


THE JACKSBORO GAZETTE

AUGUST 30, 1945

Lt. Hollis Allen Reported Found In Manchuria

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen received a telegram from the War Department Tuesday, Aug. 28, stating that their son, Lt. Hollis Allen was found among the personnel in a prison camp in Manchuria. No comments were made on his health—said any more information received about their son would be forwarded quickly. It is presumed that Lt. Allen was found Aug. 26th.



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JANUARY 4, 1945

Johnny Baker Writes From Jap Prison

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Baker, Rt. 1, Perrin, have received a card from their son, Johnny, who is a Japanese prisoner. He is a member of the "Lost Battalion" and is in a camp at Camp Hakodate, northern Japan. He writes that he is fine and in the best of health. He has received mail from home,—said write more, send photos, and tell everyone "hello."

Four Flanagins In Service

Lt. (jg) Jimmie Flanagin, on a cross country flight, visited a sister in Fort Worth and home folks in Jacksboro last week, returning to Pensocola, Fla., where he is an aviation instructor.

Paul Flanagin, McM.M. c/c, writes home and friends from France and England.

Johnnie Flanagin, serving in the Merchant Marines, is aboard a tanker on the Gulf Coast.

Joe Flanagin, petty officer 1/c, having served two years in the South Pacific, is now stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Cpl. Delma L. Martin, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagin, is serving in the Meavy Artillery, many toward the Aachen front, in Belgium, pushing on into Ger-

Bryson School



The Bryson Independent School opened Sept. 3, with an enrollment of 313. High school teachers are Ernest Moore, superintendent; H. F. Malone, principal and coach; Mary Jane Choate, Sumner Choate, Effie Ragsdale and Bernice Long.

Elementary teachers are John Rudolph, principal; J. D. Hernon, Berta Hawley, Tommie Jeffrup, Ruth Stegall, Lola Hodge, Helen Lowe, Mmes. Harry Bloomshield and Amber Pollock.

The PTA was organized, Mrs. Blagg president, with a membership of fifty.

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MAY 24, 1945

Lts. Erwin and Brownlee Send Wires to Folks ✓

Lt. Ed Erwin who had been a German prisoner for nearly a year, sent his folks a wire and it was received here Wednesday afternoon of last week. Said he was fine and fit.

Lt. Leon Brownlee who had been a German prisoner since December, 1942, wired his folks, the messages received here, one Wednesday afternoon and one Thursday morning of last week. One stated that he was fit and fine, the other one from Paris said, "hope to be in the states in about two weeks."

Funeral Home Completed

OUR NEW FUNERAL HOME IS FINISHED

It has been made the most complete and up-to-the-minute. You will find it a block nearer to town than formerly, and the second door west of the Ford Motor.

Service night and day. Will you accept this as a cordial invitation to visit our new home? You are always welcome.

Burial Insurance

You will be pleased to have a burial policy for a complete funeral, as low as 15c per month. We write them from the day of birth to 90 years of age.

Hawkins Burial Association, Leon Hawkins, Sec'y
Jacksboro and Bridgeport

Announcement

I take this method of announcing that I have bought the R. H. Thompson Funeral Home and am sole owner.

Ambulance calls any time.

Leon Hawkins

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MAY 31, 1945

High School Graduates ✓

Forty-four seniors received their diplomas at the graduating exercises of the Jacksboro High School, last Friday night. They were: Van Brimhall, Franklin Bungarner, Mary Campsey, Billie Coley, Wayne Cox, Wanda Crum, Wilmer Crum, Martha Jean Douglass, Nina Faye Easter, Jareen Edwards, Ruby Ferguson, Jasimine Fry, Virginia Gilley, Van Mac Gladen, Jewell Mae Glascock, Betty Gresham, Barney Gilmore, Erna Una Henderson, Una King, Dorothy Nell Leatherwood, Lydia Leonard, Wanda Linehan, Ella Jean Matlock, Donna Faye Morris, George Myers, Dian McClurkin, Betty McComb, Dewyard McGregor, Freddie Joe Nichols, Margaret Pollard, Laverl Reeves, Linford Reeves, Myra Lee Reeves, James Riggs, Thelma Rhodes, Doris Ropre, Cora Ann Smith, Dixie Smith, Evelyn Stephens, Bernice Stewart, Jessie Swetnam, June Weir, Ann Whitsett, Ruth Yowell.

APRIL 19, 1945



USNR Official Notifies Mrs. Helms Of Death Of Son

Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.
19 February, 1945.

Mrs. Carmen Helms,
Bryson, Texas.

It is with deep regret that I have informed the Secretary of the Navy of the death of your son, Willard Douglas Helvey, pharmacist Mate 1/C, who died in the early morning of Feb. 18, 1945, as a result of wounds received from enemy fire while this ship was taking part in the initial assault against the Japanese held Island of Iwo Jima, Feb. 7, 1945.

He received multiple chest wounds while crawling across the deck to administer first aid to an injured shipmate.

First aid was administered to him shortly after being hit. Within twenty minutes he was transferred to a destroyer where he was placed under care of a medical officer. Within another hour he was transferred to a flag ship of the Task Force Commander where he later died. Burial took place the evening of Feb. 18, in keeping with the tenets of his religion and with military honors.

All of aboard were extremely fond of "Doc" as pharmacists are known in the navy. In the ministrings he had the confidence and gratitude of both officers and men.

His exemplary character and fine contribution to the welfare of the crew were especially evident in the religious services held aboard of which he was a principal organizer. The last service he planned occurred the day before we went into action. His outstanding qualities of leadership, devotion to duty and cheerful personality will be greatly missed by us all. His personal effects will be shipped to you at the earliest possible time.

The officers and men of his ship wish to extend to you in your great loss their heartfelt expression of sympathy.

Sincerely,
Jerome J. O. Dowd,
Lieut. (J.G.) USNR.
Commanding.

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NOVEMBER 1, 1945

One Hundred Ten Thousand See

Parade of Lost Battalion

110,000 people saw the parade of the Lost Battalion in Wichita Falls Monday. Visitors from north and west Texas and southern Oklahoma. Sixteen of the battalion's 25 officers led them and 124 men marched behind them. Many others, unable to make the long march, rode in autos.

Congressman Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls acted as master of ceremonies. Governor Stevenson officially welcomed the outfit home. Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker wartime commander of the 36th Division spoke as representative of War Secretary Patterson.

The veterans formed the Lost Battalion Club as a permanent organization and voted to meet annually. Colonel Tharp was named president; Lt. Col. Winthrop Rogers, Wichita Falls, 1st vice-president; 1/Sgt. Glenn W. Jones, Fort Worth, 2nd vice-president; Major Ira Fowler, Jacksboro, secretary-treasurer; Capt. Clyde Fillmore, Wichita Falls assistant. Wichita Falls was chosen for the 1946 convention.

The vets heard a telegram read from their former division commander, Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, that: "Each night I have said a prayer."

Brig. Gen. John A. Hulien, retired, at one time commander of the 36th Division, was there.

Wives and women relatives of the vets organized in the State-wide Lost Battalion Auxiliary. Mrs. Fillmore, Wichita Falls, president; Mrs. Charles Cates, Decatur, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Merle Clark, Abienc, 2nd vice president; Miss Flora Cobb, Wichita Falls, secretary-treasurer.

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NUMBER 14

"Lost Battalion" Being Found

Pfc. E. C. Morris Killed in Prison Camp

F. L. Morris is in receipt of the following information: Washington, D. C., Aug. 30, 1945. Finney L. Morris, Route 2, Jacksboro, Texas.

Deeply regret to inform you that an investigation has disclosed that your son, Pvt. 1/C E. C. Morris, USMC, was killed by the enemy on 14th Dec., 1944, at the Puerto Princessa Prison Camp, Palawan Island in the Philippines. He is carried on the rolls of the Marine Corps as having been killed in action in the performance of his duty and service of his country. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

A. A. Vandergrift,
General USMC Commandant
of the Marine Corps.

Pfc. E. C. Morris graduated from the Jacksboro High School in June 1938, and enlisted in the Marine Corps in September, 1938. He was in the Marine patrol service in Zambales District on Luzon two years prior to the outbreak of the war. He was on Corregidor when it fell May 6th, 1942.

Survivors are the parents; two brothers, Floyd of the U. S. Navy, Leyte; Raymond of the U. S. Marines, San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Nettie, a nurse in a hospital at Wichita Falls.

Jacksboro Schools to Open Next Monday, Sept. 10

The Jacksboro schools will re-open Sept. 10, at 9:00 a. m., with the following teaching staff:

High School: Principal B. E. Teague, aeronautics; John Henderson, mathematics; Ralph Faver, vocational agriculture; Miss Evelyn Brammer, homemaking; Mrs. LaVerne Ogle, commercial; Mrs. J. B. Sharp, English; Miss Venita Briley, English; Miss Ruth Whitaker, mathematics; Miss Mary Shhown, science; and social studies teacher to be employed.

Professor Cahoon. Band.

Elementary School: Principal Howard Elenburg, football coach; eighth grade; Mrs. Ruth Callo-way, Mrs. Ralph Faver; seventh grade: Miss Venita Worthington, Mrs. Cassie Isaacs; sixth grade: Mrs. Catherine Murphy; fifth grade: Mrs. Howard Elenburg, Mrs. Ruth Wilhelm; fourth grade: Mrs. Nina Hulsey, Miss Eunice Rubenkoenig; third grade: Mrs. Chrystine Boley, Miss Mary Boaz; second grade; Miss Alice Evans, Mrs. Mary Ham; first grade: Miss Gladys Chandler. Another teacher to be employed.

Blackshear Colored School: Mrs. Linnie Shelton, teacher.

J. B. Sharp, Superintendent

"Lost Battalion" Prisoners Being Accounted For

Last Saturday six telegrams came in from the War Department, stating that the boys were back under U. S. military control and that they are being hospitalized. Those heard from Saturday were Garth Oliver, Luther Prunty, Onis and Clifford Brimhall, Sydney Matlock, Clifford Johnson.

Monday, four telegrams came in and those heard from on that day were Ellison P. Leatherwood, Ed Worthington, Cleo and Cosby Sherill.

The addresses for some are APO 886 care P. M., New York, serial number.

Telegrams coming Tuesday told of Ray Ogle, Max Fillmore, John C. and Jim E. Hensley.

Wednesday personal telegrams were received from Luther Prunty, Clifford Johnson, Garth Oliver and Max Fillmore, to their parents, saying they were safe and sound and would be home soon. Max Fillmore also said he was "trying to locate Dad."

These boys are members of Battery "F" 131st F. A. They were mobilized in 1940, November and were taken prisoner at the fall of Java in March, 1942.

Lt. Hollis Allen's telegram came in last week to his wife at Dallas.

**Personal Telegrams From Boys
Of "Lost Battalion"**

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ross and Mrs. Louise Brown received personal telegrams from their sons, George Ross and Donald Brown, who were at that time in Calcutta. These boys were members of the famous "Lost Battalion" that was captured in the fall of Java in March, 1942.

**More Telegrams From "Lost
Battalion"**

A few more telegrams have been received from the War Department about boys of the "Lost Battalion" who were Japanese prisoners, Willie V. Jordan, Jennings B. Pitts and Raymond Richey. A report in one of the daily papers stated that Capt. Huddleston W. Wright, captain of Battery "F," also a prisoner, was released. His home is in Lubbock.

**Sgt. Glen M. Bowen Died In Jap
Prison In 1943**

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bowen, Jacksboro, received a telegram from the War Department Monday morning stating that their son, Sgt. Glen Bowen, died in a Japanese prison camp December 11, 1943. He was a member of the "Lost Battalion" and was captured in the fall of Java in March, 1942.

Sgt. Bowen was a graduate of the local high school and was a student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, when the National Guard was mobilized in November, 1940.

Cpl. Dan Sewell Dead

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sewell have received word that their son, Cpl. Dan Sewell, had died in 1943, from septicemia in the Japanese prison camp at Thailand.

Cpl. Sewell was a graduate of the local high school and was captured with the "Lost Battalion" at the fall of Java. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Harold Spears.

Elton Luna Died in Prison Camp

Pvt. Elton Luna, son of Robert Lee Luna, Perrin, after being reported a prisoner of the Jap government since June, 1942, has been declared dead by the War Department since Sept. 2, 1943. He was with the "Lost Battalion" of Java and died of beriberi. The message was received Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1945.

Ward Simpson Reported Dead

Ward H. Simpson, Bryson, a member of the "Lost Battalion," captured in the fall of Java in 1942, has been reported dead, since 1942. He joined the National Guard, Battery "F" here in 1940 and went overseas with the 2nd Btn. in November, 1941.

**More "Lost Battalion" Boys
Heard From**

Tuesday — Boyd E. Maher, William and Henry Chapman, Roy Gregg, Luther J. Anderson, Melvin and Joe Clay, and James Ray.

Wednesday — J. M. Hicks, Jr., Drew Crain, James E. Crum, reported they were OK and under military control.

Mrs. Martha Armstrong received a telegram from the Secretary of War, Tuesday, stating that her son, Pvt. Roy G. Armstrong, had returned to military control and would return to the U. S. soon, and that upon arrival will be given opportunity to communicate with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Laird received a telegram Tuesday, saying that their son, Pvt. Miles Laird, had been freed from the Thailand prison camp and is being hospitalized at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tilghman have received a message that their son, Sgt. Marvin E. Tilghman, with the "Lost Battalion," returned to military control Sept. 5th, and was hospitalized, was in good health and his address is at a New York APO.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1945

**More "Lost Battalion" Boys Are
Heard From**

Since last week's Gazette messages have come in from the War Department on Joseph Argabright, Antelope; Jimmy Ledbetter, Joplin; Harold Frazier, Jacksboro. Capt. Ira Fowler has been reported by the War Department that he is now under military control and his health was good but he is hospitalized—a letter will follow. The telegram was received here by his wife Thursday afternoon—Capt. Fowler with the battalion headquarters. The message came in Thursday afternoon. Cpl. Charles Campbell has been reported by the War Department under military control. message received Wednesday.

Friday afternoon a telegram was received by Mrs. Clark stating that her son, John D. Clark was OK and under military control and would be home soon. A telegram was received last week from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Solomon, saying their son, Wayne, was under military control. James M. Cooper also has been liberated and under military control.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Glazne received a telegram Monday afternoon from the War Department stating that their son, Thomas Herbert Glazner of the "Lost Battalion" was back under military control and would be in the States soon, and would be able to communicate with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Garner of Mineral Wells received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Edward Garner, a member of the "Lost Battalion," is now under military control and will be in the States soon.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1945

More "Lost Battalion" Members

Members Heard From

Mrs. Ada Gregg received a letter from her son, Roy, Sept. 18, saying that he was in good health and that he had received a letter from her. He had flown from Saipan and was at Calcutta. He was with the Lost Battalion.

James and Marian Frie of India write they are well. A telegram from Marian, dated Sept. 22, stated he was in Washington, D. C., leaving for Texas Sept. 23.

There are five Frie brothers in service—were six, one was killed. Thomas is awaiting discharge in San Diego; Hubert is on his way home from the Pacific; Cubert, the twin, is at Pearl Harbor; Allen was killed in Manilla Feb. 26, 1945. They are the sons of Henry Frie, Carlsbad, N. M., and grandsons of Mrs. J. L. Frie, Jacksboro. Mrs. Frie has had twelve grandsons in the service.

A son-in-law, is Albert H. Chenooweth, S 1/c, at Pearl Harbor, who is assistant navy mail clerk. Another son-in-law is T/Sgt. Lloyd Childress who is now in Fort Worth, having been discharged lately.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood, north of Jacksboro, received a telegram from their son, Chester L., saying he had arrived in New York and was having a good time. This was the first news from Chester.

Some time back, a telegram was to Mr. and Mrs. Slate saying their son was under military control and would be in the States soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lucas have received a telegram from the War Department that their son, Sgt. Herbert A. Lucas, is now under military control and will be in th States soon. He was OK.

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OCTOBER 11, 1945

John W. Rogers Died in Thailand

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Rogers have received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Pvt. John W. Rogers, died in a Jap prison camp, Jan. 28, 1944. He was a member of the "Lost Battalion," 131st Field Artillery.



More Men of "Lost Battalion" Liberated

Halmer Duckworth and James Gilmore were liberated from a Japanese prison camp Sept. 14 and 17, respectively. The telegrams were received by the families here last week, from the War Department, saying they would soon be returned to the States.

J. D. Clark, another member of the "Lost Battalion," came in last week and is visiting here.

Harold Frazier of the "Lost Battalion" came in Saturday night.

Willie V. Jordan of the "Lost Battalion" is now at his home near Newport.

Major Ira Fowler has returned home and is here with his family. He was one of the "Lost Battalion."

Joe Chapman and Cosby Sherrill are now at home with their relatives. Both were members of the "Lost Battalion."

Pfc. Jas. E. Ray, recently liberated from prison, is in Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Okla., for rest and medical check-up. In 1942 he was on Java, where on Nov. 8, of that year his unit was taken prisoner. After seven days at Singapore he was sent to Burma where he spent 14 months in nine different prison camps. The remainder of his period as prisoner was spent in Thailand and French Indo China. He was liberated Sept. 5.

Luther Long of the "Lost Battalion" has returned home.

Other members of the "Lost Battalion" home are Henry Frie, Henry Chapman and Ray Ogle.

More Lost Battalion Boys Home

Donald Brown, Wallace Slate, Wayne Solomon, James Ray, Clifford O. Brumhall, Edward I. Elliott, Cleo Sherrill and Edward L. Garner of Mineral Wells.

J. M. Hicks, Jr., and Miles Laird arrived home Sunday night for a visit here, en route to Fort Sam Houston. Thomas J. Spencer arrived home last Friday.

Drew Crain, a member of the Lost Battalion, visited here this week.

Herbert Glazner arrived home Tuesday afternoon and will spend a day or two, en route to Fort Sam Houston.

Max Fillmore, Marvin Tilghman, Luther Prunty, R. G. Armstrong, Ed Crum and Onis Brimhall arrived in Jacksboro Wednesday morning, driving through from Washington, D. C., en route to San Antonio.

Joseph F. and Melvin L. Clay, and Charles Campbell arrived home Wednesday morning.

To All Veterans of World Wars

I and II

You are invited to attend a meeting of the American Legion at the City Hall Thursday night, Oct. 18, at 7:30 o'clock. Plans for the furtherance of the Legion will be discussed. If at all possible, please be present.

I. G. Coley,
Post Commander.

October 29, Lost Battalion Day

October 29th has been proclaim-

Howard W. Eastwood Dead

9 October, 1945.

Mr. Granville E. Eastwood,
Newport, Texas.

Dear Mr. Eastwood:

It is with deep regret that I am writing to confirm my telegram informing you of the death of your son, Corporal Howard W. Eastwood, 20,814,103.

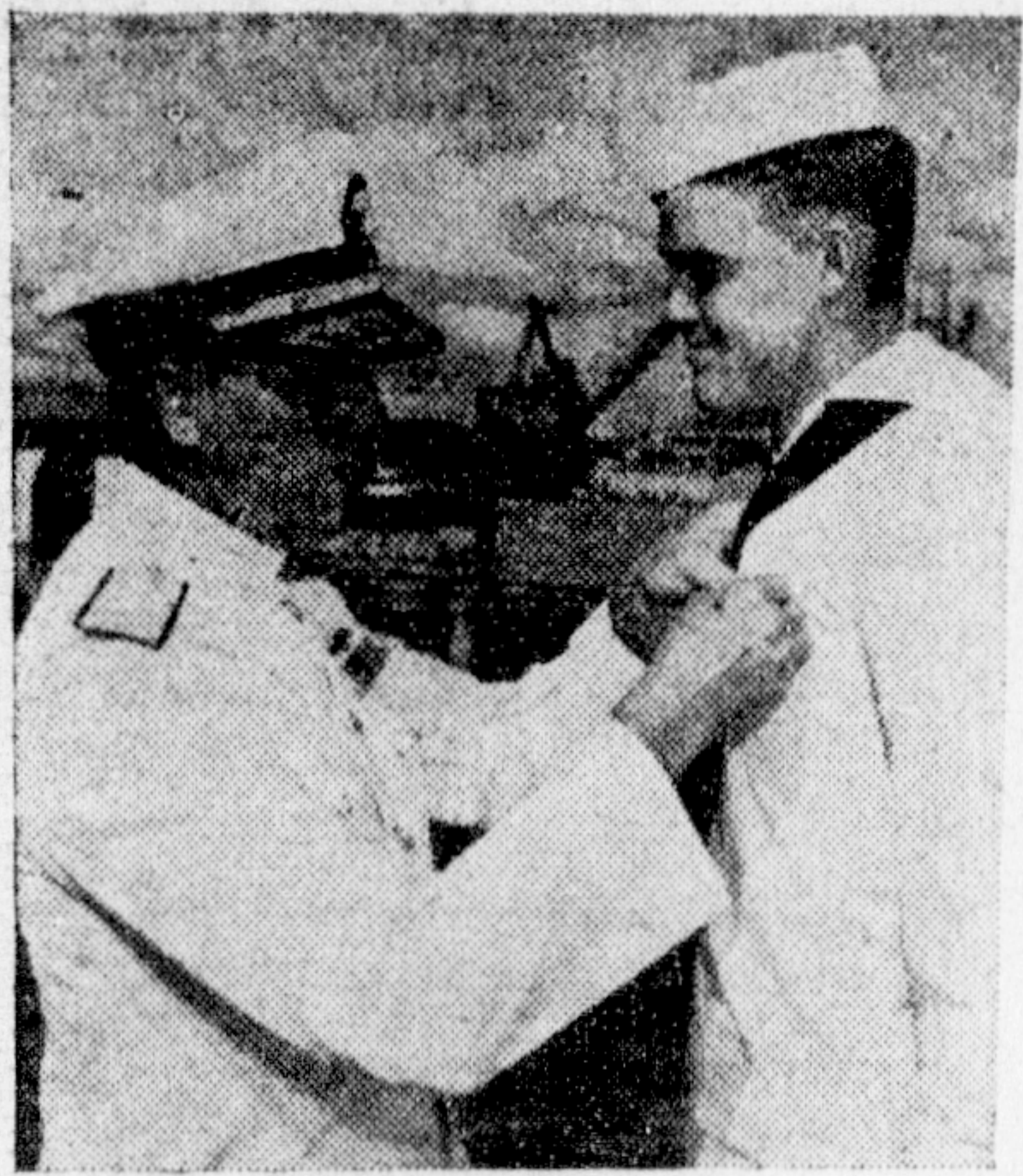
It has now been officially established from reports received in the War Department that your son died on 28 January, 1944, while a prisoner of war of the Japanese Government in Thailand, as a result of malnutrition. Interrogation of members of the 131st Field Artillery, who were imprisoned with your son and who have since returned to the United States, reveals that the members of the United States Army who were taken prisoner in Java were transported to camps in Burma and Thailand. It was at a camp in Thailand that your son died on 28 January, 1944.

I realize the anxiety you have suffered during this long period of uncertainty and had shared your hopes that the liberation of prisoners after cessation of hostilities would see your loved one returned safely to you. I know the sorrow this message has brought to you and hope that in time you may find sustaining comfort in the knowledge of his service to his country and his heroic sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,
Edward F. Witsell,
Major General,
Acting The Adjutant
General of the Army.

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MARCH 22, 1945



Dutch Riggs Wins Medal

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Walter Henry Riggs, torpedoman's mate, 3/C, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Riggs of Jacksboro.

The citation reads: "For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy, while serving in the torpedo overhaul shop of a U. S. Submarine Base from Oct. 1943, to Sept. 1, 1944. Through his tireless, competent, and accurate efforts in the overhaul and adjustment of the submarine torpedo, it has become a more efficient and reliable weapon in the conduct of offensive warfare against the enemy. Because of his initiative, the submarines of the Pacific greatly benefitted by the increased accuracy and performance of the torpedo. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

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MARCH 29 1945

Selective Service

Charles R. Kidd (colored) volunteered his services to the U. S. Army March 3, 1945, and was accepted at the Dallas Induction Station March 5, 1945, and reported to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to resume his duties as a soldier. He was given a medical discharge from the army June 15, 1943.

The following men passed their pre-induction physical examination in Dallas March 10, 1945: Lois F. Tucker; Raymond G. Garrett; Vernon E. Brooking; James B. Whitaker; James W. Jordan; Frank L. Able; Lee F. Ritchie; Muldrow L. Garrett; James I. Taylor; Thurman D. Clark.

Sidney W. Chipman, Wm. L. Ayers, Matt A. Henderson and Wm. L. Jackson.

J. D. Teague passed the examination in Portland, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1945

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1945

Selective Service

The following named men have passed their pre-induction physical examination, and are now at home on furlough awaiting call into service: J. T. Jeffery, Norman Locker Lowrance, George Locker Horton, Euwin Esdel Eason, James Hubert Jackson, Harold Windel Swetnam.

The following named men have been inducted into the U. S. Army: David March Bailey, George Edward Moore, Lee Frank Ritchie, James Oliver Manley, William McCoy Eatherly, Chesley T. Southerland, Jr.

The following named men have been inducted into the U. S. Navy: Arlis Frank Jolley, Arthur Olan Beadle.

Jack County Local Board.

Selective Service

Notice of separation from the Armed Forces of the following men has recently been received by the local board: Orbon L. Phillips, Tec4; Gordon C. Langston, EM2c; Paul W. Conner, BM2c; Raymond M. Bunnell; Pvt. Willard Y. Hanna, CMM; Sam A. Henderson, Jr., Tec5; Chester B. Ray, Pfc.; Edward L. Bush, Sgt.; Joy Hensley, SSML2c; Bennie Little, TM3c; Geo. E. Moore, Pvt.; Vernon Robbins, Sgt.; J. W. Tipps, T4; Guy M. Matlock, Sgt.; Francis W. Johnson, Sgt.; Ralph R. Budlong, TSgt.; Frank L. Like, Pfc.; Clay W. Gillespie, CSF; Johon J. Bauer, Tec4; Hubert O. Kinder, Pfc.; Willie E. Ray, Tec5; Geo. N. Bull, Corp.; Horace L. Brown, S1c; John D. Gaskin, Pfc.; Vernon K. Carter, Pfc.; Jack C. McCarty, CM2c; Geo. A. Bryson, Pfc.; Kenneth M. Slate, Cpl.; Wiley A. Joseph, Cpl.; Clinton M. Cox, Pfc.; John W. Ragsdale, Sgt.; Alworth A. Little, S1c; John P. Murphy, Cpl.; David H. Moore, Sgt.; Glenn M. Knappenberger, MSgt.; Rogers L. Dennis, S/Sgt.; Joseph C. McCoy, Pfc.; Robert H. Young, Sgt.; Robt. W. Mann, TSgt.; Dewitt C. Brown, MM-2c; Dena G. Ellis, SC2c; Leon E. King, Pfc.; Douglas C. Hart, S/Sgt.; Opal McGee, Tec5; James N. Plemmons, CMOMM.

Sidney F. Reaves and Ubern C. Ainsworth were inducted into the U.S. Army at the Dallas Induction Station and re-

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ported to Fort Sam Houston Nov. 27, 1945.

Lewis A. Pippiin was inducted into the U. S. Marines at the Dallas Induction Station Nov. 27, 1945, and reported to MCB, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 28, 1945.

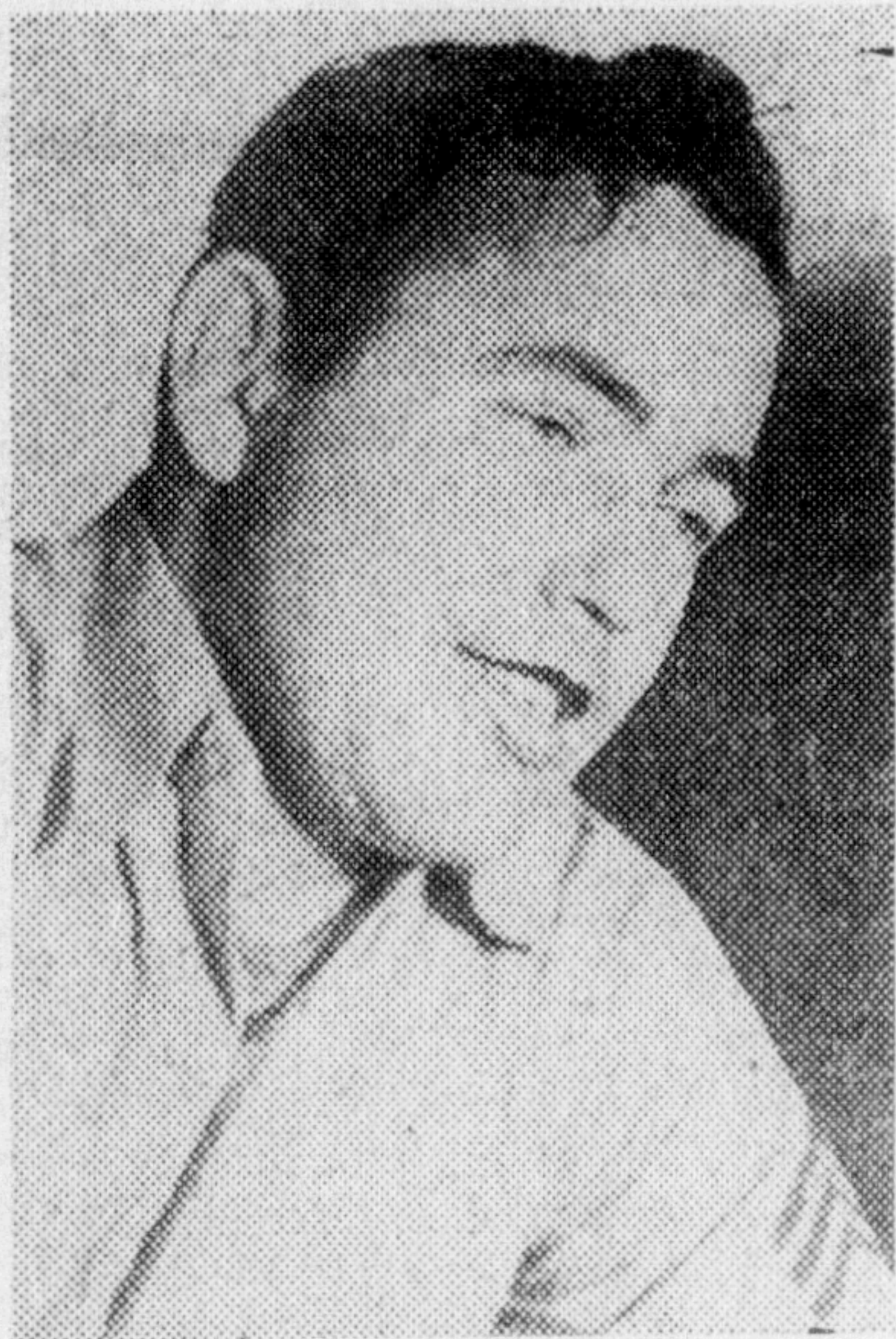
Aaron D. Deck and Truett N. Cranford enlisted in the Regular Army at the Dallas Recruiting Station Nov. 26, 1945.

The following were found qualified for general military service after pre-induction physical examination at Dallas, Nov. 30, 1945: Marvin L. Arnold, J. W. Burt, John Worthington Jr., Billie D. McGregor, Guineth Roland, David J. McAnally, Joe D. Austin, Denver E. Maddux, Henry W. Massengale Jr., Billie E. Wright, Weldon Hudson, Albert R. White.

Jacksboro Sailor Helps Save Fliers

W. R. Jones, aviation machinist's mate, first class, was plane crew captain of the navy rescue plane crew that went to the aid of the B-25 which fell into a stormy sea after it had been damaged in a raid over Japan. The big flying boat arrived at the rescue scene just before darkness would have hampered the efforts to save the men from the sea. Flares sent up for the drifting men who had taken to rafts when the B-25 went down helped the rescue party locate them.

Machinest's Mate Jones is the brother of Mmes. Ned Walker, T. W. Leatherwood and J. F. Leatherwood of Jacksboro.



Marines Fighting Japs

Marine Sgt. Raymond Morris, veteran of 32 months of Pacific battles, is now stationed at Ocean-
 sie, Calif. His brother, Marine Pvt. 1st Class E. C. Morris, has been a Japanese captive since the fall of Bataan. He used rocks in an attempt to fight off the sneak attack of the enemy the third night of fighting on Saipan. Morris said: "The Japs were all around our fox holes and I thought they would throw a grenade in on me should a flash from my automatic rifle give away my position. I finally had to use bullets to aid in killing 19 Japs that night."

A radio man, and a veteran of fighting Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and Tinian, Morris said the message relayed by him which he remembers best was: "Saipan is secured." He said there was no celebration, for snipers were around. He also told of one marine who broke a Jap's arm below the shoulder with a judo hold; how another leatherneck was stabbed in the face when he challenged a Jap standing over his foxhole, and how another man escaped death when a land mine carried by a Jap exploded in his foxhole. The Jap was killed.

Java Prisoners of War Heard

From

Pvt. Miles Laird, Sgt. Leonard C. Campbell, Sgt. Marvin Tilghman, Pvt. Herbert Glazner, in the fall of Java have been heard from by form cards recently.

Johnnie Wall was reported missing in action over the Pacific Jan 7.

Ed Erwin, of date Dec., 1944, writes home that he is getting along fine and is in the German prison camp along with Amon Carter, Jr.

Pvt. Glenn Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Whitaker of Cundiff, was slightly wounded in France Dec. 15.



Nathan W. Davis, Jr., S 1/c, after spending a 30day leave here with his parents, left the 6th for San Diego, Calif., en route to Bremerton, Wash. to be in the amphibian forces. Age 19, he has been in the service 21 months, 17 of which was spent in Hawaii. This is his first leave since entering the service.

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FEBRUARY 1, 1945

More Cards From War Prisoners

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Spencer of Boonville have received two cards from their son, Pvt. Thomas J., in the past few days, stating that his health was good and that he was working for pay. He was one of the Lost Battalion and was at Camp Thailand, No. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brimhall received cards from their sons, Pfc. Onis L., and Pfc. Oather, saying they were well and working. The cards were dated May 19, 1944., Camp Nike, Thailand.

Several cards have been received by Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill, from their sons, Jap prisoners, members of the Lost Battalion, Pfc. Cleo, and Pfc. Cosby Sherrill. They said their health was good and they were working for pay. They sent regards to family and friends. One card was dated May 19 and one May 20, 1944.

Pvt. Jas. J. Ledbetter, member of the Lost Battalion, Jap prisoner at Camp Nike, Thailand writes his parents that he is healthy and working and says they have received some milk, tea, margarine, sugar, and cigarettes. Sends best wishes for Christmas. This was a form card but was signed in his own handwriting.

Drew Crain has written a card to his mother from a Jap prison camp in Thailand, and says he is in a hospital and that his health is as usual. He sends best regards to family and friends.

Mrs. H. Holman of Graham has received several cards from her son, Jack Ramzy, one of the Lost Battalion, now a prisoner of the Japanese. He said he had received mail from his mother and others. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ramzy of Jacksboro.

S/Lt. Cloyd Black has been promoted to the grade of private first class at the Big Spring Bombardier school. Later he will be assigned as an instructor.

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Soldiers Come Home After Months

In German Prison Camps

Lt. Mixon Stamper arrived in Jacksboro Saturday night from San Antonio, where he was met by his wife who accompanied him home. Lt. Stamper was a German prisoner of war for about a year, and was liberated April 29. He is on a 60 day leave and will report to Miami, Fla., around Aug. 10, for reassignment.

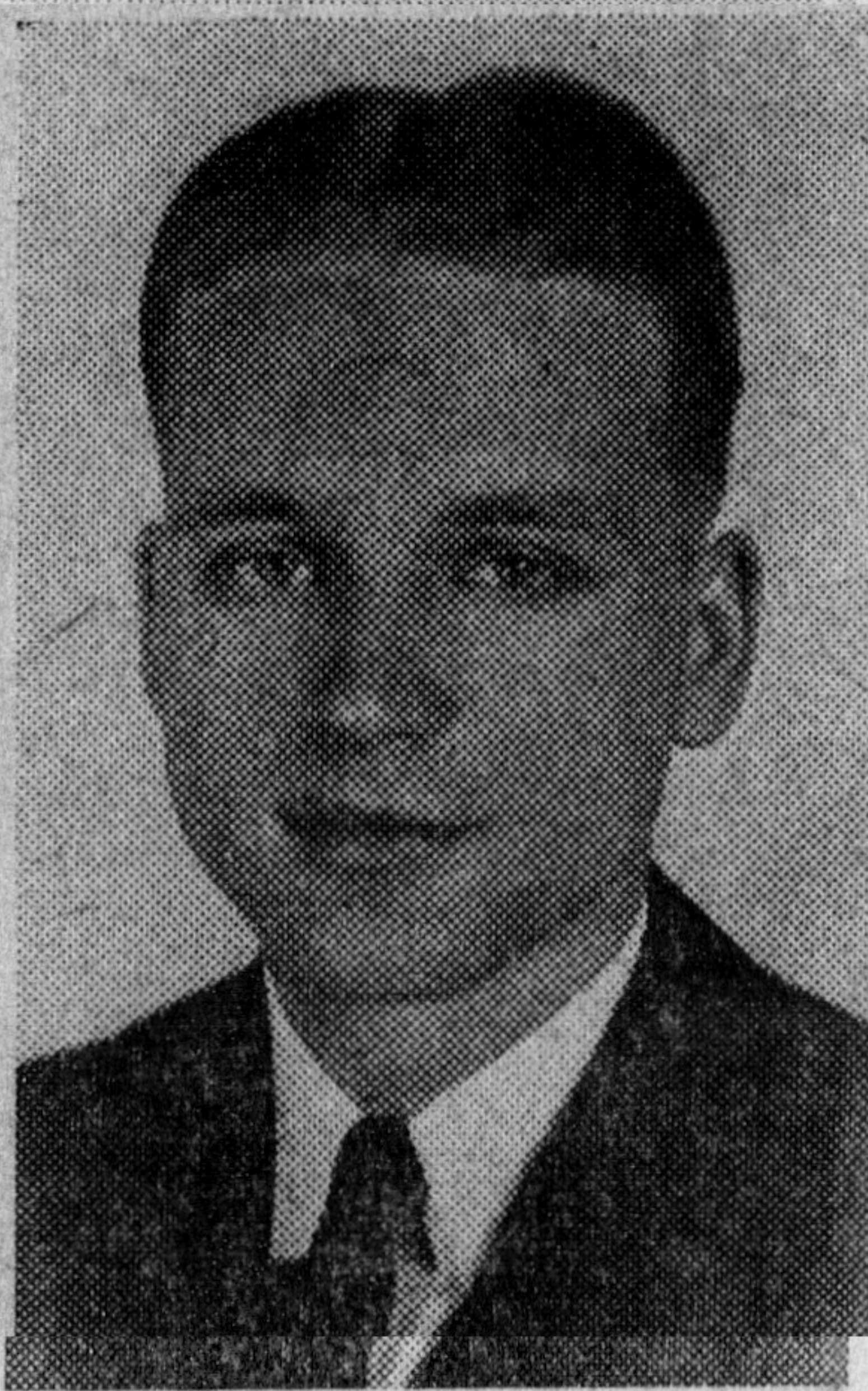
Pvt. Bill Spivey, who was a German prisoner for about three months, arrived in the States May 26, and the next week in San Antonio, where he was met by his wife and son. They came home Monday night. Pvt. Spivey is on a 60-day furlough, at the end of which he will report to Fort Sam Houston Hospital, San Antonio.

Lt. Ed Erwin arrived in New York, from Europe, Monday night. He called his wife who is at Longview, telling her at that time he was in a hospital, but hoped to leave for Texas in the next few days. He is to report to San Antonio and then come home on a leave. He was a German prisoner for about eight months.

Lt. Leon Brownlee wired his brother, George D., from New York, Tuesday evening, and said, "Don't try to write or call." It is supposed he arrived there Tuesday afternoon from England. He had been a German prisoner for about two and a half years, liberated April 29th.

Services at Memorial Christian

Church Sunday Morning



Rev. George Cherryhomes, a Jack County boy who has become a minister and missionary, will speak in his home church on Sunday morning, June 17th.

Mr. Cherryhomes is a graduate of Jacksboro High School; has degrees from Texas Christian University and from Yale University where he completed his education for the ministry.

During more than twelve years of preaching, he has served as pastor of a church at Mineola, in addition to having served various rural churches while a student at Fort Worth. This year, while continuing Chinese language study in preparation for missionary service in China, he has also been the pastor of the University Christian Church in Berkeley, Calif. He is the son of Mrs. A. J. Cherryhomes Jacksboro.

The Memorial Christian Church invites everyone to come and hear Rev. Cherryhomes.

Bill Spivey Is Liberated From German Prison

Mrs. Helen Spivey learned Monday, April 9th, that her husband, Pvt. Wm. H. Spivey, had been liberated from a German prison camp, March 28. In a letter from him, written March 29, her first from him since he was captured Dec. 21st, he gave her the information.

It is not known what camp he was in. Excerpts from his letter say: "I don't know whether the letter and two post cards the Germans let me write ever reached you; I have my doubts. I hope very much that they did long ago so you will have some idea as to where I've been spending my time the last few months. You have probably never heard —what happened. I was taken prisoner the 21st of December.

"You will never know how I felt when I saw the first jeep drive down the prison street through the barbed wire gates. I think every one there gave thanks to God.

"I am feeling fine now and in good health. Please don't worry."

On Tuesday, April 10th, Mrs. Spivey received a wire from Bill, which was sent the day after his liberation.

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service held for Pfc. Richard Wayne Dodson, Sunday, April 15, 3:00 p. m. at the Methodist Church, Jacksboro.

Pfc. Dodson was inducted into the service April 4, 1944, and trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., going across Sept. 19, 1944. He was a member of the 90th Division of the 3rd Army, and was killed in action Jan. 24, 1945, in Luxemburg. Before entering the service he was a civilian employed at Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lillian Counts, and son, Richard Wayne II; two brothers, Homer Dodson of Iowa Park; M/Sgt. Woodrow Dodson, Albuquerque, N. M.; one sister, Mrs. Jack Martin, Beaumont; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dodson of Jermyn.

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David Buford Strickel Missing In Action

Pfc. David Buford Strickel is missing in action since Feb. 3rd. He was with the 143rd Inf. Co. C, of the 36th Division in France. He joined the armed forces in February, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Hood until last August; was wounded Nov. 22, 1944, in France; was awarded the Purple Heart Nov. 23, 1944, Thanksgiving day; was in the hospital until Dec. 27, and joined his company Jan 1st.

In the last letter written home he said while back off the firing line for a few days rest he attended Christian service, "because over here you depend on God and God alone, and prayer. Intend to make a good soldier for my country and God."

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