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We would like to reflect back over our military history and to honor the veterans that defended the ideals and beliefs we so cherish – **OUR FREEDOM**. It's obvious the Armed Forces of the United States have seen many changes over the years. World War 1 brought national awareness. They talked of the "Doughboys" and sang..."This is the Army, Mr. Jones." When it was all over, the warriors came home to a nation on its knees with gratitude. More than 53,000 soldiers died in battle.

World War 11 saw the USO. We were singing... "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," war bonds were the way to go. Again, the Warriors returned to a thankful nation. This war, however, took more than 290,000 American soldier's lives.

Unfortunately, America's World War 11 veterans are aging and slipping away. Reported statistics say WW11 veterans are dying at a rate of over 1,000 per day. I would ask if you have the opportunity, before it is too late, to thank a veteran from America's "Greatest Generation" for the role they played in making us such a great nation and for many of the freedoms we have today.

During the Korean Conflict, the home front hummed "The Tennessee Waltz" and you heard the phrase "We Like Ike". Aggressive Communism was contained behind the 38th Parallel. We did a great job but we lost nearly 54,000 soldiers in battle. You may have heard about the "Chosin Few" or the "Frozen Chosin" Battle where the Chinese outnumbered our soldiers ten to one. How could this be known as the forgotten war?

Then came Vietnam. The United States was faced with racial strife. We sang of "The Eve of Destruction," marched on Washington and some even dodged the draft. This was a conflict that divided the nation. Certainly we had our heroes, yet our heroes found no hero welcome when they came home. Even though we lost over 58,000 soldiers with thousands unaccounted for – some of our nation were ungrateful for their effort.

With Desert Storm our nation's hearts awoke. There was a resounding welcome home for our soldiers. The soldiers did not fight any harder than the veterans that went before them, nor were they any braver, but it was because the political leadership did it right. They had the will of the people. This war brought with it a renewed patriotism.

The symbolic yellow ribbons tied on trees across America were powerful symbols for the support of the war and most importantly, those fighting the war. This enemy was different that any we had faced before, but the factors that drove us to victory were the lessons learned from Vietnam. The National Command Authority allowed the military to do their job and the citizens of our great nation offered tremendous support for our troops. This conflict, although highly successful, still cost us almost 100 soldiers.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, are a vivid reminder that we have no alternative but to go to war against those who have declared war on us. Sadly, in our war on terrorism, more than 1600 service members have lost their lives, most in our continuing fight to quell the insurgency in Iraq. Others have died fighting the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan. Our armed forces have been engaged in battles with enemies abroad, so that we might be physically safe from those who wish to kill us on our own soil.

Because of these grueling victories throughout our history, by our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coast guard and the merchant marines, we continue to enjoy the freedom to live and worship how we choose.

The same question is frequently asked however, why in the world do we do it? Why do we send our most precious resources into battle? An even better question is, why do they, time after time, offer to go? Why are they willing to storm the beaches, walk through the rice patties or fly over an enemy target?

It comes down to the fact that we have something good here in our nation and there are those who would like to take it from us. In our armed forces, now as before, there is a breed that prevents this from happening and they are here to ensure that you and I can enjoy a wonderful gathering like this reunion. Make no mistake; no one dislikes war more than the warrior...NO ONE!

All our soldiers are heroes to us, living and deceased. Their sacrifice is fresh in our minds as we pay tribute to them in this booklet. This is a small measure of our enduring gratitude for their service. We salute their sacrifices and remember their dedication to duty. We remember their humanity, dignity and nobility. We remember their laughter, their tears and their determination to serve a grateful nation.

History teaches us that freedom is not free. Keeping it requires payment in vigilance, courage and unfortunately sometimes in the lives of our brave men and women. We must never forget the sacrifices made for the price of freedom.

History also teaches us that each generation must stand up to those responsibilities. I would ask that all of us remember, because a nation that forgets the sacrifices of its heroes, risks its very existence.

We have some great young men and women in our military serving throughout the world today, performing our nation's duty. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. Let us pray that they all return home safely to their loved ones.

May God Bless the United States of America.

Loretta Reed Kendall

Quotes from a Memorial Day speech by Captain Loretta B. Kendall
US Air National Guard

Atrocities Unbelievable And Nazi Prisoners Are Problem

HHS 22

HICKORY, June 6.—"I wonder if the newspapers at home are publishing pictures of the atrocities such as I have seen here? Some of the sights are unbelievable."

This statement was contained in a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wilson, Hickory, originally sent to Mrs. Mildred Phillips Wilson, New Bethlehem, by her husband, Major John S. Wilson, son of the local couple.

Major Wilson, a member of the U. S. Medical Corps, now working among the Nazi prisoners, continues:

"We have been very busy lately. Our responsibility to prisoners of war has been great and we have received many more prisoners in the last few days. I have seen many camps with more than 100,000 prisoners. Just imagine that many people in one field.

"These prisoners are receiving food and medical care much better than they are used to getting, and sometimes I think it is all wrong after seeing the way they treated our prisoners. I don't believe all the German people are to blame, but they accepted a government



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that was entirely wrong and as a result they must be held responsi-

ble. The latter part of his letter describes a trip which Major Wilson, with other medical officers, took along the Rhine River to plan medical care for German prisoners, "with whose care we are charged."

"It was a most interesting experience. The first day we went south along the west side of the Rhine, a beautiful river about one-half the size of the Ohio and flowing northwest. The land on either side is rather steep and is planted with grapes and fruit trees. The grapes produce a very fine brand of Rhine wine.

"The natives live in rather modern homes and own a few acres of land, raising fruit for a livelihood. Of course, many of these homes have been destroyed by bombs and artillery fire, because the fighting was rather severe in this area. All permanent bridges were destroyed but our men have constructed plenty of pontoon bridges.

"The first thing of interest I saw was the famous Remagen Bridge, of which, no doubt, you have seen pictures. It was the railroad bridge which was captured intact by the First Army and capsized one week later after we had established a large beachhead east of the Rhine. I got an iron washer from the bridge as a souvenir.

"Not far from there we located a prisoner of war enclosure in an open field with barbed wire around it and guarded by soldiers with machine guns. The previous day we had located a field hospital to provide hospital facilities for the prisoners and the men were quite busy setting up this hospital.

"I inquired about the number of prisoners of war in the enclosure, and was told the number was 182,000. It was the largest number of human beings—if you can call them that—I ever saw. The group contained 32 generals and many men over 60 years of age. There were many boys 14 to 16 years old. There were more than 100 medical officers with whom we had to work in taking care of their sick and using captured medical supplies, which required a lot of supervision.

"We found a civilian German hospital a few miles away and the colonel and I took it over. It will accommodate 1,000 patients. We secured 50 physicians and 100 assistants from the enclosure and we've them all at work. The most of the German doctors speak English freely. We use interpreters for those who do not. This is only one of the series of enclosures which we are operating, all of which have the same arrangements.

"In addition to this work, the advancing armies overran about 150 German Army hospitals which were taken intact with staffs, nurses and all. Many of the patients are too ill to move, so we take over, using a small group of U. S. medical personnel to supervise. The patients are all prisoners, of course, and as they recover are placed in the prisoner of war enclosure."

Major Wilson, before entering service, was a practicing physician at New Bethlehem, where his wife and family reside.

Tells Of Airfield Hospital For Evacuation Of Wounded

discharged 1945

Major John S. Wilson, at a field hospital in Belgium, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker Wilson, Hickory, writes of his work among the wounded prior to the evacuation by plane to general hospital in England.

The major, who received his latest rank advancement on December 15, served his internship at the Washington Hospital in 1932 and 1933. At the time of his entrance into the Army Medical Corps he was practicing at New Bethlehem, where he lived with his wife and two children.

Major Wilson, in describing his duties, writes:

"One of our biggest jobs and most successful to date, has been air evacuation. We set up a field hospital on or near an airfield and refer to it as an air-holding unit. One such unit will hold as many as 1,000 patients. The patients are brought to the hospital from the front lines or Army units by ambulance, and are not even taken off their litters, except those who need further surgery. Within a few hours they are loaded onto planes and flown to England or to



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general hospitals located far to the rear on the continent, dependent

Receives Promotion

HHS 25

Sgt. Raymond W. Cooke, of Hickory, with the 44th Armd. Inf. Bn., has been promoted to staff sergeant.

The Air Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster, representing one additional award of the same decoration for Flight Officer Walter W. Wiley, Army Air Corps, was presented to his mother, Mrs. Helen McWreath Patterson, of Chester, formerly of Washington, at ceremonies recently at the 859th

MADELINE ANTONIOLI CAQUATTO – CLASS OF 1930

Madeline D. Antonioli enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (which later emerged into the Women's Army Corps) on March 23, 1943. She was honorably discharged on January 15, 1945. After basic training in Daytona Beach, Florida, she was assigned to Camp Rucker, Alabama, to become a dispatcher and maintenance specialist as the head of a motor pool;



maintaining a large cadre of vehicles including 20 staff cars, jeeps and trucks and a 5 ½ ton wrecker with a winch. To her, the essentials of being ready for the road consisted of a tube of lipstick, a pair of pliers and a screwdriver. Her travels included much of the Southeast. Her nickname was Cpl. "Toni" for Antonioli. Later, she drew large crowds by selling War Bonds at rallies for premiums of silk stockings or rides in a military amphibious transport, a "DUK." Madeline advanced fast to Staff Sergeant because of her million dollar smile and in less than eighteen months she sold over 1 Million dollars worth of War Bonds.



Time away from Pennsylvania and many letters from one military installation to another, confirmed a former romance to another Tony, Anthony Caquatto, also temporarily away serving in the United States Army. Shortly after returning home they were married in 1945

Honoring the past and the future with her generosity, Madeline is privileged to be a founding member of the Women in Military Service to America Memorial. She attended the dedication ceremonies in 1997.

HHS 1131
Hickory Speaker



Rev. Louis M. Swartz, recently discharged from the U. S. Navy Chaplains Corps, a son of the congregation, will occupy the pulpit of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church of Hickory, Sunday morning, Dec. 23 at 11:30 o'clock. He served 16 months overseas, including duty at Saipan, Guam and Tinian. Upon his graduation from the Chicago Theological Seminary he accepted the pastorate of the Crestline Presbyterian Church, Crestline, O., which he held until he entered the Navy. A brother, T/Sgt. Samuel D. Swartz, was discharged last October. They are sons of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Swartz, of Hickory.

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HHS 1131
STILL IN STATES

Captain Claire E. Martin, a native of the Hickory district, was graduated from the local hospital in 1931. Prior to entering service she served as supervisor at the Monongahela Memorial Hospital. She entered service Sept. 1, 1941, and was assigned to Fort Dix, N. J., where she has remained. At present she is stationed at the Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, an annex to the camp for service men. She visited her sister, Mrs. Russell Armstrong, Canonsburg, during the holiday season.

Pvt. Harry S. Coleman is home after overseas duty and is visiting his wife, Mrs. Pearl Barbour Coleman and son, Chuckie, of Moninger, and his mother, Mrs. Nettie Coleman and family, Hickory. He is receiving hospitalization at Virginia Beach Convalescent Hospital to which place he will report at the concluding of his 21-day furlough. HHS 33

HHS 31
Capt. Claire E. Martin Given New Assignment At Camp Dix

Captain Claire E. Martin, who as a member of the Army Nurse Corps has been stationed the past three and one-half years at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., writes to her home folk of a new assignment with added responsibility. She has been made assistant chief nurse and director of the Basic Training School with an enrollment of about 500 students. New classes are received monthly.

Captain Martin, a native of Hickory, was graduated from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing in 1931. Prior to entering service she served as supervisor of the Monongahela Memorial Hospital. She enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps Sept. 1, 1941. When she visited friends recently she expected to receive an overseas assignment.

In her new position she will be located in another building which has private post office, post exchange, tailor shop, two-story mess halls, barracks, dispensary and chapel. During the day a theater, with a seating capacity of 600, is used for lectures and classes for the nurse course.

Captain Martin has a corps of



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able nurse assistants and administrative officers, including four sergeants, six privates, 12 WACs and eight Italian prisoners who serve in the mess halls.

HHS 23
Chaplain R. H. White To Speak At Hickory

Chaplain Rowland H. White, U. S. Navy, will preach at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory, Sunday at the 11:30 a. m. worship service. Chaplain White is a son of the congregation. He has served in North Africa and with the SeaBees in the South Pacific in the New Hebrides area. Since his return from overseas he has been stationed at Norfolk, Va.

HHS 31
Is Taking His Boot Course At Sampson

HOUSTON, May 2—Robert E. Wylie, 18 West McNutt street, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy, is taking his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. Prior to entering service he purchased the Wilson property in Main street, to which his wife and two children plan to move.

Apprentice Seaman Wylie, in civilian life, was a licensed mortician. After graduation from the Pittsburgh Embalming School, he served his internship at the H. Sampson, Inc., Pittsburgh, before coming here. He received his funeral directors' license in June, 1944. He is a son of Matthew Wylie, Washington, R. D. 1.*

HHS 31
County Nurse Is Advanced To Major

HICKORY, June 3—Mrs. Hannah Martin received a telephone call from her daughter, Captain Claire E. Martin, Fort Dix, N. J., Saturday night, announcing her promotion to major. She has been head of the basic training school for nurses at Fort Dix for some time. Major Martin is an alumna of the Washington School of Nursing.

HHS 29
Hickory Soldier Receives Discharge

Sgt. Andrew Wilkinson received his honorable discharge from the armed forces Oct. 10. A son of Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson, of Hickory, he was in the service for over three years and was employed by the Continental Can Company, Canonsburg, prior to entering the Army.

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LT. MARY E. HENSEL
In Hawaii

LT. HENSEL IN HAWAII

Lt. (j. g.) Mary Ellen Hensel, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Hensel, Hickory, is a member of the U. S. Navy Nurse Corps stationed at Pearl Harbor. She was graduated from the local hospital in 1934 and did private duty for several years before enlistment on September 22, 1942. She went overseas on Jan. 1, 1944, following training at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and the Swarthmore Convalescent Hospital.

In letters home she writes that she is happy in her work, that good mail service is afforded those at Pearl Harbor but all incoming mail is censored. She is within four hours ride from Waikiki Beach, one of nature's beauty spots covered with coral which makes walking difficult.

Speaking of vegetation, she says it is luxuriant with night-blooming cactus plants growing wild, and the picturesque monkey trees bearing leaves which resemble monkeys hanging from the branches by their tails.

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Captain Martin in New Jersey
Captain Claire Esther Martin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lester Martin, of Hickory, is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Captain Martin is a sister of Mrs. Russell Armstrong of Hutchinson avenue, Canonsburg.

She entered service September 1, 1941, and was assigned to basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., where she has continued to be stationed. She was graduated from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing with the class of 1931. Prior to entering service she served as supervisor at the Monongahela Memorial Hospital. At present she is

Service Nurses Guests At Banquet



Four Washington County nurses home on leave after overseas service with the armed forces of the nation were guests of honor at a banquet at the George Washington Hotel last night. They are shown in the picture, left to right, as follows: Lt. (jg.) Mary Ellen Hensel, Hickory; Capt. Genevieve L. Norwood, Canonsburg; Lt. Agnes D. Gress, Houston, and Lt. Evelyn M. Arthur, of Washington.

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LT. MARY E. HENSEL
In Hawaii

Brooklyn Naval Hospital, N. Y. City. When afforded her discharge she elected to stay in the service and is now at the Brooklyn hospital, reenlisted 1945

HHS 27
Is In England



Mr. and Mrs. R. Parke Wilson, Hickory, have received word that their son, Captain John S. Wilson, above, who enlisted in November 1942, has arrived in England. A physician in New Bethlehem, where his wife and two children are living, he interned at Washington Hospital in 1932-33, after his graduation in medicine from Temple University, Philadelphia.

Hickory Officer Describes Work Of "Rolling Reserve"

HHS 30

Some of the experiences of Lt. William B. Hensel, son of Mrs. Bessie Hensel, Hickory, are outlined in a letter which is herewith reproduced. Lt. Hensel, a mechanic with the 115th Quartermaster Division, is one of four children serving their country.

Pharmacist's Mate 1/c Robert Hensel is with a base hospital in North Africa; Lt. George Sheldon Hensel is a co-pilot on a C-46 now in the Dutch East Indies, and Lt. (j. g.) Mary E. Hensel, is a member of the U. S. Navy Nurse Corps, now at Pearl Harbor. Lt. Mary E. Hensel was graduated from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing.

Lt. William B. Hensel's letter follows:

"Dear Mother:

"I am enclosing a copy of the Fifth Army's book, "Road to Rome. I think you will be interested in it. Although I didn't enter the Fifth Army until after the drive from Anzio and Cassino started, I participated in all but a few days of it, and I can truthfully say it was no easy job.

"For a while we moved at the rate of 20 miles every few days. Then there were times when we stayed in one place for a couple of weeks at a time.

"During the drive on Rome and for 200 miles further, I was with a trucking company attached to an ammunition point. Our job was to haul ammunition to the forward positions. "The Rolling Reserve" was what we were called and we really rolled.

"At times our bivouac area was well in front of our big guns. In fact the truck drivers from some of the artillery guns said it was the first time they ever went forward to get ammunition. But the Germans weren't offering much resistance them, so we were never in any great danger.

"Most of the pictures in this book are places and things I've seen. The big guns firing at night is a beautiful sight to watch. But the noise is terrific and the muzzle blast is enough to knock a person over. I recall leading a blackout when one of the big guns sounded off right beside me. It seemed to lift the Jeep right off the road and set it back down

Chaplain J. P. McGugin On Duty In Germany

HHS 34

HICKORY, March 23.—Mrs. R. S. Phillips has received a letter from her brother, Chaplain James P. McGugin, who is with the Seventh Armored Division in Germany. Chaplain McGugin left for overseas service in January, 1945. In his letter he states that his jeep has difficulty in navigating through the mud in Germany.



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again; to say nothing of scaring the fits out of me.

"The fellow who was driving with me said: 'Sir, we're too close.' For a while I almost believed him, but when I realized the firing was our own guns, I was all right and went on. Since that time I've been out in front of our guns when they sounded off in preparation for a big push and I want to tell you it isn't very pleasant. The noise is terrific and the flashes light the whole sky. But what really gets a person is the flutter of the shells going overhead. They sound like the flutter of pigeons taking off in flight. Incoming shells produce a whistle that makes one's hair stand on end."

Lt. Hensel concludes his letter with a personal message to his mother in which he states he is getting no mail from home. "Things are just the same here: Mud, rain, fog, snow and cold," he continues, expressing a hope that the war will soon be over.

Hickory Sergeant Receives Discharge

HHS 34

James J. McCarrell, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell, Hickory, has been discharged from the Army after three years of service. He took part in the campaigns of Normandy, Central Europe, Rhineland, Rome-Arno and Northern France.

He was awarded the American Service Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Badge, Bronze Star Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

He was discharged at Ft. Dix, N. J., with the rank of technical sergeant. He and Mrs. McCarrell are now visiting the former's parents at Hickory.

HHS 34
Was On Leave
discharged 1946



Albert F. Yeager, Seaman First Class, above, recently spent an 18-day leave with his wife, Mrs. Hazel Yeager and son, Cross Creek. He spent 12 months in the Pacific aboard an oiler. Seaman Yeager took part in the battles of Guam, Saipan, Philippines and Okinawa. He returned to San Francisco, Calif., at the end of his leave.

Is Wounded



Mrs. Nora Jean Simpson, of Hickory, has received word that her husband, Pfc. Alvin H. Simpson, with 30th Division, Ninth Army, has been hospitalized for wounds sustained in action in Germany on March 24. Pfc. Simpson entered service April 1, 1944, took basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and went overseas last September following a 14-day furlough with his wife and children, at Hickory, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Simpson, Rea, R. D. He was stationed in England, France, Bel-

Cpl. Delvin Miller, Harness Racer, Follows India Horses

HHS 32

When the jockeys rode their small mounts out to the starting line at a track in the Province of Assam, India, they received a critical and expert once-over from Washington County's well known young harness racer, and nationally known trainer and breeder of trotting horses, Corporal Delvin Miller.

Corporal Miller, now serving Uncle Sam as a member of a Re-

mount Squadron, is stationed in India, and from his published letter in a recent issue of the magazine "Harness Horse", is forwarded some information that should prove of interest to his local friends and acquaintances and to followers of the harness racing sport in general.

Curiously enough, while Americans are experiencing a track famine, the horses are running in India, and some quoted excerpts from Miller's letter are proof that racing programs are attracting interest of the GI's in the CBI war theater.

He writes: "Since I last wrote you we have moved to the top of a mountain in the Province of Assam, India, and it is so nice and cool here we all have enjoyed a most pleasant surprise, as we had about concluded that there was not one cool spot in all of India. A few weeks ago I went to a town in the hills, and there to my surprise, I found a race track and races being conducted. The horses were smaller than our own, but they put up good contests and the program was well conducted. The track is of virgin sod, and the buildings were as good as any to be found in the U. S. A."

Miller who started his racing career about as soon as he was able to hold the reins, was working as trainer for the Reynolds Stables in Charleston, S. C., when he entered the Army. After piloting a score of harness horses to victories on district tracks, Miller was equally successful on tracks throughout the Tri-State area.

His letter continues; "—Jimmy McNamara, son of Leo C. McNamara, owner of Two Gaits Farm, is stationed near me, and I have had the pleasure of seeing him quite frequently. —Capt Jack Lusk, who comes from the neighborhood of Jefferson, Ohio, is at the same depot with me, and I keep passing all the horse news on to him as it reaches me".

Corporal Miller includes in his letter a paragraph substantiating some rightful claim to being prophet when it comes to predicting winners.

"Strange as it may seem, I told a little white lie that proved to be a prophecy", he writes.

"A week or so after the Lexington meeting, a member of our outfit from Minnesota, who used to race up in his section, asked me if I had any news from the Blue Grass, so as a joke, I told him that Harry Pownall had given Titan Hanover a record of 2:00 and that Jimmy Creed had paced in 2:00½, thus setting up world's records for both two-year-old trotters and two-year-old pacers. You can imagine my surprise when word finally sifted through making me a prophet instead of a base fabricator".

Captain

HHS 31



A graduate of the Washington Hospital School of Nursing was promoted recently from First Lieutenant to Captain in the Army Nurse Corps.

Captain Claire E. Martin, who entered the service in September of 1911, recently received her commission.

She is a graduate of Hickory Vocational High School and the local Hospital Nursing School in the class of 1934.

Captain Martin, who is the daughter of the late H. L. Martin, H. Lory, is stationed at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.

Missing In Raid

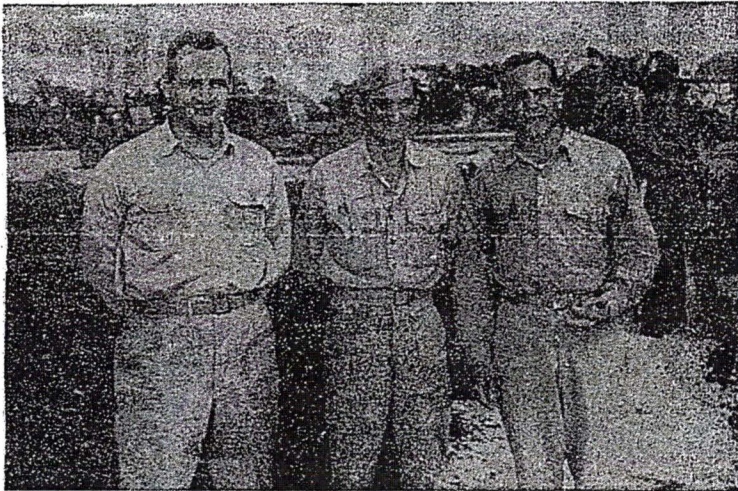
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Word was received from the War Department by Mrs. Agnes Davis Sherwood, Johnstown R. D. 7, last Saturday, that her husband, Lieutenant Thomas Paxton Sherwood, is missing in action over Germany. Since April 15, Lt. Sherwood had been stationed at an Army Air Force Bomber Station in England. His sister, Mrs. Pauline Sherwood Mazingo lives at 520 Houston street. He is the son of W. H. Sherwood, Sparrows Point, Md., and the late Ethel Paxton Sherwood, formerly of Chartiers Township.

Three W. & J. Graduates Meet

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The above picture was taken on an island in the Marianas. The three men, all graduates of Washington and Jefferson College, are, left to right, Chaplain Bruce W. Evans, '38, USNR; Captain Morgan V. Hammer, '41, USMCR and Chaplain Louis M. Swartz, '38, USNR. This picture was taken at the dedication of Chaplain Swartz' chapel at which Rear Admiral Robert D. Workman, Chief of Naval Chaplains, was a guest. Censorship regulations would not permit the naming of their units only to say that Chaplain Evens is with the Navy; Captain Hammer with the Marines; and Chaplain Swartz with the Seebes. Chaplain Swartz is a son of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Swartz of Hickory.

Hickory Soldier Is Killed; Is Fifth From Mt. Pleasant

HHS 34

Private John Taylor Williams, of Hickory, was killed in action, August 3, in France, according to a War Department telegram received Saturday by his wife, Mrs. Rose Marie Williams, of Wheatland, Mercer County.

Pvt. Williams is the fifth young man from Mt. Pleasant Township to have paid the supreme sacrifice in the current war. The others were Pvt. Harold Ramacker, Pvt. Louis Kargle, Pvt. Donald Gordon and Lt. Malcolm M. Dinsmore.

Pvt. Williams, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williams, of Hickory, was born in Hickory, January 3, 1917.

Serving in the infantry, he entered the armed forces December 21, 1943. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., arrived in England on July 15 and went to France July 22.

Pvt. Williams was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, and was graduated from Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School in the class of 1934. Prior to entering the service, he operated a truck for John R. Cowden, of Hickory.

Pvt. Williams married Miss Rose Marie Darlington, of Wheatland, on July 31, 1943.



PVT. JOHN T. WILLIAMS

Surviving besides his wife and his parents are two sisters, Dorothy and Wilma Williams, both at home, and one brother, First Lt. Clifford Williams, a pilot instructor, stationed at the Army Air Field, Blytheville, Ark.

Third Son Arrives In South Pacific

HHS 33

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hulick, of Hickory, have just received word their son, John C. Hulick, SK2/c, has arrived safely in Guam and is doing office work with the Seabees. This is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Hulick, in the South Pacific area.

Their youngest son, Elmer P. Hulick, RM3/c, has been in the Pacific one year this month and has been in Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte, New Guinea, Luzon, and is now at Mindanao. While in New Guinea he met his brother, Chaplain William A. Hulick, who has been in New Guinea since last June. The two brothers spent a day together and attended church services together, last No-

Pvt. John Williams Is Home On Furlough

Pvt. John Williams, who received infantry training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williams, during a 12-day furlough. He will report for duty at Ft. Meade, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Williams recently returned from Blytheville, Ark., where they spent three weeks visiting their son, Lieut. Clifford Williams.

Memorial Service For Hickory Man

HHS 34

Memorial services for Pvt. John T. Williams, who paid the supreme sacrifice for his country in France, August 3, will be held in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Services will be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. C. S. Thomas, who will be assisted by the Rev. Marshall D. Berryhill, pastor of the Greenville Presbyterian Church, a former resident of Hickory.

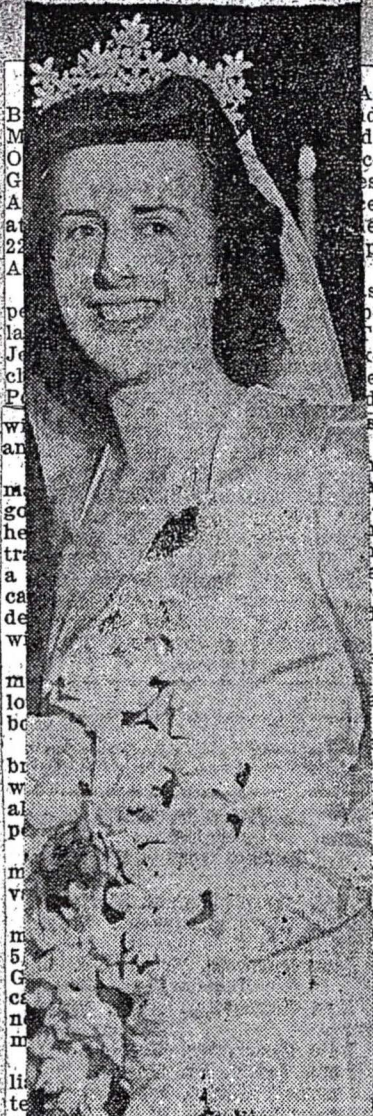
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discharged 1945

HHS 34

Weds Chaplain



Above is the former Miss Evelyn A. Brickley, whose marriage to Chaplain James Paul McGugin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, Hickory, took place on June 22 in the Post Chapel, Camp Adair, Ore. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brickley, Portland, Ore. at Corvallis, Ore.

The bride is a student at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Chaplain McGugin is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. Prior to his entry into the service as a chaplain, he was pastor of the Sinking Valley and Lower Spruce Creek Presbyterian Churches, near Tyrone. He has been transferred to the Division Artillery at Adair where he is now serving.

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Chaplain McGugin Describes Churches

discharged 1946

Chaplain James P. McGugin, serving with the Armed Forces in Germany, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, Hickory, R. D. 1, describing churches in which he with other chaplains hold services.

Chaplain McGugin was graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 1938 and from the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh in 1941. He then accepted the pastorate of the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon Presbytery, serving until his enlistment in the U. S. Army. He took his training for the chaplaincy at Harvard University. He has been overseas since December, 1944.

County Chaplains Make Trip To San Francisco

HHS 34

Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, of Hickory, R. D. have received word that their son Lt. James P. McGugin, with Lt. Karl E. Kniseley, chaplains in the United States Army, have arrived in San Francisco. The officers traveled together by automobile to the West Coast.

Lt. McGugin was formerly pastor of the Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley Presbyterian Churches near Tyrone before entering the Army. Lt. Kniseley was pastor of the Scenery Hill and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches. They recently completed their indoctrination courses at Harvard University.

1944 Hickory Girl In England

Lieut. Mildred K. Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, Hickory, is a member of the 58th General Hospital Unit now serving in France where she arrived on August 31, 1944. She had previously been stationed in England.

Lieut. Caldwell, who was graduated from the Hickory Vocational High School, completed the nurses training course at the Washington Hospital School of Nursing in 1938. She entered service as a volunteer in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps on February 1, 1943, and received her basic training at Fort Story, Va., later training at Camp Livingston, La., and Fort Devens, Mass. Lieut. Caldwell and Lieut. Katherine Norwood of Canonsburg, are members of the same hospital unit.

HHS 1134

Wins Bronze Star



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discharged 1945

Wounded, Home

HHS



Staff Sergeant John M. McCarrell, above, is spending a furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. Gertrude K. McCarrell, 981 Jefferson Avenue, and his wife, Mrs. Helen Hoge McCarrell, who is a member of Trinity High School faculty. Sgt. McCarrell received shrapnel wounds and frozen feet in the drive on Luxembourg in February, while serving with a Reconnaissance outfit. He entered service December 7, 1941, and received his training with the 94th Division.

Hickory Nurse Writes Of Experiences At Cherbourg

HHS 34

Experiences of any Army nurse serving in England and France are recounted by Lt. Mildred K. Caldwell, U. S. Army Nurse Corps, in letters to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Caldwell, Hickory. Lt. Caldwell, now in France, is one of more than 40 nurses who entered the Nurse Corps following graduation from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing.

An effort is being made to contact each of the nurses in service, preparatory to publication of their duties and experiences since becoming an Army or Navy nurse. To date responses have been received by personal letter or other contact from the majority of the group.

Data is desired on Lt. Florence M. Porter, Lt. Georgia Dixon, Lt. Anne Dankosky, Capt. Jean Farrington Richards, Capt. Hazel D. Milton, Lt. Virginia E. Kerr and Lt. Dorothy Harris, the majority of whom are in overseas service. Information is also sought on Washington Hospital nurses who have been discharged from service. Any information, to be sent to this newspaper, would be appreciated.

Lt. Caldwell was graduated from the local hospital in 1938, received her commission on Oct. 20, 1942, and entered the Army on Feb. 1, 1943, as a member of the West Penn Hospital Unit, Pittsburgh.

Arriving in England in October, 1943, she was first stationed at Cheltenham where she and several nurses lived in huts heated with coal, taking turns at carrying in coal and taking out ashes.

From that point the nurses visited London, Oxford, Bristol and smaller towns and villages collecting souvenirs at antique shops. Lt. Caldwell has sent to her home several china pitchers, a number of English coins and a collection of beautiful coral shells which were gathered on the beaches of Cherbourg, France.

While on a 48-hour pass she and companions visited Stratford-on-Avon, saw Shakespeare's birthplace, which is 300 years old, also the New Place Museum which stands on the site of the house in which he died; witnessed a play at the Shakespearean Memorial Theater—described as a beautiful tribute to the famous author. During her stay in England she states she never saw white bread, and

at one time she was near the front lines during the fighting



LT. MILDRED CALDWELL
discharged 1945
eggs and oranges were very scarce.

Arriving in France on July 31, 1944, she and her companions lived for some time in tents in a pasture field; using candles for light. While there, worship services were conducted in a large tent with the girls using their helmets for seats, and a box served as a pulpit. With the addition of a portable organ which they carried with them, she describes the service as fully impressive as if it had been held in a cathedral.

She vividly describes a visit to Cherbourg where they met refugees moving back to reestablish some sort of a home. Some were walking, some with all their worldly possessions piled on a two wheeled cart; while other haggard old folks were looking over the debris which was once their home, and deserted children peered from windows of other damaged homes. She tells of standing atop the cliff where the Germans once had a fort, and of finding some empty anti-aircraft shells for souvenirs.

Since being moved into France, the nurses are occupying what was once a girls' dormitory of a private school. She says the French people welcome the Americans in well spoken English, which makes them feel more at home.

and is to report for discharge Jan. 20.

Pfc. Edward Wert Discharged At Gap

HHS 35

HICKORY, Dec. 12—Pfc. Edward Wert, husband of Mrs. Grace Cowden Wert, received an honorable discharge at Indiantown Gap on Dec. 6. He entered service Sept. 21, 1943, and served with G-2 Section of the Third Army Headquarters. Last January he was transferred to the Flood Prediction Section under the European Theater of Operations. He saw service in France, Luxembourg and Belgium.

Lt. Ann Wilson was graduated from the local hospital, and saw 38 months' service with the ANC following her enlistment on June 16, 1941. About two and one-half years of this service was spent in Hawaii. While there she became the bride of Major Julius E. Alford, who is still in Hawaii. Mrs. Alford chose to reside in Alabama after a medical discharge. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Wilson, of Kea. HHS 35

Commissioned

HHS 35



Malcolm M. Dinsmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Dinsmore, of McDonald, R. D. 4, received his silver wings of a flight officer and the commission of second lieutenant at the graduation ceremonies at Columbus Army Air Field, near Columbus, Miss., Nov. 3. Lt. Dinsmore entered pilot training Jan. 26 and attended Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Greenwood, Miss., schools during the training.

Five Graduate At Gulfport Field

Five Washington County men have been graduated from the big Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School for airplane mechanics at Gulfport Field, Miss.

They are Private Floyd E. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hickey Graham, of Washington, R. D. 6; Private Norman C. Warth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Warth, of Washington, R. D. 2; Private Thomas J. Koval, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koval, of Marianna; Private Frank Sallau, son of Premo Sallau, of Bentleyville, R. D. 1, and Private Malcolm M. Dinsmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dinsmore, of McDonald, R. D. 4.

Westland Soldier, In Europe, Is Promoted

discharged 1945

Howard C. Haught, son of Mrs. Louise Haugh, House 131, Westland, has been promoted from Technician 4/G to Technician 3/G with the 97th Evacuation Hospital, U. S. Armed Forces in Europe, according to announcement of the Public Relations Section, U. S. Army. He has participated in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France and Germany. His job with the Army is surgical technician.

Hickory Soldier Receives Meritorious Service Award

HHS 34

U. S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, European Theater—Technical Sergeant James J. McCarrell, Hickory, Pa., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations in which his squadron was engaged during the period June 6, 1944, to September 30, 1944.

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded for the display of energy, zeal and devotion to duty and the high standard of excellence attained in the performance of assigned tasks. For such outstanding contributions which have brought distinction to his squadron, Sgt. McCarrell has been awarded this medal.

Sgt. McCarrell is a son of David L. McCarrell, Hickory. His wife, Mrs. Ruth A. McCarrell, lives at 284 Arborlea avenue, Morrisville, Pa. He is a graduate of Hickory Vocational High School and the College of Wooster, Ohio. Prior to entering the Army he was employed by Sears Roebuck Company as a sales manager. Since November, 1942, Sgt. McCarrell has been serving overseas with his squadron.

The U. S. Troop Carrier Forces, headed by Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams, form the component of the Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's new First Allied Airborne Army which made its battle debut on the German northern flank in Holland. Formerly designated Ninth



T/SGT. JAMES MCCARRELL

Troop Carrier Command, Troop Carrier was renamed when assigned from Ninth Air Force to the Allied Airborne organization. Troop Carrier units, similar to the squadron of which Sgt. McCarrell is a member, have flown in the vanguard of every airborne operation of the war from North Africa, through Sicily, Normandy and Southern France, to the First Airborne Army's invasion of Holland.

Wed Recently 34



Above is the former Mary Leona Babiarz, whose marriage to Petty Officer Third Class John Stanley Garbinski took place June 11 in the Holy Trinity Polish Catholic Church. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Babiarz, Washington R. D. 1, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Josephine Garbinski and the late Joachim Garbinski, Washington.

Saturday Bride



HHS 35
EDITH SCOTT DEWEY

The former Thelma Edith Scott daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Scott, Hickory, became the bride of Lt. Thornton Cornell Dewey, son of Mrs. Clara R. Dewey, Pittsburgh, Kas., Saturday evening. The ceremony took place in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, with the Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor, officiating.

Pvt. Thomas Marquis Is Home On Furlough

HHS 35

HICKORY, Oct. 30—Pvt. Thomas Milton Marquis, who is stationed at Kearns Field, Utah, arrived home on a 15-day furlough which he is spending with his family and his mother, Mrs. J. M. Marquis, Hickory, R. D., and other friends.

Pvt. Marquis spent two and one half months in a hospital at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he completed his basic training in the Air Corps. At the conclusion of his furlough he will report at the same base, leaving here the coming weekend. Pvt. Marquis with his wife and children, Patty and Tommy, his mother and brother, J. Loyal Marquis motored to Hanoverton, O., Tuesday to visit J. Alvan Marquis and family.

Walter W. Retzer At Newport Base

HHS 35

discharged late
Walter W. Retzer, Seaman Second Class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Amos, Hickory, is training at Newport, R. I., for duty aboard the USS Great Sitkin, an ammunition ship. Retzer entered the Navy in December, 1944. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by the Flannery Bolt Co., Bridgeville.

Hickory Officer Awaits Discharge

HHS 35

HICKORY, Aug. 9. — Captain John F. Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Woods, spent 24 hours here on a delay-en-route to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he will be granted a 30-day furlough.

He will visit his wife and daughter who reside in El Paso, Texas, and at the conclusion of the period he expects to be given an honorable discharge from the Army following 33 months service with the Third Infantry Division of the 15th Infantry and participation in eight major campaigns in the European Theater of War.

Captain Woods was one of 95 officers brought to the states through high point ratings, arriving by plane in New York August 7. The Third Division left the states in December, 1942, participating in the surprise landing in North Africa and taking part in the three Sicilian campaigns, also those of Italy, Anzio and invasions of Southern France, Germany and Austria. The Third Division is noted for its amphibious landings.

Sgt. James P. Woods, brother of Captain Woods, is in North Bavaria, Germany, serving with a Military Government Detachment. He saw service with the 87th Infantry for 18 months, until that division was returned to the states.

RUTH ALLISON THOMPSON – CLASS OF 1935

RUTH Allison-HHS '35
Commanded LST



Lt. Commander Paul W. Thompson, husband of Ruth Allison Thompson, of Hickory, has been released from the Navy. He served for the past eight months in Western Pacific as commanding officer of an LST. During the previous four years he was on duty in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Arctic theaters. He has also made the Murmansk run, participated in various anti-submarine operations, the Okinawa campaign and occupation of Japan. The youthful officer's home is in Troy, N. Y. 1945

Ruth married Lt. Commander Paul Thompson, a gunnery officer in the Merchant Marines. The Destroyer Escort Landing Ships Troops (LST) was built in Dravo, Pgh. Paul was escorting goods to Russia. The weather was stormy & cold and they had to keep watch for icebergs. They camouflaged the ship using white paint and sheets so the Gerrys (German planes) couldn't find them. Thirty ships were in the convoy and Paul's ship was one of the two that completed the mission. He received a Commendation from Russia & United States.

Hickory Naval Officer Gets LST As His First Command

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 13—Lt. R. W. Thompson, USNR, of Hickory, Pa., received his first command, an LST, recently when the ship was commissioned at the Naval Repair Base. He has been on active duty as a reserve officer since August of 1940. Lt. Thompson has had varied duty during the four years but he remembers most vividly his experience as an Armed Guard officer on a merchant ship which was part of a convoy to Murmansk in 1942. Only a part of the convoy got to its destination and fewer returned.

Thompson. "Our ship headed further north into the ice. The skipper ordered the entire ship painted white and with this protection we were not detected so long as we remained far enough north."

For six months Lt. Thompson was an instructor at the Armed Guard School at Norfolk. On destroyer escorts he covered most of the North and South Atlantic as well as the Mediterranean.

Lt. Thompson received his commission in the Naval Reserve shortly after graduating from Wooster College at Wooster, Ohio in 1939. His wife resides at Hickory, just outside of Pittsburgh.

"Enemy action caused the ships of the convoy to scatter," said

HHS
Lt. Malcolm M. Dinsmore, 27, Met
Death June 21

"I have just completed mission, and while it is a start, I am glad to have a share in this war," Lt. Malcolm M. Dinsmore, 27, of Hickory, wrote his parents on June 20.

The next day the officer was killed in action over the European Theater.

Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Dinsmore of Hickory, received notification of their son's death last night of the death of their son, Lt. Dinsmore, following a flight as a B-17 pilot over the European war zone. The telegram from the Adjutant General stated that Lt. Dinsmore had been "killed in action" June 21.

The last letter they received from him was written on June 15 after returning from a mission. The pilot had been based in England and only since last May had been attending school on D-Day.

German Parachute Received At Hickory

HICKORY, Oct. 26.—A German parachute found near Metz, France, by Pfc. Edward Wert, husband of Mrs. Grace Wert, of this place, was exhibited by her brother, Tommy Cowden, at school here today. Pfc. Wert is on duty as a draftsman with Gen. Patton's army in France. Some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign in France has been staged in the Metz area. Mrs. Wert is the former Grace Cowden.

Westland Soldier, In Europe, Is Promoted

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Seaman 2/c Harry Flynn, son of Mrs. Grace Cummins Flynn, Hickory, R. D., recently spent a seven-day leave with his mother. He is taking Navy training at Sampson, N. Y. He entered the service Jan. 8, 1945.

RAYMOND SKILES McALLISTER – CLASS OF 1935

3/28/1917 – 10/1/2000

**U. S. Army Air Forces
390th Signal Company**

Technical Sergeant

**Four years of service
1/5/1942 – 1/27/1946**

**Training: Enlisted
December 12, 1941**

**Inducted into the
U.S. Army Air Forces
January 5, 1942 at
Fort Meade, MD.**

**Scott Field, IL for
Training as a Radio
Operator and
Mechanic. (Scott
Field was known
throughout the
Nation as the Radio
University of the
Army Air Corps.)**

**Boca Raton, FL for
Radio Operator and
Mechanics School.**

**Washington State
College in Pullman,
Washington for**



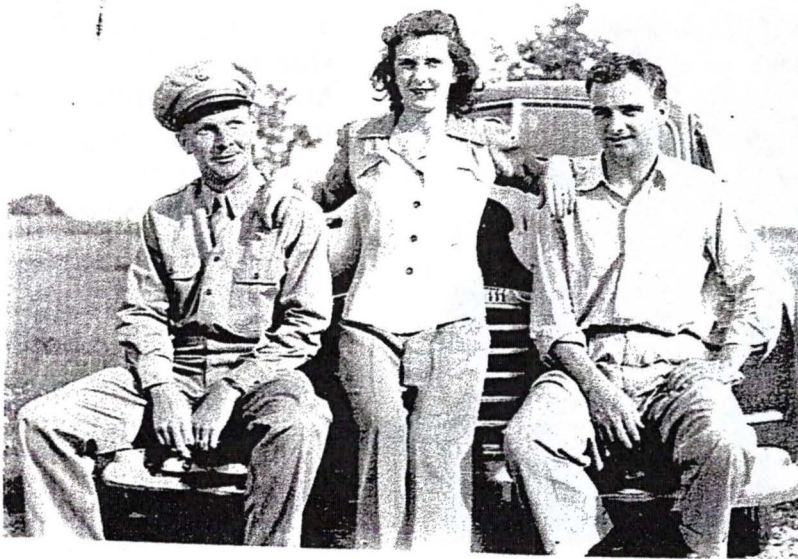
college training detachment Pre-Aviation Cadet. Then to Hickman Field Radar School. Camp Atterbury, Indiana was the place of detachment.

Job: Radar mechanic with the 390th Signal Company
Maintained and repaired radar transceivers and transmitters.
Supervised a crew of 17 men in the operation and maintenance of a transmitter site.
Section Chief in charge of a transmitter station connecting the 7th Air Force on Okinawa with Saipan and the Philippines.

Places served were Hawaii, Saipan, and Okinawa.

Medals / ribbons received: American Theater Ribbon
Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon
Good Conduct Ribbon
Victory Medal

Raymond met his wife, Marjorie, in St. Louis, MO in July 1942. She joined the WAVES in September 1942. They were married November 6, 1943.



Pictured left to right are Raymond McAllister, Dorothy Smith Walker 1936, and Wilbert Walker 1935. The picture was taken in 1942 at Scott Field, Indiana while Wilbert and Dorothy were visiting Raymond.

Submitted by his daughter, Cindy McAllister Johnson, June 2006.

Friday, Mar. 5, 1943

Radio Mechanic



Radio Mechanic Sgt. Raymond S. McAllister is stationed at Paine Field, Seattle, Wash. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McAllister, of McDonald, R. D. He entered the service January 5, 1942 and was home on furlough recently.

Raymond S. McAllister Promoted To Sergeant

PENDLETON FIELD, Ore., Jan. 26. — Raymond S. McAllister, age 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McAllister of Hickory, Pr., has just recently been promoted to Sergeant. He is a radio operator-mechanic with a fighter squadron at Pendleton Field, Ore. Enlisting in the Army at Washington, Pa., Jan. 5, 1942. Sgt. McAllister was schooled for his present work in the Army Aid Forces through attending a radio operator mechanics' school at Scott Field, Ill., and an advanced school at Boca Raton, Fla. He is a graduate of Hickory High and Bethany College.

Lt. Mildred Caldwell Home After Two Years Overseas

HHS 34

Lt. Mildred Caldwell, Army Nurse Corps, of Hickory, has arrived from Europe in time to spend Thanksgiving with her family following a separation of more than two years. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell and sisters, Miss Helen, of Washington, and Miss Louise, of Pittsburgh. The family group is incomplete, however, for a brother, T/5 James Caldwell, who went through the campaigns against the Axis, is stationed in France awaiting transportation home.

Lt. Caldwell, a graduate of the Washington Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1938, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps with the West Penn Hospital Unit on Oct. 26, 1942. Prior to her enlistment she was a nurse at Hillsview Sanitarium. She was stationed at Ft. Story, Va., Camp Livingston, La., and Ft. Devens, Mass., before going overseas Oct. 18, 1943.

Lt. Caldwell was attached to the 58th General Hospital Unit and served in England 10 months. On August 1, 1944, she was sent to France where she served for 15 months. She was in the surgical ward of a rear evacuation hospital. At one time she was near the front lines during the fighting



LT. MILDRED CALDWELL

around Nancy. She is entitled to wear campaign stars for the campaigns of Rhineland and North France on her ETO ribbon.

Lt. Caldwell is on terminal leave and is to report for discharge January 20.

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Bride Of Soldier



Above is Ensign Marjorie Johnson, whose marriage to Sergeant Raymond S. McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McAllister, Hickory, took place November 6 in the Ottawa Street Methodist Church, Joliet, Ill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Johnson, Joliet, Ill.

HHS 35



ANNE WILSON ALFORD

Anne Wilson Alford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Wilson, Rea, entered service June 16, 1941 and saw 38 months' overseas service, the greater part of which was at Hawaii. While there she united in marriage with Major Julius E. Alford who remained in Hawaii. She chose to reside with his home folk in Montgomery, Ala., where their son, James Evans Alford, Jr., was born Thursday, Feb. 1, 1945, at Maxwell Field Hospital, Montgomery, Ala.

discharged 1944

HHS 35 In Alaska



Pvt. Thomas M. Marquis, of Hickory, is stationed at Nek-Nek Alaska, with the Signal Squadron of the AAF. Pvt. Marquis was inducted into the service March 30, 1945, and sailed Jan. 15, 1946, for the Aleutian Islands. After six weeks spent on one of the smaller islands he was sent to Nek-Nex. He is a son of Mrs. J. M. Marquis, of Hickory, and the husband of Mrs. Thelma Marquis, who with her two children are residing in Boone Terrace.

Is In Hawaii

HHS 35



Above is the husband of Mrs. Gene Schott, Washington R. D. 1, Seaman First Class Gene Schott, who entered the SeaBees on March 28 of last year and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now stationed in Hawaii. Prior to his induction, he operated a service station at Gretna, Washington R. D. 1. He is a brother-in-law of Sgt. William Redick, Washington R. D. 1, who died as a result of wounds received December 20 in France.

County Chaplain On East Coast

HHS 36



Chaplain William A. Hulick, of Washington County, is shown above greeting members of the crew of a destroyer as they returned to port after a cruise in the Atlantic. The chaplain must get acquainted with the men, invite them to attend church services or help them get messages to families. Often the men only have a few hours off their ships. Chaplain Hulick is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Hulick, Hickory. His wife, Mrs. Florence Mathieson Hulick is with him at an east coast port. He is a graduate of W. & J. College.

Is Back In U. S. After Four Years In War-Torn Pacific

HHS

1936

HOBBS AIR FIELD, N. M. Concluding four years in the Central Pacific, Lt. Charles W. Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Irwin, of 22 Oakland avenue, has arrived at the Hobbs Air Field where he has joined the staff of instructors at the Bomb Pilot Approach School. There he will teach pilots coordination to bombardiers as they approach their target.

Formerly with the Seventh Army Air Force, he started his cadet training in the Hawaiian department of the Army in 1939 and during his time there experienced the Pearl Harbor attack. He was in the battles of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands and flew 44 combat missions as a bombardier in conjunction with the Navy's soft-

ing up program for landing forces. Living in the Central Pacific was healthy even if it was lonely and the food dehydrated, declared Lieut. Irwin. His combat flights were usually 2,000 miles and 15 hours or so long, with weather conditions proving more hazardous than Jap fighters. It is practically impossible to make weather predictions there, he claims, because of the suddenness with which conditions change. However, according to the bombardier, one just doesn't turn back because of bad weather, and the scheduled mission is completed regardless.

"The anti-aircraft was surprisingly heavy, but," Irwin said, "the Japs are not good shots so danger in the Pacific results more from unpredictable weather rather than from effective Ack-ack."

Flier Is Killed



Lt. Malcolm M. Dinsmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dinsmore, Hickory, was killed while on his second mission in the European theater, his parents were advised yesterday by the War Department. His death occurred June 21. A letter from the Adjutant General stated that Lt. Dinsmore had been "in action" June 21.

The last letter they received from him was written on June 15 after returning from a mission. The pilot had been based in England and only since last May had been attending school on D-Day.

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Weds Officer

HHS 36



Mrs. Charles W. Irwin, above, was the former Dorothy Mae Kearns before her marriage December 31 to Lieutenant Charles W. Irwin. The wedding vows were exchanged in the Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kearns, Canonsburg, R. D. 2, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irwin, Oakland avenue.

Local Bombardier An Instructor



Back in the States from bombing the enemy at opposite ends of the earth are these two young instructors who recently joined the Hobbs Army Air Field, Hobbs, N. M. Bomb Pilot Approach School. Lt. Reginald Thayer Jr., on the left, from the Mediterranean theater, compares notes with Lt. Charles W. Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Irwin, Oakland avenue, back from the Central Pacific, as they lean against the trusty tail gun of a B-17.

MAE REEDY - HHS '36 On German Soil



Corporal Arthur C. Reedy, above, Washington, was inducted in April, 1942, and has been overseas since June of that same year. He is now in Germany. His daughter is Olive Mae Reedy, Washington.

Samuel H. Snedeker Arrives In England

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Snedeker, of Hickory, R. D. 1, that their youngest son, Samuel Harbison Snedeker, has arrived in England. Snedeker is with a tank division. He entered the Army Feb. 6, 1943, and received his basic training in California.

Former W. & J. Grid Star Missing

E. G. Kaiser, Hickory
Coach, In Service
Less Than Year

Ernest G. Kaiser, varsity full-back during his student days at Washington and Jefferson College and widely known as an athletic coach, is among the scores from this district reported missing in action in France.

This news was received yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Nelle Rush Kaiser, of Eighty Four, R. D. 1, in a message from the War Department.

Kaiser was athletic coach and physical education instructor at Mt. Pleasant Township High School, Hickory, at the time of his induction into service in Jan. 18, 1944.

Sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., for training, he was ordered overseas last July. He had been in service less than one year at the time he was reported missing, apparently taken a prisoner by German forces. He had never identified the troops to which he had been assigned.

During his college career, he was considered one of the better full-backs of the Tri-State area. He graduated at W. & J. in 1932. Previous to accepting a position at Hickory, he had been employed as a coach at Youngwood and Derry Township in Westmoreland County.

His mother, Mrs. Eldora Kaiser, resides at Youngwood.

William Redick Killed In Battle

Wife Of Former
Midway Sergeant
Living At Gretna

Mrs. William Redick, of Gretna, Washington, R. D. 1, has received official notice that her husband, Staff Sergeant William Redick, 24, was killed in action December 20 on the western front in Europe.

Sgt. Redick, a son of Mrs. Mary Redick, of Imperial, had been in the service about 24 months. He sailed Oct. 13, 1944, and landed Oct. 29, in England. He was in the infantry.

He was born at Imperial, but before going into the service lived at Midway, working for a construction firm in Pittsburgh. At the time he entered service he was working at Ravenna, O., in a munitions plant.

Sgt. Redick's wife, Mrs. Margaret McMillan Redick, and two-year-old son, Edward, have been living with her sister, Mrs. Gene Schott, at Gretna, while the husband and father were in service.

Wounded'



Pvt. Willison G. (Smiley) Meneely, husband of Mrs. Marie Spert Meneely and son of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley Meneely, Washington R. D. 1, was wounded in action in France October 23, according to a telegram received by his wife from the War Department. He has received the Purple Heart and also the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He has been overseas for eight months. Pvt. Meneely entered service in September, 1943.

JAY RUSSELL ALLISON – CLASS OF 1937

Jay was a Lt. in the United States Navy Air Corp. As a Navy pilot, he flew P-38's and patrolled the east coast of the states and over the Atlantic Ocean on watch for enemy submarines, etc. He was based in the Bermudas. Jay had trained in the Peninsula and was stationed in Jackson.

Allison Siblings

Ruth Allison
Thompson "35,

Martha Jane Allison
Little "40,

Willard "Bud"
Allison "46,

Cadet Nurse Marion
Allison Hoon "43,

U.S. Navy Lt. Jay
Allison "37



Picture taken 1944

Submitted by Marion Allison Hoon



Mrs. L. D. Fisher, Washington, R. D. 1, has received word that her husband, Sgt. L. D. Fisher, above, has arrived in New Guinea. Sgt. Fisher was stationed at Robins Field, Ga., before leaving the Country. He entered the service in November, 1942, and is serving with the Radio Mechanics of the Air Corps. A former employe of the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Company, he is the son of Mrs. A. E. Fisher, North Main street extension.

**Capt. Antonioli
Joins V Corps** *HHS "37*

Captain Virginio L. Antonioli, of Hickory, R. D. 1, has joined the G-3 Section of the V Corps, now located at Fort Jackson, C. C.

Capt. Antonioli was graduated from the United States Military Academy as a second Lieutenant on Jan. 19, 1943. He was promoted to first Lieutenant on May 18, 1943, and to Captain on Nov. 14, 1944.

He was graduated from the Basic No. 46 Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. on May 8, 1943 and was assigned to the 76th Infantry Division. He served in the European theater with the 76th from Dec. 5, 1944, until June 28, 1945 when he was transferred to the 30th Infantry Division.

Capt. Antonioli returned to the United States on Aug. 21, 1945 and joined the V Corps on Dec. 4. He wears the Bronze Star, the ETO Ribbon with three major battle stars and the Combat Infantry Badge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Antonioli of Hickory.

HHS "37
**Local Navy Officer
Served On LST**

Lieut. David G. Swartz, U. S. Navy, has been placed on inactive status following service as gunnery officer and assistant navigation officer of LST 28, in the Atlantic Theater. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Swartz, 240 Allison avenue.

Lieut. Swartz enlisted in the Navy April 28, 1943, and received his indoctrination training at Ft. Schyler, N. Y. He was assigned to the LST on Sept. 6, 1943, and took part in the invasions at Anzio and Normandy.

The LST also served as a training ship in the Atlantic Theater and ran supplies from England to France. Since last May Lieut. Swartz has been stationed at the receiving base at Miami, Fla. Visiting his parents now, he plans to leave soon for Miami where he will be associated with the Philip Head Insurance Agency. He will be accompanied south by his wife and daughter, Frances Anna.

Mr. Swartz was graduated from Westminster College and prior to enlisting in the Navy was assistant personnel manager at Vultee Aircraft Corp., at Miami, Fla.

EDWARD P. NOVAK – CLASS OF 1937

Edward P. Novak

Erie, Pa

Retired builder, U.S. Army veteran of World War II

Edward P. Novak, 85, of 911 Shenk Ave., died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at Fairview Manor Nursing Home.



He was born in Westland, May 31, 1918, son of the late Anthony and Sophie Gonesky Novak.



A graduate of Hickory High School, he attended Washington and Jefferson College. He was also a graduate of the Pennsylvania Horological Institute and owned and operated Novak's Jewelry Store in Coudersport before moving to Erie in 1955. In Erie, he started Novaline Homes and built numerous homes in Millcreek and the South Shore area. He retired from the building industry.

He served with the U.S. Army Air Forces in the South Pacific for 35 months during World War II and was one of the first graduates of the U.S. Army Air Forces' radar repair training

program in Boca Raton, Fla.

He was a life member of the Erie Maennerchor and was a founding member of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Erie Builders Association.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and bowling.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Zigmund and Henry Novak, and a sister, Martha Towarnick.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Urban Novak, whom he married in 1955; a son, Edward P. Novak Jr. and his wife, Grace, of Washington, DC; a sister-in-law, Marguerite Urban; and two granddaughters, Nikki Marguerite and Julia Claire Novak.

Friends may call at the Brugger Home for Funerals, 1595 W. 38th St., Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., and may attend a service there Thursday at 10:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Jude the Apostle Church at 11 a.m.

I am sorry to report that Edward passed away on November 17, 2003. Please note that Edward served in the U.S. Army Air Forces for 35 months in the South Pacific during W.W. II and was one of the first graduates of the U.S. Army Air Forces radar repair training program in Boca Raton, Florida.

We attended Edward's 50th Class Reunion in 1987.

Submitted by,

**Mrs. Edward P. Novak
(Ruth)**

Technician Fifth Woodrow W. Tustin is spending a 45-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tustin, Washington R. D. 1, after 39 months of service in Hawaii. This is his first furlough home in four years of service with the heavy artillery. He came home by boat and at the conclusion of his stay he will report to Hawaii.

Before leaving the States, he trained last at Camp Pendleton, Va. Prior to entering service he was employed at the Standard Tin Plate Mill, Canonsburg, also assisted his father in the carpenter trade. He was at Pearl Harbor one month after it was bombed.

He has two brothers on overseas duty, Seaman, 3/c, Marshall Tustin, with the Seabees, for the past two years serving in the South Pacific and Pfc. Donald Tustin, a member of the First Army in Germany. He went overseas in November, 1944.

Technician Tustin is also visiting his sisters, Mrs. Gladys Tustin Prowitt and Mrs. Edgar Morgan, both of whom reside in Summerlea avenue, this city. *HHS 37*



HERBERT LACOCK
discharged 1945



JOHN LACOCK

**Hickory Officer Is
At Bergstrom Field**

Lt. Alexander B. Anderson, of Hickory, has been assigned to the First Troop Carrier Command after receiving his wings in the Army Air Forces and is now learning to fly the giant C-47 transport planes at Bergstrom Field.

Hickory Captain Tells Of Work Of Bomber Squadron

HHS 37

Capt. Charles B. Mgrdichan, son of John Mgrdichan, Hickory, R. D., 24-year-old briefing officer of a bombardment squadron in Northern Africa, Sicily and Italy, left yesterday for Atlantic City, N. J., following a visit with relatives in Washington County. At the eastern shore city he will be reassigned for duty with the Air Corps.

To the young officer while serving overseas was entrusted the lives of bomber crews which were in three major campaigns leading to the capture of Rome.

It was his duty to know what the bomber crews might expect in the way of enemy opposition, what chances they had of getting through to the target and getting back.

Part of this job was the maintaining of situation maps showing strength and disposition of enemy troops, ack-ack guns and fighter fields.

Often his operation tent, where pin points on a map meant ack-ack guns, was anything but a quiet study. "Before May of last year I used bomb fragments for paper weights. But since then few Germans ventured over the base," Capt Mgrdichan stated in an interview.

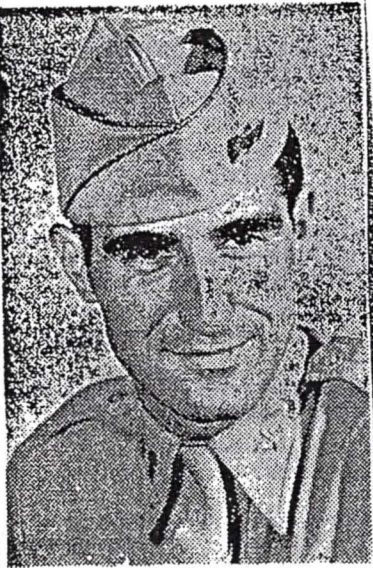
The captain said his foxhole was seven feet deep and on two levels, his bed being on the second level, three feet below the ground. The entrance was a three-pronged stairway cut out of the mud so he could enter quickly from any angle.

During the softening up of Rome Captain Mgrdichan's unit bombed fuel and ammunition dumps, troop reserve areas and transportation facilities. "All aerial photos of Rome showed prohibited areas—the Vatican and other important buildings, marked off in red so nothing but military objectives would be bombed," the officer said.

Earlier in the war the captain's squadron supported British and American forces in southern Tunisia, in the recapture of Kasserina Pass, the capture of Tunisia and occupation of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. His group was the only American unit to fly from a base on Malta to give close support to the liberators of Sicily.

Then moving to a base in Sicily the squadron bombed across the Messina Straits where Allied troops first set foot on Italy. The squadron worked for the Eighth and Fifth armies last winter.

Capt. Mgrdichan is a graduate of Hickory High School, and was a student of journalism at Columbia University, Mo., and an "A" Senior student at the University of Detroit when he joined the Army in July, 1941.



CAPT. C. B. MGRDICHAN

Rates 'Expert' discharged 1946



Pvt. Clarence D. Jeffrey, Cross Creek, was recently rated "expert" on the machine gun, at Ft. Knox, Ky. He made one of the highest scores in his company. He is the husband of Sadie M. Jeffrey and entered the Army April 1 of this year.

Meet Overseas After Three Years

HHS 138

HHS 36



S/SGT. RALPH C. SICKLES discharged 1945



PFC. NORMAN W. SICKLES discharged 1945

Two Washington County brothers met for the first time in three years recently in England. They are S/Sgt. Ralph C. Sickles, who entered service Jan. 1, 1941 and has been in England for two years and Pfc. Norman W. Sickles, who is stationed in Ireland, entering service in December of 1943. A third brother, Kenneth H. Sickles, is at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. They are all graduates of Hickory High School and sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sickles, Canonsburg, R. D. 1.

Sgt. Orrin G. Miller, Missing Over Year, Is Declared Dead

HHS 38

Mrs. Amy Z. Miller, Bancroft Farm, R. D. 2, Avella, has received word from the War Department, that her son Sgt. Orrin Guy Miller, 26, declared legally dead on July 28, 1945, after having been listed as "missing in action" for a year and a day.

Sgt. Miller, recipient of the Air Medal, was a member of the 455th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force. This group has received two Presidential Citations. He was an armor-ball turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

On July 27, 1944, Miller's bomber, "Daughty Dragon" was one of more than 500 American heavy bombers, that left their base in Southern Italy on a mission to bomb the Manfred Weiss steel works at Budapest, Hungary. This was Hungary's largest industrial plant, and was a large producer of aircraft engines, guns, ammunition, and machine tools for the Nazis. The bombers were protected by Lightning and Mustang fighters. More than 100 enemy fighters engaged the bombers in their 40 minutes over the target area. American guns shot down 14 enemy planes. Miller's bomber was one of seven Liberators that went down. Five U. S. fighters also failed to re-



SGT. ORRIN GUY MILLER

turn. The "Daughty Dragon", en route to the target, was flying in "Right Tail Charlie" position. This is also called Purple Heart Corner in the formation, being very vulner-

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able to attack. The crew of 10 were to the last man, those that had trained together in the States, and they were on their ninth mission. The ship itself had completed nearly 50 missions with other crews. At 10:05 a. m. while at an altitude of 23,000 feet they were attacked from the rear by Messerschmitt 109s and Focke Wulf 190s. In the ensuing battle, guns from Sgt. Miller's bombers shot down two enemy fighters, but the big bomber sustained damage. The plane fell earthward over Bicske, Hungary, which is 18 miles west of Budapest. It went down in a tight spin, burning rapidly from its own incendiary bombs that had ignited during the battle. The plane's control cables had either been shot or burned away. In the beginning of the air battle the intercom system was knocked out, so that there was no communication between battle stations. During the earthward fall the pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, navigator, and engineer who was at the top turret gun, were able to parachute safely to the ground. Three of these survivors sustained burns and injuries. The nose gunner had left the plane, but the pilot who was the last out tried unsuccessfully to loosen a chute caught in the bomb bay doors. This was believed to have been the chute of the nose gunner, who has not been accounted for. The five survivors were immediately captured by Hungarians and turned over to German soldiers. Sgt. Miller; the two waist gunners; and the tail

gunner, all in the rear of the ship, were unable to get out due to wounds or flames. Since the guns had all stopped firing suddenly it is believed they were possibly all hit, as the enemy using machine guns, and 20 mm canon were continuing to come in after the disabled bomber. The bomber crashed in flames.

The crew was composed of: Pilot, Lt. Maxwell Gates, Grand Ledge, Mich.; Co-pilot, Lt. John Schwegart, Weehawken, N. J.; Bombardier, Lt. Edward Saleck, Minneapolis; Navigator, Lt. Robert Emick, Scranton, Pa.; Engineer-Top Turret Gunner, S/Sgt. George Luster, Chelsea, Mass.; Radio Operator-Waist Gunner, S/Sgt. Stanley Postorine, Racine, Wis.; Nose Gunner, Sgt. Joseph Weinstein, New York City; Waist Gunner, Sgt. Bailey Maxwell, Twin Falls, Idaho; Tail Gunner, Sgt. Arthur Mello, Fall River, Mass., and Sgt. Miller.

Surviving members of the crew have written the family, or have been seen personally. The pilot wrote to the family: "... At the worst no one suffered a slow death. Orrin went fast. He was a man to be proud of. I know he joined the crew in his job in a manner that gave us all confidence. He worked hard and well with all of us and was a darn good soldier. He died for something that men of his caliber are willing to die for. I hope your proudness for him compensates for some of the grief you have had...".

Major General Twining, former Commanding General of the 15th Air Force, and recently made head of the B-29 Twentieth Air Force had written to Mrs. Miller a short time after her son was reported missing: "During the time Orrin was with us he had established a splendid record of performance. He demonstrated great courage under adverse circumstances, and a keen devotion to duty. On behalf of his many friends here I extend deep sympathy to his loved ones at home."

Sgt. Miller and his crew had flown a new ship which they had named "Organized Confusion" from the States to Italy, landing there on July 7, 1944. Within the next 20 days they had completed eight missions, going down on their ninth. On these missions they had bombed targets in France; the Polesti Oil Fields in Roumania; Friedrichshafen, Germany; Bruz, Czechoslovakia, and the Herman Goering tank works at Linz, Austria. They had sustained damage from anti-aircraft fire on every trip, twice returning with a motor "hot out. On the Bruz mission, which at the time was the longest mission ever undertaken by the 15th Air Force, they returned damaged, and with a motor out, and after crossing the Adriatic Sea, exhausted their last gas while taxiing to their position after landing.

Sgt. Miller graduated from Hickory High School in 1938 and attended Westminster College. Prior to his enlistment in the Army on Aug. 14, 1942 he had worked at the Climax-Molybdenum Corp. at Langeloth. He received his gunners wings at Tyndall Field, Fla. in March 1944, and took Combat Crew training at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. With his two brothers he owned the Bancroft Farm near Avella, which was a noted trotting horse farm up until 1938, and which has been in the Miller family for 150 years. A brother, S/Sgt. Delvin, with the

Army Remount in India, was a nationally known trainer and driver of harness race horses.

Besides his mother, and brother Delvin, he is survived by a brother Albert, at home, and a sister, Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Sandusky, O. He was a member of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church of Independence.

Home After 28 Months In European Theater

discharged 1945

Pfc. George W. Meneely, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meneely of Hickory, is home on a 30-day furlough after 28 months' service in the European area. Pfc. Meneely wears the good conduct bar, also five battle stars, and the presidential citation. He served through the African campaign, Sicily and in France. At the conclusion of his furlough, he will report to Fort Dix, N. J.

HHS 1138

Hickory Officer Wins Bronze Star For Aid To Wounded GI

First Lt. Alvin D. White, Jr., of Hickory, who served in the European Theater with Company C, 232nd Infantry, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action on April 4, 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany.

The citation conferring this award on Lieut. White reads, in part, as follows: When the enemy had encircled his company, Lieut. White, executive officer, went to the aid of a wounded man. Although wounded himself and in an exposed position, Lt. White administered first aid and then directed the man's evacuation. While the wounded man was being carried to safety, Lt. White stood by and covered the litter bearers. His courage and disregard for his own welfare save a fellow soldier from possible death or capture."

Lt. White has been awarded the Purple Heart, also, for the wounds received in the same action. He is the husband of Mrs. Laura C. White, who, with their small daughter, Laura Lee White, live at 77 Wilson avenue, Washington. He is expected to arrive in this country shortly, having left his post in the



LT. ALVIN D. WHITE
Army of Occupation in Austria on December 12. Lt. White is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White, Hickory.

Seriously Wounded



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Liggett, near West Middletown, have received word that their son, Pfc. A. Jay Liggett was seriously wounded in action in Belgium on January 15. He was stationed with the 506th Paratroop Infantry Division and had participated in the invasion of Holland and Belgium. Pfc. Liggett enlisted in the Army Feb. 8, 1940. He served with the famous 78th Division at Camp Butner, N. C., and was later transferred to the glider division. He received his paratroop training in England last June. A brother, Cpl. John P. Liggett is training with the paratroopers at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Twice Wounded



Mr. and Mrs. John Schweinebraten, Locust avenue extension, R. D. 2, have received word that their son, Pfc. Elmer J. Schweinebraten, above, was wounded in action in Germany December 3 and is in a hospital in England. This is the second time he has been wounded. He was wounded July 5 in action in France and has been awarded the Purple Heart. He has served overseas since April with the infantry. Previous to being wounded, he met, a cousin, George Schweinebraten, Nanty Glo, for the first time in two and one-half years.

Bailed Out



A/C David T. Staudt, above, who entered the Air Corps February 1, 1943, is stationed in Advanced Navigation School, San Marcos, Tex. He lately received his Aerial Gunnery Wings at Harlingen Aerial Gunnery School, Harlingen, Tex. Staudt will not soon forget having to bail out when the plane's radio went dead, gas running, out weather closing in and fog so dense they could not see the wing tips of the plane. Three other cadets and the pilot also bailed out. All were uninjured. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Staudt, Hickory.

discharged 1945



First Lt. Wray E. Paul, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wray E. Paul, 424 Leonard avenue, is an airplane commander on a B-29 which flew food from Guam to Okinawa when it was struck recently by a typhoon. Lt. Paul states that each B-29 carried 10,000 pounds of food, on platforms built in bomb bays. He entered the Air Corps April 12, 1943, and has served on Saipan.

JAMES DALLMEYER – CLASS OF 1939

Jim was inducted into the U.S. Army @ Fort Meade, Maryland on Sept. 14, 1942.

Basic training @ Tampa, Florida

- “ “ @ Scott Field, Illinois (Radio School and Radio Instructor)
- “ “ @ Boca Raton, Florida (Officers Candidate School)
- “ “ @ Seymour Johnson Field (OCS)
- “ “ @ Yale University, New Haven, CT (Commissioned 2nd Lt. in Army Airways Communications System)

Stationed @ Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado
 La Junta Air Force Base, La Junta, Colorado
 Selfridge Field, Michigan
 Hampton Roads, Virginia – Overseas
 Naples, Italy
 Algiers, North Africa – August 1944
 Casablanca, North Africa
 Discharged - March 1946 – 1st Lt.

The only celebrity I saw was the Glenn Miller Orchestra with Ray McKinley who played for mess and retreat @ Yale.

I married Bettie Dinsmore Dallmeyer on March 15, 1944. Bettie was not in the service, but during the war, she nursed @ Aspinwall Veterans Hospital.

In North Africa



Lt. James J. Dallmeyer, Hickory, has arrived in North Africa, according to word received by his wife, Bettie Dinsmore Dallmeyer. He received his commission from Yale, March 9, 1944, as a communications officer. He is a son of Mrs. S. S. Dunbar, Burgettstown, Pa.

**James G. Dallmeyer
Is First Lieutenant**

HHS 39
 Mrs. Bettie Dallmeyer, of Aspinwall, Pa., has received word that her husband, James G. Dallmeyer, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Overseas eight months, he is stationed in North Africa, where he is serving as assistant operations officer at his base. He is the son of Mrs. S. S. Dunbar, Burgettstown, R. D.

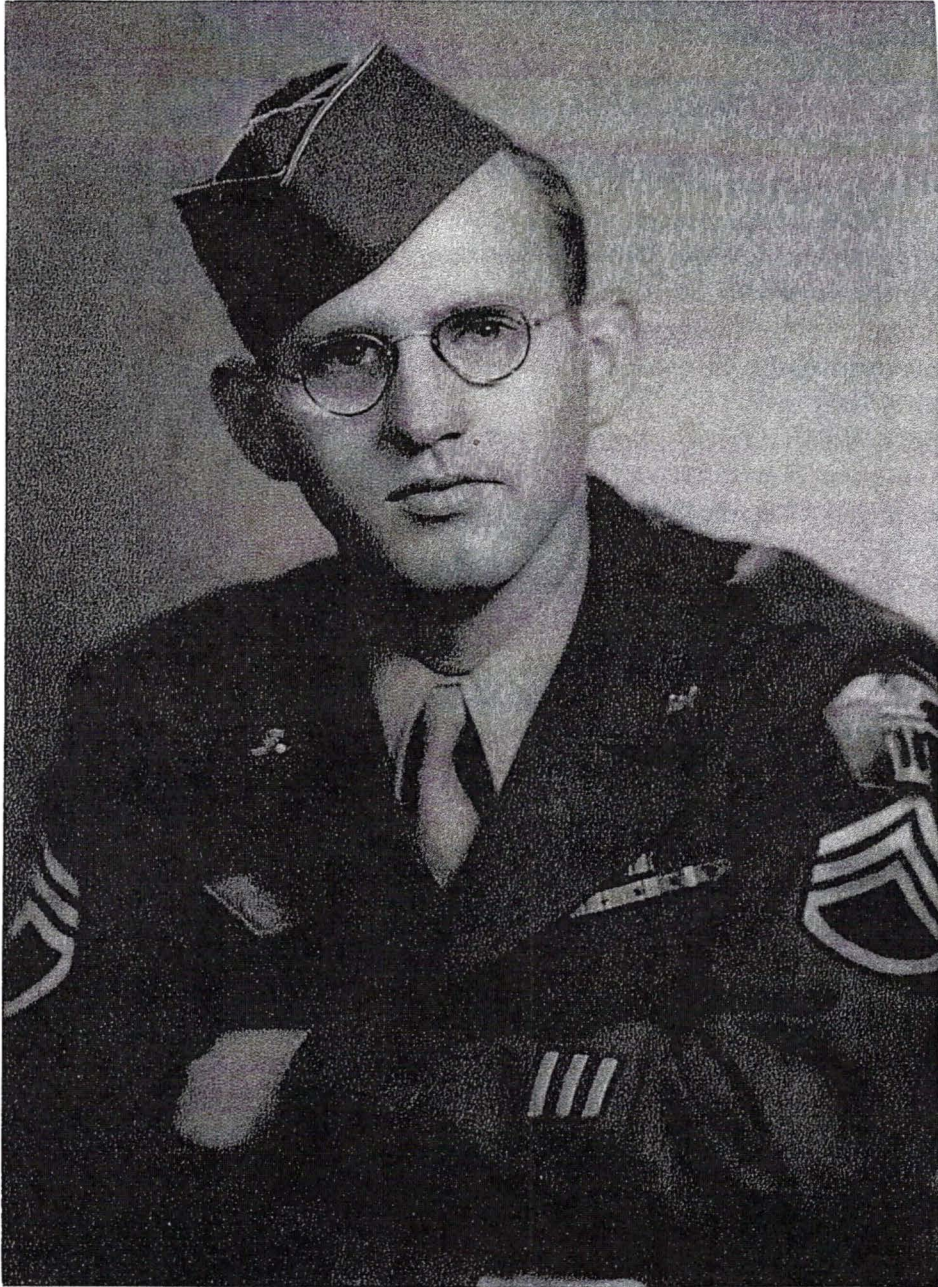
Sgt. Samuel Swartz *HHS 36*
Home On Furlough

HICKORY, July 15—Sgt. Samuel D. Swartz, who served 19 months as a member of the Hospital Surgical Unit with the First Army in the European Theater of War, is spending a 30-day furlough with his wife and family at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Swartz. At the conclusion of his stay he will report to Camp Crowder, Mo., for reassignment. He entered service in October, 1942.



Mr. and Mrs. Vance M. Smith, near Hickory, is in receipt of word from the War Department, that their son, Cpl. Robert M. Smith, was wounded by shrapnel on March 25. Cpl. Smith, in a letter, stated he was in a hospital in England due to the fracture of the left arm. He has been awarded the Purple Heart. He is a member of the Anti-Aircraft Corps serving with the Ninth Army. He went overseas Dec. 1, 1944. *disch. 1946*

JOHN LEE – CLASS OF 1939



I entered active service in the U.S. Army on the 21st of February 1944 at Fort Meade, Maryland, then to basic training camp in Georgia. I spent 12 weeks there. From Georgia I went to Camp Gordon Johnston in Florida along the Gulf Coast, not far from Pensacola. There we were trained in operation and maintenance of landing craft that were used to transport troops and supplies from

ship to shore during troop invasions. This training was 12 weeks. I then got my first and only leave. I went home and back to camp within one week. When I returned, we were loaded on a troop train for the trip to the West Coast where we boarded a ship on August 25, 1944. We headed southwest and arrived in New Guinea on September 12, 1944. I was there about a month, then boarded a ship bound for the Philippines where we landed on Luzon. It was there I caught up to the unit I had been assigned to, Company C of the 592nd Engineers Boat & Shore Regiment. I went to work in craft repair and maintenance. I went from Luzon to

Mindoro. Then 3 months later, went to Mindaneau and from there we were shipped to Korea.

Sometime in mid 1945 I was promoted to Maintenance Sergeant. That came with a S-Sgt. rating. Five other men worked with me to keep the craft working 24-7. In the fall of 1945, we started preparing to ship out 5 days after the signing of the treaty with Japan. We were loaded on ship craft and now setting sail for parts unknown. When we landed we were in Eushon Harbor, South Korea, where I served the balance of my working time. In February 1946 we returned to the USA and was discharged from service from the Separation Center Camp in Atterbury, Indiana on March 5, 1946.

S - Sergeant John Lee

HHS "39
Hickory Soldier, Wounded At Brest, Home From Overseas

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 30. —Pvt. Paul Yates, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yates, of Hickory, Pa., arrived here at the New Cantonment hospital by Army hospital transport plane from Scotland. On arrival, he immediately phoned his parents, who were surprised and delighted to hear his voice. He has been transferred to another hospital for further treatment.

Asked how he received his wound, Yates related, "It was on August 27, at Brest. I was with a forward platoon and we were pinned down by Nazi snipers in a corner of a field. Suddenly they started dropping 88mm. shells all about us. It knocked out every man in my squad, killed two and wounded the rest. After that the rest of the boys fixed their bayonets and charged. They got over 200 Nazi prisoners."

Yates, who was with the 29th Division, wears the blue Distinguished Unit citation bar. It was

pinned on his hospital pajamas when he was being interviewed. He landed on famed Omaha Beach near D-Day. Before entering the Army, Yates worked on his father's farm, an occupation he looks forward to taking up when he recovers from his injuries.

He explained that the average civilian has no idea of how materiel is used up in this war. "I've seen lots of tanks and trucks knocked out," he said, "and jeeps blown up by mines. One truck loaded with five-gallon cans of gas was hit and went up so fast that there was nothing left of it but the frame, and that took seconds."

"Tires especially get it. Shrapnel is hell on them. No matter how careful the driver is, shrapnel exploding near his truck cuts his tires to pieces. We do all we can to save materiel. The GI's took the best care they could give it, and sent damaged stuff back to the Quartermaster Corps when it broke down."

HHS 36
Pfc. Norman Sickles Arrives In Ireland

Pfc. Norman Sickles of the Infantry has arrived in Northern Ireland according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sickles, of Canonsburg, R. D. 1. A graduate of Hickory High School with the class of 1938, he was associated with the Fish Commission at Pymatuning Dam while in civilian life.

Pfc. Robert E. Paul Home On Furlough

Robert E. Paul, who was recently promoted from Private to Private First Class, is spending a 12-day furlough with his wife and daughter, 65 Third street, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Paul, 81 Third street. He is with the 283rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed at Camp Butler, N. C. Private Paul entered the service last February 19.

Hickory Seaman At Liberation of Korea

James W. Hoop, 19, seaman 1/c, of Hickory, served on the battle cruiser, USS Guam, flagship of Rear Admiral F. S. Low, when she led a task force of more than 50 ships into Jinsen, Korea, Sept. 8 to liberate the country from the Japanese.

About 15,000 American sailors and soldiers streamed ashore to occupy the capital city of Keijo, 23 miles away, to the cheers of the natives. A crowd estimated at 100,000 gathered in the vicinity of the capitol to watch the lowering of the Jap flag and the raising of the Stars and Stripes.

HHS Bride-Elect 39



Miss Sara Ellen Paxton has announced June 5 as the date of her marriage to Electrician's Mate 1/c Lewis VanKirk/Kenamond, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kenamond, Canonsburg, R. D. 2. The engagement and wedding date was made known at a party Friday evening at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Paxton, Washington, R. D. 1.

and tri-color candles. From the "mail bag" concealed in the centerpiece, each guest drew "sealed orders," a tiny envelope containing the names of the couple and the wedding date. The favors were miniature boats to which the place cards were attached.

Miss Paxton was graduated from the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School, Hickory, and from Pennsylvania State College. For several years she has held a position as home economics director in Union County, with headquarters in Lewisburg. When a sophomore at Penn State she was chosen to reign as queen at the National Dairy Show held in Harrisburg in 1940.

Pilot Wings At Randolph Field

Four County Soldiers Receive

MARTHA JANE ALLISON



LT. J. C. DUVALL



LT. R. W. GOODRIDGE

Four Washington County pilots were graduated from the AAF Gulf Coast Training Center advanced flying school at Randolph Field, Texas, yesterday. The men received their pilots' wings and commissions as second lieutenants. The men are Lt. John Blair, 715



LT. JOHN BLAIR



LT. E. S. KAPCAR

Fourth street, California; Lt. Emil S. Kapcar, Fredericktown; Lt. John C. Duvall, 62 West Hallam avenue, Washington; and Lt. Robert W. Goodridge, 215 Dewey avenue, Washington.

Wounded



Pfc. Paul Polochak, husband of Mrs. Martha Ozenbaugh Polochak, McDonald, R. D. 4, was slightly wounded in Germany in April. He has been overseas over a year and a half and served in Gen. Patton's Field Artillery Division. He later was transferred to the 387th Infantry Division Gen. Patch's Army. His wife employed in Washington, D.

In Southland



Pvt. Reed N. Conklin, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conklin, Hickory, R. D. 1, spent a furlough recently at his home. Private Conklin is stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla., with the Army Air Corps. He entered service May, 1942.

Former Teachers At Hickory Back In States

discharged 1945
HICKORY, June 14—Two former Supervisors of Agriculture in the Mt. Pleasant Vocational High School who were recently liberated from German prison camps, have arrived from overseas. They are Pvt. John Graham and Lt. Robert Walker of Somerset. Lt. Walker was a recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell. Lt. Walker was a member of the local school faculty when he entered service.

Lt. Donald Moore Missing In Action

Relatives in Washington County have received word that Lieut. Donald B. Moore, U. S. Marine Corps, is missing in action somewhere in the Pacific War zone.

Lieut. Moore is a son of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, missionaries in Egypt. He is a grand nephew of Mrs. Katherine Simpson, of Hickory, and the late D. Glenn Moore, of Washington, was an uncle.

Martha Jane Allison left Grove City College to go to Randolph Field in Texas to marry Lt. Robert W. Goodridge of the United States Air Corp. Her husband was a Flight Instructor. Lt. Goodridge was killed in a crash involving two training planes.

Lieut. Robert W. Goodridge Is Killed In Plane Accident

HHS 40

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goodridge, East Maiden street extension, received word during Monday night that their son, Second Lieutenant Robert Wayne Goodridge had been killed in a crash of planes over the Army Air Corps Field, at San Marcos, Tex. The crash took place late Monday afternoon about five miles northeast of Dallas, Tex.

Eight officers and cadets perished in the collision of the two training planes.

He was born here on November 11, 1919, and attended the First Ward School. Lt. Goodridge graduated from Washington High School, attended Washington and Jefferson College and graduated from a comptometer school in Pittsburgh.

Lt. Goodridge enlisted in the Army Air Corps April 1, 1942, and began his basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, on August 1 of the same year. He received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant at Ellington Field, Texas, April 20, 1943. Since that time he had been stationed at San Marcos as an instructor.

On February 25 of this year he married Martha Jane Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Allison, Hickory. Since their marriage Mrs. Goodridge has been living in San Marcos.

Lt. Goodridge is survived by his



LIEUT. ROBERT W. GOODRIDGE

parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goodridge, Washington; his wife, Mrs. Martha Jane Allison Goodridge, whose home was at Hickory; two brothers, George W. Goodridge Jr., Hingham, Mass.; Jack Raymond Goodridge, Great Lakes Naval Training School, Chicago, Ill.; grandmothers, Mrs. W. F. Eastman, and Mrs. Jennie Goodridge, Washington.

The body will be brought here for burial services.

Commissioned

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Harley Eugene McVay, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton S. McVay, of Washington, R. D. 1, received the silver wings of a flying officer and the second lieutenant commission at the Columbus, Miss., Air Field graduation ceremonies December 5. Lt. McVay entered pilot's training in March and attended schools at Lakeland, Fla., and Greenwood, Miss.

County Pilot Takes Mascot On Flight

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Liaison Pilot S/Sgt. Lee R. Walker, right, of Hickory, R. D. 1, and Liaison Pilot S/Sgt. Joseph G. Snyder, Cleveland, O., prepare to take up their flying mascot, "Kiki", for his daily routine flight, near Weimar, Germany.

CORPORAL R. GLENN POWELSON – CLASS OF 1940

I was in the service from 1942 – 1946, in the European Theater with the 106th Infantry till VE Day and was with the first infantry shipped to Okinawa from France.

I was recalled 1950 – 1951 with the air force for the Korean Conflict.



Pfc. Robert Eckelberger
Coast Artillery

Son of
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eckelberger,
R. D. 3, McDonald



Sgt. Clare Eckelberger
Army Air Corps

Son of
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eckelberger,
R. D. 3, McDonald



Stanley Eckelberger, F 1/c
Navy

Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eckelberger,
R. D. 3, McDonald



Weds Sergeant

The former Betty Foster, daughter of Mrs. Edna Foster, of Hickory, was married April 21, to S/Sgt. Harold E. Kifer, of Canonsburg. The ceremony was performed at the post chapel at Childress, Tex., Army Air Field. Sgt. Kifer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Kifer, Canonsburg.

Hickory Infantryman Is Given Discharge

Five years, four months and two days service, 15 months of which were spent in the European Theater of War is the record of T/5 James Frye of Hickory who has received an honorable discharge. His discharge was given at McGuire Hospital on Oct. 17. He served with the infantry in the Fifth Army.

He is a son of Mrs. Viola Frye, Hickory, and the late Floyd Frye. He has four brothers and a brother-in-law in service. Sgt. William Frye is in Austria; AMC David

Frye, Corpus Christi, Texas; Seaman 3/c Leman Frye, South Pacific; Pvt. Albert Frye and his brother-in-law, Pvt. Thomas Milton Marquis both at Kearns Field, Utah.

Hickory Soldier Was In Battle Of Atolls

Mrs. Calvin Dinsmore, of Hickory, has received word from her son, Pfc. James Valentine, U. S. M. C., that he is safe and well after taking part in the battle of Kwajalein. His regiment seized Eniwetok, Engebor and Parry atolls.

Hickory Soldier Is Home From Overseas

Cpl. Albert Dire, who spent 11 months overseas and was wounded in Germany Dec. 3, is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Dire, of Hickory. Cpl. Dire was hospitalized in England and later was returned to the States. Recently he has been in the hospital at Fort Storey, VVa., where he will report at conclusion of his furlough.

Pvt. Betty B. Jeffrey Receives Promotion

Pvt. Betty Beazell Jeffrey, member of WAC detachment, Station Complement, Fort Benning, Ga., has been promoted to private first class. Pfc. Jeffrey, daughter of Mrs. Vivian D. Beazell, 305 Meadow avenue, Charleroi, is a file clerk at the Army Post Office. She attended California State Teachers College before entering the service, September 20, 1943.

CLIFFORD WILLIAMS – CLASS OF 1940

Since I was very young I always wanted to fly. I remember as we ended our 8th grade the teacher, Orella Acheson, recited a poem that she had written about me. She said Clifford is going to be an aviator and fly a plane like Lindy, he's going to have a reputation of being rather windy. I remember that I disliked it very much as I was not much of a talker. In my senior year the conditions overseas looked as if we would be in War soon and my wishes were that the age limit for Pilots would be lowered from 21 to 18. After Pearl Harbor I was sure that would happen and I



enlisted the next day. I will never forget the recruiting Sergeant's name (Sgt. Stover). He said that I could not get into Cadets because of my parted front teeth, but he could sign me up for the Air Corps and after I got in I could apply for Flying Non-Com. I didn't care about the rank and agreed. I was given a week to get my affairs in order and was sworn in December 15, 1941.

After being inducted in Indiantown Gap, PA, I was given two choices for basic training, Jefferson Barracks in MO and Keesler Field in Biloxi MI. I chose the later because of the pictures of palm trees and gals lying on the beaches. Found out there were a lot of pine trees and very few palms and no beaches. I found out shortly after arriving in Keesler Fld., that I needed three letters of recommendation and a birth certificate. I had brought a certificate of Birth from Dr. D. L. McCarrell, who had delivered me, and wrote to Mom for the letters. She got letters from our minister - Rev. C. S. Thomas, the Superintendent of Agriculture – G. E. Baker, and a former employer – J. B. Kehn. A couple of weeks later when they arrived, I made my application for Flying Sgts., and turned it in to the Orderly Room. The next day, Jan.8th, 1942, they lowered the age limit for Cadets to 18. I ran to the Orderly Room to get my papers back and was told that they had already been submitted and I could sign up for only one thing at a time. Soon afterwards they established a Cadet Examining Board on the field, and boys were signing up, passing their tests, and off to fly while I was still there. Requirements were two years of College or pass the equivalent.

By this time I had finished basic and had not been called for flight school, I had to make a decision, go to a technical school or go to Trinidad. I chose Radio but since there were no openings at the time, I was sent to Airplane Mechanics School, which

Clifford Williams - Continued

was at the Keesler Field Base where I was. It consisted of ten phases, each lasting two weeks. We were told that if we completed each phase with a grade of 90 or above, we would get a diploma signed in gold by Gen. Hap Arnold. I did but they didn't. Occasionally there would be a student that would get tired of the school and sign up for Cadets. They would take their physical and pass their mental and be off to Flight School, and all the time I would be waiting to be called. It got to be very depressing to see others get ahead of me and finally, just before graduation, the personnel at the Orderly Room had changed and didn't know me, I applied for Aviation Cadets. By this time Mom had gotten me my birth certificate and three more letters. I passed but was told that the schools were full but I would be put in Air Corps Unassigned and would remain in Keesler until I was called. That didn't happen and after graduation from AM School, I was sent with others to Morrison Field - West Palm Beach, Florida, Boling Field - Washington, DC and Rosecrans Field - St. Joseph MO. When we arrived, there were no facilities so we were housed in an old CCC camp until tents were set up at the field. There was just one hanger in the middle of a big grass field with no airplanes. To keep us busy we would walk around the grounds picking up cigarette butts. I soon got tired of that and made friends with the Mail Clerk and he got me assigned to help him. Even though we were to remain un-assigned, I made Cpl. while working in the mailroom. When someone found out I could type I was transferred to Officers Personnel and spent my time typing extracts to service records. There were four of us that had qualified for Cadets on the field and one of them had an uncle that was a General and through him we were located and called to report to Nashville, TN for evaluation. We had to state our preference, Pilot, Navigator, or Bombardier, and depending on our testing, they chose which we would pursue. Luckily I went to Pilot preflight school at Maxwell Field - Montgomery, AL. We were told that it was an accelerated course that we would finish in 6 weeks instead of 8. Toward the end of the eight weeks, we heard rumors that the Primary Schools were full and about half of us would be sent home on leave to await openings. I was tickled because Williams was always on the bottom of a list. This time they arranged the list according to our grades and I was in the upper half.

I went to Lafayette, LA and trained on the PT 19A. My first lesson was on October 22, 1942, and I hoped to solo before my birthday on Nov. 1st. A student had to have a certain number of hours before solo and I didn't get that until Nov. 3rd. Our instructors were civilians, and the only Army personnel we saw was the check pilot who rode with us before we graduated. For the Basic Training, which was the next step, I was sent to Greenwood, MS and trained on BT 13's and BT 15's. They were the same planes except that one had a Wright engine and the other had Pratt Whitney. We then had to choose if we wanted single-engine advanced which would lead to pursuit planes or twin-engine which would lead to bomber pilots. Of course the Army had the final word, but I got my wish and went to twin-engine advanced at Blytheville, AR. There we flew the AT 9's and AT 10's and later they added the B 25's. Again we had a choice of where we wanted to go when we graduated and I chose four-engine. My Instructor recommended for me to remain as an instructor.

Clifford Williams - continued

When I had my final check ride with Capt. Frank Bailey, after we landed he told me that it was the best check ride that a student had ever given him, and all I had to do was to make a choice and he would see that I got it. He said that they would probably make me an instructor at the four-engine school. I neglected to say that I had married in MO and had never had a chance to live it, so I chose to stay in Blytheville. There were ten of us that graduated at four o'clock in the morning of April 29th so that we could catch a train to Randolph Field - San Antonio, TX to attend Instructor's School. That training lasted only the month of May, in fact on May 31, I had my first flight as an instructor. We were given students that were halfway through their advanced training and when they were finished, I got my first leave since I joined the Air Corps in Dec. 15, 1941. That was early in July that I got home for the first time.

At first we taught everything, transition, instruments, formation, x-country, night-flying, etc. After teaching a couple of classes, which were two months each, they changed the program and started a separate squadron for instrument instruction, and I was picked to go there and teach nothing but instruments. Later I was advanced to Flight Operations Officer and only rode check rides. On April 8th, 1944 my first son was born. He was the first boy born at the Base Hospital although there had been two girls before him. In May of 1944, I was promoted to 1st Lt. and in April 1945, they had finally got around to closing the Training Command. At the last party at the base, I asked my CO., Capt Carl Bailey, why I was never sent to combat as I had signed up on every list for volunteers that had been posted after a few months of instructing. He told me that was their way of getting rid of instructors that they didn't want to keep.

My first stop was Lockbourne AAF - Columbus, OH for B17 training. I was there when we heard that FDR had died and a little later VE Day. Not much celebration on the base but there were more rumors of a secret weapon. Somewhere along the line, the branch of service was changed from the Army Air Corps, to the US Air Force. Of all the planes that I flew, I liked this one the best. I could land it so smoothly that the guys in the back said that they didn't know we were on the ground. After we completed our training there, we were sent to Maxwell AAF - Montgomery, AL for B 29s. This was in July and August of 1945. After completing the training and had my Co-Pilot and Flight Engineer, and I was given 10 days delay in route to get to Lincoln, NE on August 15th, 1945. I was in route to Rhinelander, WI to visit the In-Laws, when I saw the headlines in Chicago that we had dropped the A-Bomb. Of course Pres. Truman made the announcement on August 14, 1945 that the war was over. I went to town that night and it was a madhouse with all the celebration. Almost everyone on the streets had a bottle and as I was in uniform, wanted me to have a drink, which I obliged. I was a day late getting to Lincoln, NE as my Commission was for the duration plus six months and I was counting. Of course the duration wasn't declared until several years later. They treated us at first like the war was still going on, giving us our overseas shots and issued some new equipment. We spent most of our days in the auditorium,

listening to some guy talking about everything under the sun. We had to get our flying time in to be able to draw flying pay, so we were taken up in AT-6s by a bunch of 2nd Lts., who had just gotten their wings, and they mostly wanted to show off their skills by doing acrobats. I had gotten away from that several years ago, as there was none of that in multi-engine planes, so I told them nothing but straight and level. I had agreed to take a Regular Air Force Commission, which would require 1 year of College, but I didn't want any more schooling so I was put in the Air Force Reserves. I had enough points to get out and was on the first list of B-29 pilots to be released on Nov. 29th, 1945 and issued an award for Meritorious Service. After us they froze the rest of the B-29 Pilots for a year. I took a correspondence course with ICS on Radio & Television Servicing under the GI Bill and on July 1, 1955 was promoted to Capt. I was continually getting letters requesting me to get active or I would be released. At one time I went to the CO of the reserves at Allegheny Co. Airport to see what I had to do and he said that they were in the process of moving to the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, and they didn't have enough planes for their present members to get their flight time in. I proceeded to do nothing and on June 1, 1959, I was discharged as Pres. Eisenhower was cutting out the deadwood. That is pretty much the story of my Military Record.

Cliff Williams

Commissioned
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Lt. Roy Clifford Williams, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williams, of Hickory, graduated recently from the Blytheville Army Air School, Arkansas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant and is rated as a pilot of twin-engine bomber aircraft.

Navy Chaplain



The Rev. Joseph M. Hopkins, pastor of Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, Hickory, has been accepted for the chaplain's corps in the U. S. Navy and will report for duty in August or September.

In New Orleans
HHS 40



Lt. Edna Elizabeth McBride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. McBride, former residents of Cross Creek, but residing in Hickory the past three years, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps in February, 1944, and was inducted into service, March 15, 1944. She is now located at Station Hospital Branch, New Orleans, La. Lt. McBride was graduated from the Mt. Pleasant Vocational High School in May, 1940, and the following September she enrolled in the Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing, Wheeling, W. Va., from which she graduated September 12, 1943. She expects to be assigned to overseas duty soon.

Pfc. Thomas Kraefer
Wins Combat Badge
discharged 1945

The Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct in action has been awarded Pfc. Thomas O. Kraefer, son of Mrs. Bertha Kraefer, Bridgeville. Pfc. Kraefer is in New Guinea. He entered the Army from Hickory on Oct. 13, 1942. He has been overseas since December, 1942.

HHS 41 **Draftee Honored**

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Scott, of Hickory entertained at dinner recently in honor of Paul D. Scott who was inducted into the Army. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Julia Bell and Sam Scott, Betty Jean Miller, of West Middletown, and Mrs. Emma Chambon, of McDonald, Elsie and Edith Scott and Jane Allender.

JOSEPH ROBERT CARLISLE – CLASS OF 1941

I volunteered along with Junie (John) Bedillion and Pete (Paul) Scott in March of 1943. John & I were fortunate to be sent to Texas and the 86th Inf. Div. Pete went elsewhere (??). When you enter the service you must go by your first name, hence I went by Joe for 3 yrs. Junie went by John for 3 yrs. Pete went by Paul. ???

After training in Texas and LA, John and I went to California for amphibious training. Following that rigorous training, we shipped out, by train to Boston and five days later, we arrived in France! John and I went up the ranks almost simultaneously. When we arrived in France, we were both T/Sgts (5 stripes).

After VE Day, our Div. was shipped back to the States and given a 30 day Recoup Furlough! Being the 1st Inf. Div. back, we didn't do a lot of recuperating! We were slated for the 1st wave to hit Tokyo Bay (Instant Suicide). But as we headed to Oklahoma, Pres. Truman dropped the A – Bomb and saved our lives! We did, however, ship out ending up in the Philippines. We stayed there almost a year, flushing out Japs in the AM & playing baseball in the PM!!

At this time John had received a field commission to 2nd Lt. and I was platoon leader as M/Sgt. As you must know, John died with alzheimers recently. I didn't get a chance to see him much. I did visit him last March. He didn't even know me!! Sad.

Following the service, I went to the University of Pgh. for 2 yrs. (Pre-Med). I was then accepted at the University of Penn. School of Veterinary Medicine, had 1 year & decided to take another avenue. I went back to the College graduating in 1951 (Ehonas).

My decision to sell drugs rather than administer



T-Sgt. Joseph Robert Carlisle, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Carlisle, Hickory, is serving in Germany. He enlisted in the Army January 31, 1943, and received training at Camps Howze, Tex., Cook, Calif., San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Livingston, La. His promotion to technical sergeant occurred recently in Germany.

Hickory Buddies Arrive At Homes

HICKORY, June 22.—Technical Sgt. Robert Carlisle, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Carlisle, and Second Lt. John Bedillion, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bedillion, of this place, are at their respective homes after spending more than two years in service together. They first served with the First Army and later were in the Third Army, returning with the 86th Division, which arrived this week. They are home for 31-day furloughs.

These boys were pre-school buddies, went through grade and high school here together and entered service the same day in February, 1943. Trained together, they were together the entire time in overseas duty in Germany and Austria. They went overseas last February. Pvt. William Carlisle, another son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Carlisle, a member of the Air Corps stationed at Keester Field, Biloxi, Miss., wired his parents that he will arrive home Saturday. HHS 44

them was indeed a wise one. I went up the ranks rather quickly; "Carried the Bag" selling, then promoted to Div. Mgr., 5 yrs. later promoted to Regional Mgr., 2 yrs. later to National Sales Mgr., 5 yrs. later to Dir. of Sales, until retirement in 1982.

I never discussed with John anything about our medals, that's history! Sorry I can't make the reunion, but I'll be in Falls Church, VA attending our 86th Inf. Div. Reunion.
Bob or Joe Carlisle

Meets Death In Germany

Mrs. Elda McVay McDowell, Hickory, R. D. 1, has been notified by the War Department of the death of her husband, Pfc. James



A. McDowell in Germany on April 17. Pfc. McDowell was a member of the Fourth Signal Battalion attached to the Ninth Army.

He was inducted into service Feb. 6, 1943, and received training at camps Young, Calif., and Polk La. He went overseas during March of 1944.

Besides his wife he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. McDowell, Hickory, R. D. 1; two sisters, Mrs. Paul Winningham, Uhrichville, Ohio, and Mrs. Melvin E. Davis, Hickory, R. D.; a brother, John H. McDowell, of Hickory.

Pfc. McDowell was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

McDonald Soldier Receives Promotion

Pfc. Howard J. Kraeer, husband of Mrs. Emma Kraeer, McDonald, R. D. 4, recently was promoted to corporal in the capacity of squad leader at the 21st Replacement Depot, Manila Area. Cpl. Kraeer has been in the Pacific theater since June, 1945. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Kraeer, of McDonald.

Hickory Brothers Meet In England

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Scott, of Hickory, met in England on Easter Sunday, according to word received by the parents. They are Ensign Wayne Scott, who was aboard an LST ship, and Pvt. Walter Scott, U. S. Army, who has been stationed in Britain. Another son, Paul Scott, is serving with a headquarters Office in Italy.



GLENNA P. WILKINSON



ROY M. WILKINSON



Ralph Alrutz, SCB 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alrutz, of Hickory, is spending a 30-day leave at his home. Alrutz served 30 months in the Southwest Pacific. He enlisted in the Navy May 5, 1943. He was graduated from Hickory High School in 1941. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Delfrate Packing Co. of Slovan. He reports to a Navy Recruiting Station at Pittsburgh for reassignment.



Following her wedding last night at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, the former Jeanne Tope Leckey, bride of Ensign J. Wayne Scott, will reside in New York City, where her husband is stationed. Mrs. Scott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leckey, Hickory. Her husband, who recently returned from overseas duty with the Navy, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Scott, also of Hickory.

ROBERT LeROY ATCHISON – CLASS OF 1941

Robert was born in Avella on January 13, 1929, graduated from Hickory High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War. He was a member of VFW 2026 and Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post 175. Military rites were accorded graveside.

Robert Atchison passed away on February 2, 2006

JOHN BEDILLION – CLASS OF 1941

John was born in Hickory on Feb. 7, 1924, graduated from Hickory High School in 1941. He joined the US Army in March of 1943 and was a Veteran of World War 11, having served with the 386th Infantry, Black Hawk Division, in both the European and Pacific Theaters. John received a Purple Heart and also a battlefield commission to 1st Lt.

John Bedillion passed away on May 8, 2006.

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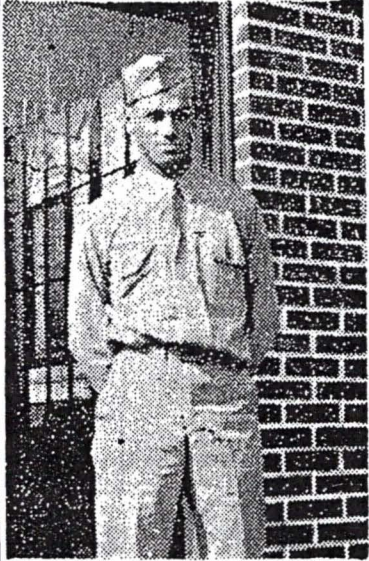
Infantry Expert



JOHN BEDILLION

T/Sgt. John J. Bedillion, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bedillion, of Hickory, has received the Expert Infantryman's Badge, considered one of the hardest of all badges for a soldier to earn. It was presented by Major Gen. Harris M. Melasky, commanding general of his division, at Camp Livingston, La. Sgt. Bedillion entered the service Feb. 1, 1943. He is a graduate of Hickory Vocational High School.

In North Africa



Mrs. Paul W. Scott, of West Middletown, has received word that her husband has arrived in North Africa. He entered the service Feb. 6, 1943, and received his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Private Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Scott, of Hickory. 41

At Navy Hospital
HHS 141



Ensign Anna Marie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lester Lee, Cross Creek, is continuing her training at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Philadelphia, to which she was assigned after completing her basic training at Portsmouth, Va. Recently Ensign Lee has been assisting at the St. Agnes Hospital, near the Naval base, which cares for wives of service men. Ensign Lee was graduated from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing in the class of 1942, and entered service Nov. 15, 1944. Following her graduation here she spent eight months in a St. Louis, Mo., Maternity hospital, afterward going to the Elizabeth Steele Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh, where she served in the operating room until time of her enlistment.

Memorial Service For Hickory Man
HHS 34

Memorial services for Pvt. John T. Williams, who paid the supreme sacrifice for his country in France, August 3, will be held in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Services will be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. C. S. Thomas, who will be assisted by the Rev. Marshall D. Berryhill, pastor of the Greenville Presbyterian Church, a former resident of Hickory.

JAMES HERBERT BEBOUT – CLASS OF 1941

James Herbert Bebout was an “A” student in the graduating class of 1941 from Hickory High School.

Herbert went into the service shortly after graduation. He qualified for flight school and graduated a Second Lieutenant. The basic training and flight school took two years. His air group was sent to England as a part of the preparation for “D” Day. The Allied invasion plan was to heavily bomb German military placement to soften them up for the landing of the ground troops. Herbert piloted a B-24 bomber. His plane was named “Stinky” and had an “outhouse” as a part of the art on the fuselage. The name came from a nickname of his younger brother. His plane was shot down two days before D-Day in 1944. All crewmembers died when the plane exploded except the bombardier. By some miracle the explosion blew him from the plane. This crewmember later contacted Herbert’s sister, Betty, and told her the story.

This information is from my brother, Robert Atchison, who graduated with Herbert.
Submitted by Donald Atchison 1953

Military Rites



A military funeral will be conducted Sunday afternoon by U. S. Navy officials, Pittsburgh, for Ensign Wayne Scott, Hickory, who died December 12, following an operation in the Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Ensign Scott, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Hickory, served as skipper of a LCT boat during the invasion of France. The service will be held in Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, at 3 o'clock. Ensign Scott enlisted in the Navy in May, 1943, and was in Chicago in behalf of a LCT demonstration for the Sixth War Loan drive when he became ill.

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Caldwell-Tustin Wedding Is Manse Ceremony At Hickory

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Tustin, Burgettstown, R. D. 3, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mabel Alieen Tustin, to T/5 James Audley Caldwell, recently discharged World War II veteran, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Caldwell, Hickory.

The couple were united in marriage at a double ring ceremony performed Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p. m., at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

The bride wore a poudre blue wool street length dress fashioned with bracelet length sleeves, fitted bodice, square neckline and full skirt. Her ornament was a string of pearls. “Something old” was provided by her mother’s earrings, she carried a borrowed hankie, and had a six pence tucked in her shoe. Navy blue accessories and a corsage of red roses completed her attire.

Her sister, Miss Hazel Tustin, the bride’s only attendant, wore a yellow wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Denny Simpson, Hickory, recently discharged World War II veteran, was Mr. Caldwell’s best man.



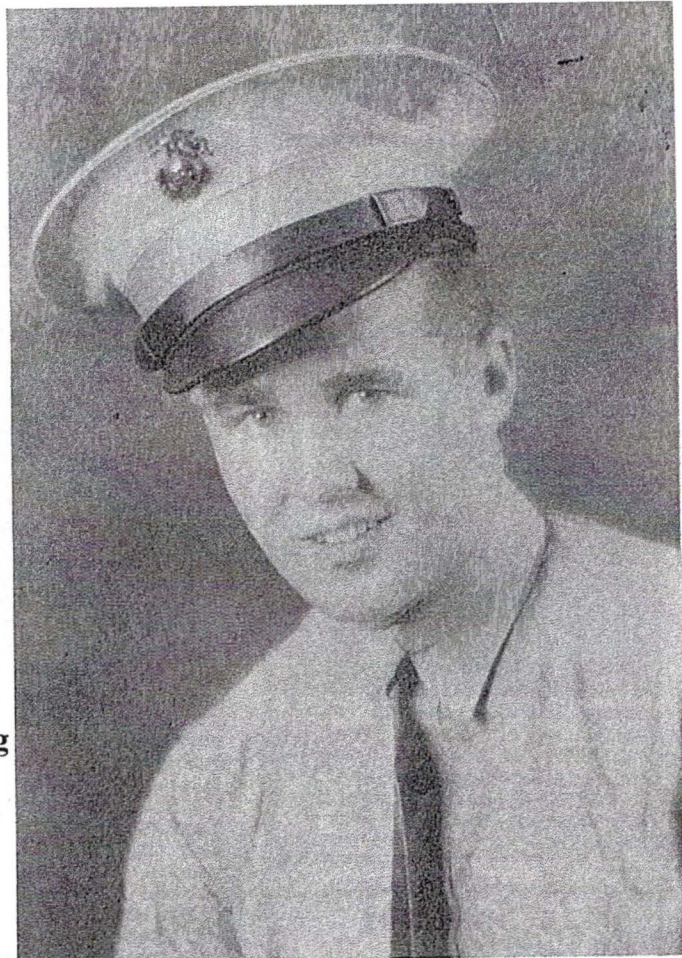
MABEL TUSTIN CALDWELL

The bridegroom was graduated from the Hickory High School, class of 1941, and was employed at the Dinsmore Garage, Hickory, prior to entering service Feb. 6, 1943. He received an honorable discharge Dec. 12 following extended service in the European Theater. His ETO Ribbon bears five Battle Stars.

HARRY LEE – CLASS OF 1942

On December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day) I was in the senior class at Hickory High School. After graduating in June, I enrolled in some summer classes at W & J College in Washington. I did not enroll in the fall semester because the draft board told me that I would be called up before the end of the year.

On December 7, 1942, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After boot training at Parris Island, S.C. I qualified to be in the Marine Air Corps and was sent to Cherry Point, NC. then transferred to the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, FL. for Aviation Machinist Mate training which lasted for six months. Returning to Cherry Point I was assigned to a medium bomber squadron (VMB-612) for training in bombing and gunnery. By that time I had been promoted to Sergeant.



My first furlough came the middle of December 1943. It was for two weeks and I had to report back to camp at noon on Christmas Day.

We continued training at Cherry Point and also at Boca Chica, FL then were shipped to the west coast in August 1944 then overseas. We stopped in Hawaii for one week then the next stop was Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. We waited for a month for General MacArthur to make his return to the Philippines. That action was delayed so our orders were changed and our squadron was sent to Saipan in the Marianas Islands. During the first month of operations we lost four planes. Some of the crewmen were rescued but all four navigators were lost. There were no replacements available from the states so they trained some of us aircrew men to be bombardier/navigators. I started flying missions in January of 1945. We flew at night searching for ships. As soon as Iwo Jima was secured we moved up there and could search the shores of Japan for more ships. The end of July we moved to Okinawa to get ready for the invasion of Japan which was scheduled for November 1945.

The war ended August 15th so we were sent back to the states. My rank at the end of the war was Tech/Sgt. I was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals. I was discharged the end of November 1945. Harry Lee



On Furlough
HHS 42

Elmer P. Hulick, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hulick, of Hickory, is spending a furlough at his home. He is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and will enter radio school upon his return.



Navy Air Cadet
HHS 42

Aviation Cadet Rolland E. Swihart, of Washington, R. D. 1, is now at the Naval Air Station at Glenview, Ill., having completed his pre-flight training at Chapel Hill, N. C. His aunts, Mrs. R. R. Chapman and Miss Emily D. Lyon, of Washington, R. D. 1, attended his graduation from pre-flight training. He is a son of Mrs. Goldie G. Swihart. He was classified as a pilot in his CPT course at Charleston, W. Va., but has now soloed in heavier planes.



Airplane Mechanic
HHS 42

Private Harry L. Lee, above, who enlisted in the Marine Corps last January and is stationed with a Marine Aviation Detachment at Jacksonville, Fla., was graduated September 11, 1943, as an Airplane Mechanic and was promoted to the rank of Corporal. A son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lester Lee, Cross Creek, he is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Township High School, Hickory.



In Seabees
HHS 42

Seaman Second Class James C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwin Miller, McDonald, R. D. 4, has been transferred to Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island. He entered the Navy in September and received his boot training with the Seabees at Camp Peary, Va.

Hickory Sailor Is \$64 Prize Winner On Radio Quiz Show
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It was the \$64 question that stumped a Georgia sailor on a radio broadcast last night, but with the assistance of his buddy, Seaman 2/c Albert White, of Hickory, the prize money went to the Navy men. On the popular quiz program, Double or Nothing, the seaman from Georgia had reached the last stage in the quiz and was willing to try for the top award. When the question came he sought the aid of two of his buddies and among them they solved the problem, a question on songs of this war. The program's sponsors presented each boy with \$64.

Seaman White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. White, of Hickory, is stationed at Bainbridge, Md. He enlisted in the Navy November, 1942, and was called for duty July 8, 1943. He is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Township High School.



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The former Lois Marie Clark, above, was married to First Lieutenant John C. Brust, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Brust Lancaster, September 5. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, 217 North Wade avenue.

MARION ALLISON HOON – CLASS OF 1943

Cadet Nurse Marion Allison entered the Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing in January 1944 to relieve Registered Nurses, who were leaving for military duty in World War 11.

The war was over by the time Marion graduated, so that actual military duty was not necessary. She worked at West Penn, Methodist Hospital in L.A., New York State, (St. Lukes in Newberg & Rehab Hospital (N.Y. State Hosp.) on the Huron River.)

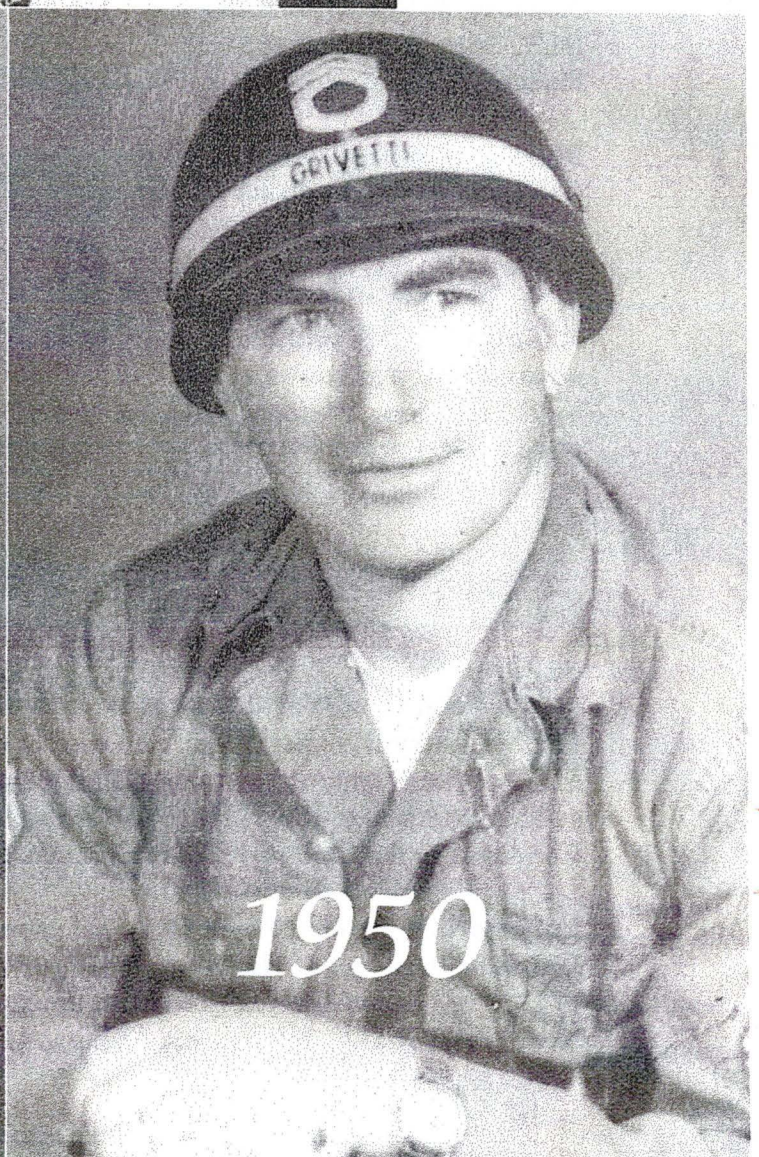
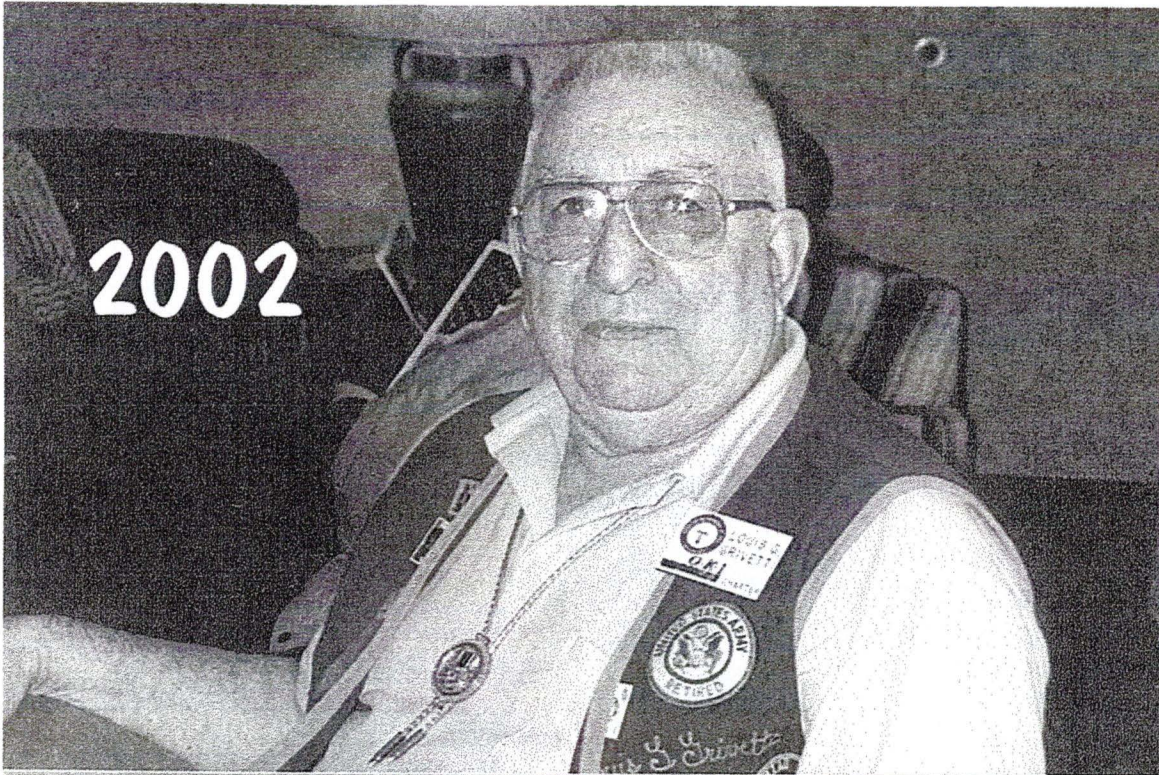
Marion's husband, John H. Hoon, was a full Colonel and served as an Army Doctor in the police action in Korea, moving around in the field hospitals (like the Mash Units). He said the ammunition was stored right by the hospital. Winters in Korea were severely cold.



LOUIS WILLIAM GRIVETTI – CLASS OF 1943

I am a Veteran of World War 11 and the Battle of the Bulge. I am a member of the 106th Infantry Division Assoc. and the American Ex-Prisoner of War Assoc. I was a POW of the Germans at Stalag 4B and a labor camp in Dresden, Germany known as Slaughterhouse-Five. This POW camp was popularized by fellow POW, Kurt Vonnegut in his 1969 novel of the same name.

I was born in Export, PA in 1925 and grew up in the small mining town of Westland and went to school at Hickory. I was inducted into the US Army on December 20, 1943 at the age of 18. On the 10th of January, 1944 I departed from Westland to basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. I was then sent to Camp Atterbury,



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Indiana into the 106th Infantry Division, Company K, 423rd Inf. Regiment. I was assigned as an assistant B.A.R. man (he's the guy that carries extra ammunition for the Browning automatic rifle. On October 17, 1944 we sailed from New York City. We crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 5 days aboard the converted luxury liner Queen Elizabeth, the fastest and largest ship of the time. We landed in Scotland on my 19th birthday, October 24th. We then trained in Cheltenham, England. We then crossed the English Channel to LeHavre, France sometime toward the end of November. On December 11th, our unit arrived on the front lines to relieve the 2nd Indian Head Division, who joked that the war was over. This proved to be a grave understatement. On the 16th of December 1944, Hitler launched a surprise attack that caught the Allies off guard. He attacked with 3 armies of 500,000 soldiers and 1000 tanks supported by artillery. Hitler planned to split the British and American forces in a huge "bulge" that would reach the key port of Antwerp, Belgium. Thus the battle became known as the "Battle of the Bulge". At dawn on the 16th of December, the German Army struck with a deafening Artillery barrage. The young and inexperienced troop of the 106th Infantry Division was one of the first units to be hit. The division had been spread dangerously thin over many miles of terrain. For 3 days the units fought with no food and little ammunition as well as no hope for reinforcements. Two-thirds of the Division were ordered to surrender by our officers. The Americans suffered 100,000 casualties including 19,000 killed and 15,000 captured. The Germans suffered 100,000 casualties and depleted their last weapon reserves. After the war a top German General admitted that valuable time was lost trying to defeat the 106th, time that eventually cost them the battle.

For many of us, we became Kriegsgefangeners or "kreiges:, German Prisoners of War. Before our surrender we tried to destroy as much of our equipment as possible to keep it out of enemy hands. I dismantled my Garand M-1 and scattered the small pieces around. I beat the rest of the rifle against a tree to destroy the barrel. I buried my grenades. We were marched for several days without food and only snow for water. Eventually we were loaded onto small boxcars called "40 and 8's". These boxcars were meant to carry 8 horses or 40 people but instead 60 prisoners were packed in each car. They had to take turns sitting or piled on top of each other to keep warm. The prisoners were confined for 10 days with only our helmets to be used as toilets. On the night of December 23, 1944 the train was placed on a side track in a rail yard near Limburg, that night the British bombed our train also nearby Stalag 12A, many prisoners perished. On New Years Eve the train reached Stalag 4B, Muhlberg. This was a POW camp of several thousand with many nationalities, mostly British airmen and Russians. Hated by the Germans, they were very ill-treated; we were lodged in with the British. It was here we Americans were processed as POW's, interrogated, deloused and received POW identification tags. We were then allowed to write a postcard to our family, censored by the Germans and delivered by the Red Cross, "we did enjoy having tea with the Brits". A few days later the Germans selected a group of us including myself to be sent south to Dresden to a work camp, Arbeitskommando 1169. Our barracks was building number 5 of the slaughterhouse, which had been

Louis William Grivetti – con't

used as a hog killing area now converted to our new home with double bunks and straw mattresses. Roll call every morning in the dark, given a cup of ersatz coffee (artificial coffee). We worked from dawn to dusk every day, returning each evening we received a slice of black bread, which included sawdust as an ingredient and a bowl of thin soup usually made of potato peelings. Our building had no facilities to bathe or clean our clothing. As you might expect the prisoners lost weight rapidly, many suffering from dysentery.

Dresden was the picturesque capital of the Saxon region of Germany, it had beautiful Baroque palaces, churches, museums and opera houses. This 800 year old city was the center of art and music and had been virtually untouched by the ravages of war. This changed on Ash Wednesday – Valentine's Day, February 13 and 14, 1945 when 800 British Lancaster bombers at night and 500 American B-17's dropped 4,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs on the city on 3 separate raids. Dresden was completely destroyed by the fire storm a fire tornado that tore buildings apart and sucked the oxygen out of the city, 135,000 died most from suffocation and many burned. The heat reached 3,000 degrees, enough to melt glass, metal and some stone work's. More people perished than the combined death tolls of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Myself and the other POW's of Slaughterhouse 5 survived because we were led by our guards to a subterranean meat locker 3 levels below the streets. When we came out Dresden was a sea of burning rubble, which burned for a week. The dead was everywhere. Our living area had been destroyed, they moved us to the outskirts of the city to a camp that held South African POW's. All of our belongings and Guards equipment were loaded on a large wagon plus 2 halves of beef that we carried from the burned out building. They were turned over to the new camp guards. For several days we had some good soup. The zoo was bombed and animals ran free although many were killed. For months afterwards the POW's were forced to dig through rubble to pull out the bodies, which were then burned in large piles to prevent the spread of disease. Many bodies were found under the train station since thousands of refugees were going through the city. We were forced to go down into the shelters and drag the bodies out, this gruesome work was done without any protective gear, using only rags over our faces to prevent breathing of dust and smell. Some of the guards like one guard we called "Junior", a 17 year old Hitler youth were cruel and warned us against plundering (stealing) anything from the rubble. We would search the victims backpack and cellars to find food to help to survive.

On Palm Sunday 1945, one of our POW's was executed for taking a jar of string beans from a cellar, he was caught by German S. S. Four of our POW's were forced to watch this while the grave was dug. He was 19, from Philadelphia. On April 11 another of our group died of malnutrition in a makeshift hospital. He was from Rochester, New York. Days later, with the Russian Army approaching towards Dresden, the guards marched the prisoners out of Dresden towards Czechoslovakia, we arrived near the Czech border. For 2 weeks the POW's slept on a dance hall floor of a Gasthaus (inn) in the tiny mountain village of Hellendorf. Food was scarce, the guards allowed us to pick dandelions along a small stream at the rear of the building, they cooked well for soup, to hold off starvation.

Eventually the prisoners left the village and joined thousands of refugees jamming the roads to flee the Russians. One day our guards disappeared and the men were free but not yet out of danger. We ran into small groups of Russians, one of our men could speak Czech, so we were able to avoid any confrontation with the Russians.

On May 8, 1945 the war was ended but took days for the word to spread, with German soldiers, refugees and liberated POW's on the roads, Russian fighters attacked, strafing anything that moved. In the confusion many of the men became separated into small groups ending the men of Slaughterhouse 5, trickling back to safety of the American lines. We joined thousands of other now Ex-Prisoners of War at Camp Lucky Strike a rehabilitation facility in LeHavre Frnce. By the summer, the men were home. Their ordeal was over but the memories of the war and Dresden would always remain. Many of us keep in contact with each other.

George Bloomingburg of Western Kentucky and myself met Kurt Vonnegut, the author of the book "Slaughterhouse 5", for a television interview in Lexington, Kentucky, where he autographed my book with the character sketch that he identifies himself with.


I retired after having served 21 years in the U.S. Army. I was in Germany twice, Japan, Korea and many stateside Posts. Louis William Grivetti

HHS 42
Weds Officer



Mrs. Robert B. Walker, the former Lenore Retzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Retzer, Hickory, became the bride of Lt. Walker, of Somerset, at a ceremony last Wednesday evening in the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church of Hickory. The Rev. Charles Stunkard, pastor of the Fredonia Presbyterian Church, officiated at the marriage of his granddaughter.

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DONALD CALDWELL

Hickory Navy Man HHS 42
Transfers To Marines

Phar. Mate 3/c Donald S. Caldwell, who has been stationed at the Naval Air Station at Pasco, Wash., for the past 19 months, is spending a short leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell, Hickory, R. D. He is transferring from the Navy to the Marine Corps and will leave today for Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., where he will undergo three months of training.

HHS 42
At Southern Camp



Pvt. John Zapotosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zapotosky, Westland, spent a furlough at his home recently, due to the illness of his mother. He is stationed at Camp Croft, S. C.

PAUL L. SALANSKY – CLASS OF 1943

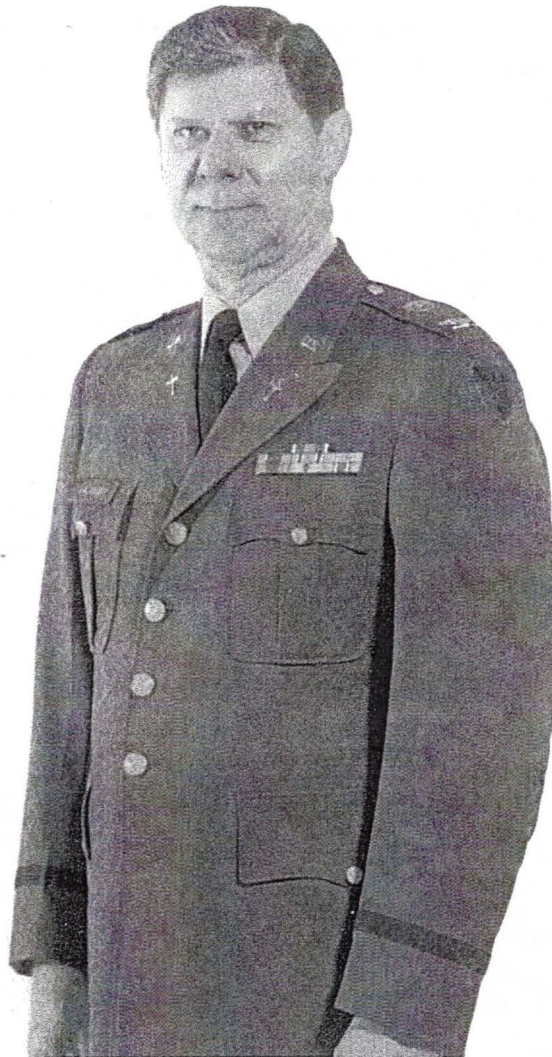
By the time I graduated from high school in 1943 our country was involved in World War II. In order to build up our forces the draft was put in place and hundreds of thousands of young Americans were either drafted or volunteered to serve in the various branches of the military.

Rather than wait to be drafted I volunteered. By doing so I could select the branch of service I wanted to go into. My desire was to become an aviator in the Army Air Corps. My ambition was to train as a pilot, navigator or bombardier. These were of officer ranks and that's what I wanted to be. But in order to be considered I had to take a series of tests, mental and physical, which I managed to pass and was selected as an aviation cadet.

The process began by attending basic training for four months in Greensboro, S. C. from August to December 1943. I got through the rigors of that training without any difficulty.

When I completed basic, I was sent to Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio to train as an aviation student. There were 55 of us in our class with the common goal of being selected for flight training. In addition to taking the regular academic courses we received 10 hours of flying time with an instructor in Piper Cub airplanes. I was thrilled to have the opportunity. It was a time of testing to see if we were qualified to go on to the next level. Needless to say, I completed that phase of training with flying colors (pun intended).

After Cleveland the next step was Austin, Texas where we were put through another battery of tests. This was the final showdown – the final selection process. Of course, all of us were on pins and needles awaiting the results. The bomb dropped on 50 of us. Only five were selected. We were told that the reason for the large number of rejections was that the war was winding down and not as many pilots,



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navigators and bombardiers were needed. That was good to know, but it thwarted our ambitions.

However the Army does not go along without a plan. When we got the disappointing news, we were told that we would have to go through another battery of tests to determine whether we would be qualified as crew chiefs, gunners or radio-operator-mechanics. I scored high enough on the tests for any one of the three positions. I decided to train as a radio-operator-mechanic.

As a result of the testing each member of our class was sent to his chosen field for further training. Those of us who chose to become radio-operator-mechanics were sent as students to the radio-operator-mechanic school in Sioux Falls, S.D. where we learned how radio receivers and transmitters worked and the dits and dots of the Morse Code system.

From South Dakota I was dispatched to the radio-operator-mechanic training unit in Sedalia, Missouri to put into practice what I had learned at Sioux Falls. It was in Sedalia where our flight crew came together consisting of a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and radio-operator-mechanic. We were given our own C-47 airplane. On it we honed the skills in which we were trained. Now that we were fully trained we were ready for overseas duty.

In June 1945 we flew our plane to the Port of Embarkation at Salinas, California. Two weeks after arriving, we were scheduled to fly across the Pacific to our overseas assignment – Luzon. However our orders were delayed because our plane had developed an engine problem. The defective part had to be ordered from New York. It took two weeks for it to arrive. While we were waiting the Atomic Bombs were dropped on Japan and the war was over. Our orders were to remain in Salinas until further notice. We were grounded there for three months. It was during that period of delay that I felt a call to go into the ministry while attending a youth retreat sponsored by the church I was going to.

After a very pleasant stay in sunny California, orders finally came through for overseas duty in China. I was dispatched without my plane or crew and went alone. One would think that the most direct route from California to China would be to go across the Pacific Ocean. Instead my orders were to go east instead of west. So I took a train to N.Y, flew across the Atlantic, across north Africa, stopping and staying a few days at Casablanca and Cairo, over Iran to India, laying over in Karachi and Calcutta, across Burma and finally to China. After spending about three weeks in Shanghai, I was finally sent to my permanent station in Peiping (the name of the capitol of China at that time). We were put up in Hostel #3, which was a seven-story hotel. (A rough assignment, huh?)

The unit I was with was the 513th Troop Carrier Command (TCC), 10th Air Force (China). It was a support and supply unit (not combat) so our mission was to

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transport troops and supplies and check on communist movements. One especially hairy trip was to the Gobi Desert where there seemed to be a lot of communist activity. When we landed, we were surrounded by troops with guns aimed at us. These were tense moments until we were cleared to complete our mission. Fortunately no shots were fired.

After spending seven months in Peiping my overseas duty came to an end. I returned to the U.S. on a troop carrier ship. We set sail May 7, 1946 from Shanghai across the Pacific. Almost immediately after arriving in San Francisco I boarded a train which headed eastward to the separation Center at Camp Atterbury, Indiana where I was honorably discharged on May 15, 1946 after spending two years, nine months and 17 days on active duty. The interesting thing about my assignment overseas is that I had traveled completely around the world.

When I was discharged I was given the opportunity to continue serving our nation in the Army Reserve and took it. When I was in college at W & J, I enrolled in the ROTC program and upon graduation received my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps. That was in July 1951. I remained a transportation officer (reserve) for seven years – three while I was in seminary and four after I was ordained. Then I transferred to the Army Chaplain Corps where I served for 25 years. My total length of service, enlisted and reserve officer, came to 35 years. I retired in October 1983.

I served in all types of units: ordnance, infantry, medical, transportation, logistics and was Staff Chaplain of the Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) for five years.

I received promotions on a regular basis, all the way up to full Colonel. The Commanding General of the ARCOM where I served as Staff Chaplain recommended me for promotion to Brigadier General. Part of the citation he submitted to the promotion board is as follows:

“Chaplain (Colonel) Salansky, during his career in both the civilian and military fields, has consistently advanced in both duty positions requiring a higher level of responsibility. He has without exception discharged these duties in an outstanding manner and with distinction.”

“Chaplain Salansky’s broad background and activities in the civilian and military communities...distinguishes him as an individual willing to assume greater responsibilities and is able morally and professionally to discharge these duties. He is eminently qualified to assume the position of Brigadier General, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Office Chief of Chaplains, Headquarters Department of the Army, and I strongly recommend him for such position.”

**Wilber J. Bunting,
Major General, USAR, Commanding.**

As hard as the General tried to get me promoted the competition was so stringent that I didn't make it. The man who was selected to the position was president of the seminary in St. Louis. However it was an honor to be considered.

I love my country and was proud to serve. And my prayer is that God will continue to bless America.

Decorations received:

Medals:

- Good Conduct
- Victory Medal WW 11
- Army Reserve Component
- Armed Forces Reserve
- Army Commendation
- Meritorious Service
- Legion of Merit

Ribbons:

- American Theater
- Asiatic Pacific Theater

Wings: Army Air Force Member Badge

Chaplain (Colonel) Paul L. Salansky (USAR) (Ret.)

Hickory Soldiers Given Discharges
HHS 41

HICKORY, Dec. 13.—Four local servicemen were honorably discharged from the Army recently. T/5 James A. Caldwell, who has served 21 months overseas with the Second Signal Battalion, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Caldwell. He served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. HHS 38

AM 2/C David Frye received his discharge at Corpus Christi, Tex. and is at the home of his mother, Mrs. Viola Frye. Hen entered the service in October, 1942, and spent 18 months on Guam. A brother, Cpl. William Frye, received his discharge from service recently at Richmond, Va. HHS 37

T/4 Arthur F. Carl, who is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Carl, following his discharge, served with an ordnance division in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, American Defense and Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbons. HHS 37

Sgt. Keller Stamy has returned to Holabird, Md., following a short furlough spent with his mother, Mrs. A. C. Stamy and brother, Eddie.



SHERMAN GARY
discharged 1945

HHS # 43
Frank Pawlosky Is Commissioned Ensign

NEW YORK, July 5.—Midshipman Frank X. Pawlosky, son of Mrs. Leona Pawlosky, of Westland, Pa., was among 865 men commissioned as Ensigns, United States Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held today in the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City. The group was the 24th class to be graduated from the oldest and largest Naval Reserve Officer Training School, and brings the total number of graduates from the Training Center to approximately 22,000. Principal speaker at the ceremony was Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, USN, Commandant, Third Naval District.

To Wed Ensign
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Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Phillips, Woodrow, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mildred Evelyn Phillips, to Ensign Frank Pawlosky of the United States Naval Reserve. He is the son of Mrs. Leona Pawlosky, Westland.

The betrothal was revealed at a party which was held at the North Island Officers Club, San Diego, Calif., Tuesday, November 13. Guests were the officers of the U. S. S. Sitkoh Bay, the aircraft escort carrier to which Ensign Pawlosky, is attached.

Miss Phillips recently returned to her home following a visit in New York City and San Diego, Calif.

JACK CALDWELL – CLASS OF 1944



Picture taken the fall of 1944

The class of 1944 graduated on May 29, 1944, nine days before June 6, 1944 – D-Day invasion at Normandy. Our commencement speaker was A.K. (Rosy) Roswell, the radio voice of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team. I remember him arriving in a white convertible accompanied by classmate Violet Machek's relative. Five classmates had already left school for enlistment in the U.S. Navy, i.e. Bill Clark, Glen Bedillion, Leman Frye, Harry McBride and David Weaverling. Ernie Rossi quit earlier to work in Westland Mine, but was drafted into the Army Engineers and Raymond Cowden quit to work on the family farm.

Following graduation, eleven classmates entered the military, i.e. Andrew Brindak, Bill Carlisle, Martha Conner Palmer, Louis

Furlin, Eugene Gilbert, Wendell Hoop, Donald McAllister, Vance Smith, Clifford Tustin, Bob White and Jack Caldwell. In our Sophomore or Junior year, I recall Supervising Principal, George Baker's assembly of all students for the introduction of Lt. Virginio Antonioli, a graduate of Hickory High School Class of '37 and West Point Military Academy. He was really impressive, speaking about his experiences at West Point, and he made us all want to be achievers and proud to be Americans. Patriotic songs were sung.

I remember Mr. Baker urging 17 yr. old graduates to consider the free six-month engineering course being offered by the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program, (ASTRP), that was equivalent to one year's college credit. Classmate Bob White and I were accepted and enlisted June 27, 1944. He was sent to the University of Pittsburgh and I was sent to on August 1, 1944 to the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA. The two-semester course was extremely tough and included military science and physical education. One of my three roommates was Robert McCartney, a graduate of McDonald High School. This "inactive" duty, without remuneration or travel pay, was completed in January 1945.

My active military journey in the Army started February 12, 1945 at the Induction Center, New Cumberland, PA, and ended November 28, 1946 with an honorable discharge at the Separation Center in Baltimore, MD. Briefly it included these stops:

- Macon, GA – Camp Wheeler – Basic Training
- Portland, OR – Camp Adair - Advanced Infantry Training
- Pittsburg, CA – Embarkation Depot
- Manila, P.I. – Replacement Depot
- Yokohoma, Japan – 155th Station Hospital
- Seattle, WA – Debarkation Center
- Baltimore, MD – Fr. Geo. G. Meade, Separation Center

A few remembrances/recollections include:

- * Honoring President Roosevelt's passing on April 12, 1945. Marching and standing at attention.
- * Celebrating the end of European War on May 12, 1945 – VE Day
- * Receiving Expert Infantryman's Badge after passing a tough obstacle course.
- * Crossing the U.S. via troop train, passing through McDonald (so close to Hickory), crossing the mighty Mississippi River in the caboose with train crew enroute to Oregon.
- * Boarding a Liberty Ship, passing under the Golden Gate Bridge enroute to Manila, P.I. Learning about the Atomic Bomb and the end of the War on September 2, 1945 – VJ Day.
- * Arrival at Manila Replacement Depot and assignment as typist to 155th Station Hospital that was departing via hospital ship "Hope" for Yokohoma, Japan.
- * Arriving at Yokohoma and being housed in tents, then 2-story brick building to serve occupation forces in Yokohoma area.
- * Working in Personnel section for next 12 months. Rising to Technical Sergeant
- * Climbing Mt. Fuji, riding electric trains, playing softball for hospital team. During Tokyo tournament, met Paul Demnyan from Primrose who played on the 101st Airborne Team.

Instead of becoming an infantry replacement in the Eighth Army under the command of General Eichelberger, I became a typist and an Administrative NCO, thanks to President Truman's decision to drop the Atomic Bomb, ending the war with Japan. Upon accumulation of sufficient points, I elected to return home rather than continue in the Occupational Forces.

I corresponded with Elaine Reedy, class of 1945 and we married in 1949 becoming the proud parents of three children, grandparents of eight and great-grandparents of one, to date.

Hickory Soldier Ends
Course In Virginia ^{HHS}₄₄

Pvt. Jack Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell, Hickory, R. D., has completed a course at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., and is spending two weeks at his home. He will report for basic training at New Cumberland.

Jack Caldwell

DONALD McALLISTER - CLASS OF 1944

At age 17, I knew being drafted was certain. The Air Force was most appealing. In February, I went to Houston and got on a swaying & wobbling street car to Pittsburgh. I enlisted in the Air Force. I was sent a notice to report for duty in August. I was hoping to be a pilot, but was sent to mechanic school (not my choice) and went to Chatum Field, training crews to fly B-29's. Later I was sent to an overseas replacement base, Kerns Field - Utah.

A B-29 crew dropped the Bomb. War ended!

Don McAllister

Rescued By "Underground" In Italy, Is Killed In France

A former County soldier, Cpl. William C. Cooper, who was rescued by the "Underground" during the Italian campaign, was killed in France later.

Word has been received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Cooper, who resided at Cross Creek until moving to Wellston, O., two years ago, that their son, Cpl. William C. Cooper, 26, was killed in action in France, Aug. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Cooper are residents of 1129 South Pennsylvania avenue, Wellston, where Mr. Cooper is engaged in the lumber and sawmill business.

Cpl. Cooper had been in service since April of 1941, and had been on overseas duty as a paratrooper since June of 1942. He was a member of the first group of paratroopers used in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns before being transferred to the French invasion forces.

During the Italian campaign, Cpl. Cooper was reported missing in action for 21 days, and through help of the "Underground",

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**WILLIAM C. COOPER
In India**

When he was lost behind the enemy lines, was finally able to reach the British Eighth Army and return to his own outfit.

Cpl. Cooper also received two citations in Italy for outstanding bravery and performance in line of duty, and had been hospitalized on two occasions for wounds received in combat. He was awarded the Purple Heart, and several Oak Leaf Clusters.

Cpl. Cooper, who attended grade school and high school in Washington County, is survived by his parents; two brothers serving overseas, T/Sgt. Floyd Cooper, in the South Pacific theater, and Cpl. Herbert Cooper, in England; four other brothers, A. Clinton Cooper, Wellston, O.; Blanchard Cooper, Washington, D. C., Robert and Thomas and two sisters, Alice and Virginia, who reside with their parents.

No definite word has been received from the War Department as yet as to the circumstances under which Cpl. Cooper gave his life but it is believed that it was in the invasion of Southern France.

Hickory Seaman Wins High Commendation

Harry Stewart McBride, Jr. Seaman, 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. McBride, Hickory, has received a commendation for outstanding service and meritorious conduct as a member of the crew of USS Cabot on November 25, 1944. The action was off the west coast of the Philippines while the vessel was under attack by Japanese aircraft. During and after a heavy assault he "displayed unusual ability, skill and untiring devotion to duty", as stated by his commanding officer.



PFC. GEORGE SCHURR

HHS 44
At Norfolk



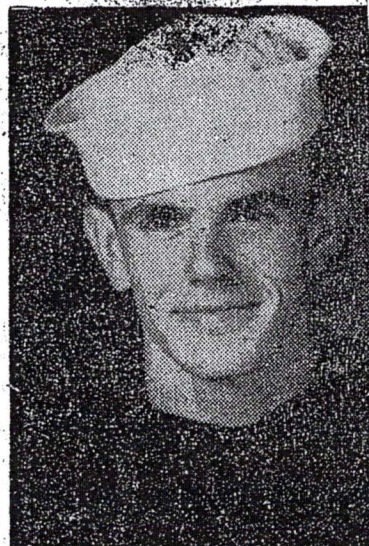
Ernest Rossi, who has been Army training the past six months, has returned to Norfolk, following a ten-day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Rossi, Hickory.

JOHN H. WAGNER – CLASS OF 1944

John served in the Army Air Forces during World War 11, serving with an American Flying Fortress group as a waist gunner. He participated in 31 missions, of which 13 were daylight bombing attacks on Hitler's "European Fortress." During his service, John was awarded the Air Medal with an oak leaf cluster and Distinguished Flying Cross. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8803 of Tidioute and a former member and trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 553 of Strabane. Full military rites were accorded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 of Canonsburg and American Legion Post 902.

John Wagner passed away on June 4, 2006

Hulick Brothers In Navy Within Four Months



HHS '33 JOHN HULICK, discharged 1946

HHS '36 WILLIAM HULICK, discharged 1946

HHS '42 ELMER HULICK, discharged 1945

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hulick, Hickory, all entered the Navy within four months time. Petty Officer 2/c John C. Hulick, the eldest son, enlisted Sept. 25, 1943. He is now at Camp Peary, Va., assigned to the SeaBees Military Police. Chaplain William A. Hulick entered in June, 1943, and was graduated from the William and Mary College Chaplain training center. He is now in New Guinea with the Naval Construction Battalion. Seaman 1/c Elmer P. Hulick entered service Sept. 4, 1943, and was graduated from radio school at Northwestern University. He is now located in the South Pacific as radioman on a ship.



At Keesler

Miss Mary Lou Walters, Hickory, has received word that her brother, Private Robert J. Walters, above, is taking mechanical training at the Air Forces Technical School, Keesler Field, Miss. Private Walters is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Walters, Louisville, Ky., and entered the service in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Warne of Hickory, have received word that their son Cpl. Theodore Warne, is now at Camp Polk, La., after attending machine gun school in Texas. He entered the service June 11, 1943 and received basic training at Camp Bowie, Tex.



ROBERT A. WHITE - CLASS OF 1944

Robert was born on September 24, 1926, graduate of Hickory High School and attended Westminster College and University of Pittsburgh. He served as an Aerial Gunner in World War 11 and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War.

Robert White passed away on October 26, 2001.

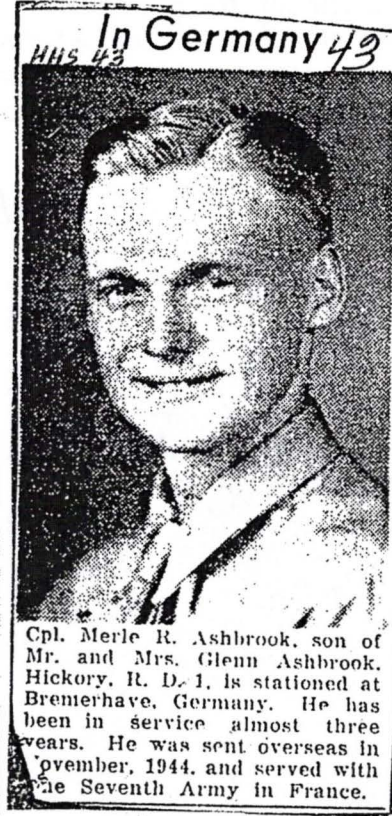
*Frye Brothers Of Hickory
Serve In States And Abroad*



HHS 38 DAVID FRYE
discharged 1946

HHS JAMES FRYE 40
discharged 1945

Mrs. Sara V. Frye, Hickory, has four sons in the service. A/M 2/C Petty Officer David Lynn Frye is stationed at San Francisco, Calif. He was employed at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore. Pfc. James Milton Frye participated in the North African and Italian campaigns and is now an anti-aircraft instructor in North Carolina.



Cpl. Merle R. Ashbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ashbrook, Hickory, R. D. 1, is stationed at Bremerhave, Germany. He has been in service almost three years. He was sent overseas in November, 1944, and served with the Seventh Army in France.



HARRY FRYE
discharged 1946

HHS 42 WILLIAM FRYE
discharged 1946

He wears the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Good Conduct medal. Cpl. William Edgar Frye is with an engineers division in France. Harry Lemman Frye is serving in the Pacific. He was attending high school when he enlisted. The men are brothers of Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood, Mrs. Sam H. Rankin, Mrs. Howard Sheller and Mrs. Milton Marquis.



Clifford Miller Tustin, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tustin, Washington, R. D. 1, has been accepted for air combat crew training. He is graduate of Hickory High School last May and was employed at Hazel-Atlas No. 2 plant.

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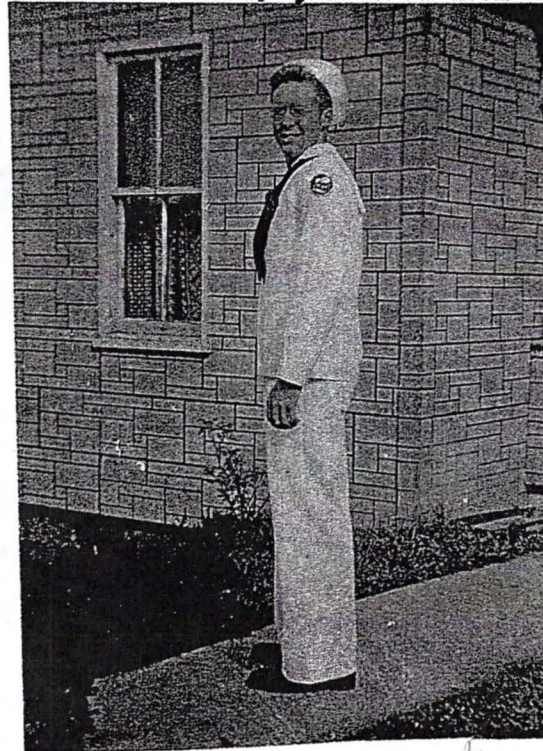


Gunner's Mate, 3/c Roy Atchison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atchison, of Westland, Calif., is in a hospital at Long Beach, Calif., recovering from 22 shrapnel wounds and two broken ribs received while on duty in the South Pacific. Atchison telephoned his parents from California.

HARRY "SONNY" FEHL CLASS OF 1945

UNITED STATES NAVY

1945



To Wed Sergeant



The engagement of Miss Beryl Briggs to S/Sgt. Reamond C. Smiley is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Briggs, Hickory, R. D. 1. Sgt. Smiley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley, of Bayington. He returned to the States June 12 after spending 22 months as a prisoner of war in Germany. No date has been set for the wedding.

Submitted by Karen Fehl Duchess, Sister

Pvt. Vance Smith To Report To Meade

Pvt. Vance Smith is spending a seven-day delay en route from Camp Howze, Tex., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Smith, near Hickory. He will report for reassignment to Camp Meade, Md.

Serving In Pacific Area

MCDONALD, April 10.—David Weaverling, of Mt. Pleasant Township, serving in the U. S. Navy, told in a recent letter of enjoying an Easter sunrise service in Hawaii. He has met no one from home during his one year of service in Pacific area.

T/5 John O. Lanier Is In Pacific Area

HICKORY, June 29—Mrs. Raymond Marquis has received word from her brother, T/5 John O. Lanier, stating that he has arrived in the Pacific theater. Cpl. Lanier enlisted in the Army, May 6, 1942, took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was then transferred to Camp Edwards, Mass., where he was assigned to the Headquarters Company as administrative NCO in Finance and Personnel. Cpl. Lanier before entering service was employed by the Montour Railroad Company.

ROBERT REED WHITE – CLASS OF 1946

Bob was born February 28, 1929 in Hickory and graduated from Hickory High School in 1946. Following World War 11, he served in the Army Occupation Forces in Korea and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. Bob was a member of the American Legion and Disabled Americans Veterans.

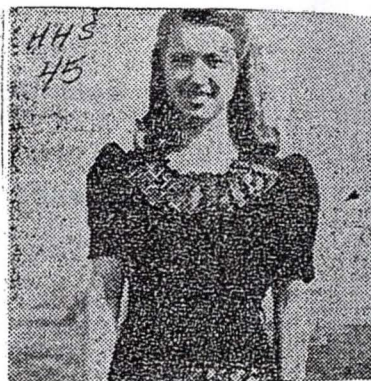
Bob White passed away on October 23, 2002.

Three Fisher Brothers Are In U. S. Air Force

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fisher, North Main street extension, are in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Corporal Lester Fisher, left, entered the service in November, 1942, and trained for radar at Robbins Field, Ga. Aviation Cadet Irvin Fisher, center, who has been in the Air Corps since last March, is taking pre-flight training at Santa Ana, Calif. Private First Class Carl Fisher, right, is taking engineering and airplane mechanics at Westover Field, Mass.

Hickory Seaman Wins High Commendation

HHS 45
Harry Stewart McBride, Jr., Seaman, 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. McBride, Hickory, has received a commendation for outstanding service and meritorious conduct as a member of the crew of USS Cabot on November 25, 1944. The action was off the west coast of the Philippines while the vessel was under attack by Japanese aircraft. During and after a heavy assault he "displayed unusual ability, skill and untiring devotion to duty", as stated by his commanding officer.



The engagement of Miss Leora Ashbrook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ashbrook, Hickory, R. D. 1, to Clarence Burt, son of Mrs. Florence Burt, 106 Highland avenue, Washington, has been announced by the bride-elect's parents. Mr. Burt received an honorable discharge two weeks ago after almost five years service in the armed forces. No date has been set for the wedding.

GLENN ALLEN GRIFFITH – CLASS OF 1947

Glenn served in the US Army with A Battery, 67th Army Air Forces Gunnery Battalion in Fort Bliss, Texas.

WILLARD K. "BUD" ALLISON – CLASS OF 1946

Bud became
a Lieutenant
in the United
States Army.

He served as
an Artillery
Officer over
in Korea.



Picture of Bud in Hawaii January 1952 – Before his deployment to Korea

Submitted by Marion Allison Hoon, sister

White Brothers And Sister Are In Uniform



LT. ALVIN D. WHITE
MHS 38



HNS ALBERT W. WHITE
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CADET MARY L. WHITE
MHS 43

Two sons and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. White, Sr., Hickory, are in uniform. Lt. Alvin D. White, Jr., entered the Army, Aug. 14, 1942, and was commissioned at Camp Davis, N. C., in April 1943. He left for overseas last November and is now with the Seventh Army, as first lieutenant and company commander. He was slightly wounded April 4 and has received the Purple Heart. His wife, Laura Cowden White and daughter, Laura Lee, reside at 77 Wilson avenue. Albert William White is now in Navy V-12 unit at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He enlisted in the Navy in July, 1943, and graduated last July from Quartermaster School at Sampson, N. Y. Mary Laura White is taking cadet nurse training at West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh. She entered the hospital Feb. 1, 1944.

THOMAS F. ATCHISON SR. – CLASS OF 1946

Thomas was born November 20, 1926, and graduated from Hickory High School in 1946. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War 11, earning the Army of Occupation Medal and World War 11 Victory Medal. Military rites were accorded graveside by Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post 175.

Thomas Atchison, Sr. passed away on February 2, 2005

EDWARD M. DeBLANDER – CLASS OF 1946

Edward was born February 11, 1928, in Primrose and graduated from Hickory High School. He was a U. S. Army veteran, serving in Korea during the Korean War. Full military rites were accorded graveside by the honor guards of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 of Canonsburg and American Legion Post 902 of Houston.

Edward DeBlander passed away on October 22, 2005

CARL R. “Wee-Wee” FEHL – CLASS OF 1946

Carl was born September 12, 1928 in Southview and graduated from Hickory High School in 1946.

He was a World War 11 Veteran of the United States Army.

Carl Fehl passed away on February 10, 2003.

Submitted by
Karen Fehl Duchess,
Sister



BETTY JEAN MARQUIS BIGELOW – CLASS OF 1947



My military service was short. I graduated from the Washington School of Nursing in 1950. I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corp. in February of 1951 as a 2nd Lt. and served 2 years at Elgin Air Force Base in Pensacola, Florida. I really enjoyed all my time spent in the service.

I met my husband there and will be married 55 years in November. We have two girls, Pamela and Tracey.

Picture was taken on April 1951 at Elgin Air Force Base, Pensacola, Florida.

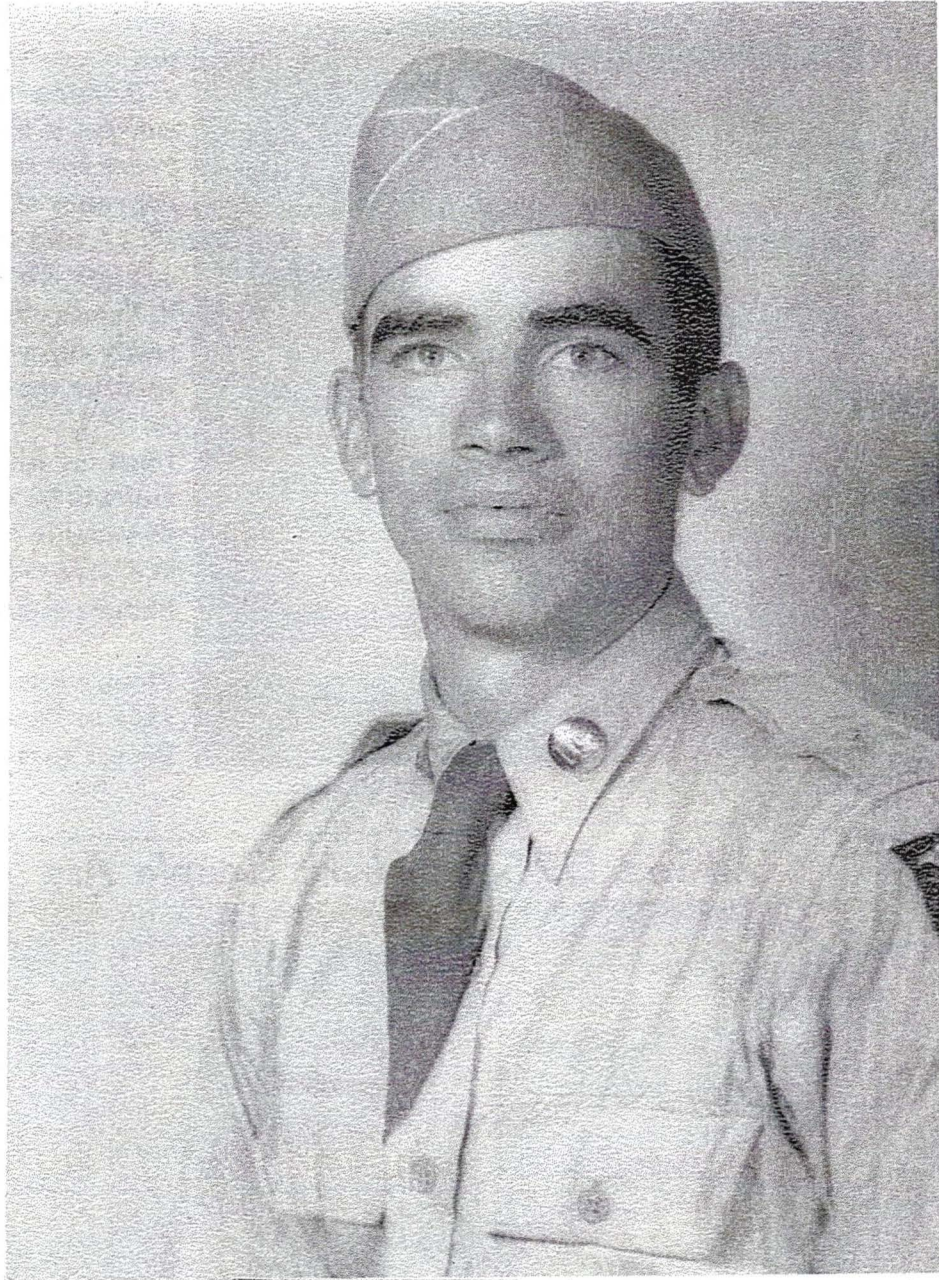
All Sons Of Canonsburg Couple Are In Service



All three sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Robinson, Canonsburg, are in the armed forces. Sergeant Charles K. Robinson, left, enlisted in October, 1940, and is now in Trinidad; Private Clair A. Robinson, center, enlisted in October, 1942, and is at Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Private Harry Robinson Jr., right, who enlisted last December, has but recently returned to his base at Ft. Knox, Ky., after spending a short furlough at home.

SAMUEL W. FINDLING - CLASS OF 1947

I was inducted into the Army on August 16, 1951 and took basic training and went to clerical school at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. and graduated on Feb. 1, 1952. I was then shipped to Pusan, Korea where I was assigned to the 60th Engineer Co. as an Operation Dispatcher. I spent 16 ½ months overseas and I was awarded the KSM, UN Service Medal and the R.O.K. Pres. Citation. On August 1, 1953, I was discharged from Fort Sheridan, Ill. with the rank of Cpl.



Is In Philippines

Mrs. Louise Findling, of Hickory, has received word that her husband, F 1/C Lester C. Findling is serving on a repair ship somewhere in the Philippines. He received his basic training at Bainbridge, Md., later attending Diesel School at Gulfport, Miss. Prior to his induction, Aug. 18, 1944, Fireman Findling was employed at the Flannery Bolt Company, Bridgeville.

Major W. F. Brand Is Given Bronze Star

WITH 9th ARMORED DIVISION ON THE WESTERN FRONT — Maj. William F. Brand, Jr., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievements against the enemy in Western Europe Feb. 28 to March 12, this year, in Germany, it was announced by Maj. D. S. Hull, commander.

Major Brand took part in the 9th Armored Division's outstanding part in the Battle of the Bulge where it was commended for its fighting by the commanders of two Armies, three Corps and four Divisions.

Later, the Ninth Armored was applauded by the entire Allied world for its spectacular capture of the first bridge across the Rhine at Ramagen. The Ninth Armored is commanded by Maj. Gen. John W. Leonard.

Major Brand is the husband of Mrs. William F. Brand, Jr., who lives at Hickory, Pa.

RALPH FINDLING – CLASS OF 1949

Ralph (Mick) Findling served in the U. S. Army from 1952 – 1953 at Fort Lee, Virginia. Ralph passed away on February 29, 1988.

RUTH WHITE – CLASS OF 1949

Following graduation from Hickory High School and Geneva College, Ruth began a 5 ½ year stint with Uncle Sam. She joined the United States Navy, but didn't see much of the world, being stationed in Newport, Rhode Island, New York City and Bainbridge, Maryland. It was discovered while at the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, as the Physical Training Officer, that she had a rather severe hearing loss. Although the Navy considered it "non-disqualifying", Ruth chose to take a discharge.

Veteran Home



Pvt. Raymond E. Findling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Findling, Hickory, R. D., is home on 30-day furlough. He entered service in January, 1943, and was stationed for a time in Iceland. For 23 months he was with the Ninth Army in the European theater. He is to report at Indianatown Gap for reassignment.

Health Of Mission Teachers Held In Jap Camp Impaired

HICKORY, Jan. 20—Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White are in receipt of word that they were passengers on the refugee ship the Gripsholm which docked in New York harbor last month. Their health is reported to have been impaired during their confinement in a Japanese prison camp.

Mr. and Mrs. White were teachers at a mission in China for 30 years and were prisoners of the Japs for two years. After resting and visiting for some weeks with their son in law and daughter, Major and Mrs. Brandon Wentworth, New York City, Mr. and Mrs. White have left to visit his brother James White and family, who resides on the White homestead at Maribille, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. White were sent to Soo-Chow, China in 1913 and both taught in the Vincent Miller Academy.

Their last visit home was in 1938. On returning they found the station in enemy hands and much of their personal property destroyed. They were stationed at Shanghai until they were taken prisoners. Due to the long confinement and improper diet their health has become impaired.

Mr. White is a son of William and Mary Manson White and was born near Hickory where the White family resided until moving to Missouri. A number of his cousins live near Hickory. Miss Martha White, East Beau street, Washington, and Mr. A. R. White, Washington, R. D., are aunt and uncle.

Killed In Plane Crash In Florida

Master Technical Sergeant George Clayton Engle, 25, who enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, January 30, 1942, was killed in a plane crash Wednesday at Pensacola, Fla., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Engle, of near Hickory, were advised by telegram last night.

Sgt. Engle was to have completed his flight training and receive his wings and officer's commission within a few weeks at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola.

Sgt. Engle was born near Canonsburg, March 15, 1919. He was graduated from Peters Township High School and was employed by the All-American Aviation Company at the Pittsburgh airport before he enlisted in the Marines. He was in charge of engine and fuel maintenance of the air mail planes at the airport.

Following his basic training in the Marine Corps he was stationed at Quantico, Va., where he was crew chief of the commandant's plane. He began his flight training during October, 1943, and took training at camps in Louisiana, Texas, Georgia and was taking his advance training at Pensacola. No details of the plane crash were disclosed in the telegram.

Besides his parents, he leaves the following brothers and sisters: Hayward Engle, Canonsburg, R. D. 2; Florence, wife of Edward Malone, Washington; Elizabeth, wife of William Bruce, Houston; Mildred, wife of Earl Haight, Chester; Robert Kenneth, Helen and Nancy Jane Engle, at home.

Three Hensel Brothers, Sister In Service



WILLIAM HENSEL



MARY HENSEL



ROBERT HENSEL



GEORGE HENSEL

Mrs. Bessie M. Hensel of Hickory, has three sons and a daughter serving their country. Robert O. Hensel enlisted in the Navy a year ago. He is now pharmacist's mate, second class, serving in Naval Hospital at Balboa, Canal Zone. Lt. William B. Hensel was inducted into the Army, April, 1942, in January, 1943, he received his commission from Officers School, Ft. Benning, Ga., and is now at Camp Blanding, Fla., as transport officer of the Infantry. Ensign Mary E. Hensel enlisted in the Naval Reserve Nurse Corps, in September, 1942. She is now stationed at the Convalescent Home for Navy men at Swathmore. Pvt. George Hensel is an aviation cadet and is now at Wittenburg College, Springfield, O.



Séaman 2/c Paul Robert Johnston, son of Mrs. Mauvelyn Johnston, 186 South Main street, was home on a nine-day leave following boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. His class broke the regimental record for the Chicago training center. He has reported to Ft. Pierce, Fla., where he is taking amphibious training, specializing as a signalman.

German Prisoner



S/Sgt. Patsy Mazza, son of John Mazza, Haft street, Houston, reported missing in action Sept. 17 is a prisoner in Germany, according to word just received by his family. He was serving with an infantry unit at the time of his capture.

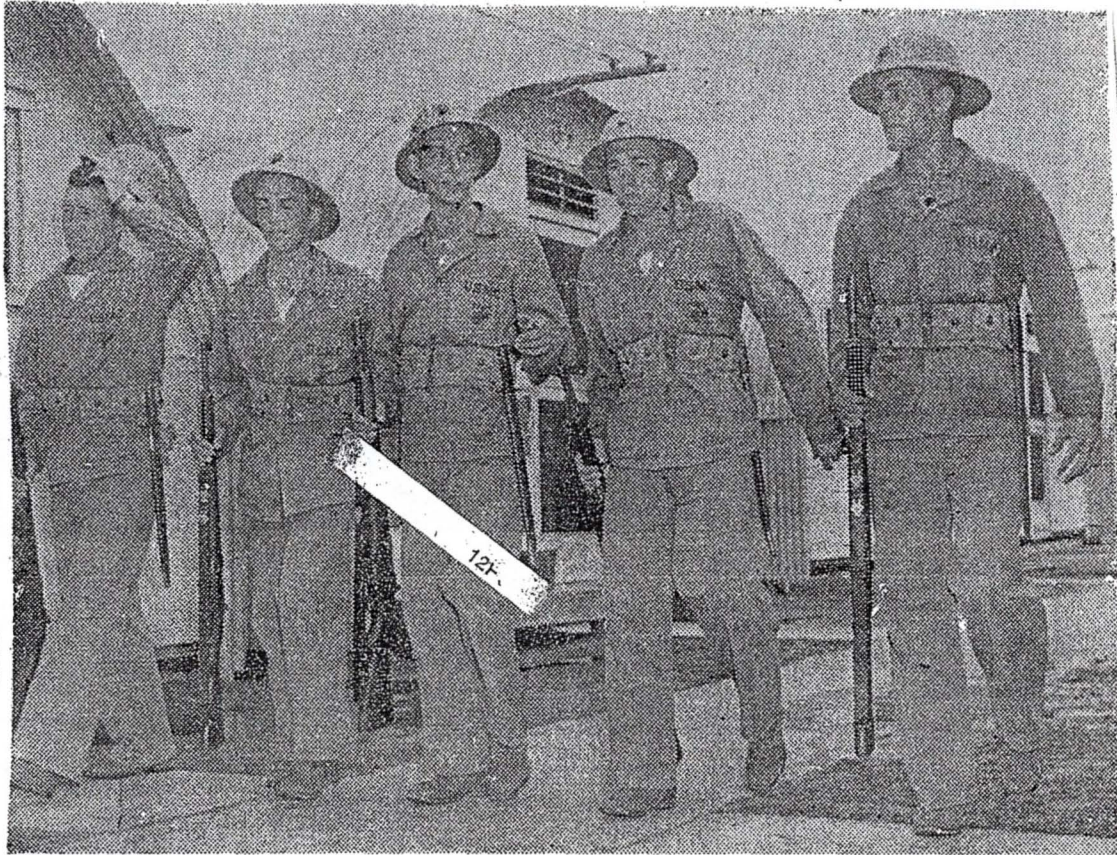
Gets Silver Star



Sgt. Paul H. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Huber Hill, Hickory, R. D. 1, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving in Germany with General Patton. Sgt. Hill entered the service Dec. 5, 1942, has been overseas one year and is now stationed in Czechoslovakia with the Army of Occupation.

discharged 1945

Walking Down Company Street After Morning Drill



Five district boys, who are seeing plenty of action at the Parris Island base of the U. S. Marines, are shown above. They were photographed as they completed a morning of strenuous drill and on their way to their quarters. Shown in the picture are: John Semple, 20, Westland; William J. Sweger, 18, Rogersville; Andrew Kopa, 19, Avella; Adrian M. Johnson, 18, 245 South Morris street, Waynesburg, and Harry F. Magers, 19, 179 South Wade avenue, Washington.

VIRGINIA Teacher



LT. ELVA O'BRYON
discharged 1946

Fliers Make Perfect Record

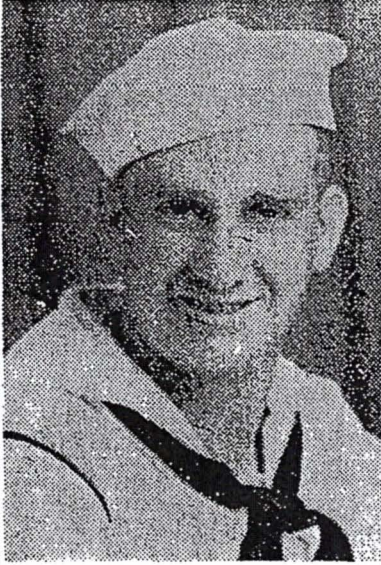
TOKYO, Sept. 13.—(UP)—Project 75—the aerial movement of thousands of troops and tons of equipment into Japan—was completed last night with a perfect record that included the evacuation of 7,179 liberated war prisoners.

During the two week period, with planes grounded for four days because of weather, the Air Transport Command landed 1,312 planes at Atsugi airfield near Tokyo. They brought in the 11th Airborne Division and 27th Infantry Division and various Headquarters units, with a total of 7,872 tons of equipment and took the prisoners out on their return trips.



Guy B. McCarrell.
discharged 1946

1945 Sickles Brothers Of Canonsburg In Service



P/O KENNETH SICKLES
HHS 32

S/SGT. RALPH SICKLES
HHS 33

SGT. NORMAN SICKLES
HHS 36

Sickles brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sickles, Canonsburg, R. D. 1, are pictured above. Petty Officer 3/o Kenneth Sickles is an instructor at Norman, Okla., at the AOM School. He entered the Navy last April. His wife, Helen Ferrell Sickles and two daughters are with him at Norman. S/Sgt. Ralph Sickles is serving in Belgium with the Medical Corps. He has been overseas since the Yanks first landed in England. Sgt. Norman Sickles entered the Army in 1943 and is in Germany with the First Army. The three are graduates of Hickory High School.

Local B-24 Pilot Is Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross

Second Lt. William H. Garrettson, 23, of Washington, co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator, based in England, has won the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement, cool courage and devotion to duty" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on targets in Germany and Nazi occupied Europe.

Lt. Garrettson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Garrettson, of Washington, R. D. 4. His wife, Ruth F. Garrettson, resides on Edgewood avenue.

A veteran of many heavy bombardment missions, Lt. Garrettson has participated in Eighth Air Force aerial assaults on Nazi airfields, "buzz bomb" launching platforms and munition manufacturing plants and has taken part in the invasion support bombing attacks in support of the Allied drive on Berlin.

Lt. Garrettson is a member of the Third Bombardment Division, cited for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Nazi Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Ragensburg, Germany, in August of 1943.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Lt. Garrettson wears



LT. W. H. GARRETSON

the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. He attended Washington and Jefferson College and was employed as a salesman by Montgomery Ward Co. before entering the Army Air Forces in May, 1942.

Reported Missing



Assemblyman and Mrs. J. Dean Polen, Avella, are in receipt of a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Lt. Robert C. Polen, stationed in England, has been missing in action over Germany since March 18. Lt. Polen was pilot of a B-24 Bomber. He was graduated from the Hickory Vocational High School and was a student at Waynesburg College when called into service.

Hickory Jeep Driver Has Had Many Thrilling Experiences

Fearless jeep-driver of World War II would be a suitable title for Pfc. Stanton Mick, son of Mrs. Alva Mick, Hickory, who is a member of the Third Armored "Spearhead Division" somewhere overseas.

In letters home he tells of having carried everything from rations to generals, has been captured by the enemy and rescued by FFI of France, has driven through enemy lines, under a Red Cross flag, performed first aid duty surrounded by enemy and dodged shells which seemed to be searching for his vehicle.

One of his most thrilling experiences was in France during the Third Armored Division's swift drive last August. While driving his jeep, he came upon five wounded Germans. He stopped and attended them from his first aid kit. Noting a heavy silence among the Frenchmen who were watch-

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PVT. STANTON MICK

ing him, he looked around to discover the crowd surrounded by German soldiers with weapons cocked, Pvt. Mick stated he kept on working. While the Germans were debating among themselves, a group of FFI soldiers captured the Germans without firing a shot. The Hickory soldier completed his work, bowed to the delighted French and drove off in his jeep.

On another day in the life of a jeep driver, Pvt. Mick piloted his car loaded with medical supplies to the rescue of a tank battalion whose supply lines had been cut. He volunteered to transport the plasma and supplies through "No-Man's" land.

Accompanied by an officer and with the Red Cross flag flying from the jeep fender, Pvt. Mick drove swiftly through the first road block before the Germans could recover from their surprise. A cloud of dust marked his passing of two burning enemy tanks. He encountered road blocks but the Germans respected his Red Cross draped vehicle.

He was awarded the Bronze star for the achievement, but Pvt. Mick claims the greatest award came when he heard the cheers of the wounded men and the medics as they drove into sight. Twice during his driving experience he has been buried under loose soil by close hits of enemy shells.

Pvt. Charles Dotts, Former Jessop Employee, Is Killed

Pvt. Charles H. Dotts, a former employe of the Jessop Steel Company plant here, was killed in action in Germany on October 21, according to word received from the War Department by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Herron Dotts, Washington, R. D. 1.

Pvt. Dotts, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dotts, Farmington, W. Va., resided with his parents in Hickory, before moving to Farmington eight years ago. He attended High School and business college at Farmington.

He entered the Army April 5 of this year and received 17 weeks of basic training at Ft. McClelland, Ala. In August he spent a 10-day furlough at his home, leaving immediately afterwards for overseas. Letters were received by his family from England, France, Belgium and Holland.

Information was previously received that he was "missing in action" in Germany, with later word established that he was killed. He was with the 119th Infantry Regiment.

Pvt. Dotts was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory.

He leaves his wife and a 17-



PVT. CHARLES DOTTS

month-old son, Richard, his parents and a sister, Mrs. Don Miller, Farmington, W. Va. Mrs. Dotts and son are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Herron, Washington, R. D. 1.



Corporal Edward B. Braden, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Braden, East Maiden street, has been honorably discharged from the United States Army at Indianapolis, Ind. October 8, and returned to his home Wednesday for a visit. Braden served 27 months in the Southwest Pacific with an Engineering Aviation Battalion. His wife is Mrs. Betty Malone Braden.

DONALD CAMPBELL – CLASS OF 1947

I got my notice to report to the Federal Building in Pittsburgh sometime around the middle of August 1951. We boarded a train that day and were sent to Fort Meade, Maryland for processing and assignment to a basic training camp.

I was sent from Fort Meade to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky for basic training. After 16 weeks there I got a short leave and spent Christmas of '51 at home.

Then, I reported to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for processing to duty in Germany.

I arrived in Bremerhaven, Germany in the middle of January after 13 miserable days on the North Atlantic.

I was stationed several places in Germany, Erlangen near Nuerenberg, Mittenwald near Garmich (Hitler's Retreat Center and site of some winter Olympics), Manheim- Kaiserslautern (Landstuhl Air Base). I was in the 48th AAA Bn (1st then transferred to the 27AAA Bn. (Anti-Aircraft Artillery).

Left Germany in the middle of July and was discharged at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey around the first of August 1952.

I also was in Grafenwohr at the firing range. That was where my brother, Bob, was killed.



Washington Sergeant Killed In Fighting On Luzon Island

Staff Sergeant William Lewis, 29, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Lewis, Meadowlands, and husband of Mrs. Sara Marie Milligan Lewis, Westland, was killed in action on Luzon, April 20, 1945, according to a War Department telegram received by the family. He was serving with the 25th Infantry Division.

Sgt. Lewis entered the service February 24, 1942 and had his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He left for overseas duty June 6, 1942, receiving no furlough home.

He had seen action on Guadalcanal, New Georgia, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Arundel, Arones, New Zealand, Fiji Islands and on Luzon where he made the supreme sacrifice.

Sgt. Lewis won the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism on Gaulalcanal and was awarded the Infantry Combat Medal.

Besides his parents and wife, he leaves a daughter, Donna Darone, aged two and one-half years, whom he had never seen; three brothers, Thomas Lewis, Kona, HI; Vernon Lewis, Washington D. C., and Private John M. Lewis

stationed at Laredo Field, Tenn.; four sisters, Mrs. Mell Crawford, Hickory R. D. 1; Mrs. Genevieve Woodburn, McGovern; Mrs. Faye Mogentale, McGovern, and Miss Shirley Lewis, at home.



S/SGT. WILLIAM LEWIS

RICHARD SMITH – CLASS OF 1950

Richard Smith was drafted February 1953 into the US Army at Ft. Meade, Maryland and discharged in January 1955. His basic training was at Fort Polk, Louisiana and stationed at Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska with the 196th Infantry Regt. at Headquarters Company as a clerk typist with a rank of Corporal. Medals received were National Defense Service and Army Good Conduct Medal.

GERALD (JERRY) BAILEY – CLASS OF 1951

After graduating from Hickory High School with the class of 1951, I enlisted in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORP. The 16th of August, 1951 I was sworn in and left for Paris Island for Boot Camp. On the 17th I arrived at Paris Island and on the 18th I wished I was at home. This training was of the old style not as it is today. After eleven weeks of Boot Camp I was assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina. Only here for a short time and then on to Camp Pendleton, CA. for advanced infantry training before going to Korea.

For my service in Korea I was awarded the Korean Ribbon with two battle stars and also promoted to Sergeant.

I met Hank Snow the western singer with a USO Show and had him autograph a script dollar bill that I still have.

After Korea I was assigned to Quantico, VA where I was assigned the job of teaching Junior Officers from all branches of the service how to go down a rope ladder on the side of a ship into a landing craft. From Quantico I received my discharge on August 16, 1954 and returned home to Langeloth, PA.

On the 26th of May 1955 I was sworn into the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE and this turned out to be one of the best decisions that I ever made. My first assignment was at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and was only supposed to be here for about 90 days and ending up staying 7 years. I was asked if I wanted to drive for a Major General and responded I would like to try out for the position. I was selected and after the first year I was also given the job as a Flight Stewart as well as his driver and now I would also be on Flying Status. I would travel with him every time he traveled to air bases in the United States and trips to the Far East and Europe. This type of duty I performed for over seven years at Wright-Patterson AFB and when the General was promoted to 4 Stars and transferred to Washington DC with duty in the Pentagon, my family and I went with him.

General McKee was now the Vice-Chief of the Air Force. Not only was I his chauffeur and Flight Stewart now I was also to be his body guard. My duty station was at the Pentagon and my flying responsibility was at Andrews AFB with the 89th Military Airlift Wing (Presidential Fleet).

Gerald "Jerry" Bailey - Continued

While stationed at the Pentagon I would meet General Curtis Lemay, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, every morning in the elevator and I would speak to him and he would acknowledge with a grunt. So one day I didn't speak to him and he said to me Good morning, Sergeant and smiled.

This was one of the best assignments that I had. I spent more time at the White House and the Rose Garden plus many trips to many Embassies in the Washington area. In this position, I also got to meet a number of Congressmen and Senators.

We made many trips all over the country and to many places outside of the country. Such as a trip around the world in 21 days visiting such places as Hawaii, Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Australia, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Greece, Portugal and back to Washington, DC.

While in India I also visited the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Another trip was to South America that took 17 days going down on the east coast and returning up the west coast thru Panama after having toured all the countries in South America.

I had the opportunity to serve President Johnson and Vice-President Hubert Humphries, Secretary of State Averill Harriman and Under Secretary of State Ball.

I drove one of the limousines with VIP's for President John Kennedy's Funeral.

After General McKee, the Vice-Chief of the Air Force, retired, I was assigned to Wiesbaden, Germany with my family. Here I was assigned to Special Air Missions. Our primary job was to support the Ambassadors behind the Iron Curtain. This assignment gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of Kings, Queens and the President of Germany. While in Germany I traveled on official business to such places as England, France, Spain, Ireland, Scotland, Egypt, North Africa, Israel, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Lebanon, Morocco, Nepal, Turkey, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan, Trippey, Iran, Iraq, and Russia and all of this during the Cold War. I also traveled to many more countries too numerous to mention.

One of my trips was to Egypt where I toured the Pyramids and the Sphinx in Cairo. At the city of Aswan we were given a boat tour on the Nile River. After the boat tour, we had lunch with the Governor of Aswan and then a tour of the Aswan Dam that was built by Russia; also traveled extensively thru Africa.

After my tour in Germany, my family and I returned to the United States and was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio, again. After a year at this assignment, I was assigned to Viet Nam where I served as a Loadmaster on C123 and C130

aircraft and was awarded the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for 109 supply missions and some of the drops were only 50 feet off the ground.

My next assignment was Andrews AFB Maryland. I was there for about a year and then assigned to United Nations Command in Korea. From this tour of duty I was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal. After this assignment I was back at Andrews AFB Maryland, only this time I elected to retire after 20 years of service.

In 1955 I was an Airman Second Class, in 1962 I was a Master Sergeant and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant on July 1, 1972.

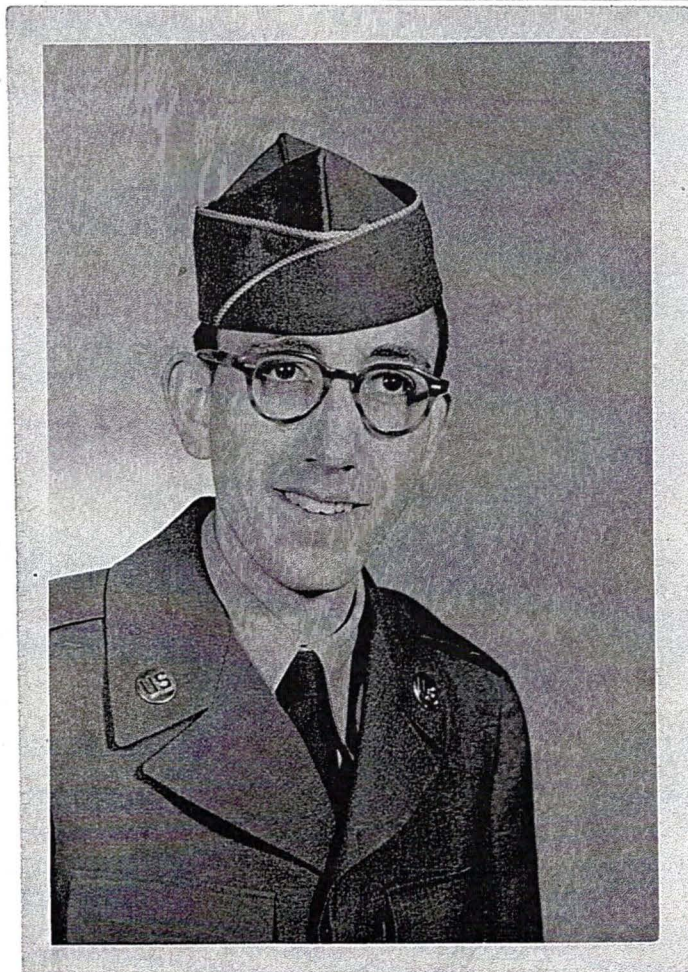
The following celebrities I had the pleasure meeting: Walter Cronkite, Jimmy Doolittle, Eddie Rickenbacker and President Lubkie of Germany.

I have a total of 17 different ribbons and Senior Air Crew Wings on my uniform, when I retired.

Now you can see why I said enlisting in the Air Force was one of the best decisions that I have ever made. One could not ask for a better way to spend 20 plus years in the military traveling all over the world with VIP's.

Gerald W. Bailey, USAF Senior Master Sergeant Retired

ROY M. HILL – CLASS OF 1952



U. S. Army – 2 years 1953-1955
Rank – Corporal
Basic Training – Camp Picket, Va.
Overseas – Korea – 1954

I worked in communications & personnel.

Awards – Good Conduct Medal
United Nations Service Medal
Korean Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal

I was in a parade in Korea to see General Omar Bradley and President Sig Mun Rhee of South Korea.

I crossed the International Date Line on my 21st birthday.

JAMES FORNEY – CLASS OF 1951

I will tell you my military story. I was drafted and went into the U.S. Army on March 19, 1953, the largest draft for one month of the Korean War. I had Infantry Basic Training at Camp Gordon, GA. (now Fort Gordon), also had Signal School Training there. I was one of the fortunate ones to be deployed to Europe, 8 years after WW 11, for Army of Occupation of Germany. I arrived in Germany on December 1, 1953 and was there until February 22, 1955, when I came home. I served with the 28th and 9th Infantry Divisions at Goppingen, Germany, also Linz and Nuernberg, close to the Czech border at the height of the Cold War. I was in the 28th and the 9th Signal Companies as a Teletype Operator in Communications. I had the rank of Corporal.

FRANK RICHARDS – CLASS OF 1954

Branch US Army

Rank Sp 4

Stationed Fort Belvoir, VA

Awards Good Conduct
 Medal
 Sharpshooter
 (Carbine)
 Marksman (Rifle)

Years in Service 25 months

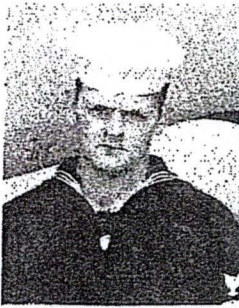
Training Basic – Fort Knox,
 Kentucky
 Helicopter
 Mechanic
 School – Fort
 Rucker, AL

Job Tantom Rotor
 Helicopter
 Mechanic



Stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA
3rd Transportation Co. for a
year and a half. Served in the
OPAL Section, which was on
standby for the evacuation of the Pentagon, in case of emergency.

DAVID L. JOHNSTON – CLASS OF 1955



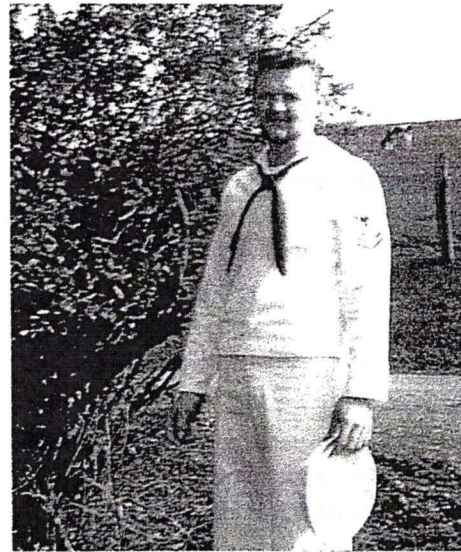
U. S. NAVY – P.O. 2ND CLASS
Active Duty 1956-1960, Pensacola, Florida
Active Reserves – 1960-1966, Norfolk, Virginia

I entered the United States Navy on October 2, 1956. After attending two Naval Technical Schools, I received orders to report to the U. S. Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, where I volunteered for an opening

in the hydraulics and airframe shop. I was accepted and spent two years traveling all over the U. S. with the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team.

My next duty station was NAS Moffet Field, California where I was assigned to Attack Squadron VA-196, which was deployed to the Far East on the aircraft carrier, Bon Homme Richard.

After serving four years in the regular Navy, I continued my service in the Naval Reserves. During my six years in the active reserves, the Cuban Crisis arose and our squadron flew ammunition from NAS Norfolk to the U.S. Air Force base in Bermuda.



David L. Johnston

BETTY LOU ZEMAITIS DURANTE – CLASS OF 1955



I graduated in 1955 and enlisted in the Air Force in February 1956 along with my classmates, Anna Mae Komec and Amelia Meriage. The three of us were assigned to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas for our Basic Training. After basic, we were separated.

I was an Airman 2nd Class and sent to Financial Specialist School in Wichita Falls, Texas. I worked in the Base Finance Office in charge of payroll records at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado where I remained until 1958 upon discharge.

RAYMAN B. KARGLE – CLASS OF 1956

I was born 27 October 1938 in Primrose, Pa. and graduated from Mt. Pleasant Twp. High School with the class of 1956. After graduation I worked in the construction trades for several months until joining the United States Navy on 10 September 1956. I received basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Bainbridge Maryland. After basic training, I received training as a Communications Technician at the U. S. Naval Training Facility at Imperial Beach, California. I remained on active duty until my retirement with the rank of Master Chief Communications Technician (E9) on 10 September 1976. During the twenty years of active duty I was stationed on various types of ships including destroyers, aircraft carriers and both conventional and nuclear powered submarines. In addition to the sea duty, I was assigned to shore duty in Japan, Guam, Germany, Philippine Islands, Alaska, Norfolk VA and Sugar Grove WV.



Picture was taken in 1961 when I was CT2 Rayman B. Kargle

On 1 September 1962, Judith Ann Garrity and I were married in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Simsbury, CT. We are the proud parents of two children, Jeffrey and Jennifer and four grandchildren.

ROBERT PERENIC – CLASS OF 1957

I joined the United States Air Force on October 17, 1957 and was sent to Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas for basic training. John Kutchman "57 was also there for his basic training. The temperature is very hot in Texas and the one and only time that I saw John while I was at basic, we were both going to Christmas Mass. When we came out of the church, there had been a huge snowstorm. All the people from Texas were wild. They had never seen snow before and they were on the ground rolling in it. I was sent to Walnut Ridge Air Force Station in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, then to Red Cliff Air Force Station in St. Johns, Newfoundland. I was sent to Viet Nam for 6 months to teach Long Range Radar, however the equipment didn't arrive, so my time was spent as an Advisor. I was discharged in July 1961 with a rank of E-5 Staff Sergeant.

I married Virginia Gilbert of McDonald, PA in 1964. We have one son.

DONALD L. BAILEY – CLASS OF 1957

I joined the U.S. Marine Corps on June 21, 1957 and went to boot camp at Parris Island, S. C. From there I went to Camp Geiger, N. C. for advanced training. My next stop was Camp Lejeune, N. C. to join the 2nd Marine Division. My next stop was to be stationed at the Supply Depot at Albany, GA from 1958 to June 20, 1960 when I was honorably discharged.

I joined the Reserve Unit in Steubenville, Ohio which was later moved to Warwood, WV. I retired with 22 years on June 20, 1979 as a Master Sergeant. During my tour of duty with the reserves I was in Panama, Puerto Rico, McAlester, Oklahoma, 29 Palms, CA, Cherry Point, North Carolina and Little Creek, Virginia. My jobs in the military were Motor Transport, Infantry and Military Police.

The Awards I received were Good Conduct Medal, National Defense, Sharpshooter – Pistol and Expert – Rifle.

At the present time, I belong to the Mon Valley Leathernecks and I am the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Washington County Detachment 1138 of the Marine Corps League that meets monthly at the American Legion in Houston, PA.



VAN COWDEN – CLASS OF 1957

I joined the U. S. NAVY in November of 1957 (a few months after High School graduation). I attended Boot Camp & Electricians School at Great Lakes Naval Training centers. I have been in the electrical field since. After Naval schooling, I was stationed on various minesweepers, home based from Charleston SC & Panama City FL. I was part of 2 overseas cruises. First to various Mediterranean ports, the second cruise was to northern Europe & Belgium with a trip to what was then the Belgium Congo & up the fast moving Congo River, 60 miles.

I enjoyed the Navy very much. So much that after achieving the rank of 2nd Class Electrician (pay grade E5) in less than 2 years, my style of living led to 2 demotions within 2 months. From pay grade E3, I made it back to E4 before being discharged in December of 1960 on my 21st birthday. Thank you, Van Cowden

JOHN KUTCHMAN – CLASS OF 1957

After graduating from High School, I joined the United States Air Force on October 11, 1957. I received my basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. When basic training was completed, I stayed at Lackland AFB and went through Air Police School.

Air Police School was completed in February of 1958. From there I was sent to Hahn AFB in Germany. This base was located about 20 miles from Koblenz, Germany. Hahn Air Force Base was the base for the Matador Missile sites, along with several types of fighter air planes.

I spent 3 years at Hahn AFB as an Air Policeman and my duties consisted mostly of security and law enforcement. I received an Honorable Discharge on March 16, 1961 with the rank of A/2C.



WILLIAM R. "BILL" MILLER – CLASS OF 1957



I grew up in western Pennsylvania in Washington Co. and was born in February of 1939 and graduated High School in 1957. Shortly thereafter I entered the United States Marine Corps reporting to MCRD Parris Island, S.C. for recruit training. After graduation from Parris Island and Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, N. Carolina, I reported to Basic Food Service School at Camp Lejeune, NC, where I received my Military Occupational Speciality (MOS) 3371 in Food Service. I remained at Camp Lejeune for a period of time. Other duty stations included NAS Lakehurst, NJ and Marine Barracks Philadelphia Naval Base. While in Philadelphia I was assigned to a ceremonial detail which participated in the commissioning of the then new

Aircraft Carrier Kitty Hawk (CV-63). I was proud to have been a part of history. She remains on active to this day. While serving in the Corps, I was privileged to have been able to participate in organized sports receiving multiple letters in football and basketball.

I returned to civilian life in 1963, married and settled in Philadelphia, later on in Bucks County where I raised my family of two daughters and a son. I was working and attending school learning Industrial Refrigeration specializing in low temperature application, and thermodynamics. In my present occupation as a Senior Field Engineer, I have traveled the world extensively for the past twenty-five years, twenty with the former Hull Corp. of Hatboro, PA and the last five years with SP Industries of Warminster, PA. I had the occasion while walking the streets of Nairobi, Kenya to witness two huge explosions which turned out to be the bombing of the U.S. Embassy. I was privileged in my role as an official U.S. Government representative working with the Kenya Government to visit the scene and inspect the damage up close and personal. It was the worst experience of my life and haunts me to this day.

I'm now looking forward to retirement sometime this year so that I may enjoy some of my hobbies which include membership in the Marine Corps League, American Legion, USMC Food Service Association, Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, my power boat, going to Philadelphia Eagles football games and most important, watching my grandchildren grow up, and lastly, traveling with my wife, Jeanette, and just taking time to smell the flowers.



U.S. AIR FORCE

Summary of Military Career of Eugene D. McHugh

- Entered United States Air Force Academy in Jun 1958 as member of 4th Class
- Graduated and commissioned in the USAF on 6 Jun 1962
- Attended Pilot Training in Lubbock, TX where I met and married Dorothy Carolyn Dugger.
- Awarded Pilot Wings in 1963 and went off to my first assignment in Columbus, OH with my bride (goes by name of Carolyn).
- Had my first two children (girl & boy) in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1965 & 66.
- Set of identical twin boys born in Nebraska in 1970
- Accepted into the USAF Aerospace Research Pilots' School (ARPS) in 1971
- Graduated as a Test Pilot and potential astronaut candidate in 1972 (accompanying picture is Buzz Aldrin, Apollo 11 Astronaut, presenting me with an Air Force Commendation award)
- Flew 12 Month combat tour as OV-10 Forward Air Control pilot (FAC) with over 450 combat hours in SEA out of DaNang, Vietnam and NKP. Thailand.
- Following SEA, flew as Test Pilot at Edwards AFB, CA (accompanying picture is me in space suit getting ready to fly a Mach 2.0 flight in a F104 to 120,000 feet and return simulating a Space Shuttle approach and landing at Edwards AFB.)
- Not selected as an astronaut (Francis "Dick" Scobee, killed in Challenger was selected from my class), but Completed a career of flying and staff assignments.
- Flew T-28, T-34, T-37, T33, T-34, T38, EB-47, RC135, RB-57, B-52, A-24, C-47, C119, C5, C-130, OV-1, O-2, OV-10, TA-4 (with Navy), F104, F-4, Boeing 727, Boeing 737, Cessna 150, Cessna 172, Cessna 182, Piper PA28, Piper PA32 (owned one), Sweitzer gliders, and many others aircraft that I logged time in, plus I was parachute qualified - trained with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.
- Retired as a Lt. Colonel after completing 22 years and as a Command Pilot. We were stationed in Ohio, Alaska, California, Nebraska, Virginia, Texas, Colorado, Virginia Hawaii, and Alabama. I served in Thailand, Vietnam, UK, Germany, Panama, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Laos, Cambodia, Panama, and most States.
- Recipient of the following military medals:
 - 1 - Distinguished Flying Cross
 - 18 - Air Medals
 - 1 - Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 - 1 - Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
 - 2 - Air Force Commendation Medals
 - And a series of campaign medals as well as unit citations.
- Formal Education included:
 - BS in Military Science (engineering emphases), USAFA
 - MS in Systems Engineering with emphasis in Research & Engineering, University of Southern California (USC).
 - D. Ed. (ABD) with emphasis in Community College Administration, USC
- Since leaving the Air Force, I have been working as a Defense Contractor.
- Currently live in Maryland and work for ISC, Inc. in Hollywood, MD as a senior manager.
- Just celebrated 43rd anniversary with Carolyn & now have 5 Grandsons and 1 Granddaughter.



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KENNETH FEHL – CLASS OF 1959

UNITED STATES ARMY



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Yesterday he was your "hero."

Today he's just another civilian.

Yesterday—resplendent in uniform with rows of bright ribbons on his chest—he was the center of admiration.

Today he's just another guy in a new blue suit, bought with his mustering-out pay—awkward in the unfamiliar clothes, eager to get into the swing of civilian life again—but missing all the things that were his while in uniform.

WORLD WAR II

Began 1941

Ended 1945

KOREAN WAR

Began 1950

Ended 1953

VIETNAM WAR

Began 1965

Ended 1975

PERSIAN GULF WAR

DESERT STORM

Began 1990

Ended 1991

EUGENE D. McHUGH – CLASS OF 1957

I am sorry I cannot make the Reunion. I received your letter before I left for the UK, but with getting ready, traveling over, making a side trip to Scotland and other parts of England as an official representative of Prince Frederick to its Sister City of Filey, and visiting with my son and his family, I missed your deadline. My son married a British woman and has given my wife, Carolyn, and I, a British grandson which we were over to visit so he knows that he has roots here in America.

As you have seen I have put together a quick one page summary of my Air Force career for you to add to the Alumni Veterans Booklet. Thank you for recognizing all of our Servicemen and women. All generations (past and present) including their families do sacrifice to serve and appreciate the support of families and friends, especially during trying times as now exist in the world. I am proud of what small contributions I might have made. I like many veterans have lost friends in service to our nation. I was very fortunate to make it through my career which included service in Viet Nam, Laos, and Cambodia without a scratch. I have the utmost respect for all of those present and past who pay the ultimate price, and their families that must cope with the aftermath. Thank you and the other committee members for taking time to recognize those that have passed in the service of our country.

JIM BELL – CLASS OF 1958

I entered the U.S. Navy on January 13, 1959 and was sent to the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, IL for boot camp. After graduation from boot camp in late March 1959, I was transferred to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fallon, Nevada and spent 3 years as a court reporter. In early 1962, I transferred to Commander Mine Force Pacific, Long Beach, CA and attached to Harbor Defense Unit One and served in ship's company on the USS LOYALTY (MSO 457) and the USS EMBATTLE (MSO 434). Each ship made a deployment to the South China Sea in the early years of the Vietnam War. These ships were Ocean Going Minesweepers. Places that I visited during these deployments included; Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Midway Island, Philippine Islands, Japan, China and Taiwan. In mid 1965, I was transferred to Commandant TWELFTH Naval District, San Francisco, CA



and assigned to the Navy and Marine Corps District Passenger Transportation Office, moving Navy and Marine personnel and their family members as far west as Vietnam.

I was honorably discharged from the active Navy in January 1969 after completing 10 years of service.

In January 1971, I re-enlisted in the U>S> Naval Reserve and spent time performing various and sundry administrative duties at the Naval Reserve Center, Great Lakes, IL, the Pentagon, Washington D.C., the Naval Reserve Center, Arlington, VA, and the Naval Reserve Center, Long beach, CA. I was attached to the Navy Seabee's during this 10 year period.

After 10 years, I was honorably discharged from the Naval Reserves in 1981.

Medals/ribbons eligible to wear listed in order of importance:

Good Conduct Medal w/4 Stars
Vietnam Service Medal (Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal)
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Expert Rifleman Medal

Jim Bell

JAMES TORBOLI – CLASS OF 1958

Branch of Service – United States
Air Force

Service Dates – December 9, 1958 to
March 9, 1964

Assignments – 95th Bomb Wing – SAC
(Strategic Air
Command)
Biggs Air Force Base
El Paso, Texas

Hdg 16th Air Force – SAC
Torrenten AB.
Madrid, Spain



SAMUEL F. WILSON – CLASS OF 1958

Graduated class of 1958 and went that fall to Penn State where I graduated in 1962 with a degree in Agriculture and a Commission as a Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps in the United States Army. I went on active duty in August 1962, to Fort Gordon, GA for The Basic Officers Course.

When the course was finished, I took leave to get married to Kay before going to Germany for my first assignment in November 1962. I was a Platoon leader and a Company Commander in the 97th Signal Battalion until I returned to the US in 1966 to Fort Bragg, NC, where I joined the 50th Signal Battalion, where I went to Airborne School and became a Company Commander. I spent the rest of 1966 at Fort Bragg and went to Officers Advanced School at the beginning for 1967 for 19 weeks at Fort Monmouth, NJ. I left for Vietnam in June and spent 12 months, as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army as a Wire Engineer. After a year and the Tet offensive I was assigned to ROTC duty at East Tennessee University in Johnson City, TN for four years.

After ROTC duty, I returned to Vietnam to close out what I started in 1967. I was assigned to the 1st Signal Brigade as the Plans Officer. I withdrew the communications equipment from Vietnam; moving some to Thailand. After Vietnam I returned to the US and Fort Bragg, NC, again. I was assigned to several assignments in the 82nd Airborne. I left Bragg in 1976 for a year course, at Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

After school I was assigned back to Germany to the Signal staff of 5th Corps. I spent 3 years as the Corps Operations Officer. In 1980 I returned back to the US as the Professor of Military Science at Seton Hall University in NJ. I retired in June 1984 as a Lt. Colonel.

I received the following awards:

Sam F. Wilson

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star w/cluster
Meritorious Service Medal w/cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Master Parachutist Badge

RICHARD WALLACE – CLASS OF 1959

Dick joined the U.S. Marine Corp in January 1958, went to Parris Island, SC for basic training. Dick's first official act was to pin the Oak Leaf Cluster on his Commanding Officer. That act really paid off. The CO transferred him to Great Lakes Electronics School, then to San Diego for Radar School. Next he went to

Bufford, SC in a Marine Aircraft Control Squadron (MACS-5), where he worked on Aircraft Control Radar used in combat to control power jet aircraft (spot enemy aircraft and track our own fighters). Dick stayed stateside.

Twelve of us Marines were waiting on a hop (flight) in San Diego, California. We were invited to Christmas dinner with movie star Betty Hutton at her mansion and we were taken to see a stage play with Lucille Ball and Danny Thomas.

In 1965 Dick married Carol Dixon from Allison Park, PA. We have 2 girls, Jennifer and Kimberly and 4 grandchildren 3 boys and 1 girl.

Dick Wallace

ROBERT M. CAMPBELL – CLASS OF 1959

Bob entered the United States Army in November 1962. After basic training he was sent to Germany and assigned to Company C 2nd Battalion 48th Infantry Division. He arrived at this station near Geinhausen in June 1963.

On August 25, 1964, Bob, who was a mechanic in his company, volunteered to go and retrieve a disabled vehicle. After finding the vehicle and attaching it to the vehicle he was driving, he proceeded to tow the vehicle back to the base.

On the way back the towed vehicle broke loose and forced Bob's vehicle over an embankment. Bob was fatally injured in this accident. The accident happened near Grofenwohr, Germany, where US troops go to get training and conduct exercises in firing weapons.

Bob is buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, near his father and mother, Walter and Florella Campbell.





