons, who recently returned from foreign service, shared in the festivities.

Col. Taylor, with the Reserve Officers' Corps. reported for active service the summer of 1941, and shortly thereafter was stationed at Pearl Harbor, T. H., and was there at the time of the Japanese attack. Remaining there two years, he was returned to the States, and for some time was stationed in VA and SC, when again he was ordered overseas, going to the European Theater of War, where he served as Chief of Surgery at an English hospital for some months. Since V-E Day he served as Chief of Surgery for a medical group, with headquarters in Reims, France.

He sailed for the States from England and landed in New York around March 10, where Mrs. Taylor met him. He is on terminal leave until July, and at present he and Mrs. Taylor are in Washington D. C. At the expiration of their visit here and in Livingston, Col. and Mrs. Taylor returned to Nashville, where the latter has been with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Parkes, during Col. Taylor's absence in Europe. In the near future they will return to Cookeville for an extended visit.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 April 1946

Sgt. Delaney Awarded Bronze Star Medal:

"For heroic achievement in action on April 30, 1945, near Bleckede, Germany, Sergeant Delaney supervised the erection of all near shore trestles used in the construction of a reinforced heavy pontoon bridge under heavy artillery fire. His great devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety reflect much credit upon himself and his organization."

Sergeant Delaney landed with the invasion forces in Normandy and served with the First Army through France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. In addition to the Bronze Star awarded for the Elbe River crossing, he earned five battle stars, a good conduct medal, and holds the American Theater, the European Theater of Operations, and the Victory ribbons.

Robert E. Delaney, who held the rank of staff sergeant, has returned to the States after serving two years in the European Theater of Operations. He now has an honorable discharge.

Prior to his induction into the armed forces, he held a responsible position in Washington, D. C.

At present he is visiting with his wife, the former Miss Beulah Allison, on Jefferson Avenue, before entering school in Chicago.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 May 1946

Dry Valley Soldier Returns from Overseas:

Willis D. Smith, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Smith, of Dry Valley, is expected home soon after 30 months in the army, according to a telegram received by the parents recently. He arrived in San Diego some two weeks ago.

Although he was in the United States for 13 months after enlisting, this will be Smith's first visit home since he left. He went to Guadalcanal for his first overseas assignment; was in the battle of Okinawa; went to Japan on a sight seeing trip then to Guam and Tsingtao, China where he sailed for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have another son, Hulon C. Smith, stationed at Yokohama, Japan.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 June 1946

DROPPING OF ATOM BOMB TO BE BROADCAST BY WHUB SUNDAY;

Radio Station WHUB announced today the times of broadcast of the Atom Bomb test. Broadcasts will be on Sunday, June 30, and times are Central Standard.

12:30 p.m. – Description of takeoff of atom bomb plane.

4:00 p.m.. - Actual dropping of the bomb.

6:00 p.m. – Interview with bombardier of atom plane.

9:15 p.m. – Summary of the atom bomb tests during the day.

These times and dates are if the weather conditions permit the test to be conducted.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 July 1946

DR. HARLAN TAYLOR RESUMES PRACTICE AFTER MORE THAN 5 YEARS IN ARMY;
SURGEON OF ETO.

Dr. Harlan H. Taylor, believed to be the first Tennessee physician to volunteer in World War II, resumed his practice here with Dr. W. A. Howard this week.

After spending five and a half years in the army, four and a half of which were overseas, the 46 year-old doctor lost much of his roly-poly appearance he had when he entered the service, being several pounds lighter.

Dr. Taylor entered the service at Camp Beauregard, LA, the same place his partner, Dr. Howard, entered for World War I. His trek from there went something like this...Hawaii, Stanton, VA, Charleston, SC, England, and France.

During this war trip, Dr. Taylor has no way of knowing how many operations he performed. As an example of how busy he was at times, he was persuaded to tell about the days following Pearl Harbor. He said he operated four days and three nights without leaving the operating rooms in the famous Scholfield Barracks near Honolulu.

The other two most busy times in the operating room was following the invasion of France and the Battle of the Bulge. During the invasion, Dr. Taylor was chief surgeon of the 100th General Hospital in England with received casualties by plane from the invasion front.

When the Battle of the Bulge was in progress, Dr. Taylor was commanding officer of the 94th General Hospital, which he later took to Reims, France. He was later made deputy surgeon of the European Theater and for the last three months before coming home, he was chief surgeon of 58 hospitals in the theater and was stationed in Paris. It was his task to close the hospitals.

When he was ready to come home, Dr. Taylor looked forward to getting some much needed rest on the ship, but at the last minute he was put in charge of an 1,800 patient hospital ship and during the 18 days across the Atlantic he did five major operations.

Dr. Taylor entered the service as a captain and was discharged as a colonel. He and Mrs. Taylor, who was with him in Hawaii, are now making their home at Pearl and Jefferson streets.

The Cookeville surgeon said many young doctors found that they could do difficult operations with a large degree of success in times of emergency, and that because of this they will be better surgeons. Dr. Taylor said at one time he had considerably more than 100 bullets taken out of main arteries to the heart, a type of operation he knew nothing of before entering the service.

Dr. Taylor's prize patient was riddled through the lungs and abdomen with 17 machinegun bullets at Pearl Harbor. He wrote the doctor a letter last week, and said he was doing fine and working for a construction company.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

12 December 1946

Cookeville is Declared "Golden Rule City" by Well-Treated Army Sergeant and Family:

Cookeville could change its nickname from "Hub of the Upper Cumberland" to the "Golden Rule City," if Sgt. Frank J. Morris and family of El Paso, TX, had a chance to rename it.

The Morris family were traveling through Cookeville November 28, according to a letter received by President Ed Hooper of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, when they decided to spend the night here.

They were traveling by trailer, and as it is difficult to find a trailer park, they stopped at the Pure Oil Service Station on U. S. 70 and Spring Street to inquire as to a parking place for the night.

The Bradley twins, Howard and Harold, who operate the station would not hear of the Morris' going any farther. Both having been in the service, they have a soft spot in their hearts for any army enlisted man. So without much ado, the trailer was parked alongside the service station and Mrs. Morris began preparing chow for the little Morrises.

Morris wrote: "Words cannot express the courtesy, and kindness that we were shown, and the interest that those men took toward us. The next morning they would not even accept any payment for the accommodation that we had so gratefully accepted."

Sergeant Morris has trained in many states during his career, and he has stopped in many cities; but it has been Cookeville's lot to have the honor of giving the sergeant the best treatment he has received in any of them.

He ends his letter with, "I wish to thank those fellows again through you for their kindness."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

6 February 1947

WHUB TO BROADCAST
GORDON BROWNING'S SPEECH
FRIDAY, 7:30

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 6 February 1947

The auditorium of the Putnam County courthouse is expected to be crowded to capacity tomorrow night by veterans to hear an address by Col. Gordon Browning who returned from Germany late in December from heading an occupation group.

Comdr. Don Veville, of the local American Legion, has announced that Radio Station WHUB will broadcast the speech from 7:30 until 8 o'clock, since it is anticipated that the courtroom will not accommodate everybody who has expressed a desire to hear the former governor of Tennessee speak on the "Occupation of Germany and the Possibility of Her Becoming a Democratic, Peace Loving Nation." Neville said that he hoped every veteran would make an effort to attend. There will be a special section for members of the Negro American Legion Post.

Now Chancellor of Eighth Chancery Division, a position he held before war broke out, Col. Browning will drive from his Huntingdon home tomorrow afternoon. He is expected to arrive at the Shanks Hotel at 5:30 o'clock when a committee from the American Legion, sponsoring organization, will meet him. The reception committee and Col. Browning are planning to have dinner at the B & B Café before the speaking.

Colonel Browning is an overseas veteran of both wars, and holds a number of high decoration for outstanding service. He volunteered his services shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack. He spent many months in Europe during the fighting and served for several months after the firing ceased at the army's request, and his love for spreading the principles of democracy.

Criminal Judge John Mitchell, a close personal friend, will introduce Colonel Browning. Judge Mitchell is also a veteran of both wars.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 April 1947

Monterey Navy Man Receives 'Order of the Penguin'

James F. Williams, fireman, second class, in the U. S. Navy, and 19-year-old son of Mrs. Ida Williams, of Monterey, is probably the only Putnam Countian to be made a charter member of the Order of the Penguin.

The order was created by Rev. Adm. Richard E. Byrd for the 4,000 men of his Task Force who crossed the Antarctic Circle while participating in "Operation Highjump."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

8 May 1947

BAXTER BLAZE DOES \$10,000 DAMAGE:

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home and furnishings of F. D. Jr., and Jessie Fayne Scarlett, at Baxter, shortly after midnight, Wednesday morning.

The brothers, both of whom are war veterans, recently bought the home and furnished it. They, their wives, and three children barely escaped with their lives.

The loss was estimated at \$10,000 which was nearly half covered by insurance. It was thought that defective wiring or overloaded wires caused the blaze.

In business with their father, the Scarlett brothers operate a fleet of rolling stores. The families are temporarily housed in Baxter Seminary barracks.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

15 May 1947

Colomel Richmond Dies; Burial in Arlington Cemetery Today:

Funeral services for Col. Henry Russell Richmond Sr., 70, who died at his Washington D. C. home Monday, were held this afternoon there and burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

Colonel Richmond made his home in Cookeville at intervals throughout his military career, and from 1943 until 1946 he his family lived on North Jefferson Avenue. His wife is the former Miss Ruby Fowler of Gainesboro.

Son of the late Frank and Ova Moore Richmond, Colonel Richmond was born and reared in the Flynn's Creek community of Jackson County. At the beginning of the Spanish American War, he held a position in Nashville but immediately volunteered for service and organized a company of men from Putnam and Jackson counties. He stayed with the army until his retirement in 1943. He was in France during World War I; for 10 years, he was senior instructor at the Fort Riley, KS, school of ekuitation, and just prior to his retirement was supervisor of the ROTC for five Southern states.

In addition to Mrs. Richmond, survivors include two sons, H. R. Richmond, Jr., Walla Walla, WA, and Frank Richmond, Cookeville, five daughters, Mrs. Ralph E. Ireland, Fort Reno, OK, Mrs. Ron Shaw, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Charles B. Lyman, Philadelphia, PA, Mrs. R. L. Howze, Washington, D. C., Mrs. John Anderson, Sheridan, WY, sister, Mrs. Walter Carlen; brother, Col. Frank Richmond, all of Cookeville; 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

10 July 1947

Jack Mann Calls Veterans Meet Friday:

Jack Mann, president of the new Putnam County Veterans Organization, today urged all ex-servicemen to be present at the regular monthly meeting Friday night at the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock.

Mann said several important things pertaining to the purchase and plans for the Memorial Building site would be up for discussion.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

17 July 1947

Hubert Crawford (picture was in the newspaper), veteran of both World War I and II, announced today that he is making the race for nomination to the office of sheriff of Putnam County, subject to the Democratic Primary, August 9.

Crawford saw service in France and Germany with the 31st "Wildcat" Division.

In a formal statement, Crawford said:

"I am running on a strict law enforcement platform, that I am a dry in voting and in drinking and that I will do my duty to clean the county of liquor traffic and gambling, and will clean our highways of drunk and reckless drivers.

"I know the people of Putnam County have know me most of my life, and they know my record, and those who do not know me I am willing for them to ask those who do.

"It has always been my aim to live a life of service to God, to my country, and to my fellowman, and these shall continue to be the things I shall endeavor to carry out."

Crawford is the son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Alex Crawford. He is a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Modern Wooman and the Cookeville Lions Club. He received his education in the schools of Putnam County, Pleasant Hill Academy, and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

25 September 1947

Victory Medals to be Given Veterans at Meeting October 2, at a meeting of the American Legion in the courthouse, it was announced today by Legion Condr. Burgess Ray.

Much effort is being made to get every war veteran to be present that night as arrangements have been made with the army and navy recruiting services for the awarding of the medals, Ray said.

It will be necessary for each army veteran to present his original copy of an honorable discharge or a certificate in lieu thereof, and navy veterans must present both their Form 553 and the original copy of his discharge, it was said.

Ray emphasized that this is an open meeting and all ex-service-men and women are urged to attend.

Those eligible for American Defense Medals are those who served between September 8, 1939 and December 7, 1941. Eligibles for the Victory Medal are those who served between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946.

World War II veterans will receive American Defense and Victory Medals Thursday night, October 2.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

27 November 1947

Two Putnam County War Dead Arrive on USS Robert F. Burns:

Two Putnam Countians will be among the 238 World War II dead who arrived at New York Wednesday, November 26, according to a release received here today. The bodies were aboard the U.S.S. Robert F. Burns.

The bodies will be escorted to funeral homes, national cemeteries or the homes of the next of kin in ten states by the Memphis General Depot's American Graves Registration Division.

The two Putnam County men, among 35 coming back to Tennessee, were Pvt. John H. Grant, son of Mrs. Lulu B. Grant, Route 2, Monterey, and Pvt. James L. Lafever, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lafever, Route 2, Silver Point.

Approximately one week will be required at New York for unloading the transport, inspection of the caskets and shipping cases, loading of mortuary cars and shipment to Memphis, according to Lt. Col. Dan L. Miller, division chief.

Colonel Miller assured the family that they need not contact the general depot in Memphis to inquire when shipment is to be made, as a telegram will be sent to the consignee three days before each casket leaves Memphis.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

18 December 1947

Two Monterey War Dead Returned; Funerals Today and Friday:

Military funerals for two Putnam County soldiers killed in action will be held Thursday and Friday at Monterey and Woodcliff.

They are O. Meolloy Verble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Verble, who was killed in action the day he reached German soil, and John H. Grant, son of Mrs. Lou Grant, of Woodcliff, who died October 5, 1944, of injuries received in the shoulder and chest while under heavy enemy-mortar fire the day before.

Both bodies arrived in Monterey Wednesday.

Services for Mrs. Verble will be conducted at the Frist Baptist Church, Monterey, at 1 o'clock today (Thursday) by the Rev. J. T. Reed, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Cobb. He was 21 years old when he entered the service, October 8, 1942.

After going overseas in late 1943, Verble fought in France and Belgium before reaching Germany. He was buried in Belgium.

Survivors include his parents; three sisters, Mrs. David E. Bohanon of Akron, OH, Mrs. Louis Dillard of Chattanooga, and Mrs. Dewey Ray, Monterey; two brothers, Dennis Verble, Celina, and Coleman Verble, of Monterey.

Services for Private Grant, who entered the army November 18, 1943, will be held at the Woodcliff Church by the Rev. J. H. Roberson and the Rev. J. T. Reed at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. He was also buried in Belgium.

Private Grant was also wounded on German soil after fighting in France and Belgium. He went overseas August 28, 1944.

Besides his mother, Private Grant is survived by his widow; one son, John H. Grant, Jr., and one step-son, Carson Walker, Jr.; five sisters, Mrs. Dora Miller, Mrs. Lula Jernigan, Mrs. Aaster McWhorter, Mrs. Maxine Phillips, and Miss Lizzie Grant; two brothers, William T. and Norman Grant, all of Monterey.

Both bodies will remain at the Goff Funeral Home in Monterey until funeral time.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

19 February 1948

Henry J. Philips, Normandy Victim Rests at Smith Chapel:

The body of Pfc. Henry J. Phillips, who was killed July 19, 1944 in the battle of Saint Lo, France, arrived here last week for burial.

Funeral service were conducted Thursday at the Smith Chapel Church by the Rev. Dow Ensor after prayer services were held at the Carver Funeral Home by the Rev. Scott Johnson.

Mr. Phillips was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Phillips, Cookeville. He was born November 6, 1921. He was inducted into the service November 25, 1942 and received his military training at Fort Jackson, SC, before being sent into foreign service. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Murphy, Cookeville, and Miss Lela Phillips, Detroit, MI

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

15 April 1948

Bodies of 4 County Servicemen Returning Friday and Saturday:

Four bodies of Putnam County soldiers who were killed during World War II will arrive in Cookeville Friday and Saturday of this week, according to Whitson Funeral Home, which will be in charge of funeral arrangements.

At 3:15 p.m. Friday the bodies of Pvt. Carlos C. Tayse, and Pvt. John R. Pippin will arrive. The bodies of Pfc. William C. Loftis and Pvt. Clure Wallace are expected at 3:15 Saturday afternoon.

The funeral services for Pvt. Tayese will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday at John Jones, Hohenwald, and the Rev. W. M. Stowers, Rickman, officiating. Interment will be in Okalona Cemetery.

Pvt. Tayse was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tayse, of Okalona. He entered the service January 19, 1943, at Camp Forrest. He was killed in action January 25, 1945, in France, where he was an artilleryman.

Funeral services for Pfc. Loftis will be at 3 p.m., Sunday at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Scott Johnson, the Rev. George Burroughs, and the Rev. B. W. Covington officiating. Burial will be in the City Cemetery.

Pfc. Loftis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Loftis, was killed in action October 26, 1944, in the vicinity of the Holland-Belgium border. He volunteered in the Army and was inducted at Fort Oglethorpe, June 19, 1943. After limited basic training at Camp Tyler, TX, he was assigned to the University of Delaware for specialized training. With the disbanding of the Army's specialized training he was sent to Camp Carson, CO, where he was assigned to an MP platoon with the 104th Infantry Division. He remained with the MP outfit, at which time he was transferred into an infantry squad of Co. I of the 415th Regiment. At the time of his death, he was 20 years of age.

Pvt. Wallace was the son of Mrs. Whiton Wallace, Silver Point. He was killed in action near the German border April 3, 1945. Funeral arrangement had not been completed today. Burial will be in Carr Cemetery.

Pvt. Pippin was a resident of Silver Point, was also killed in the European Theater. Burial will be in Young's Cemetery.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

13 May 1948

County Register is Back in Cookeville:

County Register Kenneth C. McBroom was back in his office Wednesday after two week of absence.

Reached in Detroit Sunday night by a Cookeville reporter via telephone, McBroom said he was in a veterans hospital there, and expressed surprise that anybody would look upon his absence with alarm.

McBroom left Cookeville May 12 after telling his wife and office force that he was going to a veterans hospital, but he had not been heard form after more than a week. During that time the Herald had six telephone calls reporting him "missing". Subsequent check of two veteran facilities in Tennessee failed to show his whereabouts.

The 25-year-old veteran lost his right arm at the shoulder in the European theater of war. His shoulder has been giving him trouble, he told courthouse friends.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

24 June 1948

Pfc. Austin Cooper Returned Here For Burial Saturday:

Pfc. Leonard Austin Cooper, 36, who was killed in battle on New Guinea May 2, 1944, will be returned to Putnam County for burial Saturday, according to information received by the family.

The body is scheduled to arrive Friday afternoon, and funeral services have been set for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Cookeville Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Thornton Fowler. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

Born and reared in the Whitson Chapel community, Mr. Cooper was employed by local freight lines prior to his entry into the army in January, 1943.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Martha L. Cooper, three sisters, Mrs. Cora Carter, Miss Lorelle Cooper, both of Cookeville, Route 5, and Mrs. Magnolia Moses, Springfield; two brothers, R. C. and A. C. Cooper, both of Miami, FL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 July 1948

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Pfc. C. C. Bradley:

Funeral service for Pfc. Charels Cecil Bradley, 28 years old when he was killed in England while in the service of his country, March 11, 1944, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Hampton Cross Roads. He was the son of Dr. A. A. and Mrs. Notie Hampton Bradley.

The Rev. Henry Roberson conducted the services and burial was in Saylor's Cemetery.

Mr. Bradley enlisted in the army June 25, 1941, while he was employed by the Hudson Motor Company, in Detroit, MI.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 September 1948

Myrl Louis Carr Obt.

b. 29 March 1926 – d. 3 February 1945, Germany, (WWII Veteran, Killed in Action), s/o **Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carr**. (Obt. states he was killed in action on 1 Feb. 1945).

Body of Pvt. Myrl Carr Returned:

The body of Pvt. Myrl L. Carr, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carr, Cookeville, who was killed in Germany February 1, 1945, will arrive in Cookeville Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Stephens Street Baptist Church by the Rev. John Brown. Burial will be in Judd Cemetery.

The body will lie in state at Whitson's Funeral Home until funeral time. Members of the VFW and the American Legion will meet the train and escort the body to the funeral home.

In addition to his parents, Private Carr is survived by four brothers and three sisters, Horace Carr, Mildred Carr, and Mrs. Mable McCulley, all of Los Angeles, CA, Howard, Hubert, Olcie and Norman Carr, Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 October 1948

William Franklin Gilmore Obt.

b. 16 January 1924, Sparta, TN – d. 16 September 1944, Peleliu Island, Palau, (PHMIC US Navy, WWII), md **Virginia (Jefferson) Gilmore**. William Franklin Gilmore, s/o **Clyde Forrest Gilmore Sr. & Anna Mae Perry**.

Military Funeral Services Friday for Algood Veteran:

Funeral services for William F. Gilmore, 20, who was killed in the South Pacific area September 16, 1944, will be conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Algood Methodist Church by the Rev. J. H. Roberson and the Rev. Dewey Tabor, Shelbyville. Burial will be in the Algood Cemetery.

The navy veteran, pharmacist mate, is better known as Bobby Hyder, as he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hyder. At the time of his death he was serving with the First Marine Division. He entered the navy May 23, 1941. Before going overseas he was stationed with the Naval Medical and Dental School, Norfolk, VA, and at the Marine Training Base, New River, NC.

Besides his foster parents, survivors include his wife, Mrs. Virginia Clayton Gilmore, Raleigh, NC; a brother, Clyde F. Gilmore, Statesville, NC; a sister, Mrs. Genette England, AZ; grandfather, F. F. Perry, and his grandmother, Mrs. G. White, both of White County.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN

October 14, 1948

John Jared Named Dewey-Warren Aide:

John Jared, Buffalo Valley farmer, has been appointed co-manager of the Dewey-Warren campaign in Putnam County, it was announced today by Lon Jones, who was last week named as manager.

The son of Walter Jared of the Eleventh District, Jared is an overseas veteran of World War II.

Meanwhile, Jones announced that the Dewey-Warren headquarters have been opened in the Arcade Building, and invited all interested voters to visit the office at any time.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 November 1948

Soldiers Returned Here Tuesday:

Putnam County citizens on the street of Cookeville on election day had cause to feel the soberness that should accompany the responsibility of selecting our government officials.

And the people showed proper respect when, during the briskness of voting, the bodies of four gallant sons were returned from the battlefields for home burials.

People on the streets, in their cars, in the business houses, and all about, stood at attention when the bodies were escorted by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars through the busy election day crowd.

It was believed that after the bodies passed along the streets to the funeral home, voting took on a new life as those who saw the flag-draped caskets drop everything to fulfill their duty as a citizen.

The bodies were those of:

Pvt. Allie K. Allison, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allison, Route 2, Silver Point, who was killed in Holland:

Pvt. Clifford H. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Green, who was killed in Germany:

Pfc. Sherwin L. Robinson, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson, Baxter, who fell in the Normandy invasion:

Pvt. Hugh Skimmyhorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wille Skimmyhorn, Bloomington Springs, killed in the European theater.

Double military funeral services were held at Nash's Chapel for Allison and Green, and services were held at Bethany and Bloomington yesterday, for Robinson and Skimmyhorn.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 November 1948

Charles Bumbalough, b. 5 June 1926 – d. 31 October 1948, (US Army WWII), s/o **James Oliver Bumbalough** (1894-1928) & **Effie Shipley** (1897-1977). Siblings: Kathleen Flora (Bumbalough) Bohannon (1923-2007), Eugene "Hank" Bumbalough & James Bumbalough. Charles Bumbalough is buried in West Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Coroner Reports Death of Cookeville Soldier as Suicide:

The body of Charles Bumbalough, 22-year-old Cookeville soldier, found Tuesday in the Potomac at Washington, D. C., is expected to arrive at the Carver Funeral Home sometime tomorrow, members of the family said today.

Bumbalough was the son of Mrs. Effie Bumbalough, who lives at Broad and Dixie. He was an overseas battle veteran but re-enlisted after being out of the army for nearly a year. He had been in a hospital at Belvoir, VA, and had been reassigned to duty at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, NJ.

Members of the family at first suspected foul play in connection with the private first class' death since it was thought that he had about \$300 on his person, but reports from Washington authorities describe it as suicide.

Bumbalough's brother, James, told the Herald that his last words before leaving home October 30 to report to duty was "I'll see you Christmas." He said his brother was in "great spirits, apparently not worried about anything."

District of Columbia Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald yesterday issued a certificate of suicide. Police said the soldier had been dead about a week.

An army lieutenant said in a United Press story that Bumbalough had been in the hospital for treatment of a mental disease and that he attempted to jump from a bridge over the Potomac about six months ago but was thwarted by a Washington park police.

Charles had to go by the Virginia base to pick up his clothing and receive his pay-check, his brother said.

Authorities in Washington said all identification papers were on the body, and that he also had a bus ticket for Red Bank, NJ, but nothing was said about any money.

After attending Central High school for three years, Bumbalough enlisted in the army. He served with an engineer outfit in the European theater of operations and wore two battle stars on his combat ribbon.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed earlier today, but the body will be taken to the Carver Funeral Home.

Harris Brothers Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct the military funeral, and burial will be in West Cemetery, on the Smithville Road.

In addition to his mother and brother, both of Cookeville, survivors include another brother, Eugene Bumbalough, Detroit, MI, and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Bohannon, Madison.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 November 1948

Walton L. Mitchell, 69, Spanish-American War Veteran Dies:

Funeral services for Walton L. Mitchell, 69, Spanish-American war veteran who died at his home near Silver Point early Monday morning after becoming critically ill only a few hours earlier, were held yesterday afternoon at the Silver Point Church of Christ.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, Baxter, officiated, and burial was in Ashburn Cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell had been in ill health for several years but his death came unexpectedly.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Esther Mitchell; three sons, Aldoph and Archie Mitchell, Baxter, and Lloyd Mitchell, Montgomery, AL; seven daughters, Mrs. J. T. Brown and Mrs. D. A. Puckett, both of Canton, OH; Mrs. Donald Barnes, Akron, OH; Mrs. Charlie Birdwell, Cookeville; Mrs. Edward Bates, Silver Point; Mrs. Bradley Puckett, Baxter, and Mrs. J. T. Ward, Evergreen, AL; one brother, W. H. Mitchell, Ada, OK, and one sister, Mrs. Frances Skellers, Montgomery, AL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 November 1948

Bodies of Four More Soldiers Returned Here For Burial:

Bodies of four World War II soldiers of Putnam County will be returned here today and tomorrow for burial Saturday.

There were:

Pfc. Walter E. Young, 23.

Pfc. Rubin M. Cumby, 30.

Sgt. Ernest L. Bandy.

T/Sgt. Peter K. Mills.

Young was the son of Walter S. Young, Hyattsville, MD, and the husband of Mrs. Adell Thompson Young, nurse at the Cookeville City Hospital. He was killed in Northern Italy, July 2, 1944.

Military funeral services for Young will be conducted in the Whitson Funeral Home chapel at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The Rev. Bob Ramsay and the Rev. John Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Shipley Cemetery.

The body is at the home of Mrs. Young on Chestnut Street.

Other survivors include one daughter, Sharon Ann Young.

Funeral services for Cumby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby, Cookeville, who was also killed in Northern Italy on July 12, 1944, will be conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Whitson's by the Rev. Dow Ensor. Burial will be in City Cemetery.

Survivors include five sisters, Jewell, Anita, Betty Jean, and Amy Lee Cumby, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, all of Cookeville.

Funeral services for Sergeant Bandy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bandy, Cookeville, will be held at Whitson's at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Ralph Kidd, minister of the Baxter Church of Christ. Burial will be in Judd Cemetery.

Bandy was also killed in the European theater of war. Other survivors include three sisters, Lois, Evangeline, and Lavotta, all of Cookeville.

Funeral arrangements for Sgt. Peter K. Mills, whose wife is now living in Alabama, was incomplete today, but will probably be held Saturday. He formerly lived on Route 2, Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

16 December 1948

Willis C. Sliger Obt.

b. 15 February 1922, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 9 June 1944, France, (PFC), killed in action WWII, s/o **James Luther Sliger & Mary Ann Harris.**

Funeral services for Pfc. Willis C. Sliger, 22, who was killed in action during World War II, will be held at the Whitson Funeral Home at 2 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

The Rev. J. H. Robertson will officiate. Burial will be in Cookeville City cemetery with full military rites by the Harris Brothers Post of the Veteran of Foreign Wars.

Private Sliger was the son of Jim and Mary Harris Sliger, survivor. He was a native of DeKalb county, but was reared and educated in Putnam.

Private Sliger entered the army in October, 1942, and was killed in France June 9, 1944, while with an infantry division.

Other survivors include two sisters, Miss Bonnie Sliger and Mrs. Beulah Merritt, both of Cookeville; three brothers, Sam Sliger, Detroit; Herbert Sliger, Knoxville, and Willard Sliger, Silver Point.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

30 December 1948

Pfc. T. A. Warren Returned for Burial:

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 19, for Pfc. Thomas Moore Warren, 37, at the Carver Funeral Home, with the Rev. Birch Wilcox and the Rev. Dow Ensor officiating.

Burial was in the Warren Cemetery with full military honors in charge of the V.F.W. Harris Brothers Post. Warren's body arrived in Cookeville on Dec. 18.

Pfc. Warren was the son of the late Chess and Ada Horner Warren. He entered the service of his country May 7, 1943, receiving his training at Camp Crowder, MO, with the signal corps. He served with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army until the close of the European War, being sent then to the Phillipines and later to Japan where his death occurred.

Survivors include his wife, Christine G. Warren, two sisters, Mrs. David Norris, Detroit, and Mrs. H. T. Giles, Norwood, GA; three brothers, Oakley, Long Beach, CA, Sid, Detroit, Oscar, Cookeville; an uncle, P. H. Horner, Cookeville, and an aunt, Mrs. Lou Maddux, Bristol, TN, and several nieces and nephews.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 January 1949

Funeral Services Monday for T. Sgt. William J. Luck:

Funeral services for T/Sgt. William J. Lusk, who was killed in the crash of a B-50 bomber near Fairbanks, Alaska, on December 23, were held at the Monterey Baptist Church Monday afternoon with the Rev. Clyde Cobb officiating. Burial was in the Whitaker Cemetery.

Sergeant Lusk, a radio operator was one of 10 crewmen killed in the crash.

A son of Mrs. Will T. Lusk and the late Mr. Lusk, an engineer for the Tennessee Central Railway Company for many years, he was born May 23, 1918, in Monterey. He was graduated from Monterey High School in 1937 and was employed by Krystal Company in Nashville until he enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1941. For the past two years he has been stationed at Davis Monthan Air Base at Tucson, AZ. He had reenlisted for three years last November 24.

Also surviving are four brothers, J. D. Lusk, Soddy, Robert Lusk, Dayton, OH, and John and Dave Lusk, Monterey; and two sisters, Mrs. Willett Anderson, Monterey, and Mrs. Glenn Packer, Battle Creek, MI.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 February 1949

Funeral services were held for Ezra N. Medley, 28, Tuesday afternoon at the Silver Point Church of Christ with L. N. Moody officiating. Interment was in Carter Cemetery near Silver Point.

Mr. Medley died Sunday night in Veterans Hospital at Nashville after a long illness. He was a naval veteran of World War II. He was the son of the late Arlee Medley and Mrs. Ura Clemons Medley who scurvies. He attended Baxter Seminary and Smithville High School.

Other survivors include two brothers, Royce Medley of Silver Point, and Tommy Medley, U. S. Army, and three sisters, Mrs. Nell Jones, Mrs. Mova Lene Hanson, Detroit, and Miss Eura Lee Medley, Silver Point.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 February 1949

Three Cookevillians Ave Being Returned for Burial:

Among the 27 bodies of Middle Tennesseans who were killed in the Pacific area during World War II being returned aboard the U. S. Army transport Dalton Victory are three Cookevillians, Pvt. Billy Howard Fox, marines; Pvt. G. J. McCaleb, marines; Pvt. Edward W. Parkerson, army.

The respective families of these young men have been notified that the bodies will arrive in Cookeville some time near the first of March.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 February 1949

Services Saturday for Charles E. Anderson, 25:

Funeral services for M/Sgt. Charles Edward Anderson, 25, who was killed in action on Okinawa April 16, 1945, were held Saturday afternoon at the Willow Street Church of Christ, with Charles Caldwell officiating. Burial was in the Anderson family cemetery on the Nashville highway.

Sergeant Anderson entered the army in Feb. 1940, and went overseas in July, 1944.

He is survived by his widow; his father, Acie Anderson, Cookeville; six brothers, Miles, Dillard, Everett and Bill Anderson of Detroit, Walter Anderson, Chattanooga, Clay Anderson, Cookeville, and three sisters, Mrs. T. Loftis, Mrs. Vernon Bruner, both of Detroit, and Mrs. R. A. Tallent, Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 March 1949

Veterans Service4 Records On Sale:

A Service Record Book in tribute of veterans of World Wars I and II has been published and is now on sale at Shelton's Filling Station, West Side and Marchbanks Drug Stores, Webb's Pharmacy and Lay and Co.

This book contains pictures and records of all gold star men and Cookeville and Putnam County men and women who answered the call of their country in the recent conflicts. Its publication was sponsored by the Harris Brothers V.F.W. Post No. 5023 and was made possible by the business men of the County by their advertising, and each service man contributing the needed information and his own photograph.

It is regretted that some had to be left out due to inability to secure the needed information or photograph.

Service men may pick up their original pictures at Shelton's Service Station, if they so desire.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 March 1949

Services at Paron Church for Pfc. Earl N. Wright:

Funeral services for Pfc. Earl N. Wright, 21, were held today (Thursday) at the Paron church at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. W. M. Stowers, Rickman, officiating. Interment was in the Parson cemetery.

Pfc. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Wright, Rickman, Rt. 1, entered the service September 15, 194_. He received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, SC, sailed for Europe, January 10, 1942, and was in the engagement of the Rhine River.

Pfc. Wright, serving with the infantry, was killed in action January 21, 1944, having been in service thirty-three months. His body arrived here Wednesday, March 16.

He was a member of the Baptist church and received his education in the Fentress county schools.

In addition to his parents, Pfc. Wright is survived by six brothers, Scott, Travis, and G. C. Wright of Dayton, OH, Tollie Wright of Jamestown, Quencie Wright of Algood, Carnell Wright of Rickman, Route 1; and one sister, Mrs. Florence Linder, of Madison, TN.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 March 1949

Services At Monterey for War II Veterans:

Funeral services were held recently for Ralph Testement, Monterey, who was killed in action August 27, 1944 in France.

He enetered the Army Oct. 7, 1942. He served two years in the United States and on July 1, 1944 went overseas.

Testement was 22 years, 3 months, 24 days at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Testement; three sisters, Mrs. Syble Miller, Detroit, MI, Mrs. Bethel Ray, Cookeville, and Miss Ruth Testement of OH; five brothers, Charles Testement, Fort Lewis, Wash., U. S. Army, James Donald, Daviel, and Arnold Testement, all of Monterey; several aunts, uncles, and other close relatives and friends.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 March 1949

Plans Made For Army Day Celebration Here:

Colonel Hubert Crawford and Major Roy H. Sullivan have been named chairman of arrangements for the Army Day celebration program, Wednesday, April 6, when the latest and most modern army equipment will be on display at the Cookeville Armory from 2:00 p.m. Arms from the smallest to the largest weapons will be shown.

Personnel of the 765 Tank Battalion will be on hand to explain the mechanism of all the weapons and display the vehicles and the public is invited to take this opportunity of acquainting itself with this modern army artillery.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 March 1949

Services Thursday For Pfc. David D. Norris:

Funeral services for Pfc. David D. Norris, 34, were held Thursday at the Algood Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Harlan Watson officiated and burial with military rites by the Harris Brothers post of the VFW, was in the Algood cemetery.

Pfc. Norris was killed in action April 19, 1945, on Okinawa while serving in the U. S. Army. Private Norris entered services in February, 1942.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ozzie Lee Norris, his father, Don Norris, a son, Don Curtiss Norris, a daughter, Miss Patricia Ann Norris, two brothers, Dollen C. and Ray Norris, all of Algood, and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Floyd, Mrs. Bertha Mae Brotherton and Mrs. Josie Martin, all of Elyria, OH.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 March 1949

General J. McCaleb Obt.

b. 1925 – d. 13 July 1944, Saipan, (killed in action WWII), s/o **Manton L. McCaleb** (1888-1978) & **Emma L. (unknown) McCaleb**, (1889-1943).

Services Held Wednesday For General D. (sic) McCaleb, 19, were held Wednesday, Mar. 30, at the West Cemetery.

Pvt. McCaleb was killed in action on Saipan, July 13, 1944. He volunteered for service in November 1943 and served with the fourth division of the Marines. He took his basic training at San Diego, CA, and was ordered overseas in January of that year.

Survivors include his father, Manton L. McCaleb, Cookeville, Route 2; three brothers, Orville and Keith McCaleb, Cookeville, Horace McCaleb, Detroit; three sisters, Mrs. Audrey Stewart, Mrs. Mattie White and Miss Jean McCaleb, all of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 March 1949

Funeral Services For Pvt. Fred McDonald At Alpine Tomorrow:

The body of Pvt. Fred McDonald, of Monroe, arrived today, at Algood, on the noon train, and funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at the Christ Presbyterian Church, at Alpine, by the Rev. B. M. Taylor, pastor of the church, of which Pvt. McDonald was an active member. Burial will be at the Bethsaida community cemetery, near Monroe, in Overton County.

Pvt. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Webb McDonald, of Monroe, TN, was killed in action, in Germany, on March 6, 1945. He had been overseas since July 1944 and was serving with an armoured Division in the Third Army at the time of his death.

Prior to entering the military service March 6, 1943, he was a public school teacher in Overton County. He was first stationed at Camp Campbell, KY. Later he was transferred to the Armored Field Artillery, and was then transferred to the Army Air Corps at Albion, MI, for six months, after which he was returned to the Armored Field Artillery.

A member of a prominent pioneer family of Overton County, he was born and reared at Monroe, in Overton County, and after graduating from Alpine Institute, he attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville, for three years.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Andrew Albert and Mr. Verble Carrington, of Cookeville; Mrs. Pearl Feller, of Ypsilanti, MI, and Miss Oneta McDonald, of Monroe, TN, and many other relatives in Overton County.

During the three years of his attendance at Tennessee Tech, Pvt. McDoanld made many friends in Cookeville and was held in high esteem by his fellow college students, and instructors. While attending college here, he lived with the family of his sister and brother-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Albert.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 May 1949

Services Sunday For World War II Veteran:

Funeral services for Pvt. Jesse J. Bowman, 23, killed during World War II, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the grave in West Cemetery, conducted by Albert Ward. Military rites were conducted by Harris Brothers Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Private Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cosby Bowman, of the Burgess community, was killed April 19, 1945, during a bombing raid on the German prisoner of war camp in which he was being held a prisoner. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors besides his parents include four brothers, Thomas, Truman, David, and Ferry Bowman; three sisters, Mrs. Jewell Maddux, Miss Mattie Bowman of near Cookeville, and Mrs. Geraldine Lollar, of Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 May 1949

Rites To Be Friday For Pvt. Hubert C. Jernigan:

Funeral services for Pvt. Hubert Cecil Jernigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jernigan, Algood, will be held Friday at 2:00 o'clock at the Algood Methodist church.

Pvt. Jernigan's body will arrive today and will be at the home until time of services.

The Revs. J. H. Roberson M. F. LeCompte and Harlan Watson will officiate and burial with full military honors by Harris Brothers Post VFW, will be in the Algood cemetery.

Pvt. Jernigan was killed in action in Lorraine, France October 6, 1944. He had received his training in Camp Shelby, MS, Camp Croft, SC, and was a member of the Infantry Company D, 32nd Battalion, and 8th Regiment. He went overseas in August of '44.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frances Moore Jernigan, a small son Robert Dewey Jernigan, both of Mt. Juliet, TN, four brothers, Horace and Marshal Jernigan, Nashville, Otis Jernigan, Atlanta, GA, and Jim Jernigan, Algood, one sister, Mrs. Elise White, Nashville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 June 1949

Clive Jared, b. 18 February 1894, Putnam Co., TN - d. 11 June 1949, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN, grave P-6315, md **Thelma Melanie "Velma" (Mitchell) Jared**, b. 18 December 1896, TN - d. 16 December 1993, Davidson Co., TN, grave P-6316, d/o **John Sterling Mitchell & Ella Sybert**. Clive Jared, s/o **Robert F. Jared & Laura Ann Manier** (1871-1950). Clive and Thelma (Mitevhell) Jared are both buried in Stones River National Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN.

RITES FOR CLIVE JARED HELD AT MURFREESBORO: Funeral services for Clive C. Jared, 57, employee of the Veterans Administration hospital at Murfreesboro, who died Saturday night after a short illness, were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Main Street Church of Christ in Murfreesboro.

Mr. Jared was born and reared in the Buffalo Valley section of this county. He had at one time resided in Old Hickory, but for the past nine years had resided in Murfreesboro.

A veteran of World War I, he was an active member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a member of the Main Street Church of Christ, and of various Masonic organizations, including the Al Menah Shrine.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Thelma Mitchell Jared, of Murfreesboro; a daughter, Mrs. Cowan (Billie Jo) Lyell of Murfreesboro; his mother, Mrs. Laura Randolph, of Old Hickory; a grandson, John Cowan Lyell II; three half-sisters, Mrs. Clyde George and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, of Old Hickory, and Mrs. Herman Felts of Riverside, CA; and two half-brothers, Charles and Amon Randolph of Buffalo Valley.

Oliver Cunningham, minister of the North Boulevard Church of Christ, conducted the funeral services, and burial was in the Stones River National Cemetery, with Masonic rites.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

30 June 1949

Body of Veteran Is Returned For Burial:

Funeral services were held Friday for Pfc. Thee W. Pippin, who was killed in action Aug. 9, 1944 at the age of 25. Charles Caldwell, pastor of the Willow Street Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in the Shiloh cemetery.

Pfc. Pippin entered service October 17, 1941 at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, received his basic training at Camp Croft, SC, was sent to Indiantown Gap, PA, and then overseas in April of 1942 where he served his country in Iceland, England, Ireland, and later France, where he was killed.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Pearl Clinton Pippin, Lebanon; two brothers, Hubert Pippin, Detroit, and Hollis Pippin, Nashville; four sisters, Mrs. Mitchell Garrison, Cookeville, Mrs. Carl Haney, Cookeville, Route 4, Mrs. Cordell Hammock, Bloomington Springs, Mrs. Chester Clinton, Lebanon.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 July 1949

Husband of Local Woman Promoted to Captain in Germany:

Rhein Air Force Base, Germany (Spl) Capt. Harry Griffin, husband of the former Miss Marie Brady, of Sparta, and daughter of Odis Brady, Cookeville, a native of West Monroe, LA, was promoted to that rank

on May 23. He is presently serving as officer in charge of the Criminal Investigation Section of the Rhein Base.

At twenty-seven, Captain Griffin has a long record of government service. After graduating from high school in 1938, he entered the Civilian Conservation Corps, and in 1941 joined the Army Air Corps, receiving his commission in October, 1942.

During the war he served as administrative officer in the South Pacific area, including Australia, New Caledonia, the Solomons, Guadalcanal, Treasury Islands, the Figis, and New Zealand.

In June, 1944, Captain Griffin returned to the States and saw continuous service in SC, GA and FL until receiving his transfer to Frankfurt in February of this year.

In addition to his present duties he has coached an eight-man team which recently won the USAFE Air Police championship for skill in handling weapons.

Other hobbies include participation in advanced courses, both lectures and Reserve Officers' correspondence courses.

Since this is the beginning of a three-year tour of duty for Captain Griffin, he is expecting his wife and daughter, Sarah Pope, age 15 months, to join him soon. His future plans include continuation of his Air Force career.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 July 1949

Pfc. Johnny Chesney Returned For Burial:

Funeral services will be held Friday for Pvt. First Class Johnny V. Chesney, 27, at Stones River National Cemetery Murfreesboro.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Chesney, Campaign, TN, formerly of Cookeville, Pfc. Chesney entered the service of his country in September of 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, FL.

Pfc. Chesney was assigned duty in Italy, April, 1944, with Company C. 135th Inf., 5th Division and was killed in action October 14, 1944 in the vicinity of Florence, Italy.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 August 1949

Sgt. John R. Cooper Returned for Burial:

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at two o'clock for Sgt. John R. "Bob" Cooper at the Chapel of the Whitson Funeral Home. The Rev. Thornton Fowler officiated and burial in Mayland cemetery.

Sgt. Cooper went overseas in March of 1943 and was killed on Luzon February 10, 1945. He was inducted into service at Florence, AL, and was with the 148th Infantry 37th Division.

An active scout leader he was a member of the Baptist church.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Cordell Rector, one sister, Mrs. Walter Judd, Jr., and his grandfather, John P. Garrett, Celina.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 September 1949

Services At Gentry For War II Veteran:

Funeral services for Pvt. John D. Newman, 22, killed in action during World War II, were held Saturday at Gentry church with the Rev. Dow Ensor officiating. Burial with military rites by Harris Brothers post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was in the McKinely cemetery.

Pvt. Newman entered service in 1941 and went overseas in 1942. He was killed May 8, 1944, in the Philippines. He was the son of the late Vestal Newman and Mrs. Elizabeth Myers Newman Brown, who survives.

Other survivors include his stepfather, Norman Brown; a sister, Mrs. Gladys Petty, Sparta; two half-sisters, Mrs. Ruby Stamps, Baster, Mrs. Edith Phillips, Detroit; and a half-brother, Franklin Brown, Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 September 1949

Services Friday For World War II Veteran:

Funeral services were held Friday for Hollis Welch, who was killed in Germany in 1945. Services were at the Sand Springs church. Burial with full military honors was in the Sand Springs cemetery.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch of Mayland, he was 29 years of age at the time of his death. He went into the Armed services in 1941.

He is survived by his widow, one small daughter, and a number of brothers and sisters.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 October 1949

Silas A. Taylor Dies In Palestine, TX:

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, October 16, in Palestine, TX, for Silas A. Taylor, 82, former resident of this county. He was a son of the late Henry C. Taylor, Civil War veteran.

Mr. Taylor left Cookeville some 65 years ago and had made only two or three visits since that time. He was married to Miss Lula Morris in Marshall, TX, later moving to Palestine where they made their home.

Survivors include two sons, Morris Cameron Taylor, and Henry Taylor; two daughters, Mary Lee and Eva, all of TX; a brother, M. H. Taylor, of Leesville, LA; two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Welch and Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 January 1950

James H. Pride Begins Training in Air Force:

James H. Pride, 20, son of Mrs. Dimple Pride, Route 1, Cookeville, has reported to Lackland, TX, Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force," to begin the AF basic airman indoctrination course.

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, center of the Air Force basic training for airmen and women, indoctrination station for prior service reenlistees and home of the AF's Officer Candidate School.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 2 February 1950

Services Sunday For World War II Vet:

Funeral services for David V. Mackie, 25, killed in action during World War II were held Sunday afternoon at the Pleasant Ridge church with the Rev. Fowler Montgomery officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Son of the late Tim and Dicie Shirley Mackie, he was serving in the Pacific area at the time of his death.

Survivors include three brothers, William Franklin Mackie, Rockwood; Tom Mackie, Dayton, OH; Delbert Mackie; a sister, Mrs. Mary Lou Selby, Sparta; five half brothers, Any Mackie, Harrison Mackie, Sparta, Dillard Mackie, Henry Mackie, Dock Mackie, Cookeville, and a half sister, Mrs. Anna Weaver, Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 31 August 1950

DR. BURTON HOWARD OPENS OFFICES HERE:

Dr. Burton E. Howard, native of Lincoln, NB, and graduate of the Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, has recently moved to Cookeville where he is associated with Dr. George M. Saunders in the practice of optometry.

Howard moved here from McMinnville where he had been practicing since last March. He is a veteran of 32 months of Naval service aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific during World War II, attended the public schools of his home city and also the University of Nebraska. He transferred to the Memphis college where he received the degree of Doctor of Optometry in December 1949. While a student there he served as president of the senior class, was a student council delegate, vice-president of the Omega Delta fraternity, president of the Mid-West Under-Graduate Club, and a member of the Sigma Alpha Sigma, honor optometric society at the college.

Since his graduation, Dr. Howard has done post-graduate work at the Contact Lens Institute and has qualified as a specialist in the fitting of contact lenses.

Mrs. Howard was formerly Lucille Mulette, daughter of Mrs. M. V. Mulette of Memphis.

In addition to his professional work, Dr. Howard is an accomplished musician, having played with several name bands and a symphony orchestra.

He is a member of the Methodist church and Mrs. Howard is an Episcopalian.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 January 1951

22 Local Men Join Army and Air Force:

Army and Army Air Force enlistments have continued heavy in this area during the first part of January according to a report from the local recruiting office.

A total of 22 local men have joined the services this month including seven in the Army and 15 in the Air Force.

These enlisting were: Air Force: William C. Rabinson, James E. Warren, Phillip Webb, Don H. Randolph, Charles E. Saler, Lee S. Darwin, Delbert Hollingsworth, Robert E. Lee, Billy E. Dedmond, Robert J. Meadows, James N. Thompson, Alvin L. Jared, Dow A. Burton, and Braden Looper. Army: Fletcher W. Maxwell, Thomas J. Farley, George Griffe, Billy Rose, Lloyd C. Ray, Bethel Wilhite, Hollace Pryor.

The recruiting office will be open about ten days starting today.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 August 1952

18 Enlist in Navy Here During July:

The following named men from this area were enlisted in the United States Navy at the Cookeville Recruiting substation during the month of July. These men will receive their recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA.

Harold C. Allen, Cookeville, Harvey L. League, McMinnville; William H. Miller, McMinnville; Dick W. Ray, Crossville; Laurence E. Webb, Crossville; Tommy Robbins, Crossville; Alva Wilson, Crossville; Clarence L. Turner, Crossville; Fain Hall, Crossville; Wilber Bruce, Crossville; Bobby Lowery, Sparta; Shirley R. Tays, Jamestown; Ivan T. Richardson, Jamestown; Elmer Deaton, Bone Cave, TN; David E. Cole, McMinnville; J. P. Lewis, Baxter; Peggy B. Garrett (Wave recruit), Byrdstown.

Webster M. Lewis Sr. Obt.

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Webster M. Lewis Sr., 84, of Montgomery, AL, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from the chapel of Leak Memorial in Montgomery. **He was a Pearl Harbor survivor** and will be honored with a full military service.

Mr. Lewis died on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, in Atlanta, GA.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1917, in Putnam County to the late General Jackson and Pearl Lewis.

His family includes three sons and daughters-in-law, Webster Jr. and Carol Lewis of Rocky Ford, CO, and Paul and Gay Lewis of Lawrenceville, GA; two stepchildren, Bonnie and Carl Adrian of Anchorage, AL, and Jerry and Sherrie Burton of Concord, GA; a brother and sister-in-law, Georgia Ann and Howard Sherfey of Algood; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, G. J. Jr. and Charles L. Lewis, and a sister, Alta Mae Ramsey.

Information was by Whitson Funeral Home of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 August 1953

WORLD WAR II'S BATTLE DEATHS TOTAL 291,557:

The Army's new and final account of its World War II battle casualties totals 936,259 Army and Air Corps personnel, including 234,874 eath.

Also, included were 532,170 wounded in action, of whom 383,196 recovered and returned to duty without leaving the theater of action.

The missing in action total was 30,314, but 24,098 returned to duty. Never seen again an declared dead were 6,058.

These final totals, made public Saturday after a three-year check, are 12,000 lower than estimated in 1946 but number 5,000 more dead than the original account.

The Navy has reported 100,392 casualties, including 36,950 battle deaths, and the Marines 88,718 casualties, of whom 19,733 died.

WHUB's 50th ANNIVERSARY
Special to the Herald Citizen and Plus: 17 July 1990
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

WHUB Born Into a World At War

In 1940, when WHUB went on the air, the world horizon was dark with thunderclouds. In Europe, the drums of war had been beating for almost one year. Germany had gobbled up most of Europe, while its temporary ally, Russia, was a dominant force in Eastern Europe.

Great Britain, so it seemed, stood alone against the onslaught of totalitarian forces in the Old World. Meanwhile in the Pacific, that ocean had become or was in the process of becoming a Japanese lake in the huge arc from the Chinese mainland to just a few hundred miles west of Hawaii.

In May, 1940, President Roosevelt asked Congress for over a billion dollars for defense. "These are ominous days," the President warned, pointing out that "self-delusion" was not security, and that the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans no longer were sufficient protection against foreign invasion.

Meanwhile, the German war machine crunched all in its path. Norway, Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands fell; and, finally, in June, 1940, France toppled to the Nazis.

In Britain, Winston Churchill succeeded Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister to head a "fighting cabinet."

In the States, the Republicans at their national convention in late June, 1940, nominated darkhorse Wendell Wilkie - - a former Democrat - - as their Presidential standard-bearer.

Then, on July 18, at Chicago, after playing coy for a few weeks, President Roosevelt shattered tradition and was nominated by the Democrats for a third term, a move which bucked the trend of Presidential politics going all the way back to George Washington.

That was the world in the summer of 1940 - - not a very pretty sight, but it was a time when the Upper Cumberland got its first voice - - WHUB radio.

As America mobilized for war, the station in its early days broadcast a daily program, "Red, White, and Blue Network," consisting of recruiting pleas from the armed forces and war industries boards.

And later, as WHUB affiliated with CBS, daily, indeed up-to-the-minute newsbreaks kept this area abreast of the latest fighting and casualty reports.

It was July, 1940, and WHUB was off and running to become a tradition in this region.

COLLEGE GIVES WWII-ERA VETS HONORARY DEGREES

By Kristin M. Hall - The Associated Press

Posted : Tuesday May 8, 2012 19:27:59 EDT

LEBANON, Tenn. — Dozens of World War II-era veterans who are now in their 80s and 90s received honorary master's degrees at the site of their training as young soldiers.

Between 1941 and 1944, more than 850,000 Army soldiers trained for war in Europe in a series of military maneuvers spread across 22 counties of Middle Tennessee. Cumberland University in Lebanon served as field headquarters during six of the seven maneuvers where officers and soldiers slept in tents pitched on the campus as they oversaw the massive training exercises.

Seventy years after the campus was transformed into military headquarters, veterans or their family members were given diplomas for honorary master of military arts degrees during a Tuesday morning ceremony on the lawn of the university.

University President Harvill C. Eaton said the veterans deserved the degrees for what they learned during the maneuvers, which prepared them for the battlefields of France, Belgium and Germany.

Maj. Gen. Robert Harris, assistant adjutant general of the Tennessee Army National Guard, said he grew up in Tennessee hearing about the war games known as the Tennessee maneuvers.

“On this campus, some of the most famous generals of World War II and little known privates worked together to hone a fighting machine that was second to none,” he said.

The training exercise was so rigorous that more than 250 soldiers and civilians died during the training that took place not on isolated military property, but in the pastures and farmlands in Tennessee.

Many of the deaths were from training accidents, including vehicle collisions, plane crashes, train accidents and drownings, according to a history of the maneuvers called “In the Presence of Soldiers,” by Woody McMillin.

Jerry McFarland, a retired Army colonel who has researched the maneuvers, said more than 20 soldiers were killed when a pontoon boat capsized in the Cumberland River. The rivers in Middle Tennessee, though very dangerous, were the perfect place to practice tactics with heavy armored tanks and parachutists.

“This kind of training was extremely hard and extremely difficult, but the lessons you took from that would allow you to survive in a real environment,” McFarland explained.

Thomas H. McKnight Jr., 94, of Memphis, said the training was often 24 hours a day for several days in a row. His job was to supply fuel for all the tanks, trucks and cars used in the training. He later was awarded a Bronze Star for his service overseas.

“The engineers had great training on the Cumberland River,” he said. “When we got over to France, there was the Rhine River and others that had to be crossed because the Germans blew up all the bridges.”

He said he was proud to be a part of the maneuvers along with other veterans, many who have passed away and weren’t able to get the degrees in person but were represented by family members.

“I don’t think any of us got in it for the glory, because there certainly was no glory in being shot at,” he said.

Newman Ray Milner, of Waynesville, N.C., was in Tennessee for about three months during the training. He said the training was nerve wracking as a tank driver because the vehicles could easily get stuck in low areas near the rivers.

“It was rugged. We were maneuvering out in the boondocks, where there are big gullies,” he said. “We wrecked several of them and turned them over cliffs.”

Milner said the tough terrain of Tennessee was a great training ground for the armored tanks he drove while in the 12th Armored Division.

“It was great training. Some of the best training I got in tank tactics,” he said.

But he remembers mostly spending weekends in Nashville watching the country music stars perform at the Grand Ole Opry.

“Oh yeah, we went every weekend to the Opry,” he said. “That was our home during the weekends.”

Another one of the veterans of the Tennessee maneuvers was Les Wilson, who was a pilot in the Army Air Corps, the predecessor to the Air Force. Wilson, who is 92 years old and lives in Hartsville, Tenn., was a liaison pilot, whose job was to carry messages and orders from the headquarters at Cumberland University out to the training units.

“Our job was to be in the air from daylight to dusk because we were in small planes with no lights,” he said.

Wilson remembers sleeping on tents on the campus and going into the small towns and cities in Tennessee on the weekends when they weren’t training. The residents of these communities where they practiced rolled out the welcome mat for the visiting soldiers, Wilson said.

“They were just as friendly as could be. Whenever we went to town on the weekends, they were very helpful. You couldn’t cross the street without someone wanting to pick you up and give you a lift. They threw a lot of dances and things like that for us,” he said.

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[WORLD WAR I](#)

(Historical Terms) the war (1914-18), fought mainly in Europe and the Middle East, in which the Allies (principally France, Russia, Britain, Italy after 1915, and the US after 1917) defeated the Central Powers (principally Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey). The war was precipitated by the assassination of Austria's crown prince (Archduke Franz Ferdinand) at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914 and swiftly developed its major front in E France, where millions died in static trench warfare. After the October Revolution (1917) the Bolsheviks ended Russian participation in the war (Dec. 15, 1917). The exhausted Central Powers agreed to an armistice on Nov. 11, 1918 and quickly succumbed to internal revolution, before being forced to sign the Treaty of Versailles (June 28, 1919) and other treaties Also called **First World War Great War**

[Putnam County Herald, Thursday, Cookeville, TN:](#)

29 June 1916

TO THE TENNESSEE TROOPS: By Grady Hughes

Beloved sons of Tennessee,
Bravest of the brave, noblest of the free.
To you we extend our hearts full of love,
Our earnest so icitations for help from above.
The highest of praise we commend to you,
Mothers’ idols heroically true.

Our country has signaled,

Your've answered the call.
God grant that none of you shall fall.
Tho the journey is long and mystically tilled.
With thoughts of being treacherously killed,
May your staunch hearts teem with courage anew,
Till the last grim obstacle is removed from view.

The eye that watches the sparrow's fall,
Will heed the mother's tender call,
To guide her boy thru war's domain.
To ease him when he's racked with pain;
To stay him in the hardest fight
Boys, be brave, your'll come out right.

Putnam County Herald, Thursday, Cookeville, TN:

8 March 1917

UNITED STATES AT WAR WITH GERMANY:

Congress Adopts Joint Resolution and President Issues Proclamation. The Almost World-Wide War now Includes Our Country:

In his address before Congress, Tuesday, President Wilson declared that a state of war already exists between the United States and Germany, and urged that Congress make a declaration to that effect. Resolutions carrying this declaration were introduced in the Senate and after a long debate was passed by a vote of 82 to 6.

The resolutions then went before the House and were adopted by a large vote, 373 to 50.

The resolution drafted after consultation with the state department says the state of war thrust upon the United States by Germany is formally declared and directs the President to employ the entire military and naval forces and the resources of the government to carry on war and bring it to a successful termination.

The government executive departments have made requests to Congress for an immediate appropriation of \$3,000,000,000 for the army and navy.

The provisions for raising a large army are as follows:

Immediate recruiting of the regular army and national guard to their full war strength, about 750,000 men, and calling of all national guard units into the Federal service.

Compulsory enlistment to recruit both the regular army and national guard to their full war strength, if voluntary enlistments are not sufficient.

Increase in the present authorized war strength of the regular army and national guard by about twenty five per cent, to provide an armed force at once of about 1,000,000 men by compulsory service if voluntary recruiting fails.

Increase by compulsory recruiting in increments to about 2,000,000 men within two years.

All new enlistments, it is planned, shall be for the term of the war with Germany. Use of the new officers reserve corps in the additional units and for training purpose also is planned.

Strenuous efforts to put the navy on a war basis are being made. Recruiting for this branch of the service is being pushed as it will take a large number of men to man the many new war craft now being built.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 31 May 1917

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 May 1917

CONFEDERATE REUNION:

The Confederate reunion for 1917 will be held in Washington City, June 4,5, 6. The usual rate of about one cent a mile each way has been made by the railroads and it is expected that an unusually large number will attend the reunion.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 23 August 1917

FIRST MEN TO SEE SERVICE FROM PUTNAM COUNTY:

The following named 86 men have been certified to the government for service in the drafted army, who have not been exempted or discharged. Many others have passed the physical examination and filed claims for exemption which claims are pending.

Certified August 16:

Arthur Cumby, Algood
Claude Philpot, Double Springs
Albert S. Shriver, Cookeville
Clay E. Carlisle, Brotherton
Fred O. Blankenhorn, Bloomington
Hollis Johnson, Monterey
Verdie Lee Peck, Cookeville
Alfred Maddux, Baxter
William Carrol Lee, Cookeville
Frank Stokes, Cookeville
Charles E. Ramsey, Monterey
Clay Evans Barr, Cookeville
Luther E. Rector, Brotherton
Bailey B. Brown, Double Springs
Layton N. Kinnarid, Cookeville
James Officer, Cookeville
James L. Ensor, Double Springs
H. Thurman Huddleston, Cookeville
John Henry Fulton, Cookeville
William E. West, Brotherton
Robert Dean, Monterey
Will H. Stamps, Cookeville
James A. Grogan, Bloomington
Ewen Powers, Monterey
John Henry Verble, Monterey
W. A. Campbell, Cookeville
Lawrence Carr, Silver Point
Bill Robinson, Monterey
Walter C. Sadler, Bloomington
Charley W. Wright, Monterey

Certified August 17:

Wirt H. Vaden, Monterey

Alvin Hill, Brotherton
Carlos B. Marlow, Bloomington
Charley A. Poteet, Sparta
Robert Ralph Jared, Buffalo Valley
Dolphus M. Wiggins, Algood
Frederick T. Moore, Algood
Doe Harrs, Monterey
Nonda Wilhite, Cookeville
Hurshel B. Gorce, Cookeville
Oliver E. Jackson, Cookeville
James Russell Allen, Bloomington
Emmett L. Crain, Monterey
Norman Pointer, Algood
Joseph D. Hancock, Boma
John H. McCormick, Algood
Robert T. Rhea, Cookeville
Oakley T. Warren, Cookeville
Oliver Lee Green, Algood
Sam Medley, Buffalo Valley
Rush Buck, Cookeville
John Ray, Cookeville
Sylvanus Parks, Baxter
Jake Alred, Monterey
Dover Anderson, Silver Point
Bailey E. Brooks, Cookeville
Ammon Riley Austin, Sparta
William G. League, Buffalo Valley
Carlos Lee Dyer, Baxter
James T. Anderson, Cookeville
Denny H. Williams, Algood
John S. Farley, Sparta
Isham G. Rodgers, Bloomington
Kelly Gore, Algood
Walter Ross Burton, Cookeville
Vascoe Beasley, Silver Point
Painey F. Lack, Brotherton
Marvin P. Robinson, Buffalo Valley
Thurman W. King, Cookeville
Willie Brinley, Buffalo Valley
Elbert H. Wilson, Algood
Joseph A. Thomas, Cookeville
Emmett M. Essary, Monterey
Lewis H. Carr, Cookeville
William T. Kirby, Cookeville
Adolph L. Green, Bloomington
Alfred T. Foutch, Cookeville
William D. Sparks, Cookeville
Dillard Nivens, Cookeville.
Hubert Howard, Cookeville
John S. Jones, Brotherton
Arthur Robinson, Buffalo Valley

Certified August 23:

William R. Robinson, Baxter

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 13 September 1917

MEN ORDERED TO REPORT TO LOCAL BOARD SATURDAY FOR MILITARY DUTY:

Following is the list of drafted men from this country to leave, Saturday, Sept. 22nd for the mobilization camp at Camp Gordon, Chamberlee, GA:

Arthur Cumby, Claude, Philpot, Clay E. Carlisle, Fred O. Blankenhorn, William C. Lee, Luther E. Rector, Bailey E. Brown, James Officer, John Henry Fulton, William E. West, Bill Robinson, James A. Grogan, Charlie W. Wright, Ewen Powers, W. A. Campbell, Lawrence Carr, Hershel B. Groce, Dock Harris, Oliver E. Jackson, Frederick T. Moore, Dolphus M. Wiggins, James Russell Allen, Emmett L. Crane, Oliver L. Green, Norman Pointer, Sam Medley, Joseph D. Hancock, Alvin Hill, Carlos B. Marlow, Charlie Andrew Poteet, Albert S. Shriver, Verda Lee Peek, William R. Robinson, Henry M. Wells, Frank Stokes, Montgomery B. Hunter, John Ray, Will Henry Stamps, Layton N. Kinnaird, Sylvanus Park, Dover Anderson, Bailey E. Brooks, John V. Webb, Carlos Lee Dyer, Rush Buck, Collier C. Vaughn, James T. Anderson, Robert T. Rhea, James A. Cash, Travis V. Bartlett, Anthony Bush, Robert Maggart, Denny H. Williams, John S. Farley, Isham G. Rodgers, Kelly Gore, Pamey E. Lack, Thurman W. King, Willie Brinley, Elbert H. Wilson, Joseph A. Thomas, Emmett M. Essary.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 25 October 1917

EXEMPTION DENIED MANY:

The Middle Tennessee division exemption board has finally passed upon the first exemption claims from Putnam county and the following men are ordered into military service.

Ralph R. Jared, Buffalo Valley
John V. Minor, Cookeville
Zealous Minton, Baxter
Lesley Campbell, Cookeville
Chester Clemons, Silver Point
Henry D. Clark, Cookeville
Jeff Wallace, Silver Point
Neal Smith (colored) Algood
Walter Erwin, Silver Point
Lonnie D. Prentice, Silver Point
William D. Madwell, Baxter
William G. Sehon, Monterey
William T. Thompson, Cookeville
W. S. Carter, Silver Point
George Pharris, Brotherton
C. E. Brown, Bloomington Springs
Oscar F. Walker, Algood
Harrison Keys, Brotherton
James F. Carmack, Algood
J. R. Anderson, Cookeville
Edgar L. Robinson, Monterey
Albert H. Goolsby, Double Springs
Ray Maloney, Cookeville
Horace Jared, Buffalo Valley
Stillman B. Jones, Cookeville
John T. Phy, Algood
Ellis C. Hutchenson, Cookeville
Walter G. Lock, Algood

William Ensor, Baxter
Ralph P. Rout, Cookeville
Lem W. Plunkett, Silver Point
Stephen D. Peek, Cookeville
B. M. Prentice, Silver Point
W. W. Wright, Monterey
David P. Mansell, Cookeville
Tobe Anderson, Monterey
Frank L. Brown, Cookeville

Claims of the following men were decided by the local board and decision reversed by the district board which selected them for service.

Mitchell Brown, Cookeville
John L. Bartlett, Cookeville
Walter C. Venson, Cookeville
Charlie Moscript, Cookeville
Thomas B. Askew, Baxter
Bradley Clemons, Silver Point
J. O. Russell, Cookeville
Byrd Lee Terry, Cookeville
D. I. Buckner, Monterey
Wm C. Whittaker, Cookeville
Clifford Pinkston, Buffalo Valley
William L. Cooper, Monterey
William E. Robinson, Sparta
Henry C. Brinley, Buffalo Valley
James L. Morgan, Cookeville
Denton Dishman, Algood
Oakney Shanks, Boma
Lonnie Jones, Silver Point
Harvey L. Quarles, Cookeville
Thos. C. Caruthers, Cookeville
Sam Anderson, Buffalo Valley
Jim Tollett, Cookeville
Samuel B. Willett, Brotherton
Oliver D. Flatt, Monterey
L. E. Dickinson, Cookeville
Jeff Ragland, Baxter
Claude E. Roberts, Boma
John S. Riley, Baxter
William C. Finley, Sparta
H. C. Winfree, Baxter
James A. Stout, Baxter
B. H. Bohannon, Monterey
Dallas Bumbalough, Monterey
William W. Bussell, Cookeville
Bailey H. Perry, Algood
William V. Cole, Baxter
Olcie A. Jared, Baxter
M. G. Castleman, Monterey
Vaden Bullington, Cookeville
George Markman, Boma
Jesse Lee Bates, Buffalo Valley
Eugene D. Stewart, Baxter
Stevenson Whitson, Cookeville

Flem Cumby, Cookeville
P. H. Huddleston, Cookeville
Grover C. Harget, Cookeville

Not one man was rejected in the list from Putnam county so far as the district board has gone.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 25 October 1917

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT: WAR SAVINGS STAMPS:

The War Savings Plan:

- Q. How many savings certificates can I fill?
A. Ten. The law allows each person to own \$1,000 worth of war savings certificates.
- Q. What is the largest quantity that I can purchase at any one time?
A. \$100 worth, or 20 stamps
- Q. If I do not have enough money saved up to buy a war saving stamp and can only save in small amounts, what should I do?
A. Buy a 25 cent thrift stamp at a post office, bank or other authorized agency and ask for a thrift card, to which you can attach your thrift stamp.
- Q. Is there any charge for a thrift card?
A. No. It is given you to hold thrift cards and contains a place for your name and address.
- Q. How many thrift stamps will this card hold?
A. Sixteen stamps, which represents a value of \$1.
- Q. When I have filled the thrift card what, do I do?
A. Take it to a post office, bank, or other authorized agency, surrender the card and pay in cash the few cents difference between the \$4 worth of thrift stamps and the price of a war saving stamp for the month in which the exchange is made.
- Q. What do I do next?
A. You take the war savings stamp given you in exchange for your thrift card, ask for a war savings certificate, if you haven't one already, and attach the stamp to the certificate.
- Q. May I exchange thrift stamps for war savings stamps at any time?
A. No; only on or before December 31, 1918.

(This is the last of this series of advertisements. The Herald has donated \$50 worth of advertising in this cause. Now let other business men pay for some space in this paper).

BUY W. S. S. AT ANY POST OFFICE OR BANK

This advertisement is donated by the publishers of the Herald. The Government will not pay for newspaper advertising for war, the only commodity it uses without paying for.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 31 January 1918

THE WORLD WAR:

There has been little fighting in Europe during the past week. Germans have six or seven million men on the French front and are sending more. It is supposed they will make a tremendous drive as soon as weather conditions permit, in an effort to break the lines and capture Paris.

Peace conferences continue between Russia and Germany. Romania will probably make a separate peace. Finland has set up a separate government and fighting continues there.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 15 August 1918

GET 150 SUBMARINES:

The British government announced that 150 German submarines have been destroyed since the war began, more than half this number within the past year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 19 September 1918

NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS:

Six men go to the army from Putnam county this week, as follows:

Charles H. Lovelady to Clemson College, SC, on Wednesday.

Fred McKinley Brewer, William Edward Johnson, George Owen Penn to University of Tennessee on Saturday.

Homer Hale, Arthur Holman to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, SC on Saturday.

No other call for men have been received by the local board.

Questionnaires are being mailed to all men from 19 to 36 years old inclusive who registered Sept. 12.

257,609 men registered in Tennessee on Sept. 12, about 6,000 more than the government estimated. Putnam county registered 2,275 men.

Daniel E. Buckner of this county has been arrested as a deserter from the army and will be returned on Saturday.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 May 1919

Aubrey C. Wright

b. 20 November 1894, TN – d. 30 April 1919, VA, (Sgt. 1/C No 11 A.S.P.L.F. VA), s/o **John E. Wright & Virginia “Jennie” Francis (Coe) Wright.**

AUBREY WRIGHT KILLED:

Sergeant Aubrey Wright of this city was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon, April 30, at Langley Field, VA. He was a mechanic in the aviation service of the U. S. Army, and his death was caused by the blade of an aero plane propeller, hitting him on the head. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wright, formerly of his city, but residing near Ashland City. The remains will be buried in the city cemetery, Saturday.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 June 1920

BODY BROUGHT BACK

The remains of Terry Sliger, a Putnam county soldier who died in England of pneumonia during the war, arrived here last Saturday, accompanied by soldier. The remains taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Nancy Sliger, in the second civic district. Interment was in the family cemetery Sunday, a large crowd of relatives and friends being present. The deceased leaves his wife and little son.

This is the first body to be shipped back from across the sea for burial in this county.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 December 1920

BODY OF WELL KNOWN COOKEVILLE BOY BROUGHT FROM FRANCE:

The following article is out of the Glasgow Democrat, Glasgow, Mont., and will be of interest to a number of Cookeville people, Mr. McClain being the grandson of Dr. L. R. McClain, of this city.

The funeral of Soldier Lem T. McClain was held Monday afternoon from Peterson chapel and interment was in Oakland cemetery. The American Legion had charge of the services and members of the local post acted as pall bearers. The burial services at the grave were read by Rev. Robt. H. Allen and Adj. A. B. Friedland. Pall bearers were Sig Mattson Norman Stensland, Arthur Patton, Wilbur Crawford, Fred K. Amundson and Wm. Ahle, Chas. DeWitt was standard bearer and Wendell Cuttlog was color guard. Taps was sounded by Clarence L. Runyon.

The body of the young soldier which was received from the government Sunday at Glasgow was the first one to be received of those Valley county boys who gave up their lives on European soil.

Lem T. McClain died October 10, 1918, in France, from an attack of the influenza. He was born in 1895 and was 23 years old at the time of his death. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McClain, prominent farmers living on the Missouri river south of here. He left two brothers, and two sisters, besides his parents.

At his death Lem asked that his body be brought home and in keeping with his request he now rests in the land for which he gave his life.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 April 1921

FOWLER ELROD BROUGHT HOME:

Murfreesboro, April 5 – The largest crowd that ever gathered in Evergreen cemetery was there Sunday afternoon to witness the funeral rites over the grave of young Fowler Elrod, one of the Murfreesboro machine gun boys who fell in action in France. His comrades were present in their uniforms and fired the customary salute over the new made grave. Mr. Elrod was unusually popular, though quite a youth and made one of the best members of the Murfreesboro company. Capt. English of Mt. Pleasant paid him a high tribute. His remains were shipped from France, and arrived here Sunday morning, and the family was assured of the complete identity of the remains as the coffin had in it a tag that Mr. Elrod's brother had placed in it.

Fowler Elrod was an old Cookeville boy and after his parents moved to Murfreesboro, returned here and attended school at T.P.I., not very long before he entered the service of his country. When the news of his death was received here in October 1918; the people of Cookeville felt that another home boy had made the supreme sacrifice, for he was so considered by all.

The body of Fowler Elrod who was killed in action in France was brought back to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elrod at Murfreesboro and interred in the Evergreen cemetery there on Sunday morning. The services

were conducted by the ex-service men. This splendid young man enlisted in the service for his country at the age of seventeen in the 113th machine gun battalion, and gave his life for the cause of justice and right. The homecoming was sad indeed; not with joyfulness and buoyancy of youth came he striding down the street with arms out-flung to clasp his dear ones to his heart, but in his narrow arms folded upon his chest.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 April 1922

DEATH OF OLD CONFEDERATE:

Milton M. Owen, b. 7 September 1840 – d. 5 April 1922, and **Francis (Dowell) Owen**, b. 10 October 1844 – d. 27 February 1921. Both buried in the Smith Chapel Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Milton was also married to **Martha (Farmer) Owen**.

Milton M. Owen died Wednesday at his home in the Fifteenth District of this county. By his death Putnam county loses one of its most useful and highly respected citizens. He was about eighty years old. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, having served throughout the Civil war, during which he was several times severely wounded. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church for fifty years – his membership being at Prospect Church.

He was twice married, both of his wives having preceded him to the grave. He was first married to Martha Farmer. Some years after her death he married Frances Dowell, who died about two years ago. He is survived by one son, Clarence Owen.

He was a man of the highest order of moral courage. A man of splendid ability and wide information, his influence was always exerted in behalf of religious, education and progress.

For many years he was chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of this county. He also served for many years as one of the Commissioners of the County Farm.

For more than half a century he had been prominently identified with the history of Putnam county. He was respected and esteemed by all who knew him; a typical Southern gentleman of the old school. His passing away brings sorrow to many hearts.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

23 July 1931

PUTNAM BOYD GOES TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY:

Beverly Medley, (picture shown in paper), son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Medley, of Buffalo Valley, has entered the United States naval academy at Annapolis after successfully taking the examination for entrance at Knoxville.

He spent three years at the Cookeville high school, graduated from the Cathage high school, and attended the University of Tennessee for one year. He was appointed by Senator Cordell Hull.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 December 1931

OLDEST OVERTON VET WHO RAN HOTEL HERE DIES AT LIVINGSTON:

Capt. A. L. Dale, 91, the oldest war veteran in Overton county, died at his home in Livingston Monday after a long illness. Capt. Dale once ran a hotel here near the square, and was well known in this county.

Among his hundreds of friends he was known as "Uncle High," and he had lived a colorful life during and after the Civil War. He fought under Generals Felix Z. Zollicoffer, Albert Sidney Johnson, Nathan Bedford

Forrest, and John H. Morgan. He was in the important battles of Shiloh and Chickamauga, and took part in the last battle of the war, that of "Indian Graves," on the Celina-Livingston road.

He surrendered at Carthage in 1865, said to be the last authorized surrender of the war.

Capt. Dale was in the lumber business following the war and before he began operating hotels. Besides Cookeville, he ran hotels at Celina, Gainesboro and Gordonsville, and at the time of his death was owner of the Dale hotel at Livingston.

He had been coal oil inspector under Governors Rye, Roberts, Peay, and Horton, and boasted that he had shaken the hand of every Governor since John C. Brown.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dale home in Livingston Wednesday.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 28 April 1932

ANOTHER CIVIL WAR VETERAN PASSES:

James Farley, 87, who fought under General Forrest in the Civil War, died at his home in Calfkilker Sunday after an illness of several weeks. The second Civil War veteran to die within the month, his passing leaves only three Confederate soldiers to carry on.

Mr. Farley was one of Putnam county's most highly respected citizens, being one of its pioneers. He had been engaged in farming since the war in the Calfkilker community, where he had always made his home. He was the last surviving Confederate veteran in his community. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were conducted Monday. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Cora Hale, Alvin and Buck Farley, Mrs. Tom Clark, Mrs. P. Braddom, Willie and Notie Farley.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 April 1934

A SOLDIER BOY:

Remembering his Civil War days as if they were yesterday, Hiram Martin, who lives with his son, J. A. Martin, near Cookeville, enjoyed his 95th birthday Monday. He received more than 100 greetings from his friends.

Mr. Martin remembers many experiences and can tell accurately vivid accounts of the Civil War. He cast his first vote in June, 1861, to withdraw Tennessee from the Union. He joined the 25th Tennessee Regiment under Col. Sidney Stanton, of Granville, on July 11, 1861. Later he was transferred to Col. John Hughes' Regiment.

Seated beside the radio in an armed rocker yesterday afternoon, Mr. Martin recalled some of his experiences.

"I know what it is to go hungry," he said, "for three days and nights, while marching from Fishing Creek battle to Nashville, I didn't have any food."

Mr. Martin was with General Felix Zollicoffer at the time of Zollicoffer's death at Fishing Creek.

Referring again to the hardships of the Civil War days, he said, "I went barefooted, and without a hat for weeks, from the battle of Perryville to the battle of Murfreesboro."

Mr. Martin was born in White county, April 9, 1839. When he was nine years old he moved to Jackson county, where he lived until 1907. In that year he moved to Putnam county where he has lived since.

Mr. Martin is the father of eight children, Mrs. Zara Smith, Mrs. Susie Ballard, and Terry Martin, all of Jackson county; Mrs. J. A. Hawkins and J. A. Martin, of Cookeville; Mrs. Tom Langford, of Red Boiling Springs; Mrs. Eliza Taylor, Holland, KY, and Joe Martin, of Woodriver, IL. He has 43 grandchildren; 89 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Martin fell two years ago and broke his right leg and since that time he has not been able to walk. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 November 1952

LOCAL SOLDIER IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED WOUNDED IN KOREA:

Washington, D. C. – Special to the Putnam County Herald – Pvt. Charley D. Farris, husband of Mrs. Rozell Farris of Cookeville is officially reported as wounded in action in Korea by the Department of Defense at the Pentagon.

His wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Farris also of Cookeville, Rt. 5 were notified last week. He is now hospitalized in Japan. At the time he was wounded he was serving with the Seventh Infantry Division.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 March 1934

LIEUT. IVAN C. DUBOIS GOES TO FT. OGLETHORPE:

Lieut. Ivan C. DuBois has just received orders from the War Department to report to Fort Oglethorpe, GA, for active duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He leaves for Fort Oglethorpe on March 19. His duties will take him to some camp in the Fourth Army Corps Area, similar to Camp Ridley Mitchell.

DuBois received his commission on June 2, 1926, when he graduated from the senior R.O.T.C. unit, University of Tennessee. He was cadet captain during his senior year in the University. Since that date he has had four active duty tours, and acted as instructor for the C.M.T.C.

For the past few months, Lieut DuBois has been project leader for the Federal survey on delinquent farm taxes and land transfers in Putnam county, with headquarters in Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 29 January 1953

CAPT. R. R. GOOLSBY TO LEAVE ROTC AT TENNESSEE TECH:

Capt. R. R. Goolsby of the ROTC unit at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute will be leaving about June 1, according to Col. Bruce Caron who recently inspected TPI military facilities.

Captain Goolsby came here in the fall of 1950 when the local ROTC unit was just being inaugurated; prior to coming here, he was stationed at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

He will be replaced by Maj. Vincent J. McGrath, assistant commandant at the USAREUR Signal Corps Schools.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 19 February 1953

MILITARY RITES FOR CPL. JAMES O. HILL

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Cpl. James O. Hill, 21, negro soldier who was killed in Korea in December. The services were held at the Wright's memorial Methodist Church and burial with full military honors was in the Buck Cemetery.

Hill was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hill and his wife is his only immediate survivor.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 26 March 1953

LOCAL BOY IN NAVAL HOSPITAL:

George P. "Buddy" Bilyeu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Powell Bilyeu, is in the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. His condition is reported not serious and he is expected to be back on his ship on its return from a run in the North Atlantic. Bilyeu has been stationed with his brother, Jimmy, on the USS Oberlin, now in cargo and transportation service.

George has been in the service for 26 months and Jimmy for 31 months. Both volunteered for Naval Service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 October 1953

PFC. EDWARD LEMON KILLED IN ACTION:

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lemon of 506 Spring Street have received word that their son, Pfc. Edward M. Lemon, U.S.C.M.C., reported missing in action in Korea on March 26, 1953, died on that date.

In a telegram received here last week and a letter which followed two days later, the defense department said that the local Marine's death was confirmed through the interrogation of prisoners recently returned to us by the Community forces.

The report disclosed that Pfc. Lemons died as a result of missile wounds sustained while assisting in the defense of outpost "Reno."

Survivors in addition to his parents include one brother, Robert; three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Carperones, Barberton, OH; Mrs. Elise Whitlow, Charlotte, NC; and Mrs. Howard Kerr, Stevens Street, Cookeville.

Edward was engaged in business in San Mateo, CA, when he volunteered to serve in the Marines in June, 1952. He went overseas about September, 1952.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 January 1956

Hugh Wayne Denny Named to Academy: Joe L. Evins, Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Tennessee, has announced the nomination of Hugh Wayne Denny of Buffalo Valley for appointment as midshipman to the United States Naval Academy for the year 1956.

Denny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Denny of Buffalo Valley. Mr. Denny is now serving his second term as Trustee of Putnam county. Hugh Wayne is currently a student at Baxter Seminary where he will graduate this spring.

In announcing the nomination, and speaking of Denny's qualifications, Congressman Evins stated that Hugh Wayne had also been highly recommended to me by our good friend Dr. Harry L. Uppersmn, President of Baxter Seminary, as an outstanding young man, a brilliant student with definite leadership ability. Hugh Wayn is graduating with highest honors at Baxter Seminary and will make the valedictory address at the graduation exercise.

Denny is now awaiting orders concerning qualifying examinations for admission to the Academy.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 September 1956

SERVICEMAN ON WAY TO ALASKA FOR THREE YEARS:

A/1c and Mrs. Otis Harris spent Friday night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harris and family on their route to Candad. He will be stationed in Alaska for three years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 October 1956

LOCAL SOLDIER DIES IN MISHAP:

Pvt. Tom G. Holladay, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Holladay who live on the Dodson Branch Road north of Cookeville, was killed Monday when a trailer being pulled by a jeep jackknifed and overturned on a dirt road between Raeford and Vass, NC, near Fort Brag.

The parents were notified by army authorites but it has not been learned when the body will arrive in Cookeville. Whitson Funeral Home will be in charge of local arrangements and will announce funeral services later.

Pvt. Holladay was a graduate of Cookeville Central High with the class of 1954 and attended Tennessee Tech in 1955.

He has one sister, Miss Marie Holladay of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 November 1956

WALL PONDERES HOW IT ALL CAME ABOUT: By Lt. James T. Wall

(This is another ina series of articles by Lt. Wall, a local Sigantl Corps officer serving a tour of duty in Germany)

I walked through a German cemetery. By anyone's standards, it was quite a beautiful place – with every spot of interment bordered with a small concrete walland the entire plot covered with near, well-kept flowers. But it wan't the beauty or the serenity or the hallowedness that impressed me. No, it was the irony. The irony of seeing the graves of soldiers that my father fought against in World War I, and the common enemy my brother fought in World War II, and somehow getting a kind of guilty feeling. Perhaps the feeling was evoked primarily by the section of the cemetery that contained only victims of allied air raids – a huge summetrically-laid section with a large stone statue depicting a devoted mother. She is kneeling and holding two, small, frightened children close to her breast, while they all peered anxiously into the sky....wondering I suppose, if the next bomb that fell was meant for them. When you look at this huddled group and all the graves behind them – sometimes with one row being an entire family – you realize that war is a nasty business and that no matter what the outcome is, there are effects of which you can't be so proud.

But it starts you to thinking – just how did it all come about. You come overseas with a clear black and white picture. The picture says that the Germans had only one thought in mind when they invaded Poland in 1939 and that was a desire to enslave the world. The subsequent war cost millions of lives of people all over the world – people who never wanted a war that Germany forced on them. So you feel that the Germans- all of them-should have a strictly apologetic attitude. That every day, every German should say “I’m sorry for what I caused” to every American, every Frenchman, every Luxemburger, etc.,

But how do you justify this attitude – no matter how correct – to a young girl who lost her father on the Russian front...or an old woman who knows what it is like to be hungry and cold and to have to run to the woods when the bombers come over...or the burgemeister of a small village that lost 50 persons on one street in a single air raid. You tell them to say “I’m sorry” and they laugh to you – contemptuously.

So you try to bring their thinking back to 1939 and 1940. Did they think the Poles and the Frenchmen weren’t hungry and cold and frightened when the German Panzer divisions poured across their borders? Did they believe that London and Oslo and Athens were free of cemeteries with sections for battle casualties and bombing victims? Then you ask them how they would justify these acts of barbarism-after all, they (the Germans) did start it, didn’t they? You ask ten people and you get ten-different answers with varying degrees of logic but all of them supported with equal fervor. Some samples include the followings:

A former sailor in the German navy in World War II who now works for the American Army in a supply depot explains it this way: From 1933 through 1938, Germany’s capital was backed up not by gold – as acceptable on the world market – but by Germany’s labor, which would make it unacceptable to most countries. At the same time, Germany had put on a vast industrialization and building program (as witnessed by the huge plants and even the autobahn superhighways built during that period) utilizing quite frequently slave labor (from the “inferior” races). As a result, Germany’s home market became flooded with her own logical way to drain off the market. Thus an unholy alliance (to borrow a phrase from Sir Winston) was formed between Hitler and the country’s leading industrialists. An alliance which resulted in bloodshed over half the face of the globe, and one in which, according to the former sailor, the German people had no part.

Then there is the former officer in the Wehrmacht (now a conductor on the dependent train running out of Bremerhaven) who is a bit more brazen about it, “All we wanted,” he says, “is what you Americans already have. You have a United States of America, we wanted a United States of Germany.” These would include, of course, states named Poland, Holland, Denmark, and perhaps about 22 others in Europe.

And if you think it is only the older persons – the veterans and such – who regard Germany as blameless – a talk with a 15 year old boy named Delter who knows only what he has been told by his elders or has learned in school, would alleviate this misapprehension. “Why were you Americans over here in the first place? For sport? This was a European war and we were only fighting our European enemies, who, of course, would have attacked us had we not attacked them first. Anyway, you Americans have no room to talk. You bought your people and land, didn’t you?” If they are taught to think like that, what can you expect?

By a stretch of the imagination, one could possibly understand – by taking into consideration the extreme nationalism of the German people – why they choose to think like they do. But what is, to say the least, confusing about the whole European situation, is the attitude of many of the persons in the countries the Nazis ravaged in the last world war.

“The German people were not responsible,” says a Dutch student while hitchhiking across this country. “I fought for three years in the Dutch East Indies – and I killed a lot of the natives, and yet, I was never in sympathy with the cause for which I was fighting. I believed they deserved freedom. But the heads of the government said to fight and I had to. It was the same way with the Germans.”

Or the opinion of the English student who was touring the continent: “You Americans just don’t understand our European problem. Every war on the continent has originated in the Eastern or Balkan

countries and as a direct result of Russian influence. You want to know why Germany fights? Just look at Russia – there's your answer."

As close to or as far away from the truth as these opinions may be, it still serves to clarify the confusing antagonism many Americans face all the while they live in this country. Nevertheless, there are a lot of persons of all nationalities, that feel a whole lot safer while the 5000,000 American troops remain in Europe.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 September 1957

LOCAL SAILOR IS HONORED DURING RECRUIT TRAINING: (pictured in the newspaper).

James W. Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Peters of Cookeville, has been appointed master-in-arms of his recruit company at the Great Lakes Naval

As a recruit petty officer he will wear a miniature rating insignia as a badge of authority during the remainder of his nine weeks of "Boot Camp."

He was chosen for the position in recognition of leadership qualities displayed while undergoing recruit training. He graduated Aug. 24.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 March 1958

COOKEVILLE SAILOR COMPLETES COURSE:

Charles E. Loftis, hospital corpsman, second class, USN, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin V. Loftis of Cookeville, and husband of the former Miss Geraldine M. Smith of Cookeville, Rt. 3, will be graduated from the Urological Technician school at U. S. Naval hospital of Oakland on 16 Jna. And will remain at the Oakland hospital for duty.

Lotis was graduated from Jackson County Central High school in Gainesboro, and was employed by the Railway Express company in Dayton, OH, before entering the Navy in May 1952.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 October 1957

DENNY NAMED TO RED CROSS POST IN FRANCE;

Harold Denton Denny of Cookeville has arrived at the European headquarters of the American Red Cross at Stuttgart, Germany and has been assigned to Verdun, France, as a Red Cross field director, according to Robert S. Wilson, American Red Cross director of operations for Europe and North Africa. Mr. Denny is the son of Mrs. Emma Denny of Baxter. His wife, the former Lois Guess will join him soon.

Denny is a graduate of the Tennessee Tech where he majored in social science and received his degree in 1954. Before becoming a member of the Red Cross staff in June 1955, he worked for the National Life and Accident Insurance company. His background also includes service with the United States Army. Before coming to Europe, Denny was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Bragg, NC, Vieques, Puerto Rico, and Camp Lejeune, NC.

In his new assignment he will counsel service men confronted with personal or family problems, offer speedy communications in the case of emergencies, and make financial assistance available.

At the present time, 124 Red Cross offices are in operation in England, France, Germany, Italy, Morocco, Libya, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Greece, offering these traditional services to members of the armed forces and their dependents.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 April 1958

LOCAL SOLDIER IS IN EXERCISE:

Army M/Sgt. Bill W. Wade, 37, son of Mrs. Edith O. Davis of Cookeville, Rt. 3 is scheduled to participate in "Exercise Eagle Wint", a 101st Airborne Division maneuver at Fort Campbell, KY, April 16-30.

Wade, operations sergeant of the division's U. S. Army band, entered the Army in 1940 and has served in the Far East.

The sergeant, whose wife, Dorothy, is with him at the fort, is a graduate of Classen High school in Oklahoma City, OK.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN

8 November 1960

WILLIAM HUDDLESTON

William Huddleston At Fort Jackson, SC

Recruit William S. Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Huddleston Sr., of Cookeville is assigned to Company B., 6th Battalion, 2nd Training regiment of the U. S. Army Training Center, Infantry, at Fort Jackson, SC where he is undergoing eight weeks of Basic Combat Training.

He will be taught rifle marksmanship under the U. S. Army's TRAINFIRE program which enables the modern soldier to become a better rifleman in less time than previous methods.

James Travis Spivey Jr. Obt.

b. 5 September 1920, Gallatin, TN – d. 14 November 1983, Caracas, Venezuela, (Veteran of the Navy, WWII), s/o **James Travis Spivey Sr. & Allie Pruett**. Buried in Este Cemetery, Caracas, Venezuela.

Word has been received by the family of James Travis Spivey, Jr., of his death November 14, 1983 in Caracas, Venezuela in the Hospital Clinico Universitario. He was the son of the late James Travis Spivey and Mrs. Allie Pruett Spivey, who died one month prior to her son. He was born September 5, 1920 in Gallatin, TN, and attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute from which he received his B. S. degree in accounting in 1942. He was an accountant for Crele Petroleum Corporation in Caracas.

He volunteered for the Navy in World War II and went into service December 7th 1942. After completing Officers' Candidate School at Columbia University, he was commissioned as Ensign in March 1943. He was later assigned to the USS BRETON for about two years, and served as a naval Gunfire Spotter with the First Marine Division. He landed on Okinawa Easter Sunday 1945 and engaged in that battle for three and one half to four months. He was evacuated with a broken cartilage in the left knee, and hospitalized at Guam for one year. Later, he was transferred to Oakland Naval Hospital, Oakland CA, from which he was released to inactive duty with the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Spivey was never married. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Ernest (Marguerite) Loftis and Mrs. Roger (Christine) Jones of Cookeville; Mrs. M. Cecil (Milbra) Chaffin of Chattanooga; and Mrs. Earl G. (Dorothy) Brown of Topeka, KS. He was buried in Este Cemetery in Caracas, Venezuela.

*Read more about the History of Putnam Co., TN, Veterans Hall of Putnam County and more at:
<http://www.ajlambert.com>