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With THE BOYS In Service

JAMES H. PHIBBS, JR., S 2/C, is spending a 14 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Phibbs at their home near the city, enroute from Poinsett Park, R. 1, to Norfolk, Va., where he will be stationed for the present.

CPL. JAMES L. DERRICK has arrived in the States to spend a furlough with his wife and baby who are making their home in Royston, Ga., with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Phillips, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Derrick, route 3, Newberry.

Corporal Derrick spent the past 25 months on duty in the South Pacific theater of operations.

PFC. CLAUDE C. DOOLITTLE of Pomaria, has been awarded the meritorious service award for campaigns in Normandy, Northern France and Germany, according to information from the public relations section of the U. S. Army.

TSGT. JACOB BOWERS arrived Saturday night to spend a 30 day furlough with his wife, the former Marjorie Wilson at Clinton, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowers at Prosperity, after eight months service overseas. He will also visit his sister, Mrs. George K. Dominick here.

Sergeant Bowers, a Radio Operator and Gunner on a B-17 Bomber, wears the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He is a member of the 8th Air Force, which was awarded the Presidential Citation. After his furlough he will report to Miami, Florida for reassignment.

SGT. GEORGE (BUBBER) HILLER wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Hiller recently, telling of his experiences and the places he had seen in his two years in England. He sailed from New York May 5, 1942, aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth and landed in Scotland May 11th. The next day he was sent to the Rougham Air Base at Busy St. Edmunds, England, where he has been stationed for the past 24 months. This was the first knowledge his parents had of his exact station. He has visited London, Bristol, and Norwich, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, and said he would have plenty to tell when he got home. Sergeant Hiller is connected with a Bomb Squadron (Ordnance Outfit) and has been in the Army since July 16, 1941, when he was inducted at Fort McPherson, Ga. Lieut Jack Workman was also stationed at this base in England before being taken prisoner by the Germans.

1ST LIEUT. ELISHA C. SEASE, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sease, is commanding officer of the company which repelled the enemy and inflicted heavy loss to the Japs. His skill in employing the troops and equipment at hand was of inestimable value to the success of the flowing four-day battle.

Although being held in reserve, the 25th Infantry Division in four days killed 181 counted enemy dead, uncounted numbers wounded, and booty consisting of 19 Nambu machine guns, 4 knee mortars, 22 pistols, 4 sabres, 1 light machine gun, 5 rifles, and a number of Jap paratrooper rifles.

The unit was in Caraballo mountainous region, orders committing them to drive toward Baleta Pass. Extending a quiet time on their first night in reserve, the Japs doubtless found quite the contrary. The first night the quiet was broken by rifle fire which accounted for two enemy dead and several wounded. The second day and night were comparatively quiet except for ineffective sporadic fire by both sides.

The evening of the third day and the fourth day and night started real fireworks. The Japs made several small attempts to get into the American perimeter, but repulsed with heavy casualties. Then they made a number of attacks. In the ensuing battle the infantry mortars' accurate fire kept laying shells within 20 yards of the front lines, breaking up most of the attacks. The Japs who did get through the mortar fire ran into crack infantry riflemen and machine gunners who successfully defended their positions, and except for a few minor casualties, repulsed the enemy assault without loss to the troops. As the remaining Japs fled, the riflemen and machine gunners continued their fire, killing additional troops. Because of the success in these battles the 25th Infantrymen of the "Tropic Lightning Division" were able to occupy another high ridge overlooking their objective—Baleta Pass.

Prior to entering the army, Lieut. Sease was a soil scientist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He is a graduate of Clemson College and did graduate work at Ohio State University. He has been overseas for 1 year and is now in his fourth month of action with the 25th Infantry Division on Luzon Island.

His wife, Mary T. Sease is making her home in Newbern, Tenn., her native state.

CAPT. JOE KELLER, brother-in-law of C. E. Hendrix, arrived at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. last week to spend a leave with his wife, the former Pearl Hendrix of Lexington, after being on duty in the CBI area for the past 26 months.

Captain and Mrs. Keller are expected to arrive in South Carolina the first of the week to visit in the home of Mrs. Keller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hendrix at Lexington and brother, C. E. Hendrix on Hunt street here.

ERNEST HUGH GRUBER, JR., S 2/C, USNR, has been transferred to the Atlantic Fleet's base at Little Creek, Va., for instruction in Naval Mine warfare.

Seaman Gruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Gruber, 409 Rodelsparger street, entered the Navy last December, and received his basic training at Bainbridge, Md. Before entering the Navy, he was an employee of the Newberry Cotton Mills.

F/O CLARIDGE WALTER SUMMER is now assigned to the Fourth Air Force and is taking P-38 training at Chico, Calif., Army Air Field. F/O Summer, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Roy Summer, Main street, will receive his final training at Chico before going overseas.

He is a 1941 graduate of Newberry High school and attended Newberry college. His wife, the former Mary Baker will be with her husband at Chico while he is taking his training.

S-SGT. WILLIAM P. BOLES, 1511 Church street, Whitmire, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre (Avec étoile de bronze) by the Provisional French government. Sgt. Boles is a member of the 83rd Division which saw action in the hedgerows of Normandy. The 83rd also gained fame for its bitter fight in the Ardennes to oust the Germans and was the first Ninth army troops to reach the Rhine river near Dusseldorf.

CPL. ISHMOUL E. CHAPMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Chapman, Newberry, is stationed at a Redistribution Station, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Corporal Chapman was recently returned to the States after serving as a telephone lineman. He holds the Good Conduct Ribbon and the European theater ribbon with three campaign stars. His wife, Mrs. Olive Chapman resides in Newberry.

2ND LIEUT. MILES C. HAWKINS has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, Fla., where his next assignment will be determined.

Lieutenant Hawkins served 37 months as a reconnaissance officer in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations.

While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two battle stars, Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon with one battle star, and the Combat Infantryman badge.

Before entering the service in August, 1941, Lieutenant Hawkins was employed as manager of a local grocery store.

His wife, Mrs. Anna B. Hawkins resides at 1804 Main street.

2ND LIEUT. STROTHER D. PAY-SINGER; **M-SGT. GEORGE R. LATHROP**; **T-SGT. LUTHER L. KIBLER** and **SGT. JACOB E. SROCKMAN** were among the 135,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated recently by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command of the Eighth in January 1944.

"I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done," General Doolittle said in a message to all personnel.

CRIMINAL COURT HERE JUNE EIGHTEENTH

Criminal Court, with Judge A. L. Gaston of Chester presiding, will convene here Monday, June 18th. Judge Gaston presides in place of Judge Steve C. Griffith, who on account of certain cases before the court was excused.

A number of jail cases await trial and it is thought the court will be occupied several days with these cases on bail and carried over.

PARK POOL NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

The swimming pool at Margaret Hunter Park is now open to the public daily except Saturday after 4:30 P. M. Naval students at the college use the pool until the 4:30 hour and parents are warned not to let their children go to the pool before that hour as there will be no civilian life guard to look after them. Those in charge of the navy students also request that the public generally refrain from visiting the pool during the hours it is reserved for them.

Miss Sallie Lee Cromer will manage the pool again this year.

BOB BOOZER, OMAM, stationed Pensacola, is spending a fifteen day leave with his wife, the former Betty McAlister, and his mother, Mrs. J. R. Booser, on Harrington street.

CECIL S. LONGSHORE, son of I. C. Longshore, 1806 Nance street, has been commissioned a chief warrant (machinist), aboard a light cruiser in the Pacific.

He participated in the Okinawa operation, his 10th major engagement of the Pacific. He has seen sea duty almost continuously since his enlistment in Greenwood on May 1, 1928.

His wife and two children are making their home in San Francisco, Calif., while he is on sea duty.

ENSIGN CHARLTON McSWAIN and mother, Mrs. W. A. McSwain spent the weekend in Newberry with relatives. Ensign McSwain is a member of the Naval Corps and is stationed for the present in Atlanta, Ga.

SGT. HAROLD LAYTON recently wrote his brother, Ernest Layton a very interesting letter from Germany, part of which follows:

"The restrictions on our mail have been lifted—that is to a certain degree, and I can tell you a few of the places where I have been. When we left the States, landed at Southampton and from there by train to near Bournemouth, a very large city; we were there only a short while. I did get two trips to London while being there, that was when the German break through came and we were immediately called to be prepared. Leaving England, we landed at LaHavre, France, staying in France only a few days, moved into Belgium on the way, passed through the town of Compiègne, where John was stationed but we didn't stop. This was during the time it was real cold. In Belgium we stayed at a little village called Beau Saint, with a very friendly family; then we were called to take up defensive action near Luxembourg—our division was the first to cross the river, that was the Seigfried line, where there was a pill box every 40 yards. We were stationed a little ways behind and took care of all the casualties that came through our station. At times we were very busy and had to work very hard, then after a bridge had been built by our engineers, we crossed the river and then we began to cover the ground. There were times when I was really scared. We were shelled lots of times. You could hear them coming; and just prayed they didn't hit near you—the Germans had a bomb called 'Screaming Minnie'—sounded like the old Newberry Mill fire whistle (wildcat), it had a dreadful sound. The shells hit near us but it came close one time, and I'll never forget it. It was practically a direct hit and it felt as if it knocked me three feet off the floor. Then in convoys the German planes came over and we really got the dirt, that when we did start traveling was when we were behind the 6th Armored Division. We were in combat 102 days and traveled 400 miles in Germany. At several points our division moved farther into Germany than any other outfit. In one town, we moved, but so the Russians might come in.

When the casualties were coming into our station, I saw lots and wondered what good it was doing to see so many lives. If the people back home could see just how many lives were saved by the plasma made from the blood they contributed and gave to the Red Cross, they would give every time they could. I am so glad that it is over and would be happier when those darn Japs are defeated. When they put everything against them, I don't think they will last long.

Sergeant Layton is a member of the 76th Division with General Patton's 3rd Army, which made news in a lightning sweep across Germany.

LITTLE NEWS ITEMS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mrs. C. D. Coleman (Bebe Purcell) arrived in the city this week to spend a while in the home of her parents, Mayor and Mrs. E. B. Purcell.

Mrs. A. E. Culp of Gastonia, N. C. spent last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. J. Alpert, at Margaret Apartments on Johnstone St.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reid of Fredericksburg, Va., are visiting Mrs. Reid's sister, Mrs. O. B. Cannon on Johnstone street.

Mrs. J. S. Watters and daughter, Laurie, left last week for Shelby, Ohio where they will spend six weeks in the home of Mrs. Watters father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Watters.

Mrs. Edwin Lothian and son, Walter of Baltimore, Md., are visiting in the home of Mrs. Lothian's parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Kennedy on Hanper street.

Mrs. Margaret B. Ross of Ocala, Fla., is visiting in the home of her son, R. H. Tinsley and family on Boundary street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Talbert and small son, Joe, Jr., of Ninety-Six were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Talbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Harmon on the Columbia highway.

Business visitors in Newberry over the weekend and the first part of the week were: Miss Ellen Walker, Mrs. J. W. Hipp, Mrs. Marjorie Young, Whitmire; Mrs. J. Roberts O'Neal, Lancaster; Mrs. R. W. Fricks, Little Mountain; Mrs. M. P. O. Murray and daughter, Ninety-Six.

Mrs. Sloan Chapman spent the weekend at Bamberg with her son, Walter Wallace, who is a student at Carlisle Military Academy. She was accompanied home by Walter for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, Saluda, Mrs. C. H. Chomsky, Mrs. C. N. Timmons and daughter, Mary Long of Atlanta, Ga., spent last Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dawkins on Harrington street.

Miss Betty Pugh, who spent the winter months with her grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Stockman at Prosperity, has returned to her home in Buffalo, N. Y. She was accompanied home for a visit by her friend, Patricia Luther.

Mrs. Henrietta Leonhich and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Monts of Prosperity were guests for the day Tuesday at the W. E. Monts, 2000 Main street.

Mrs. Arch Smith of Greenwood spent a few days last week in the home of her niece, Mrs. Sloan Chapman on College street.

Miss Lillian Kibler, History teacher at Converse college, Spartanburg, has returned to her home on Main street for the summer vacation.

Edwin Stokes is spending the week in Monroe, Ga. with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wailes.

Mrs. J. E. Stokes and two children, Edwin and Clara Elwell attended the graduation exercises of Mrs. Stokes' brother, Jasper Wailes, at Furman University, Greenville, Friday and Saturday.

Jasper was president of his class and of his fraternities, Phi Kappa Phi and Pan Hellenic. He made an interesting address Friday afternoon at Class Day exercises. Jasper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wailes of Monroe, Ga.

Mrs. J. C. Meeks, daughter, Lillian and young sons, J. C. Meeks, Jr., and Charles Meeks, are leaving the first of June for Amesbury, Mass. to join Mr. Meeks and make their home there.

The Meeks came to Newberry from Brunswick, Ga. several years ago and have recently been living at 1826 Drayton street.

Mr. Meeks was discharged from the army recently and is in business with Mrs. Meeks' brother-in-law in Amesbury.

L. B. Lee and Walter Robinson of Columbia spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Wallace and attended the graduation of Billy McSwain.

AIRPORT IS CERTAINLY AS SURVEY PROCEEDS

Newberry is assured of an airport, which will be built by funds from the Federal Government, according to Mayor E. B. Purcell, who said today that he had been informed by Congressman Butler, B. Hare that \$500,000 had been earmarked for a port at Newberry.

Conditions are that the Federal Government will build one of its largest airports here provided that Newberry furnish the site.

Mayor Purcell said that the Civil Aeronautics Commission had had surveyors here, surveying suitable sites for some weeks, and a site within the radius of three miles of the city limit will be selected. Mr. Purcell stated that plans were going forward for purchasing the site and Newberry would definitely have an airport which will be large enough to accommodate the largest bombers and in case of emergency the government could take over the port for its own use.

PRISONER DIET SPARTAN SAYS MAYOR PURCELL

Some 250 Prisoners of War are in Newberry County at a concentration camp at the former site of the OCG camp on the Whitmire highway and are employed in cutting pine wood for U. S. Government use according to the information from Mayor Ned Purcell.

Mr. Purcell, with a group of Newberry men, recently visited the camp and he says he was glad to settle some rumors about the fine food being fed these enemy prisoners and stated "these prisoners are fed a frugal diet with enough fatback and buldog to keep them able to work. The government ships a regular allotment of food supplies for the camp every two weeks. They do not have any fresh milk, but powdered skim milk which is watered for drinking, but even with that I think the food is too damn good for them, and if you ask me, I say the sooner they are shipped from the States the better."

Two hundred of the Germans are required to cut a cord of wood each day of 200 cords for the entire camp. It requires 30 prisoners to maintain the camp, which is kept clean and sanitary. Mr. Purcell stated that the prisoners who have been in the States for years have lost the acute labor shortage that among the inmates were many well educated lawyers, doctors and other professional men, expert craftsmen and skilled mechanics, and many with university degrees.

Mrs. G. D. Blackwell left Thursday morning for Augusta, Ga., where she will spend a week in the home of her brothers, W. T. and J. T. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Cobb announce the birth of a son, born at the Newberry hospital Thursday morning, May 31st.

CEL POPE EXPLAINS POSITION

W. D. Personnel Center Fort Logan, Colorado 25 May 1945.
Mr. Otto F. Armfield, Editor, The Sun Newberry, S. C. Dear Otto:

I understand that there is some question at home as to whether I shall be released from the army in the event of my election to the House. For this reason, I shall greatly appreciate your publishing this letter in the Sun. The people of Newberry County are entitled to know the facts regarding this matter before they are called upon to vote.

Army Regulations (AR600-10, paragraph 6) clearly provide for the release from the Army of the United States any soldier who is elected to membership in a State Legislature. I am definitely a candidate for the House of Representatives. If elected, I shall immediately request release from active duty and, upon being released, shall return to Newberry to live. If I were not confident of being able to discharge fully the duties of legislator, or of course I should not offer for the office.

No campaign can be waged under the circumstances, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Newberry County for the encouragement and support which my candidacy has received. The response has been most gratifying and heartening and is sincerely appreciated.

Friends at home requested me to become a candidate after Judge Griffith resigned. When Germany was totally and finally defeated, I determined to run and am offering on my record as a legislator before the War and with the experience gained in almost four and a half years of Army service. If elected, I shall do my level best to serve the interests of the entire County.

With many thanks and kindest regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,
THOMAS H. POPE, JR.

STORM RUINS GRAIN OUT TRANWOOD WAY

The grain crop in Newberry county is reported as pretty heavy this year, and if the harvest of oats that Hugh S. Ballentine, progressive farmer of the Tranwood community is a "sample", the crop is unusually good.

Mr. Ballentine was in town Saturday morning and said that he had harvested and thrashed 1500 bushels of oats the two days before, and had had a preacher and a railway engineer as his only help. He also stated that he had two other fields of oats yet to be harvested and planned to get it in early this week. He has over 100 bushels to harvest and expressed the hope that it would not rain before he could do so.

Then Saturday night that community was visited by a heavy rain and hail storm and all his grain in the fields was ruined.

It is stated that the hail stones were as large as a turkey egg and much damage was done to crops in the Tranwood area, where it was the worst. This section was hit by a tornado a short while ago, and considerable damage was done to farm houses of several persons, dwelling on the farm of Mickey Livingston, catcher with the Chicago Cubs, which was occupied by his parents and his wife and children, all of whom escaped injury. Mickey was here last week and plans to rebuild his home and all the out-buildings on the place, including a large barn.

The farmers of this community have felt the acute labor shortage and have had to import help from the Rev. A. W. Ballentine of Johnston and his son, Clay, engineer, who lives in Florence, to help him thrash his grain.

NOTICE

CITIZENS MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH

Pursuant to a petition having been duly filed as provided by the rules of the Democratic Party of South Carolina, a meeting of the citizens of the Town of Newberry, South Carolina, is called and will be held on Friday, June 8th, 1945, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., in the Recorder's Court room. The purpose of this meeting is to organize a Democratic club and to make arrangements to hold a primary to nominate candidates for municipal offices.

NEAL W. WORKMAN, Chairman County Democratic Party.

CPL. WILLIAM B. DUNCAN, 1313 Jefferson street, Newberry, is now stationed at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas, where he is taking a two weeks course in Military Instruction.

At the conclusion of the training period, he will be returned to his former station in the AAF Training Command for duty as training specialist in his particular field.

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Looking Down MEMORY Lane

Mr. and Mrs. Vassall Gallman and Miss Alice Cannon of Newberry were the guests of Miss Bertha Gray Gallman on Sunday.

Mrs. T. L. Bridges and little daughter of Rock Hill are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lathan.

Dr. Claud Sease, Miss Elberta Sease and Mrs. W. B. Shealy spent Monday in Columbia—Little Mountain.

The many friends of Mr. J. L. Dickert are delighted to see him on the streets again after undergoing an operation recently at the Baptist hospital in Columbia. Mr. Dickert returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White attended the funeral of J. A. Minnaugh in Columbia, Wednesday. While in Columbia they visited their son, Julian White, who is in the hospital, recuperating from injuries received when he fell from a freight train several weeks ago.

Harry Epting, who has just received his diploma from Georgia Tech., reached Newberry Wednesday night to visit relatives. He is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson.

Miss Bertha Bushard returned home Tuesday, from Randolph-Macon college, Lynchburg, Va. Miss Troxelle Wright, also a student there, will return home Friday.

Mrs. Kenneth Baker of Greenwood was the guest of the early part of the week of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kilgore and children of Newberry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Miller, Prosperity Banner.

Among the Winthrop graduates this year are Misses Elsie Bower and Grace Wheeler of Prosperity.

PATIENTS IN COUNTY HOSPITAL

- Miss Eliza McCullough, 712 Caldwell St.
- Mrs. Lila Satterwhite, Rt. 8.
- Mrs. Will McNeire, Kinards.
- Mrs. J. J. Kibler, 1825 Pearl St.
- Mrs. Agnes Wedaman, Pomaria.
- Mrs. M. K. Knight, Whitmire.
- Mrs. L. M. Painter, Union.
- Miss Eva Berry, Rt. 1.
- Asa I. Bowers, Prosperity.
- Miss Elizabeth Miller, 2804 Clyde Ave.
- Mrs. H. L. Adams, Chappells.
- Charles D. Davis, RFD.
- Mrs. Rosa Davis, 1240 Calhoun st.
- Mrs. D. J. Taylor, 2015 Mayer ave.
- Milton Abbott, Saluda.
- Barbara Ann Warren, 700 Green St.
- Mrs. Lather Fellers, Rt. 2.
- Mrs. Ray Rinehart, Rt. 2.
- James Lee Miller, 1405 Fourth st.
- Mrs. Claude Powell, 1311 Silas st.
- Mrs. Orice Suits, 202 Glenn St.
- Mrs. R. T. C. Hunter and baby boy, 1117 Harper St.
- Mrs. Elton Richardson and baby girl, Rt. 3, Prosperity.
- Mrs. Ollie Dixon and baby son, Kinards.
- Mrs. W. E. Wicker and baby son, Pomaria.

ABOUT TOWN

Chairman E. B. PURCELL, saying that Newberry county is leading the other 46 counties in the State in the sale of War Bonds, Newberry has already raised 72 per cent of her quota—DR. E. H. KIBLER has several pictures of his granddaughters, HELEN ELIZABETH and LURA MAY KIBLER hanging in his office, made in an adorable French dress that their Daddy, COL. KIBLER sent them from France—MRS. HENDRICKS MONTS parking her car an going in store to buy groceries—CAPT. and MRS. H. B. KIRKCARD spent a few days in the city this week prior to reporting to Florida—MRS. JOHN LINDSEY expecting her husband, PRIVATE LINDSEY home next week—MR. and MRS. HENRY CHAPPELLS gathering fresh vegetables out of their garden on Pauline street—PHIL KELLY hurrying up College street—MRS. CHARLIE BOWERS wheeling her baby up the street.

Birthday anniversaries through Friday, June 8th. Mrs. Anna S. Parrish, June 2d. Mrs. Mae A. Auld, June 3d. B. Y. Abrams, June 5d. and Mrs. S. K. Wright, June 8d.