

WRITES OF S ACCIDENT

WHITE INJURED IN DUTY



Mr. and Mrs. Lee White of Clarence received a letter from their son, Sgt. Wm. White, from a friend who has been with Sgt. White. The letter is an injury that Sgt. White received on May 26 but no word has been received by the...

this letter. William's accident was incurred in line of duty. That is all the information that I can give you at present.

I would, however, like to give you a sketch of your son's background over here and the work he has done, as well as the high estimation in which he is held by all of us. I have known him personally since February, 1944 when I was assigned to the same organization with him—the 314th station complement squadron. Later, in December, 1944, I was transferred to the 410th bomb group (L) but remained on the same station with him. Just recently William was also transferred to the 410th—it looks as though we might have to pull some strings to get him back with us as soon as he is well again. I hope that will not be long. In England, when I first knew William we were stationed at Earle's Colne, Essex—later we moved to Gosfield, Essex (near Braintree and Colchester and about 40 miles from London). When we came to France, we were stationed at Coulommiers (about 35 miles from Paris); later at Juvincourt (near Reims—the scene of the surrender of the German high command) and then here at Beaumont sur Oise, about 21 miles from Paris, again. During all this time, William has been almost solely responsible for the installation of communication and wire facilities at each new station we moved to. That has been a tremendous job and he has worked sometimes night as well as day to get it done. In doing so, he has earned just admiration and respect of his fellow enlisted men and his officers. He is known and well-liked all over the base. He has the reputation of a hard worker and a square shooter. I have never heard him say an unkind word about anyone and he has helped whomever he could, whenever he could. He is entirely too good a man to lose from our outfit.

It is rumored that our entire organization may return to the states shortly—if this be true, I shall certainly try to look William up and see how he is making out. As soon as he is returned to duty we shall try to get him back in the 410th. Please believe me when I say again that all the men join me in sincere regrets for this untimely accident and genuine hopes for William's quick recovery and return to us. Both he and his work will be sorely missed here. He has done a good job—an excellent job—now he deserves a good long rest. But if the war in the Pacific lasts we shall certainly want him back if he wants to come back. We value his worth as a man and as a hard worker.

Please let me know if you receive this letter and tell William when you see him (I'm sure that will be soon) to let me hear how he is getting along, from time to time. I'll look him up when we get back to the states.

Sincerely, James J. Germany, Master Sergeant, 410th Bomb Group.

DEATHS DURING THE PAST WEEK

I. T. HUBBLE

Funeral services for Isaac Theodore Hubble, 75, were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Ford Miller, Nazarene minister, conducted the rites and interment was in the Maplewood cemetery. Mr. Hubble passed away at his home here Tuesday morning after having been ill for several months. Son of J. A. and Harriet Hubble, he was born in Macon county, Mo., on May 12, 1870. He was first married to Miss Martha E. Meyers who preceded him in death July 24, 1930. To this union six children were born all of whom survive. Mrs. Ruby Bork and Mrs.

noon from the Shelbyville Christian church at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. T. E. Spurling, pastor of the Christian church, conducted the rites assisted by Rev. Wm. Rutherford, pastor of the Methodist church in Shelbyville. Interment was in the Shelbyville cemetery.

Mr. Bilyeu passed away Sunday evening at 4:50 o'clock at his home in Shelbyville after having been in failing health for some time and bed-fast since March.

As the son of Mrs. Pleasant Bilyeu and the late Mr. Bilyeu, he was born April 7, 1881 in Louisville, Ky. At the age of 12 he came to Missouri with his parents and in 1905 was united in marriage to Miss Blanch Tarbet. Until the failure of his health several years ago Mr. Bilyeu had been engaged in farming near Shelbyville.

He was a member of the Christian church and a member of the Modern Woodman lodge.

Surviving besides his wife are six daughters and two sons, Mrs. Page Pendleton of Macon, Mrs. Vernie Mann of Shelbyville, Mrs. O. M. Johnston, Jr., of Newark, Mrs. Russell LeFevre of Kahoka, Mrs. Maurice Speyers of Kansas City, Miss Beverly Bilyeu of the home, Clyde Bilyeu, yeoman first class, and Eddie Bilyeu, seaman first class, both of the navy in the Pacific, and six grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother, Lon, of Holden, two sisters, Mrs. Delbert Miller of Walker, Mrs. Mollie Sturgis of Holden, and his aged mother, Mrs. Pleasant Bilyeu, 95, of Walker.

MRS. JIM BROOKS

Mrs. George Brooks was in Lakenan yesterday where she attended funeral services for her husband's grandmother, Mrs. Jim Brooks, of Lakenan. Mrs. Brooks, 73, passed away Sunday afternoon at St. Elizabeth hospital in Hannibal.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Christian church in Lakenan of which she was a member. Rev. J. L. Shoemaker, Christian pastor of Shelby, conducted the rites and interment was in the Shelbyville cemetery.

Her grandson, Pfc. Brooks, is serving with the army located in China.

MRS. ED ABEL

Funeral services for Mrs. Ed Abel, 73, of Shelbyville were held Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock from the Catholic church in Shelbyville with Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Connor in charge. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery in Shelbyville.

Mrs. Abel passed away Friday morning at 2:05 o'clock at St. Elizabeth hospital in Hannibal where she had been a patient for two weeks. Mrs. Abel had been seriously ill since suffering a stroke of paralysis at her home in Shelbyville on May 16.

As Mary Ada Greenwell, daughter of George W. and Sarah Thelkeld Greenwell, she was born May 1872 on a farm in Monroe county. She was married to Ed Abel on October 9, 1904 and to this union one daughter was born dying in infancy. A niece, Mrs. Arthur Haegle (Alton, Ill.), spent part of her childhood in the Abel home. Mrs. Abel at the

greater part of her married life on a farm in Monroe county. Later the family moved to Monroe City where Mr. Abel passed away in 1938. Since 1941 Mrs. Abel had resided in Shelbyville.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Hamilton, Mrs. Nannie Broughton, Mrs. Ella Buckman, G. J. (Si) Greenwell, Mrs. Margaret Worland, Hiram Greenwell, Mrs. Eula Bonta and two brothers and a sister died early in life.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

JOHN THOMAS

Funeral services for John Thomas, 73, were held at the Oak Dale Methodist church Monday afternoon and burial was at Andrew Chapel.

Mr. Thomas passed away Saturday at the home of Floyd Peppers in Philadelphia.

For the most part his life was spent near Oak Dale.

Mrs. Lewis Parker is the only living relative.

W.C.T.U. to Meet Friday

W.C.T.U. will hold its June meeting in the auditorium of the Christian church at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Everyone is asked to be present as the election of officers will be held for the ensuing year.

Dismissed From Hospital

Mrs. Tommy Cook has returned home from Kirksville after having undergone an operation there several weeks ago. She is improving as well as could be expected.

Are Here From Nebraska

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haines and daughter, Alice Marie, of Lincoln, Nebr., arrived Sunday morning to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Haines, and his sister, Mrs. Kenneth Glahn and family.

Go to Kansas City

Misses Frances Maupin and Dorothy Smith, 1945 graduates of the Clarence high school, went to Kansas City last week where they plan to secure employment.

Are Here From Oklahoma

Coxswain and Mrs. C. Lyle White, of Oklahoma City, Okla., arrived Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White, southwest of Clarence, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Hayden. Coxswain White is located in Oklahoma City in a navy coast guard recruiting station.

Entertain Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hiner and daughter, Miss Louise Hiner of Kansas City, entertained as dinner guests at their home south of town Friday evening, Misses Helen Peterman Josephine Willey and Elma Jean Roy.

Visit Here

Mrs. Delbert Maupin and son, Delbert Ray, came Saturday night and spent the week end at the home of her husband's mother, Mrs. Roscoe L. Maupin. They returned to their home in Hannibal Monday.

Read Your OWN Courier

Are Dinner Guests Mr. and Mrs. Omer Edwards and children, Shirley June, Dannie and Billy, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Edwards.

Mrs. Meisner Returns Home

Mrs. John L. Meisner returned to her home here Sunday afternoon from St. Louis where she had been a patient in Barnes hospital for two weeks receiving examination and treatment. She is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

PFC. OTHO RUFENER WRITES FROM GERMANY MAY 19

Below is a letter received by Mrs. May L. Rufener of near Anabel from her son, Pfc. Otho Rufener, whose picture appears in this issue.

Pfc. Rufener's letter was written from somewhere in Germany and it is as follows:

Dear Folks:

How are you? I am pretty fair. Had tooth yanked the first of the week. It had been bothering me for quite some time.

We just got the information that our letters will not be censored any more, so I will try to tell you a few places I have been and just what we are doing now. We were in a gun position on the Rhine river for about three weeks, our gun was about 15 feet from the water, we were guarding a pontoon bridge. We had quite a bit of action there and for the last month or so we have been taking care of liberated prisoners of all nations, hauling chow for them and keeping them under control until arrangements can be made to get them home. They can't be turned loose to roam the country. They all have a great respect for the American soldiers.

We took care of a camp of 6,000 Polish officers for two weeks. We

6th. — ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, June 17, marks the 6th anniversary of the establishment of practice in this community.

I wish to thank all of those who have helped me in my profession here and I hope that I may be able to help you in the future.

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