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HEROES WORLD WAR II

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Dedicated to the Men and Women Who Wore the Uniform of Our Country in World War II

Purpose of the Record

The purpose of this record of pictures and information on Calloway County's men and women in uniform during World War II is to preserve for posterity a brief record of their service and sacrifices during this war.

Pictures and information on each man and woman were secured through the parents, members of the families, or friends of those in service. The compiling of the material in this book was difficult because of the large number of men in the war. If there are errors, we apologize. Not all pictures, and perhaps not all names are included, but in some cases pictures, names and information were not available. Not all pictures are clear, but they are the best that could be had.

The information included was collected and written in August and September, 1945, and is therefore timed accordingly. There may be more that could be said about the men, but a deadline had to be set for the publication; therefore the latest facts concerning ranks and discharges were not possible.

The firing was over as these pages were closed, and our men are returning home. Some of them are going abroad for occupation of surrendered lands. But we must forever hold sacred the memories of the past five years and the sacrifices that these men made when they fought for the principles that we hold dear.

—THE LEDGER & TIMES, Publisher.

HONOR ROLL

Gold Star Heroes of Calloway County

A Dedication

Things On Our Mind

"A knight in Shining Armor I have called him . . . and as such he will live always in the hearts of those who knew him. He was but one of many such—and we are but one of countless families who mourn their valiant dead.



"God has gathered them unto Himself, these gallant young Knights in Shining Armor who have died in a great cause. If they could speak to us with the beloved voices that we shall never hear again, I am very sure that in the words of Ellen Terry, as she lay on her death bed, they would say:

"If I should die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others soon undone who keep
Long vigil by the silent dust and weep.

For my sake, turn again to life and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do
Something to comfort weaker hearts than
mine—

Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you."

—Contributed.

sult of wounds he received while serving with the Armed Forces in France. He died August 27, 1944.



LT. THOMAS P. CRAWFORD, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crawford, Murray, died December 24, 1943, of injuries he received from a fall on icy sidewalks at the air base in North Bend, Ore. He had spent 20 months in Pearl Harbor and was sent home for a furlough to rest and spend some time teaching instrumental flying. Lt. Crawford graduated from Murray Training School and volunteered for the Naval Reserve Air Corps at Murray State College in his senior year, 1941. Lt. Crawford took training in Robertson Field, Mo., Jacksonville, Fla., and received his wings at Pensacola in January, 1942.



PVT. BILLY RAY ATKINS, 18, husband of Ruby Wisehart Atkins, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie D. Atkins, Route 1, Murray, was killed July 27, 1944, in France. Pvt. Atkins attended the Training School in Murray and prior to his induction December, 1943, was employed in a defense plant in Detroit. He was in the Infantry and took his training at Camp Croft, S. C., and Ft. Meade, Md., and then went overseas June, 1944. Pvt. Atkins received the Sharpshooter's Badge, and the Good Conduct ribbon. He had one daughter, Pamela Jean.



F 1-c ALBERT BRADFORD ARMSTRONG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong, Hazel, volunteered June 28, 1939, for the Navy. He took basic training at Norfolk, Va., and was sent overseas the same year. His ship, the LAVALETTE, was torpedoed and he was killed January 30, 1943. F 1-c Armstrong was a graduate of Hazel High School. F 1-c Armstrong was reported to have been in the engine room with 18 other men when the ship was torpedoed. The ship was presumed to have been lost enroute to Guadalcanal.



PFC. JOHN BRENT BEDWELL, born November 16, 1922 in Hazel, was drafted April 6, 1942, in Philadelphia, Pa., and placed in the Glider division. He trained in Camps McCall, N. C., and Forrest, Tenn., before going overseas August, 1944. He was killed in action Jan. 7, 1945, at Millmont, Belgium, when an 88 millimeter shell struck him in the head. He had one half brother, Edward E. Fitts, in the service. His mother is Mrs. Bertha Rose, Hazel Route 2.

PVT. S. C. BYERLY, husband of Mrs. Ella Mae Byerly, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Byerly, Garden City, Mich., died as a re-



S-SGT. CODIE CAMPBELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Campbell, volunteered March 30, 1941. He trained at Camp Shelby, La., and Camp Blanding, Fla., before going overseas in December, 1944. Sgt. Campbell served with the Infantry on Hawaii, Honolulu, Oahu, New Guinea, Leyte, and Bataan, and was killed in action on Luzon on March 13, 1945. He was born November 10, 1918. He was married, and engaged in farming and truck driving before he entered the service. He and Alvis Calhoun, the only two to leave this county in Draft No. 6, were killed in service.



PVT. ALVIS CALHOON, 21, husband of Roberta Eldridge Calhoon, Detroit, Mich., son of Mrs. Myrtle Calhoon, Pottertown, was killed December 5, 1944, on Leyte. He was drafted from this county March 31, 1941, and served with the 38th Division, Infantry. He had one brother in service, Pvt. Lonnie Calhoon. He was engaged in farming when called to service. He and Cody Campbell were the only two to leave this county in Draft No. 6, and both were killed.

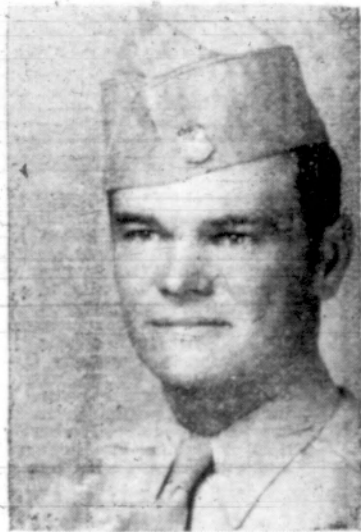
Corps December, 1942, and was trained as navigator at Miami, Fla., Chanute Field, Ill., and San Marcos, Tex., going overseas October, 1944. Lt. Doran was a graduate of Tilghman High School and Paducah Junior College. He was awarded the Air Medal posthumously.



S-SGT. HUGH GREY ERWIN, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erwin, Murray, was reported killed January 27, 1943, in the Western European Area. Sgt. Erwin was a gunner on a Flying Fortress. He attended Murray High School.



SGT. WILLIAM L. EDWARDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Edwards, was drafted from Michigan June 19, 1941. He had been overseas 19 months when he died of wounds received March 2, 1945. Sgt. Edwards was married to the former Miss Julia Coleman, who resides at New Concord.

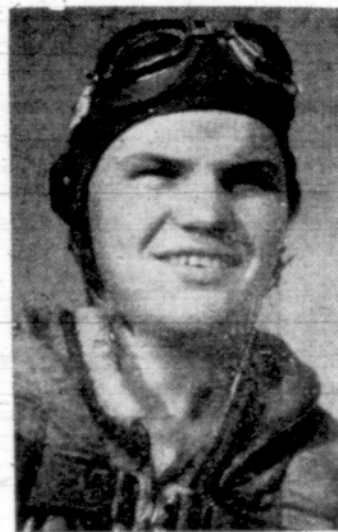


PFC. COY H. DARNELL, 24, husband of Hilda M. Joseph Darnell, and son of Mrs. Ethel Edwards Darnell, was killed August 1, 1944, while serving in the Infantry in the European Theater of War. He entered the Army in December, 1942, and went overseas June 23, 1944, 29 days before he was killed. Pfc. Darnell attended Murray High School and had one brother, Ralph, in service.

LEWIS CHESTER DODDS, S 1-c, 22, was listed as "Missing in Action" in the Pacific March, 1942. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moss Dodds, Almo Route 1, received official notification from the Secretary of the Navy that he was presumed to have died 15 December 1945, according to Public Law 490, 77th Congress. Unofficial news from a surviving officer who wrote a letter to the parents stating that S 1-c Dodds was seen in the water off the Coast of Java on the night of Feb. 28, 1942, during the encounter with a large Japanese Naval force when the U.S.S. HOUSTON was sunk. He volunteered for service in May, 1940, and went on sea duty in September of the same year. He worked for the TVA before entering the Navy. He had two brothers in the service, S-Sgt. Cecil W. Dodds and A-S John Wesley Dodds.



PVT. ORDEST HOUSTON ERWIN, 22, husband of Olivene Moore Erwin, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Erwin, Hazel, was killed in action December 6, 1944. He was drafted from this county November 15, 1943, and went overseas November, 1944. Before his induction he was known as an outstanding and progressive farmer in his community. He received his training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Camp Rucker, Ala., and was with the 66th Division, Infantry.



S-SGT. MAX R. GUTHRIE, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Guthrie of Highland Park, Mich., but formerly of Murray, was killed in action over Germany July 18, 1944. A waist gunner on a Flying Fortress, he was first reported missing when shot down on his 36th mission, but was later given up and reported dead. Sgt. Guthrie enlisted in the Army Air Force Feb. 20, 1943, and went overseas in March, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Harrison of Murray, and Will Guthrie, Lynn Grova, are his grandparents.



LT. WILLIAM H. DORAN, son of Mrs. Mary Doran of Lynn Grove and Paducah, was killed in an airplane crash in Italy, December 23, 1944. He volunteered for the Air

S-SGT. RUBLE LEO DUNN, 28, son of the late Asher and Mrs. Bertie Dunn of Hazel Route 1, belonged to the National Guard three years before the war and was one of the first soldiers to be called to service when war was declared. He received training at Camp Claiborne, La., Needles, Calif., and Camp Livingston, La., and went overseas July 1, 1943. Sgt. Dunn went to Hawaii, the Philippines, and was wounded in the battle on Leyte, recovered, and was wounded again. When he recovered from the second wound, he returned to action and while squad leader, was killed by a sniper on Okinawa April 25, 1945. He is buried in the Seventh Infantry Division Cemetery on Okinawa Shima. Sgt. Dunn was awarded three Purple Hearts, Good Conduct ribbon, American Defense Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. One brother, S-Sgt. Forrest Gray Dunn, is in service.



PVT. BAILEY WATSON DOCKERY was killed in action in France October 1, 1944. He was drafted from this county May 5, 1942, and was sent overseas early in 1944. His mother, Mrs. Sallie Bailey O'Connor of Oklahoma City, Okla., is the sister of Ernest Bailey of Murray. Pvt. Dockery was with the Combat Support Wing, a crack trucking organization in the Air Service Command.



PFC. HENRY CLAY GARLAND, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Garland, Concord, was killed July 30, 1944, in France. He is a graduate of Concord High School and was employed by the TVA before his induction June 30, 1943, from this county. Pfc. Garland had been in the army two years and had been overseas for more than six months.



PFC. JAMES MAX GROGAN, 25, son of James Dee Grogan, Route 5, Murray, was killed September 15, 1944, in Germany. He was drafted May, 1941, from Cairo, Ill., and had been overseas more than a year. Pfc. Grogan was a graduate of Concord High School in the class of 1939 and prior to his induction, was in defense work in Illinois. He has one brother in service, Charles Edward. Pfc. Grogan was awarded the Silver Star.



PFC. TOMMY HARRIS, 22 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Harris, Dexter, Route 1, and husband of Mrs. La Vada Harris, was killed in action in Germany March 17, 1945. He was attached to the 10th Armored Division of the 3rd Army as a tank gunner. Pfc. Harris was drafted Oct. 27, 1942, and trained at Ft. Benning and Camp Gordon, Ga., before going overseas in September, 1944. Two brothers, S 1-c James Harris and Pfc. Franklin Harris, have served overseas.

was a graduate of Murray High School in the class of 1937. Pvt. Huie had three brothers in the service, Pfc. Rob Huie, Cpl. Harold Huie, and Sgt. Billie Joe Huie.



PFC. CARLIS C. HURT, 33, son of Thad Hurt of Michigan, was killed April 1, 1945, on Luzon. He was drafted from this county on December 28, 1942, and went overseas January, 1944. He had one brother in service, Ocus Hurt. Pfc. Hurt had two sons Orlon, 15, and Kenneth, 11.

Corps and was stationed in the Pacific. He was a graduate of Murray High School and attended M.S.T.C. Lt. Hughes was trained at Midland, Tex., Maxwell Field, Ala., and Dayton, Ohio. All of the crew were reported killed on the raid.

SGT. EDWARD HOPPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn., was killed in action in North Africa on July 23, 1943. He volunteered from Murray in July, 1941, and trained with the Army Air Corps at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma. Sgt. Hopper went overseas in May, 1942, as a bombardier on a plane, and was awarded the Air Medal, Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters. Sgt. Hopper had two brothers, Lt. Jamie R. and Sgt. A. Clyde Hopper, in the Army.



PVT. RUFUS GRIFFIN, 22 year old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solon Griffin of Almo, was killed in action in June, 1944. A paratrooper, Pvt. Griffin entered the service in November, 1942, and trained in Georgia, North Carolina and Kentucky. His wife, Mrs. Evelyn Griffin, and daughter Randa May reside in Evansville, Ind., where Pvt. Griffin was employed before induction.



PFC. EUGENE D. HUTCHENS, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hutchens, New Concord, was killed in action in France November 13, 1944. He was with the 378th Infantry, 95th Division. Pfc. Hutchens was drafted from Calloway County July 28, 1942. He was married to Mrs. Catherine Nichols Hutchens and they have a 13 months old child, Eugene Fay. Before entering the service Pfc. Hutchens was employed with the TVA. He attended Concord High School.



PVT. LLOYD G. HODGES, 27, son of Mrs. Esther Hodges, New Concord, was killed in action October 30, 1944, in Leyte. Pvt. Hodges was drafted from Calloway County September 2, 1941, and remained in the states three months after being inducted. He never had a furlough home. His father, Jeff Hodges, died after the son went into the army. His brother, Thomas Jefferson Hodges, served in the European Theater. He attended Concord High School, and was a farmer.

SGT. ALBERT V. HUGHES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Lynn Grove, was killed in action in Germany November 23, 1945. He was wounded August, 1945, but recovered sufficiently to return to action. He volunteered July 30, 1941, and went overseas January, 1943. Sgt. Hughes was with the 28th Infantry, Company C. He attended Lynn Grove High School and was a farmer before entering the service. His three brothers are in the service, Herbert Hughes, S 1-c; James F. Hughes, Navy; and Sgt. Alton P. Hughes.

SGT. CODY JONES, son of Mrs. Victor Jones of Mayfield but formerly of this county, was reported killed in Germany on January 26, 1945. He was trained at Camp Maxcy, Tex., and Camp Van Dorn, and served with the 1st Army. His wife is Mrs. Ruth Jones, who lives in Mayfield.



PVT. EARL V. GROGAN, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Grogan, Route 3, Murray, was killed in action in France August 30, 1944. In the Infantry, he trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and went overseas April, 1944. Pvt. Grogan attended Pottertown school, and worked for the TVA before induction.



PVT. LILBURN VAN HUIE, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Huie, Route 1, Murray, was killed in action in Belgium December 20, 1944. He was first with the Infantry Field Artillery and was later transferred to the Parachute Infantry. Pvt. Huie was drafted from this county September, 1942, and left for overseas duty June, 1944. He was employed in Detroit at the time of his induction, and



LT. C. C. HUGHES, son of Mrs. Mayme Hughes Nelson, was killed in action January 7, 1943. He was a bombardier in the Army Air



SGT. HERSCHELL C. JOHNSON, 31, was killed October 7, 1944, in France. He had been overseas two years serving with the Coast Artillery Corps. Sgt. Johnson was drafted from St. Louis, but attended Murray High School. A brother, Freeman, received the Silver Star for him. The award, a posthumous honor, was bestowed on direct recommendation from Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, on April 21, 1945, at Camp Campbell. He has two brothers in the service, Truman and Richard.

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CPL. ROYCE E. JONES, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce T. Jones, Hazel, volunteered June 10, 1940, at Paducah. Attached to the Signal Corps he trained at Ft. McPherson, Ga., and was sent overseas November, 1942. On June 7, 1943, he was wounded by a German mine in North Africa and died June 27 of these wounds. Cpl. Jones was married to Lorelle Henson Jones, Atlanta, Ga., and has one brother, Charles H. Jones, S 1-c, in the service.



PFC. TROY IVEL LEWIS, husband of Katherine Washburn Lewis, and son of Henry Lewis, Dexter, Route 1, was killed April 1, 1945, in Germany. He was wounded twice in December, 1944, while participating in the Battle of the Bulge. Pfc. Lewis was drafted Oct. 13, 1943, and received his training at Ft. Riley, Kan. and Camp Campbell, and went overseas May, 1944. He was awarded two Purple Hearts.

PFC. HERMAN MAYNARD, 22, son of Mrs. Ethel Maynard, Benton, and Otis Maynard, Missouri, was drowned near Miami Beach, Fla., November 27, 1944. He was drafted from Marshall County June, 1943, but was formerly of this county and attended Concord High School. Pfc. Maynard went overseas September, 1943, and received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon and the Bronze Star. He had one brother in service, Pvt. Vernon C. Maynard.

band of Mrs. Alene Caldwell McDaniel, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Dexter, was killed in action, December 25, 1944, in Luxembourg. He was drafted from this county November 15, 1943, and went overseas August, 1944. Pfc. McDaniel trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and North Carolina. He was in the Infantry, a rifleman, with General Patton's Third Army. At the time of his induction, he farmed. Pfc. McDaniel was awarded the Sharpshooter's and Expert Rifleman's Medals before going overseas.



PFC. TOM MOFFITT, son of Mrs. Nona Moffitt, died on board ship February 20, 1945. He had been wounded in action on December 10, 1944, and was being returned to the States for hospitalization when he died. He was drafted from this county.



SGT. JAMES F. McDOUGAL was drafted July 28, 1942. He was trained in Texas, Louisiana, and California with the Field Artillery. He was awarded the Good Conduct, Expert Marksman and Drivers medals. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDougal, Murray Route 3. He was sent to Indiantown Gap, Pa., and while stationed there was injured in an automobile accident April 29, 1943. From injuries he received, he died May 3, 1943. The body was returned to Murray and was buried in the Elm Grove cemetery. Before induction, he was engaged in defense work in Detroit. Pierce McDougal, F 1-c, is his brother.



SEAMAN 1-c ORVILLE JOSEPH KUHN, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kuhn, was first reported missing, and later reported killed in action in the South Atlantic. Seaman Kuhn volunteered for the Navy September 18, 1941. He has three sisters in the service, Lt. Alice Kuhn, Army Nurse Corps, Norma Kuhn, a Naval Inspector, and Cadet Nurse Carrie Kuhn, Speers Memorial Hospital.



PVT. JAMES TALMADGE LOYETT, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loyett, Murray Route 2, died of malaria in North Africa July 7, 1943. He was drafted from this county Oct. 14, 1942, and trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Pvt. Loyett went overseas January, 1943, in the Army Signal Corps, and was in the Tunisian Campaign.



PFC. JOHN HUGH MASON, 22, son of Luke Mason, Murray, was killed in action March 24, 1944, in Germany. He was a graduate of Murray High School, and prior to his induction, was a truck driver. Pfc. Mason entered the Army in 1943 and trained in Texas. He was with Patton's Third Army. He had one brother in service, Clevie Mason.



SGT. NEWBERN McCULLAR, 27, husband of Mrs. Mary Edna Tarry McCullar, Murray, and son of Mrs. Alice McCullar, Rutherford, Tenn., was killed in action in France, January 19, 1945. He was drafted from this county August, 1943, and received his training in Oregon and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., before going overseas December, 1944. Sgt. McCullar attended M.S.T.C. two years and prior to his induction he was engaged in farming near Dexter. He has one child, Beverly Ann, 2. Sgt. McCullar was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Sharpshooter Badge, the ETO ribbon, and, posthumously, the Purple Heart.



EARL KNIGHT, BM 2-c, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Knight, Hazel, was killed in 1943 in the Pacific. He was a member of the Coast Guard, and was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to his volunteering for service in April, 1940. He received his training at Great Lakes, Ill., and has one brother in service, J. W. Knight.

T-5 ELLIS CARTELLE LASSITER, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atmer Lassiter of Windfall, Ind., was killed in an airplane crash at Mather Field, Santa Monica, Calif., August 27, 1944. Sgt. Lassiter had been in the service 10 years. He would have received his wings and commission in October, 1944. He graduated from Almo High School, and had two brothers and two sisters in the service. They were a twin, Artelle Lassiter, Ph. M. 1-c, S-Sgt. Jermoe Lassiter, Lt. Lillian Lassiter Heller, Army Nurse Corps, Iva Nell Lassiter Cage, S 2-c, WAVES.

PVT. JOE L. LYLES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Lyles of Route 1, Hardin, was killed in action in Germany on November 29, 1944. He entered the army April, 1943, and went overseas a few months later.

PFC. LEX LILLARD, Jr., grandson of Mrs. Ella Moore, Dexter, Route 1, was drafted April 1, 1941. He was taken prisoner of the Japanese May 7, 1942, and was in the death march of Bataan. He died July 19, 1942.



PFC. GUY McDANIEL, 35, hus-



PFC. RAYMOND McDANIEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McDaniel, formerly of Murray, now of Beeler-ton, volunteered in July, 1944, from Chicago. He trained at Camp Wolters, Texas before going overseas in January, 1945. On June 5, 1945, he was killed in action on Mindanao Island. Pfc. McDaniel attended Murray State College before entering service.

was transferred to Norfolk, Va., to begin his sea duty. Seaman McCuiston went overseas December, 1943. Prior to his induction he was engaged in farming. He had three brothers in the service, Woodrow, Allen, and William. McCuiston was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.



PFC. PRESTON NORMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman, Route 4, Murray, was killed in action February 3, 1944, and was drafted from Calloway March, 1943. Pfc. Norman had just recovered from another wound when he was killed. Before entering the service he worked on the C. & M. He was awarded two Purple Hearts. Pfc. Norman received infantry training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and served in North Africa and Italy.



LT. WILLIAM THOMAS McCAGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCage, Murray, was killed in action over Germany October 2, 1944. He had been in service four years and served overseas in Panama and England. A pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress, Lt. McCage was with the 3rd Bombardment Division of the 8th Army Air Force. He received the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Presidential Citation, American Defense Medal, American Theater ribbon, and ETO ribbon. He was a graduate of Concord High School in the class of 1938, and was a student at M.S.T.C. before entering the service.



S1-c GORDON W. McCUISTON, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCuiston, New Concord, was killed February 22, 1944, while serving in the Marshall Islands. He was drafted from this county October 1, 1943, and his boot training was received at Greck Lake, Ill. He



LT. JAMES KNIGHT PARKER

son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Parker, Murray, was killed November 8, 1942, somewhere in the Atlantic. He was a graduate of Murray High School. He was in the Army Air Corps and graduated May 21, 1942, as a pilot. He was first reported missing, later, reported killed in action. He has two brothers in the service. They are Russell Albert and Joe Tom.



CPL. JAMES RALPH PATE, 25, son of Mrs. Popie Pate, Murray, was killed on June 6, 1944, in France. He attended school at South Howard, and Lynn Grove, and was engaged in farming until he volunteered for service in 1942. He was in the air-borne division and had been overseas since July, 1943. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. He had one brother in service, Sgt. Novis Pate.



SECOND LT. HERMAN EDDIE ROBERTS, JR., born March 14, 1925, volunteered for the Air Corps at Memphis, Tenn., June 13, 1943. After training in camps at Keesler Field, Miss., University of Minnesota, Santa Anna, Calif., he graduated at Hondo, Tex., and was assigned to a B-24 as navigator. He was on his 26th mission in Europe when he was reported missing Nov. 26, 1944. A message from the War Department notified his father, Herman Eddie Roberts, Murray, that Lt. Robert's plane was last seen disabled over his target, and that there had been no evidence found. He was declared to have died Nov. 27, 1944—two days after he was reported missing. He was a graduate of Murray High School and was a student of Murray State College when he entered service.



PVT. CHARLIE T. ROWLAND, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rowland, Murray Route 3, volunteered in the fall of 1939 and took his training in Tacoma, Wash. He served overseas in Australia 11 months, and then in the Southwest Pacific area where he was killed in action Jan. 16, 1943. Pvt. Rowland was buried in Malay. He attended Utterback school and was in CCC two and one-half years before his induction. His home was in Montana.



PFC. KEITH ROSS, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Ross, Route 1, Dexter, died in Germany on February 28, 1945, from wounds suffered in action. He attended Faxon High School. Prior to his induction from this county, August, 1942, Pfc. Ross was engaged in farming. He had been overseas with the Third Army more than a year, and has one brother, Robert, in service.



T-5 RUFUS G. STUBBLEFIELD, 24, son of L. D. and Anna Stubblefield, Murray, died September 19, 1944, in Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. He was drafted from this county September, 1942, and took his training at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ft. Belvoir, Va., Camp Swift, Texas, and went overseas December, 1943. He served with the engineering division of the Third Army. Before entering the service, he was employed with the T.V.A. He had one brother in service, Pvt. Raymond Stubblefield.

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CPL. CHESTER EMERY STAFFORD, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stafford, Granite City, Ill., was drafted December 29, 1942. He was reported missing in the North Africa Area November 26, 1943, but it was later learned that he gave his life when his transport ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Cpl. Stafford was formerly employed with the W. D. Sykes Saw Mill in Murray. He has three brothers in the service, Pfc. Porter Stafford, British Isles, Pvt. Harvey Stafford, in Europe, and Sgt. Hilton Stafford, missing in action since December 18, 1944.



SGT. HILTON STAFFORD, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stafford, formerly of Murray, has been reported missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 18, 1944. He has one brother, Chester Stafford, who was killed in action November, 1943.



CPL. JOSEPH BROWN WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilson, Route 2, Hazel, was killed in action in Burma on March 9, 1945. He was drafted March, 1943, from Evansville, Ind. He trained at St. Petersburg and Miami, Fla., and Chanute Field, Ill., where he was graduated from the Army Air Force technical training command. For several months he was with a ground aviation crew based at Columbia, S. C. Cpl. Wilson volunteered for overseas duty September, 1943, and went to Myrtle Beach, S. C., for one week's overseas training. He left November, 1943, went to Brazil and India and was stationed in Burma as an aerial gunner on a B-25. Cpl. Wilson graduated from Hazel High School in 1942 and was with Republic Aviation Corporation in Evansville, Ind., before his induction.



PFC. EDWARD WEST, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West, Route 1, Almo, was killed November 10, 1944, in Holland Dutch New Guinea. He entered the service July 8, 1942, and trained at Camp Lee, Va., Camp Myers, Va. and Camp Butler, N. C., and Hawaii before going further into the Pacific. Before going into the service he was a farmer and has one brother, Cpl. William C. West, in service.



SGMN. W. L. N. SIMPSON, 21, son of Mrs. Fred Graham, Mallorytown Ontario, Canada, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Moody, Hazel, was killed August 15, 1944, in Normandy. He was a member of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. He joined the active service at the age of 16, and trained in the truck division in Canada for six months before going to England.



S-SGT. DAVID EWING ST. JOHN, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. St. John, Murray, died October 23, 1943, in Herfordshire, England, after an injury while riding a bicycle. He is buried in Brookwood, England. S-Sgt. St. John graduated from Hazel High School and volunteered for the Army Air Corps April 21, 1941, in Paducah, and was trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Columbus, Ohio, before being sent overseas August 9, 1943. He received a citation from General Arnold and the late President Roosevelt.



PVT. VERNON THOMPSON, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Thompson, formerly of Hymon, was killed in March, 1945, on Iwo Jima. A member of the Fifth Marine Division, he trained at San Diego, Calif., and went overseas in September, 1944.



PVT. BILLIE RAY WALSTON, 18, son of Mrs. Marie Walston, was killed October 24, 1944, in the South Pacific Theater. He volunteered from this county February 10, 1944. He was trained in California then sent to Pearl Harbor. Pvt. Walston was with the heavy field artillery in the Marine Corps. He attended Murray High School until the time he went into the Marine Corps. He was awarded two medals—the Rifle Range and Sharpshooter's badge, and the Good Conduct ribbon.



SGT. IRL M. SMITH, husband of Mrs. Ollis Smith, Mayfield, and son of Mrs. Flora Smith, Highland Park, Mich., was killed in action April 4, 1945, in Germany. He was with the Ninth Army and, at the time of his death, was assigned to 378th Infantry Regiment, 95th Division. He entered the Army September, 1943, and had been in the European Theater since August, 1944.



SGT. JAMES HAFFORD SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, was drafted Aug. 6, 1942, from Mayfield. He trained at Camp Swift, Tex., Camp Polk, La., and in California and Pennsylvania before going overseas in August, 1944. Serving with the Infantry Sgt. Smith was killed in action in France December 1, 1944. He was married to the former Miss Evelyn Vaden, Halls, Tenn. They have a daughter.



PVT. LELAND W. THOMPSON, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Thompson, formerly of Hymon, was killed in a jeep accident on August 30, 1942, while at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He was a member of the National Guard before the war.



PFC. MILBURN RAY WRYE, 21, husband of Eulala Lovins Wrye, Highland Park, Mich., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Wrye, Pottertown, was killed on Saipan, July 12, 1944. He attended the Pottertown and McCuiston schools. Prior to his induction, Pfc. Wrye was a merchant in Pottertown. He had one brother in service, Floyd Richard.

HONOR and GLORY

To Our

Fallen Heroes



The Flag of Our Country will in our hearts
forever fly at half mast for those men
who fought and died in
World War II



These men lay wounded on battlefields. These
are the men who were torpedoed at sea;
suffered in jungles while treacher-
ous enemies tortured them
to death

These men died in prison camps
They died of disease and exposure



Honor them forever . . . keep them in our
hearts . . . in our thoughts



And so live that this community may be a liv-
ing tribute and memorial to those . . .
our very own



May each citizen, each returned veteran, be
inspired to nobler lives by the great
sacrifices made by these gallant
heroes who died for our
country

