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**Following Alleghany Men**

**In Service For Uncle Sam**

**MY BROTHERS**  
 Uncle Sam, I just have two brothers.  
 They are both on duty for you,  
 Fighting with millions of others,  
 For the grand old Red, White and Blue.

One is a soldier in khaki,  
 The other a sailor in blue,  
 I am proud of them, Uncle Sam,  
 As I know they are proud of "you."

Ray, in the parachute infantry,  
 Risks his life every "jump" that he makes,  
 While Ralph, as a sailor is guarding  
 His ship every trip that it takes.

Uncle Sam, I ask God to protect them,  
 Every day, while on duty for you.  
 One a soldier in khaki,  
 The other, a sailor in blue.

Nannie Blevins Higgins.

## Backing These Boys With Bonds?



These are among Alleghany's many men fighting for liberty and democracy. Are you backing them by buying bonds? At the left is Pfc. Glenn LaVerne Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith, of Cherry Lane, who entered service August 25, 1942, at Parris Island, S. C. He is now at Camp Lejeune, New River. At the right is N. Glenn Smith, Machinist's Mate, Second Class, who entered the Navy March 1, 1942. He is the son of N. Glenn Smith, of Wake Forest, formerly of Roaring Gap, and has been on active duty since last December.

## TO BE BURIED FRIDAY



S-Sgt. Robert J. Reynolds, who died Tuesday, will be buried Friday at Shiloh church. *(in Shenandoah Hospital)*

## RECENTLY PROMOTED



Naval Aviation Cadet Harrell C. Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Joines, of Sparta, has recently been promoted to primary flight training and has been transferred from the Navy Pre-Flight school at Chapel Hill to the Naval Air Station at Peru, Ind. Cadet Joines attended the University of North Carolina, class of '42.



Pvt. George Robert Redd, son of Mrs. Verna Redd, of Sparta, entered the service in May, 1944, and is stationed at Camp Croft. He writes that he likes army life fine and to tell all his friends, "hello."



Pfc. Ben F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Taylor, of Laurel Springs, is now serving overseas somewhere in the South Pacific area with the U. S. Marine Corps. He has been in service since September, 1943.

**IN HAWAII**



**PRIVATE GENE "BUSTER" MURRAY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray, of Twin Oaks, who has been in the Hawaiian Islands since June, writes that "everything is just fine over here". He was inducted at Camp Wheeler, Ga., in March, and was later transferred to a camp in California, where he stayed until being sent to the Hawaiian Islands.

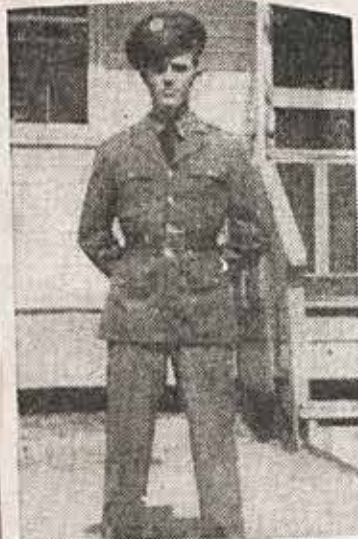
**PROMOTED**



**CORPORAL HARVEY L. MURRAY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray, of Twin Oaks, who volunteered for service in the U. S. Army, Sept. 1940, and received training at Fort Thomas, Ky., and Fort Bragg, was recently promoted from Private First Class to Corporal and is now enrolled in the Officers Training school at Camp Wheeler, Ga.



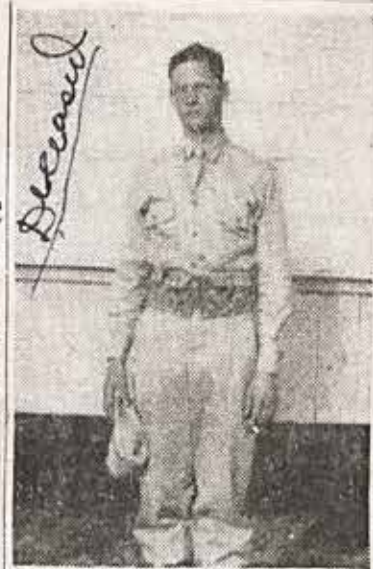
**IN AUSTRALIA** — Technical Corporal Vern D. Shepherd, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shepherd, of Furches, was recently promoted to his present rank. He entered the army in 1940. Corporal Shepherd is now stationed in Australia.



**IN OVERSEAS DUTY**—Willard Clay Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Nichols, of Sparta, has recently been sent to an unknown destination. He was inducted into service at Fort Bragg in August, 1941, and sent to Camp Wheeler for training. He was transferred about two weeks ago.



**IN HAWAII**—Garnett W. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Nichols of Sparta, has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for several months. He was inducted into service in February, 1941, at Fort Bragg, and within a few months was sent to San Francisco before being transferred to Hawaii.



**RECEIVES HIGHER RATING**—Private First Class Walter Blevins, son of Mrs. Rosa Blevins, of Sparta, was recently promoted to his present rating. He was inducted into the service on March 9, 1942. Private Blevins is now stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

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Howard Dean Hapner, Gunner's Mate 3C, U. S. Navy, volunteered for service in June, 1940, and is now stationed off the coast of San Francisco.



Captain Alfred A. Strauss, Jr., U. S. Army Air Corps, Gravelly Field, Washington, D. C., was recently promoted to his present rank. He is married to the former Miss Wanda Choate.



Pfc. Frank Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Petty, of Stratford, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy in June.



Pvt. Audie L. Presnell, son of Eld. and Mrs. A. L. Presnell, of Sparta, has recently been awarded the good conduct medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity during service in the Army. The award is based on the recommendation of the soldier's commanding officer and is a tribute to the individual, reflecting high soldierly characteristics.



Pvt. Paul Smith, left, who is now stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas, recently spent a 14-day furlough at home. He has been in service since December 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Campbell, Ky. Cpl. Eddie Blare Smith, right, who has been in India since September 1943, is now in a hospital recovering from serious injuries according to a recent message from the War Department. The two boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, of Piney Creek.

## Brothers In Overseas Service



**PFC. JAMES PAUL HIGGINS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, of Sparta, has notified his parents he is "somewhere in England." He volunteered in the army at Fort Jackson, S. C., January 19, 1942, and was stationed at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla., before going overseas.

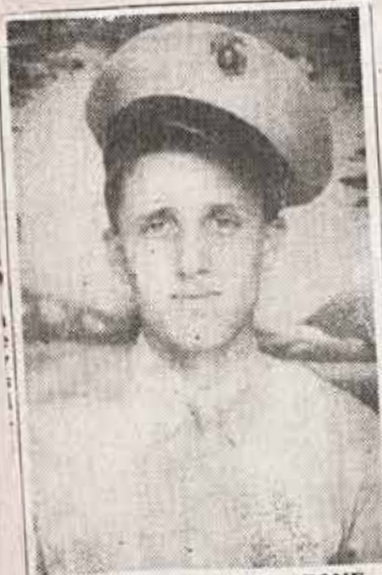


**PFC. PAGE W. HIGGINS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, of Sparta, has notified his parents that he is now stationed "somewhere in the Pacific." He entered the army April 6, 1942, at Fort Jackson, S. C., and received his training at Fort Francis Warren, Wyo. He was stationed at Fort Ord., Calif., before going overseas.

## IN OVERSEAS SERVICE



**SERGEANT MAJOR W. D. FOWLER**, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fowler, of Piney Creek, was sent into foreign service about two weeks ago. He volunteered for the Marines in 1929, when he was only 18 years old and has already spent three years on foreign soil. He was among the first group sent to Iceland and stayed there about a year before being transferred to San Diego, Calif., where he has been stationed for the past several months.



**IN PACIFIC WAR ZONE**—Private First Class Raymond F. Woodruff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodruff of Maryland and brother of Mrs. Hugh Hanes of Jonesville, is now somewhere in the Pacific war zone with the U. S. Marines. He enlisted in the marines in September, 1941, and was sent overseas at the age of 17.



**PROMOTED TO SERGEANT**—Sergeant Wayne Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Artis Pruitt of Whitehead, has been recently promoted to his present rank. He was inducted into the army in March, 1941. He is now stationed at Plattsburg, N. Y.



**CORPORAL**—Corporal Cecil McCain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery McCain of Sparta, has recently been promoted to his present rank and is now stationed at Fort Bragg. He served with the armed forces in Puerto Rico.

## Making Record In Army



**SEAMAN SECOND CLASS WALTER ESTEP**, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Estep of Stratford, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the navy August 27, 1943, trained at Bainbridge, Md., and Norfolk, Va., and is now at Boston, Mass.

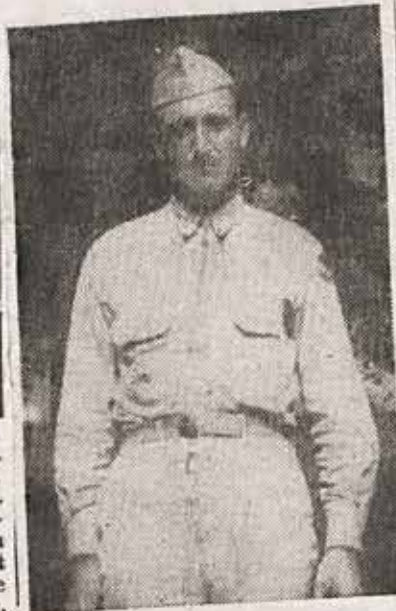
**T-5 Arthur Page Andrews**, left, son of Mrs. Lee A. Andrews, of Sparta, has recently completed a specialists' course on Diesel tank engines at the Flint section of the Ordnance school, Flint, Michigan. **T-5 Andrews** was specially selected to attend this course. **Cpl. Arthur Dean Taylor**, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor, of Laurel Springs, has recently been transferred overseas. **Cpl. Taylor**, who has been in the army since May, received his training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Fort Meade, Md.



**PFC. HALE TRUITT**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Truitt of near Baywood, who was reported missing in action in North Africa in March, is now a prisoner of the Italians, his parents have been informed. He entered the army in October, 1941.



**PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS H. CLAY CAUDELL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arza Caudell of Galax, Va., has been promoted to that rating and is in the Southwest Pacific. Joined navy in Feb. 1943; trained at Bainbridge, Md.



**SGT. CLIFFORD H. GENTRY**, who was inducted into service, April 10, 1942, was assigned to the air force and was sent to Sheppard Field, Tex. He was later sent to Savannah, Ga., where he is now stationed. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gentry, of Roaring Gap.



**S.-Sgt. Fletcher Perry**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry, of Furches, is now serving with the U. S. Army in Germany. He entered the service in March, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1944. **Sgt. Perry** was stationed in England and France before going to Germany. His wife, the former Miss Imogene Osborne, of Sparta, and small son, now reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carper Osborne, at Salisbury.





**STAFF SGT. DOUGHTON L. PERRY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Perry, of Sparta, was recently promoted to his present rating. He was inducted May 8, 1942 and is now at Camp Livingston, La.



*Deceased*

**STAFF SGT. CHARLES CLINTON LaRUE**, son of Mrs. Flora LaRue, of Piney Creek, was recently killed when struck by a train near Camp Rucker, Ala. He volunteered three years ago.



**ENSIGN EDMUND I. EDWARDS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Edwards, formerly of Sparta, recently received his commission in the Naval Air Corps. He is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.



**STATIONED IN EGYPT.**—Private Talmadge L. Brinegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brinegar, of Laurel Springs, is now serving with the army somewhere in Egypt. He was inducted into the army February 10, 1942. He was stationed at Camp Lee, Va., before sailing for overseas duty.



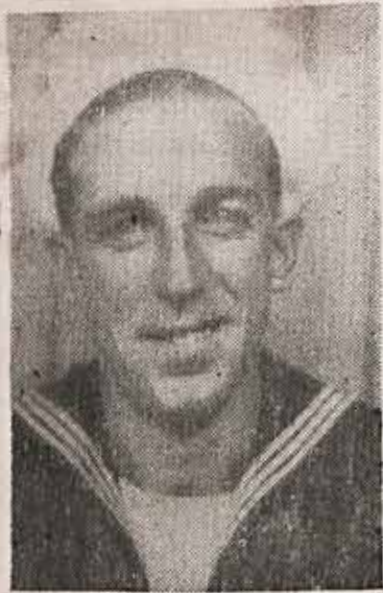
**SECOND LIEUTENANT BOWER A. IRWIN**, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Irwin, of Sparta, received his commission on December 10 after completing a course in Officers' Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Lieutenant Irwin first enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1938. He was released the third year of his enlistment and was married to the former Miss Lois Smith of Stratford. He was called back into service in March, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Grant, Ill.

**MAKING RECORD**



**A-C Thomas B. Landreth**, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Landreth, of Piney Creek, has recently been classified as an Aviation Cadet for the school of navigation. Cadet Landreth has been in the army air corps for the past six months.

**Pvt. Vernon Miles**, son and Mrs. Paul Miles, of Lane, who was inducted in Army at Fort Bragg in November, is now stationed at C. Van Dorn, Miss.



Charles Edd Sexton, Seaman 2-C, is with the U. S. Navy in New Guinea. He received his "boot" training at Camp Peary, Va., and was stationed at San Francisco, Calif., before going overseas. He says to tell his friends "hello."



Pfc. F. McNeal Cox, son of Mrs. Belle Cox and the late David Cox, formerly of Alleghany, has been in the South Pacific area for the past four months. He is with the Marine corps and writes that he likes his work fine.



Pvt. Rex Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hines, of Bel Air, Md., and formerly of Alleghany, is now serving somewhere in France. He was inducted in March, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944.



Walter Bryan Cox, Seaman 1-C, son of Mrs. Belle Cox and the late David Cox, formerly of Alleghany county, is now serving with the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific area. He writes that he likes his work very much.



Pfc. Roy Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks, of Glade Valley, is now serving in France. While at Ft. Jackson, S. C., he distinguished himself by winning the highest rifle score in the 397th Regiment.



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**PRISONER OF WAR**—T/5 Kyle L. Mabe, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mabe of Furches, has been reported a prisoner of war of the Germans after being listed as missing in action since Dec. 18. T/5 Mabe received basic training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and Camp Maxey, Texas, and went overseas with an infantry outfit last September.

# Alleghany Girls Serving their Country

-SALEM, N. C., WEDNESDAY

CASABLANCA, ON THE WESTERN COAST OF MOROCCO, was the scene of one of the most momentous military conferences in history earlier this month when President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, General Giraud and De Gaulle, the Free French and a host of other military leaders assembled there to map the 1943 war strategy of the United Nations. Utmost secrecy veiled the meeting from the rest of the world until it was announced last night. President Roosevelt flew to the scene, his first airplane trip since his first nomination in 1932. One of the immediate tasks agreed upon at the conference was the ousting of all Axis forces from North Africa. At present the Axis is clinging to the Tunisian corner. Jan 27-43



LT. WANDA REEVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Reeves, of Sparta, completed her training at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore and is now a second lieutenant in the Army, at Ft. Belvoir, Va.



ARMY NURSE—Second Lieut. Annie Mae Truitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Truitt of Sparta, has received her commission in the Army Nurses' Corps and is now stationed at George Field, Ill. She received her basic training at Maxwell Field, Ala. She was graduated from the Martin Memorial Hospital School of Nursing at Mount Airy and was a member of the staff of Randolph Hospital at Asheboro when she went into service.



Miss Rosa Jordan is the first native Alleghany girl to enlist in the WAAC. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jordan, of Glade Valley.

## Irwin Brothers In Service



Lt. Leo H. Irwin, left, volunteered for service in the Navy in March, 1942, in Washington, D. C., where he was studying law at Georgetown University. He was promoted to his present rank in July. His wife and eighteen-months-old daughter reside in Norfolk, Va. Gene R. Irwin, Seaman 2-C, right, entered the Navy in Washington, D. C., in April, 1944, received his "boot" training at Camp Peary, Va. He was transferred to California and immediately sent to New Caledonia, in the South Pacific. His wife and son, Billy, reside in Sparta. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carl Irwin, of Sparta.



Sgt. Henry Wade Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Edwards, of Sparta, recently entered officer's candidate school in Ft. Jackson, S. C. He was inducted into service in May, 1943, and received training at Camp Hood, Texas and Camp Carson, Colorado.



Pfc. Gene Blevins, son of Mrs. Rosa Blevins, of Sparta, has recently been transferred from Camp Haan, California to Camp Honze, Texas. He has been assigned to the Infantry.



Pfc. Wayne Hash has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hash, of Piney Creek, that he has received the star and ribbon for heroism on the beachhead in Italy. Pfc. Hash has been overseas for the past sixteen months.



Pvt. Woodrow Maines, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Maines, of Sparta, entered the service in November, 1942, and is now stationed at Memphis, Tenn., where he has been since June, 1943.

**Former County Men Commissioned**



**ENSIGN JOHN S. ERVIN**, son of Rev. C. W. Ervin, of Glade Valley, was recently commissioned an ensign in the Navy. He has served with the navy for 16 years. Ensign Ervin has had many narrow escapes, and has traveled to almost all over the world. He is now on sea duty.



**DR. J. HERBERT ESTEP**, son of Mrs. Wilborn Estep and the late Mr. Estep, of Whitehead, was commissioned as a lieutenant in the medical division of the navy. Dr. Estep received his medical degree at Emory University, Ga., in May, 1942, and since that time has served as an intern there.



**LIEUTENANT DAILY P. GAMBILL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cleve Gambill of Alleghany County, has notified his parents that he has recovered from wounds received in the New Guinea battle zone in the South Pacific and has been released from the hospital. He is a graduate of N. C. State College where he was commissioned second lieutenant in the reserve.

**MISSING IN ACTION**



**Private First Class** son of Mrs. C. H. Wright, of Ennice, has arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his mother. He entered service in the army air corps in May, 1942, completing his training in engineering at Langley Field, Va.

*Walter  
Elmer  
Andrews*



**Technical Sergeant Roy E. Richardson**, son of Lloyd S. Richardson, of Furches, has been missing in action in Italy since January 30, according to a telegram from the Secretary of War. Sgt. Richardson, who entered service over two years ago, was a gunner on a flying fortress. The telegram stated that further information would be sent as soon as it was received.

## Serving Together In Germany



Cpl. Amon C. Edwards, left, and Sgt. William M. (Bill) Collins, right, both of Sparta, went overseas together last January and were together in England, the invasion of France on D-Day and now in Germany. Cpl. Edwards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Edwards. His wife and baby son reside with her parents at Glade Valley. Sgt. Collins is the son of Porter C. Collins, of Sparta.



Gunners Mate 3-C Elmer A. Fender is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Fender, of Sparta. He entered the Navy in November, 1942, and has served one year overseas in Italy and France.

## Goodman Brothers In Service



Seaman 2-C Clyde Goodman, left, and Seaman 2-C M. A. Goodman, Jr., are sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goodman, of Sparta. Clyde entered the Navy in April and is now stationed at Banana River, Fla. M. A., Jr., entered the service in February and is now stationed at Miami, Fla.



2-C Petty Officer Dick Anderson, U. S. Navy, is now serving on a LST boat in the South Pacific theater of war. Formerly of Mason City, Iowa, he is married to the former Miss Lucille Jolly, of Glade Valley. Prior to going overseas, he was stationed at San Diego, Calif., Bainbridge, Md., and at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Two Alleghany Corporals



At the left is Corporal Herman J. Crouse, recently promoted to his present rank. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crouse, of Stratford and is now stationed at S. Louis Obispo, Cal. At the right is Cpl. Clete B. Choate, who has just returned to his duties at Camp Blanding, Fla., after visiting relatives here.



**CORPORAL JOHN L. MOXLEY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Moxley of Sparta, has recently been promoted to his present rating. He has been in the army for about six months and is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.



**SEAMAN SECOND CLASS GEORGE ROBERT ATWOOD**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Atwood of Whitehead, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the navy in June, 1943 and trained at Bainbridge, Md.

### AT FORT JACKSON



Pvt. Bishop J. Lyons, who was inducted into the army November 29, 1942, has returned to camp, after spending an eight-day furlough with his wife at Ennice. Pvt. Lyons is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.



**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD C. SMITH**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smith of Piney Creek, Alleghany County, has been promoted to his present rating. He is now stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska.



**SERGEANT JESSE ROYAL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Royal of Roaring Gap and husband of the former Miss Rex Jolly of Glade Valley, has been promoted to his present rating. He is stationed somewhere in Australia.



**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER C. HINES**, son of Mrs. John W. Hines of Stratford, has been stationed in Alaska for little over a year. He entered the army in February, 1942, and trained at Camp Lee, Va.

## Alleghany Men Fight For Liberty Throughout The World



These Alleghany men are now in Uncle Sam's armed forces. Reading from left to right: Cpl. Arza D. Wyatt, now stationed in the Canal Zone, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wyatt, of Piney Creek; John Moxley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Moxley, is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.; Pvt. Odell Crouse, who entered the armed forces three months ago, is stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va.; Pvt. Roscoe Billings, Jr., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Billings, formerly of this county, is at Keesler Field, Miss.; Pfc. Paul M. Shumate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shumate, of Hays, recently received his promotion at Camp White, Oregon.



Pvt. Eugene E. Shaw, son of Eld. and Mrs. R. A. Shaw, of Sparta, is now with the U. S. Army in Luxembourg. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Pvt. Shaw, who is with General Patton's Third Army, entered service in August, 1944, and went overseas in December, 1944.



Charles H. Horton, Seaman 2-C, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Horton, of Furches, is serving with the Navy in the South Pacific. Seaman Horton writes that he has seen some action in the Philippines and the islands looked pretty ragged when the Navy has finished with them. He has been in service since May, 1944, and went overseas in July, 1944.



# Alleghany Boy Already Army Veteran at 19

(Special to The Journal)  
Sparta.—The second youngest veteran of World War I in the United States Army is 19-year-old Private Ralph Redd, son of Mrs. Verne Redd of Twin Oaks in Alleghany county, according



**RALPH REDD**

to order by Brig. Gen. Collins in Puerto Rico.

Private Redd was injured by explosion of a fragmentary shell at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was in the army hospital there more than three months before being discharged. (Censorship prohibits type of shell and attacking enemy at the island.)

At the present, Private Redd is on 60-day furlough and is visiting his home here, after being transferred from Puerto Rico to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. He is in the medical corps, and received a camera from his commanding officer at the hospital in San Juan for being the "most available on duty."

Private Redd volunteered for service 11 months ago.



**FIREMAN FIRST CLASS HOWARD W. CARPENTER**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carpenter of Ennice, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the navy Nov. 20, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now at Newport, R.I.



**Amon K. Choate, Seaman 2-C**, who is stationed at the U. S. Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., recently spent a nine-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Choate, of Glade Valley. Seaman Choate has been in the Navy for the past eight weeks.



**PFC. RAYMOND ROYALL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Royall of Roaring Gap, was recently promoted to his present rank. He entered the army in January, 1943, and is now stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

IN THE  
MILITARY SERVICES

## Royall Completes Gunnery Course

(Special to The Journal)  
Laredo Army Air Field, Texas.—Sergeant Raymond M. Royall of Roaring Gap, N. C. has completed the flexible gunnery course at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School here and has received his present rating and aerial gunner's wings.

Sergeant Royall is now eligible to assume a position as a member of an Army Air Forces combat crew.



**SEAMAN SECOND CLASS BENJAMIN CAUDILL**, son of Mrs. Cella Richardson of Whitehead, has been promoted to his present rating. He trained at Bainbridge, Md. and is now at the Norfolk, Va. naval base for training.



**PFC. ROSS S. JOLLY**, son of Mrs. S. M. Jolly of Glade Valley, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the army November 6, 1942, trained at Fort Jackson and Camp White, Oregon, and is now at Camp Adair, Oregon.



**PVT. EVERETT L. SHEPHERD**, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Shepherd of Laurel Springs, is with the Medical Corps somewhere in the South Pacific. He entered service February 20, 1941, has been overseas since April, 1942.



**CORP. ROGER A. SHEPHERD**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shepherd of Laurel Springs, has been overseas since June, 1942. He was in North Africa when he wrote the last letter received by his parents, June 27.



**CORPORAL HENRY CLICK TRUITT**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Truitt of Abshers, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the army in August, 1942, and is stationed at Gulfport Field, Miss., where he is an instructor.



**CORPORAL CHARLES T. EDWARDS JR.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Edwards of Piney Creek, Alleghany County, has been promoted to that rating and is stationed at the Army Air Base Hospital at Kearney, Neb.

## Let's back the boys who are fighting for us!



Pfc. Walter Frank Osborne, Jr., U. S. Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborne, of Sparta, is now stationed in Hiawahi. Pfc. Osborne, who entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in January, recently took part in the invasion of the Marshall Islands. Before entering the service, he attended State College in Raleigh.

PFC. WALTER FRANK OSBORNE, JR.



Sgt. Hasten Edwin Maines, son of Mrs. Ethel Maines, of Sparta, Rt. 2, was recently promoted to his present rank at his base in San Bernardino, Calif. Sgt. Maines was inducted in the army in November, 1942, and received his training at Camp Phillips, Kansas and Camp Breckenridge, Ky.



Pvt. William Howard Tucker, who recently completed basic training with the infantry, at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and spent a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tucker, of Furches, has been in service for several months and is getting along fine with his work.

### RETIRES FROM ARMY



First Sergeant Grover C. Hash, who recently retired from the U. S. Army, after having served there thirty-one and one-half years.

**MISSING IN ACTION**



*Deceased*  
Seaman James Lee Crouse listed as missing in action last month, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crouse, Whitehead. He enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942 and received his training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, in Illinois, rating as Seaman Second Class. *Deceased*

**IN BRITISH PARADE**



Pvt. Odell Crouse, a gunner in an anti-aircraft battery, credited with shooting down several German planes, recently took part in the Britain Day Parade.

**IN FOREIGN SERVICE**



**STAFF SGT. CHARLES WESLEY RICHARDSON**, son of Mrs. Eula Harless, of Glade Valley, was inducted into the army at Fort Bragg in 1940. He is now in Africa, after having been stationed in India, where he reports the British treated him royally at one of their rest camps. He reports also that he is getting along fine, comfortable, plenty to eat, and suffering no hardships.

**Stuart Brothers Have Same Rank**  
*(Ruth's Teacher)*



Cpl. F. L. Stuart, (left), and Cpl. J. E. B. Stuart, (right), are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stuart, of Ashland. F. L. entered service one and a half years ago, and has just notified his parents that he has arrived safely somewhere in England. J. E. B. is with the physical training department of the Air Force and is stationed at Hondo, Texas. He has been in service for two years. Prior to that he taught in Sparta.



Cadet James Lewis Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wagoner, of Sparta, has been in the Army Air Corps for the past nine months. Cadet Wagoner, who is stationed at Santa Ana Air Base, Santa Ana, Calif., recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis and returned to his squadron.

(Continued On Page four) and Betty Jean.

## Following Allegheny Men Serving In Uncle Sam's Armed Forces



*Deceased*  
Corporal Leff Caudill, listed as having been wounded in action in North Africa on May 8th. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caudill, of Twin Oaks. He was one of the first to enter the armed forces after the outbreak of war.



Pvt. Thomas E. Jarvis, of Camp Howze, Texas, has been in the army for five months. He is with the Engineers' Battalion. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, of Sparta, and has recently spent a ten-day leave at home.



T-Sgt. Doughton L. Perry, (left), is now stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas. He entered service over a year ago. Pvt. Hugh B. Perry, (right), is now stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., but expects to be transferred soon.



Pfc. William C. Brinegar, son of Mrs. Clyde Brinegar, of McGrady, has been promoted to his present rank. He entered the army in January, 1943 and is now stationed in New Mexico. He likes Army life fine.



Ensign Jesse Willard Wooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wooten, formerly of Allegheny county. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in October, 1942. He received his commission as ensign at Columbia University, in 1942.



Pvt. Cecil J. Murray, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Murray, of Sparta, is now stationed in New Guinea. Pvt. Murray, who entered the service in March, 1942, received his basic training in New Jersey and is now a crane operator. Pfc. Ernest Bell, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Bell, of Whitehead, was recently promoted to his present rank. Pfc. Bell, who entered the army in 1942, received his basic training at Camp Swift, Texas, and is now stationed in Louisiana. He is the brother of Walter L. Bell, who is a Japanese prisoner of war.

### Recently Home On Furloughs

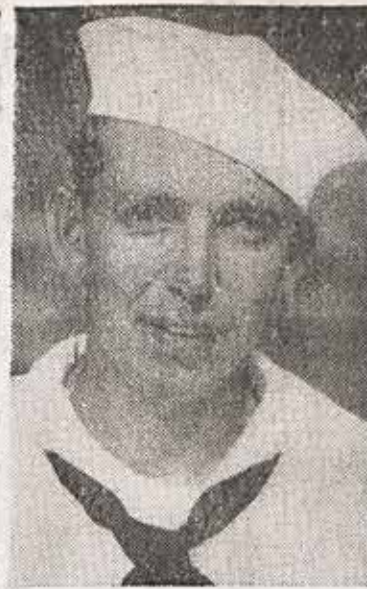


Pfc. Leonard T. Mabe, left, who is stationed at Boca Raton Field, Florida, recently spent a 15-day furlough with relatives and friends in Alleghany. Pfc. Mabe, who is a first class machine gunner, has been assigned to police duty since his recovery from a recent operation. Pvt. Fred B. Roberts, right, son of Mrs. Clyde Tate, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother. Pvt. Roberts volunteered for service in August and received his basic training at Fort Bragg.

## Alleghany Aerial Gunner And Pilot



Sgt. Ray S. Reeves, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reeves, of Sparta, recently completed his training for combat duty and won his wings as an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. Sgt. Reeves, a graduate of Sparta high school, entered the service in January, 1943. Lt. Dale W. Click, right, of Washington, D. C., is the pilot of the crew of which Sgt. Reeves is gunner. The crew is now stationed in Topeka, Kansas.



Olin C. Reeves, Seaman 2-C, son of Mrs. S. G. Caudill, of Sparta, entered the Navy in March, 1944, and is now serving in the Hawaiian Islands. His wife, the former Miss Edna Black and son, Richard, reside at Piney Creek.



Pvt. James E. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Carpenter, of Twin Oaks, is now serving in France. He entered the army in March, 1942, and has been overseas since May, 1943, having served in the Sicilian campaign.



Pvt. Grant M. Harless, Jr., who is recuperating in a hospital in Italy from wounds received in action on June 9, has been awarded the Purple Heart for military merit. Pvt. Harless is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harless, of Whitehead.



Pvt. Dan Davis, son of Mrs. Carrie S. Davis, of Piney Creek, is now serving on the Italian front and writes his mother that he is getting along fine. He received his training at Camp Grant, Va., and left the states in September, 1943.



Sgt. William H. Busic, of Sparta, has recently been promoted to his present rating. Sgt. Busic, who is a turret specialist, is stationed at an Army Air Force Service Station somewhere in England. His wife resides in Sparta.



Cpl. Sidney W. Sturgill, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sturgill, of Piney Creek, was recently promoted to his present rank. Cpl. Sturgill is now stationed at Camp Sibert, Alabama.



Pvt. Lester Wade Hoppers, U. S. Marine, now stationed at New River, Lejuene Camp, recently spent a 10-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Hoppers, of Stratford.



Above are three sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reeves, of Sparta, who are serving in the armed forces. Pvt. Harrison Reeves, left, is with the medical corps in England and entered service in January, 1943. Pfc. Cleo Reeves, center, is with the ordnance department in England and has been in service since November, 1942. Pvt. Willard Reeves, right, entered service in March, 1944, and is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.



Sgt. Hoke C. McMillan, left, has been serving with the Army Air Force in North Africa since December, 1942. Sgt. McMillan, who has been in service since April, 1942, received his training at the Academy of Aeronautics, LaGuardia Field, N. Y., and the Curtis Wright Service School, Buffalo, N. Y. Edgar Lee McMillan, right, has been with the Marine Air Force since August, 1943. He was recently promoted to his present rank and is now stationed at Cherry Point, N. C. The boys are the sons of Mrs. E. L. McMillan, of Sparta.



T-Sgt. Robert G. McCann, left, has been in the Army for the past 21 years. He served four years overseas, two years in Hawaii in 1923-24 and two years in the Philippines in 1938-39. Sgt. McCann, who entered the service when he was twenty-one, is now stationed at Key Field, Miss. Sgt. Charlie Ford McCann, right, recently spent a 15-day furlough here. He entered the army in August, 1942, and spent five and one-half months in the Aleutian Islands. Sgt. McCann, who was recently promoted to his present rank, is stationed at Camp Hale, Colo. They are the sons of Mrs. Mamie McCann, of Sparta.



William Floyd Fender, Seaman 2-C, son of Mrs. Monroe Fender and the late Mrs. Fender, of Sparta, who volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy in November, 1942, is now stationed in the distributing office of the U. S. Naval hospital at Bainbridge, Md.

Wm. A. Goodman, Jr., son of



### Alleghany Men Given Promotions



Corporal James Ted Porter, left, of the U. S. Para-Marines, has recently been promoted to his present rank. Cpl. Porter, son of F. A. Porter, of Sparta, is now stationed at Camp Elliot, San Diego, California. He volunteered for the marines in May, 1943. Pfc. Howard Crouse, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Crouse, of Glade Valley, recently received his present rating. Pfc. Crouse, who entered the service in February, 1943, is now stationed at Camp Livingston, La.

### Taylor Brothers Now In Service



Tech. Sgt. Steven M. Taylor, left, of the Army Air Corps, and Gunner's Mate 1-C Ray Austin Taylor, right, of the Naval Air Corps, are sons of Mrs. Lillie Taylor, of North Wilkesboro and formerly of Alleghany county. Sgt. Taylor entered service in April, 1942, and is now in the Gala Pagos Islands. Seaman Taylor entered the Navy in April, 1944, and is now stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va.

## Three Alleghany Men Are Casualties Of War



Reading from left to right, Pfc. Page Thompson, who died as a result of wounds received in action in Germany, March 5; Pvt. James T. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wagoner, of Ennice, was killed in action in Belgium on January 8; and Pfc. Ben F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Taylor, of Laurel Springs, was killed in action on Iwo Jima on March 3.

## 27 Alleghany County Men Died In Service in World War Two

World War II claimed the lives of at least 27 Alleghany County men either in action or from other causes while in service.

The list includes: Staff Sergeant Charles Clinton LaRue, son of Mrs. Flora LaRue of Piney Creek, accident near Camp Rucker, Ala., Dec. 8, 1942; Apprentice Seaman Howard Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Joines of Stratford, illness, Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Aug. 21, 1943; Pfc. Romey E. Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haston Lowe of Galax, Route 1, North Africa, July 29, 1943;

Corporal Walter Woodrow Blevins, son of Mrs. Rosa Blevins of Sparta, New Caledonia, Nov. 22, 1943; Sergeant Robert J. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds of Sparta, died in hospital in Greensboro, Dec. 4, 1943; Pfc. Vernon Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miles of Cherry Lane, March 3, 1944, North Africa; Lieutenant Earlie L. Wolfe, son of Mrs. Agnes C. Wolfe, Sparta, May 17, 1944, Italy;

Corporal Leff J. Caudill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caudill of Twin Oaks, June 6, 1944, France; Private Marvin Faulkes, son of Mrs. Gord Roupe of Winston-Salem, formerly of Scottsville, Aug. 8, 1944, France; Private William J. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nichols, Alleghany County, July 11, 1944, Saipan; Seaman Second Class James Lee Crouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crouse, July 13, 1943, Sicily;

Sergeant Claude W. Andrews, son of Mrs. Charles G. Andrews, Aug. 28, 1944, France; Private James G. Evans, son of Mrs. Carrie H. Watson of Cherry Lane, Sept. 12, 1944, England; Pfc. Ross E. Jolly, son of Mrs. Flora E. Jolly of Glade Valley, Oct. 10, 1944, Italy; Private Charlie M. Crouse, son of Mrs. Bertha Crouse, Nov. 26, 1944, France; Private Owen E. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson of Glade Valley, Sept. 15, 1944, France; Pfc. Walter Trivett, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Trivett of Sparta, Nov. 18, 1944, Germany; Pfc. Audle L. Presnell Jr., son of Elder and Mrs. A. L. Presnell of Sparta, July 2, 1944, France;

*Alleghany Boys Deceased  
in World War II*



Pfc. Ross S. Jolly, son of Mrs. Flora E. Jolly and the late Mr. Jolly, of Glade Valley, has been reported missing in action in Italy since October 10. A member of the infantry in the Fifth Army, Pfc. Jolly served in North Africa before going to Italy. He entered service in November, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1944.



Pfc. Vernon Miles, who was drowned in North Africa, just off Cape Corbin, Algiers, on March 3, was awarded the Purple Heart post-humously recently by the War Department. The decoration, awarded for bravery in action, was sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miles, of Cherry Lane.

**KILLED IN ACTION**



Lt. Earlie L. Wolfe, son of Agnes C. Wolfe, of Sparta, who died in Italy on May 17 as a result of wounds received in action.

**KILLED IN ACTION**



Pvt. Charlie M. Crouse, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crouse, of Cherry Lane, was killed in action in France on November 26. He was married to the former Miss Ola Rash. Pvt. Crouse entered service in November, 1942, and went overseas in August, 1944.

**DIES IN SERVICE**



Sgt. Claude W. Andrews, who will be honored at a memorial service on Sunday, October 22.

**KILLED IN ACTION**



Staff Sergeant Sam W. Osborne was killed in action in Germany on February 9, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Osborne, of Stratford. He is a graduate of Sparta high school and attended State College.



PFC. JAMES T. WAGONER

# Ennice Man Is Killed

(Special to The Journal)

Sparta. — Pfc. James T. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy H. Wagoner, of Ennice, was killed in action in Belgium on January 8, according to a message received from the War Department by his parents.

Pfc. Wagoner, formerly reported missing in action, entered service in January, 1941, and received his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Alliance, Neb. He left for overseas duty in December, 1943, and has served in Ireland, England and France.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his wife, the former Miss Edythe Gaylean, of Baywood, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Carrol Waddell, of West Jefferson; one brother, Jack Wagoner, Ennice; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Carico, of White Hall, Md.

try outfit.



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE SHAW, son of Elder and Mrs. R. A. Shaw, Baywood, has been promoted to his present rank. He received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and went overseas last December. He is now in Germany.

*Withed in Ennice*

# Family's in Army



PFC. LILLIAN CAUDILL



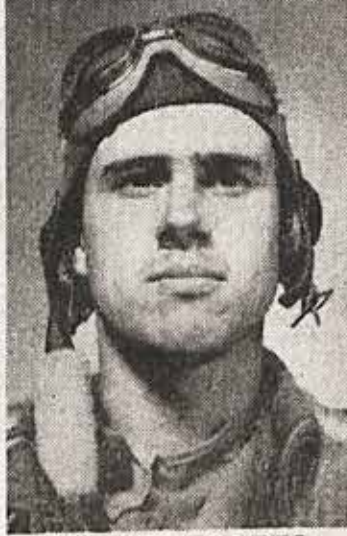
S/SERGT. JAMES CAUDILL



PFC. JAMES A. SAYLOR, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Saylor of Elkin, has notified his parents he is now somewhere overseas. He entered the marines in November, 1943, and trained at Parris Island, S. C. and Camp Lejeune.



T/SERGT. DOLLIE CAUDILL



PFC. AUSTIN CAUDILL



PFC. HAROLD ROBERTS

(Special to The Journal and Sentinel) Thurmond.—A daughter and three sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Caudill of Thurmond are serving in the armed forces, all in the army. One is overseas.

Pfc. Lillian M. Caudill has been in the WAC since January, 1943, and is now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. She received her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Staff Sgt. James R. Caudill has been in service since Feb., 1941, participated in the invasion of North Africa and is now in England. He is married to the

former Miss Leona Gregory of Elkin, and they have one child, James David Caudill.

Technical Sgt. Dollie M. Caudill pulled on the uniform two months after his brother, James. He trained at Orlando Air Base, Orlando, Fla., and later attended an army air forces technical training school. He is now at Mitchell Field, N. Y. His wife is the former Miss Cecil Mae Richardson of Thurmond.

Pfc. Austin L. Caudill joined the army in May, 1943, acting as an aerial gunner in an air forces unit in England. He received basic training

## Union Grove Man Killed In Belgium

Pfc. Harold H. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roberts of Union Grove was killed in action in Belgium December 27, his parents have been notified by the War Department. He was a paratrooper.

Pfc. Roberts entered the army Dec. 6, 1943, and trained at Camp Croft, S. C. and Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas in July, 1944.

Surviving are the parents; three sisters, Mrs. G. L. Blackburn of Devotion; Mrs. Elsie Lynch of Union Grove and Miss Veina Roberts of the home; and three brothers, Sgt. Sam P. Roberts of the army, overseas; George and Bert Roberts of the home.

*Sunny County Boys in Service for Uncle Sam*



**IN WAR ZONE**—Corporal Rufus Adrian Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Nixon, of Mountain Park, is now stationed in a war zone outside of the U. S. A. He was inducted into the army May, 1941, and received his basic training at Fort Screven, Georgia.



**LIKES AUSTRALIA** — Private Raymond H. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons, of Thurmond, has arrived in Australia and writes his parents that he likes the Antipodes fine and the people are just like Americans. He says he has seen all the movies there, but enjoys attending them again. Simmons entered the army in August, 1941.



**PROMOTED** — Sergeant Paul Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brooks, of Devotion, has recently received promotion to his present rating. He enlisted in the army July 13, 1940, and is now stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Md.



**CORPORAL CHARLES H. SWIFT, JR.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Swift of Mountain Park, has notified his parents that he has arrived safely in England. He entered the army in August, 1942 and was last stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Va.



**CORP. JAMES A. LINVILLE**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Linville, 3060 Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, has been advanced to his present rating and is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.



**PFC. EARL W. ROYALL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Royall of Traphill, has been advanced to that rating at Fort Bragg. Entered army Nov. 30, 1942, and trained in South Carolina and Tennessee. Married Miss Olivia Shaw.

**C. H. Moore  
Is Promoted**

*(Special to The Journal)*  
Mountain Park. — Clyde H. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore of Mountain Park, has been promoted to sergeant at Camp Phillips, Kans., where he is now stationed. Sergeant Moore entered service in November, 1942.



**HOSPITAL APPRENTICE SECOND CLASS WILLIAM MCCLAIN DICKERSON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dickerson of State Road, is now on sea duty. He entered the navy last year, trained at Norfolk, Va., is now with the marines.

**Cpl. John Ray Blevins**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Blevins, of Galax and formerly of Sparta, was with the U. S. Paratroops in the battles of Cherbourg and Carentan, where he was presented a medal for heroism. He is the brother of Mrs. R. E. Black, of Sparta and Mrs. Boyd Higgins, of Ennice. His wife and baby daughter reside in Baltimore, Md. His only brother, Ralph T. Blevins is a Coxswain in the U. S. Navy.

Cpl. Blevins sends the following poem in memory of the paratroops who died in the battle of Carentan:

**HEROES OF PURPLE HEART  
LANE**

Let's drink to the troopers, so  
bronzed and tan,  
Who march down the road to  
Carentan,  
They are the boys who so long  
had to train,  
To fight this battle of "Purple  
Heart Lane."  
Yes, it's the road across the flood-

ed plain,  
The road to hell—we call "Purple  
Heart Lane."

Why was it called this; you may  
wish to know,  
Well, Jerry was up there putting  
on this show,  
He had mortars, machine guns  
and 88's, too,  
With plenty of armor to back up  
his crew.  
Again there were snipers; men  
we could not see,  
They kept firing at us, my bud-  
dies and me.

We laughed back in basic at hug-  
ging the ground;  
But we did this and liked it all  
the way into town,  
Then came the charge that led to  
their guns,  
We beat back those Jerries; those  
invincible Huns,  
Invincible they say, and they  
weren't far wrong,  
But we made them change the  
tune of their song.

The long battle over; we trudged  
up the hill;  
And paused to look back at our  
comrades so still.  
We think now of the boys and  
hope they died not in vain;  
Our pals, yes, the "Heroes of Pur-  
ple Heart Lane."