

Alamance County World War II Deaths

There were approximately 220 local deaths in World War II. This information was compiled from microfilm for the Local History Collection at May Memorial Library with the help of Miriam Pace, library volunteer and member of the Alamance County Friends of the Library, who spent many hours researching and copying.

Allen, Robert Cecil

son of George Walter Allen and Dora Bailey Allen
died April 11, 1945 in World War II
buried at Cane Creek Friends Burial Ground
Source: The Allen Family by Lester M. Allen

Anderson, Roy Clifton

Private First Class
son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Anderson of South Park Ave., Burlington
died October 3, 1944
as a result of injuries received in a vehicle accident
He had been overseas since June 1943.
He is survived by his parents and a sister, Mrs. J.K. Dixon of Burlington
Source: Times-News Nov. 13, 1944

Askew, Harrell Coble

Corporal
of Askew St., Burlington
died July 13, 1945 in Burlington at age 26 years. Funeral services were held at the First Reformed Church and honorary pallbearers were supplied by a detachment from O.R.D. at Greensboro. Interment was in Pine Hill Cemetery in Burlington.
Source: Times-News July 19, 1945

Ausley, Williams Shreve

Gunner's Mate
son of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Ausley of Elon College
was killed August 9, 1944 while serving on PT 509. Ausley was inducted into the Naval Reserve in February 1942 and went overseas to England in 1944. He was originally buried on Guernsey Island by the Germans after the sinking of his boat. His remains were then moved to the U.S. Army Cemetery at Blossville, France and finally returned to the United State for burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Elon College. A memorial service was held in April 1948 at Whitley Auditorium at Elon College. Ausley is survived by his parents and 2 sisters.
Source: Times-News April 24, 1948

Baker, Claiborne H.

Private

enlisted on September 16, 1940 in the National Guard. He was single and his occupation was listed as automobile serviceman. Circumstances of his death are unknown, but he was not a battle casualty.

Baker, Melvin W.

Private

of Route 2, Elon College

was killed in action in Germany Dec. 2, 1944

He entered the service in April 1944 and had been overseas since Sept. 1944

He was the husband of Mrs. Mozelle Page Baker and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Baker of Chapel Hill who survive. Survived also by a young daughter, Nancy Carroll Baker, one sister, and three brothers.

Source: Times-News Jan. 4, 1945

Baker, Robert S.

Staff Sergeant

son of John M. Baker, Sr. of Haw River

was killed in the European theatre of war sometime after July 1944

His remains returned to Alamance County for burial in July 1948

Source: Times-News July 1, 1948

Baldwin, Jim Richard Lee

Seaman, 2nd Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baldwin

was reported missing in action April 6, 1945 in the Pacific. Seaman Baldwin entered training in April 1944 at Great Lakes and afterwards served on a ship in the Pacific.

Source: Times-News May 9, 1945

Barnes, Sam H.

Private First Class

member of 329th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division

was killed in action in European theatre on January 12, 1945

He received the Purple Heart

Burial marker at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Source: Times-News 03/12/1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Barneycastle, Albert L.

of Hillsboro and Burlington

was killed in action in France June 24, 1944

He was a native of Hillsboro and later his father, A.E. Barneycastle, and a sister, Miss Ruth Barneycastle, moved to Ireland Street in Burlington

Awarded the Purple Heart.

Burial marker at Normandy American Cemetery, St. Laurent-Sur-Mer, France

Source: Times-News July 18, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Barnwell, Ernest E.

Private

member of the 621st Ordnance Ammunition Company

died May 12, 1943

Burial marker at North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Barnwell, Joseph B. "Ben"

Private

was killed in action in France June 21, 1944

He entered the Army in August 1943 and arrived in England in March 1944.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Barnwell, a daughter, Mary Lee Barnwell, parents Mr. and Mrs. T.Y. Barnwell, two sisters, and a brother.

Source: Times-News August 19, 1944

Barnwell, William Holt

Major

son of Mrs. Robert W. Barnwell, Sr. and the late Mr. Barnwell

was killed in action in France on July 25, 1944

He had been on active duty in Europe for 22 months and had just been promoted to Major a week before his death. He served in four major campaigns in Africa, Sicily, and France and had received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for wounds received in previous campaigns. A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Burlington in June 1945.

Source: Times-News August 7, 1944 and June 9, 1945

Bear, Isaac F.

Staff Sergeant

son of Mrs. Winnie Bear of the Piedmont Hotel, Burlington

was killed in Northern Luzon, the Philippines, on April 23, 1945 while serving with the 32nd Division of the Army. He entered the service in November 1942 and went overseas in November 1944. Sgt. Bear was a resident of Jackson, Mississippi and is survived by his wife Mrs. Lucille Bear of Jackson in addition to this mother. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in fighting along the Villa Verde Trail on Luzon. His remains were returned for burial in July 1948.

Source: Times-News July 4, 1945 and July 1, 1948

Bell, William Henry

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Bell of Marshall Street in Graham

committed suicide Wednesday July 29, 1942 by shooting himself through the chest with a shotgun at the home of an uncle, Leon Bell, near Roseboro. He died in an ambulance en route to a local hospital. He was a member of Battery C, 42nd F.A. of Camp Gordon, Ga.

He had been in the Army for 4 years and it is believed that he may have been despondent about the prospect of again being sent into foreign service. Burial in Graham on July 31. Source: Times News July 31, 1942 and December 7, 1942

Bell, William Irving

son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bell of Church St., Burlington
died in France on September 5, 1944 as a result of wounds received in action while serving in the U.S. Navy. He entered the service in July 1940 and was trained at Norfolk. He was present at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked and saw action at Gaudalcanal and in the Solomon Islands. While a student at Broad Street High School, he was a Golden Gloves champion in 1939. He is survived by his parents, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters. One brother, D.J. Bell, is with the Navy.
Source: Times-News October 10, 1944 and July 28, 1945

Bendigo, Jack

First Lieutenant
son of E.I. Bendigo of Graham, Superintendent of Gra-Bur Mills
was killed in action in Italy in early 1944. Lieutenant Bendigo had been in the service more than a year and was an infantry officer. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in the Sicilian campaign. Lieutenant Bendigo was a graduate of N.C. State College where he studied textile management and participated in R.O.T.C. He was employed by Marshall Field in Leaksville, NC prior to entering the service. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rita Jameson Bendigo, of Leaksville.
Source: Times-News March 14, 1944

Blackwood, Alec B. "Pete"

Corporal, U.S. Army
son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Blackwood of High Point, NC and husband of Mrs. Clara Blackwood, formerly of this area
enlisted on January 16, 1941 and was killed in action in France on August 6, 1944
His widow and small son now live in Columbia, SC. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. R.E. Sharpe and Mrs. P.W. Faucette, and 1 brother, Corporal Marvin H. Blackwood
Memorial service in February 1945 at Glenhope Baptist Church, Burlington
Source: Times-News February 9, 1945

Booe, Burley R.

Private
served with the 175th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division
He was reported missing in action on May 6, 1945
Memorial marker among Tablets of the Missing at Epinal American Cemetery in Epinal, France
Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Bragg, Frank B., Jr.

Lieutenant

died April 21, 1942 in an airplane accident near Fort Bragg.

It is believed that the big transport plane on which Lieutenant Bragg was a co-pilot must have developed engine trouble. Only Lieutenant Bragg and the other pilot Lieutenant Barton Hewitt of Wisconsin were killed. It has not been established who was at the controls at the time of the accident. Lt. Bragg is survived by his mother Mrs. Frank Bragg, Sr. of Madison, Indiana and a sister Mrs. Ravenel Gignilliat of Savannah, Georgia. Lieutenant Bragg was well known in Alamance County, having once lived here. He volunteered as a flying cadet last April and finished his aviation training in January 1942. A funeral service was held at Christ Episcopal Church in Savannah, Georgia with burial in Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah. Several Burlington residents attended the services.

Source: Times-News April 25, 1942 and December 7, 1942

Browning, Paul M.

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Browning of Burlington, Route 4

was killed in action on April 30, 1945 in Germany. He was with the 22nd tank division and entered the Army in May 1944. He went overseas in December 1944 and served with the Third Army. He was wounded in early March and later returned to combat before being killed on April 30. He is survived by his parents, 2 sisters, and 1 brother.

Source: Times-News May 26, 1945

Browning, Robert Franklin

Apprentice Merchant Seaman

son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter Browning of Graham

died of exposure and hunger on May 20, 1943 in a Durban, South Africa hospital one month after his ship, the S.S. John Drayton, was torpedoed as he served in the U.S. Merchant Marine. His ship was hit on April 21, 1943 off the coast of South Africa and only 8 of the original 24 surviving crew members reached a hospital after being rescued 30 days after the sinking by a Greek ship. Newspaper accounts of the rescue indicate the survivors lived on a life-raft during that time period with almost no food or water.

Browning graduated from Graham High School and attended Duke University for 1 year. He joined the Merchant Marine in September 1942 and received the Mariner's Medal posthumously. A memorial service was held at Graham Presbyterian Church in September 1943.

Source: Times News September 17, 1943 and June 13, 1944

Bryant, James M.

Sergeant

son of Mrs. W.E. Bryant of Route 5, Burlington

died July 28, 1944 in the European theatre of war

He is survived by 5 sisters and 3 brothers. His brother Private Wilbert P. Bryant preceded him in death by about 1 month.

Source: Times-News October 28, 1944

Bryant, Wilbert P.

Private First Class

son of Mrs. W.E. Bryant of Route 5, Burlington

died in action in France around June 24, 1944

He entered the service in January 1943 and had been overseas 6 months at the time of his death. A brother, Sgt. James M. Bryant, was killed July 28, 1944 after serving in the Army for almost 3 years. Private Bryant is survived by 5 sisters and 3 brothers.

Source: Times-News July 27, 1944 and October 28, 1944

Bryant, William Harvey

Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Bryant of Route 2, Elon College

died August 1, 1944 from wounds received in France.

He entered the Army in January 1943, trained in South Carolina, and was then stationed in England to await the invasion of France. He is survived by his parents, three sisters, and six brothers. A memorial service was held at Bethlehem Christian Church in September 1944.

Source: Times-News Sept. 5, 1944

Buckner, James Meyers, Jr.

Private

son of Justice of the Peace James M. Buckner, Sr. and Mrs. Buckner

died in the European theatre of war on February 3, 1945. He entered the service in January 1941. He is survived by his parents, 2 sisters, 2 half-sisters, and 1 brother--- Second Lieutenant Earl E. Buckner, who is now serving in France.

Source: Times-News 02/20/1945

Buckner, James "Woody"

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Buckner

was killed in action in France on January 14, 1945

He had been in the Army for 3 years and 2 months and was a member of the Company E, 41st Armored Infantry Division. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter and a memorial service was held there for him in February 1945.

He received the Purple Heart and is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Source: Times-News February 5, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Bunton, William Glenn

Private First Class

Son of .W.H. Bunton of Burlington

was killed in action in Italy on April 16, 1945 while serving with the Fifth Army. He was 32 years of age and had been in the regular army about 8 years. He served one term of enlistment in Hawaii before the war began and had seen combat in both North Africa and

Italy. Survivors include his wife, an 11-year-old daughter Peggy Ann, his father, 2 sisters, and 6 brothers. One brother, George C. Bunton is with the Merchant Marine and another brother, Lieutenant James S. Bunton, is with the Army in Germany. Private Bunton received the Purple Heart and is buried at Florence American Cemetery in Florence, Italy.

Source: Times-News May 16, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Burke, Boyd L.

Private First Class

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Burke of Bear Creek, Chatham County

was killed in action in Germany on April 10, 1945

He is the brother of Robey L. Burke of Graham and of Mrs. Clarence Reid of Burlington. Private Burke was inducted in October 1943 and went overseas in July 1944. He was wounded in September 1944 and spent 5 months in a hospital before going back into action in Holland, France, and Germany, where he was killed. He was a member of the Sandy Branch Baptist Church at Bear Creek.

Source: Times-News May 15, 1945

Burton, Roger C.

Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Nellie Squires Burton of Burlington

was reported missing in action and lost on a flight over France on April 24, 1944. He served as a gunner on a Flying Fortress and was with the 367th Bomber Squadron, 306th Heavy Bomber Group. Sgt. Burton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Burton of near Glencoe. He entered the Army in February 1943. He is survived by his parents and his wife. Sgt. Burton was awarded the Purple Heart. Burial marker at Normandy American Cemetery in St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France.

Source: Times-News May 13, 1944

Butler, Isam, Jr.

Corporal

of Liberty, NC

brother of Charlie E. Butler of Graham, Route 1

died of acute pneumonia on January 30, 1945 in Japan while being held as a prison of war. He had been a prisoner of war in the Philippine Islands for 3 years and is reported to have died while being transferred to a prison camp in Japan. Cpl. Butler was a graduate of Liberty High School and was employed by Gregson Chair Co. in Liberty before enlisting in the service in December 1940. He was the son of Mrs. Hattie Butler Bunton and the late Isam Butler, Sr. Besides his mother and brother, he is also survived by a stepfather and 3 half-sisters. Memorial services were held at Liberty Grove Methodist Church in November 1945.

Source: Times-News February 9, 1943 and November 21, 1945

Byrd, John Hardin

Private First Class
of Mebane

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Byrd of Burlington, Route 3
was killed in action in Germany on April 14, 1945

Pfc. Byrd entered the service in August 1944 and went overseas in January 1945. He attended school at Pleasant Grove and was employed at Mebane Mills before going into the service. He was a member of the 83rd Division of the Ninth Army and had received the infantryman's combat badge and expert rifle medal. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife Mrs. Geraldine Christopher Byrd and one daughter, Doris Jean, aged 3 years.

Source: Times-News May 7, 1945

Cale, David Lynn

Machinist, U.S. Navy

Machinist Cale was born in West Virginia and married Hazel Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Williams of Elon College (formerly of Prospect Hill). He died in the Pacific on January 30, 1943 while serving on the Cruiser "Chicago" when it was hit by the Japanese and sunk. A son, David B. Cale, was born on August 9, 1943 in Alamance County after his father's death. There is a memorial marker for Cale among the tablets of the missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines

Sources: Times-News March 29, 1943 and August 13, 1943; American Battle Monuments Commission website

Campbell, Robert G.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Mary Frances Boone Campbell and son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. J.J. Boone of Graham, died of wounds received in action with the Third Army Infantry in Germany on March 25, 1945. He turned 31 years old on the day before his death. Pfc. Campbell was a native of Detroit, Michigan, but had lived in Fairmont (near Lumberton, NC) for several years. He entered the service in April 1944 and was sent overseas in August 1944. He is survived by his wife, who now works at the Maxton airbase, and a 6-year-old son.

Source: Times-News April 9, 1945

Carden, Wade H., Jr.

Private First Class

son of Wade Carden, Sr. of Fix St., Burlington
was killed in action in Italy on October 14, 1944

He entered the service in May 1943 and was overseas since Sept. 1, 1944

He was a member of Southside Baptist Church

He is survived by his father and five sisters.

Source: Times-News November 8, 1944

Carpenter, Raymond Hunter

Private First Class

son of Mr. J.R. Carpenter of Burlington and Mrs. Huston Craig of Durham was killed in action in the South Pacific recently. He joined the Marines in December 1941, was attached to the 5th Marines, and had been overseas 29 months. He saw action at Guadalcanal, at Gloucester, and in six other campaigns.

Source: Times-News Oct. 19, 1944

Carson, Ralph M.

Corporal

Corporal Carson was a resident of Wake County, NC and was the brother of George Carson of Burlington. He was killed in action in Germany on March 4, 1945. Besides his brother, he is survived by a wife, 1 son, 1 daughter, his parents, and 3 sisters. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Durham, NC and military rites were conducted for him by American Legion Post #7 in Durham.

Source: Times-News August 28, 1948

Carter, Kermit L.

Private First Class

Died in England May 10, 1944 from injuries received in a vehicle accident. Private Carter entered the Army in April 1942 and went overseas in February 1944. He was attached to a medical division (12th Medical Hospital Center). He was the brother of Mr. Q.A. Carter of Graves St., Burlington. Burial in Cambridge American Cemetery at Cambridge, England.

Source: Times-News June 1, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission

Caviness, Macon Jackson

Seaman First Class, U.S. Navy

Died January 6, 1945 in the Pacific

Burial at Honolulu Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Chambers, Dewey T.

Private First Class

Died in Europe on July 28, 1944

He served with the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and was awarded the Purple Heart. Burial at Normandy American Cemetery in St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France.

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Chapman, Lloyd

Private First Class

Son of J.M Chapman of Graham

Died in the invasion of Guam on November 23, 1944

He had been overseas for 2 years and previously served in the National Guard. Survivors include 2 brothers—J. Chapman and Pfc. R.B. Chapman, the later now serving in Italy.

Source: Times-News December 27, 1944

Cheek, Edward L.

Aviation Cadet
of Graham

died in a plane crash in 1943 in Greenwood, Mississippi

He had attended Wake Forest College

Source: Wake Forest College Alumni News 1944, page 18

Clark, James B.

Private First Class

Born in 1918 and entered the service on January 5, 1943 at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

He was a sales clerk by occupation and married. Killed in action. No details available.

Clark, Julius Lyn "Lyn"

Private

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Clark of Swepsonville

Died overseas September 16, 1944

f wounds received in action in Belgium on September 4, 1944

He was inducted into the service in July 1943 and arrived in England in January 1944.

He is survived by his parents, 1 brother, and 1 grandmother.

Source: Times News September 29, 1944

Clemmens, John Frank

Flight Officer, U.S. Army Air Forces

husband of Mrs. Louise Rhodes Clemmens of Graham

died January 20, 1944 in a plane crash over Algiers, Africa

He received basic training in Mississippi and later graduated from radio schools in Wisconsin and Florida. Flight Officer Clemmens served with the 417th Night Fighter Squadron and received the Air Medal. He had been overseas for 8 months at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife, 1-year-old daughter Patricia Ann Rhodes, and in-laws Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Rhodes of Graham. Burial at North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia. Memorial services were held at Glenhope Church February 27, 1944

Source: Times-News February 16, 1944 and February 26, 1944; American Battle Monuments Commission website

Coble, Clarence W. "Dickie"

Private

husband of Mrs. Sarah Glenn Coble

died in early November 1943 at the army hospital at Fort Jackson, South Carolina following 1 week of illness. He was the son of the late John M Coble and Mrs. Josephine Rike Coble. He was stationed at Shaw Field, South Carolina at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, one son Richard Coble, his mother, 1 sister, 1 brother, and 6 nieces and nephews. He had been in the Army Air Corps for about 1 year at the time of his death. The funeral was performed by the pastor of First Christian Church with burial at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Sources: Times-News November 3, 1943 and November 5, 1943

Coble, James Willard "Bill"

Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Coble of Graham

died October 25, 1944

in a plane crash in the South Pacific near New Guinea

He was an engineer on a B-24 bomber

Besides his parents, he is survived by 3 sisters and 2 brothers

A memorial service was held at Mt. Hermon Methodist Church on July 4, 1948

Source: Times News December 5, 1944 and July 5, 1948

Comer, Clymouth Roy (note Roy C. Comer in military records)

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Comer of Graham, Route 2

was killed in action February 9, 1945 in the German-Belgian area.

He entered the service in December 1943 and was formerly employed by Virginia Mills

at Swepsonville. Pfc. Comer went overseas in July 1944 and served with the 60th

Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. He is survived by his parents, 5 sisters, and 3

brothers---all of this county. Pfc. Comer received the Purple Heart and is buried at

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

Times-News March 3, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Cook, Brodie Duke

Seaman 2nd Class

United States Naval Reserve

son of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Cook of Burlington, Route 3

was reported missing in action or buried at sea on July 11, 1944. He entered the service

in September 1942 and was promoted to Seaman 2nd Class in January 1943. He received

the Purple Heart. There is a memorial for Seaman Cook among the Tablets of the

Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy

Source: Times-News January 19, 1943 and American Battle Monuments Commission

website

Cooper, Ralph R.

Sergeant

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cooper of Burlington

Killed in action on Luzon January 19, 1945

He was inducted in May 1943 and had formerly been employed by Acme Drug Co.

He spent 11 months in New Guinea before going to the Philippines recently.

Survived by his parents, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Source: Times-News February 17, 1945

Core, Harvey E., Jr.

Missing in action somewhere in the European Theatre recently
He was the son of Mr.& Mrs. Harvey Core, Sr. of Kinston, formerly of Graham, and the grandson of Mrs. A.B. Holland of Burlington
He entered the Service in 1942.
Source: Times-News January 23, 1945

Corns, Lester O.

Technical Sergeant
son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Corns of Jones St., Burlington
was reported missing in action May 15, 1943 following a bombing mission to Wilhelmshaven, Germany. He was a crew member on a plane that was last seen to disappear over the North Sea. Sgt. Corns entered the army in January 1942. He was later declared killed in action. Sgt. Corns is survived by his parents and 3 sisters. He received the Air Medal and Purple Heart and there is a memorial to him among the Tables of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England
Source: Times-News May 29, 1943, DAR World War II scrapbook, and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Covington, Charles Dewey, Jr.

AMM Third Class
Son of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Covington of Mebane
Was killed in a plane crash in California recently
He entered the Naval Air Corps in August 1942
He was sent to the Pacific Theater in October 1943 and took part in the invasion of the Marianas, and the Caroline and Marshall Islands
He returned to the U.S. In July 1944
He was a 1938 graduate of Alexander Wilson High School and had studied milk production at State College in Raleigh.
Source: Times-News October 19, 1944

Cox, William T. "Bill"

Corporal
husband of Mrs. Audrey Light Cox of Sharpe St., Burlington
was killed in action in Germany on February 27, 1945
Cpl. Cox was employed by the E.M. Holt Plaid Mill from 1936 until the time of his induction into the Army in May 1943. He went overseas in June 1944 with an outfit of combat engineers. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr.& Mrs. John Cox of Independence, Va., 4 sisters, and 1 brother. A memorial service was held in July 1945 at West Burlington Methodist Church
Source: Times-News April 6, 1945 and July 27, 1945

Crawford, James H.

Private First Class
husband of Mrs. Agnes Sykes Crawford of N. Mebane St., Burlington

was killed in action in Germany on March 24, 1945. Pfc. Crawford was inducted at Fort Bragg in September 1943. He had been overseas since May 1944 and was serving with the Third Armored Division of the First Army at the time of his death. Pfc. Crawford was formerly employed by Pet Dairy Products here and was a member of Graham Methodist Church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Addie Crawford, 1 sister, and 2 brothers.

Source: Times-News May 3, 1945

Crawford, Monte Lodge

Lieutenant

son of Welling M. "Duke" Lodge of Burlington, a manager with the Baylor Insurance Agency here, was killed on May 11, 1942 in an airplane crash at the Savannah, Georgia air base. Lt. Crawford lived with his mother and father in Gaffney, SC until his mother's death. He was then adopted by an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sloan Crawford of Spartanburg, SC and took their surname. Lt. Lodge was a 1941 graduate of State College in Raleigh.

Source: Times-News May 12, 1942 and May 23, 1942

Crocker, Roy L.

Private

Reported missing in action since July 19, 1944 in France

He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. M.W. Crocker of Swepsonville

He entered the Service in October 1942 and had been overseas about 8 months.

He was employed by Virginia Mills at the time of his induction.

Received Bronze Star and Purple Heart

Monument at Normandy American Cemetery, St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France

Source: Times-News August 7, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission Website

Dabbs, Julius L.

Private First Class

son of Mrs. J.W. Dabbs of Alamance County was killed in action in Germany on March 18, 1945. He was serving with the 310th Infantry Regiment of the 78th "Lightning"

Division at the time of his death. He is survived by his mother, 2 sisters, and 1 brother who is serving with the Army in the South Pacific.

Source: Times-News June 5, 1945

Dale, Floyd W.

Private First Class

Reported killed in action on July 30, 1944 in France

He was the son of Mrs. Elmer Dale of High Point and the brother of Mrs. Lena Hensley of Graham and of Howard Dale of High Point

He entered the Service on January 15, 1943.

His father was a veteran of World War I and is buried in ("Little Arlington") at Pine Hill Cemetery, Burlington

Source: Times-News September 1, 1944

Dawkins, Edgar J.

Private First Class

Was fatally wounded in action with the 78th Division of the First Army Infantry on February 4, 1945. He died in a field hospital the following day.

He was inducted into the service in March 1944 and went overseas in October 1944.

He saw action in France, Belgium, and Germany. He was 30 years old and was employed at Fairchild Aircraft prior to entering the Service.

Survived by his wife, the former Vera Mercer, of Greensboro one son, James Michael Dawkins, his mother, 1 sister, and 1 brother.

Received the Purple Heart.

Monument at Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten, Netherlands.

Source: Times-News February 26, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission Website

Dellinger, Melvin Lee

Private

husband of Mrs. Mildred Jordan Dellinger of North Park Ave., Burlington was killed in action in Germany on March 14, 1945. Pvt. Dellinger had been in the service since May 1944 and went overseas in December 1944. Before entering the service he was an employee of the Hopedale Mills. In addition to his wife, he is survived by 1 son, Melvin Lee Dellinger, Jr. and a daughter Linda Jean Dellinger, his mother Mrs. Ella Dellinger of Lincolnton, 3 sisters, and 3 brothers. His 3 brothers are also in the service.

Source: Times-News April 9, 1945

Dickey, James Elmer

Captain

son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Dickey of N. Main St, Burlington

died March 26, 1945. He was with the Army Air Corps assigned to the 672nd Bomber Squadron, 417th Bomber Group. His plane was forced down on a flight from Australia to New Guinea and he was declared missing and then dead. Capt. Dickey entered the Air Corps more than 4 years ago and had completed 103 missions. He was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Clusters and had been scheduled to come home next month. He had been in the Pacific theatre of war for approximately the last 18 months. There is a memorial to his memory among the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

Source: Times-News April 25, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Edelen, Phillip B. (Reverend)

Captain/Chaplain

of Raleigh, NC

was killed in action in France on June 10, 1944

He was the former pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Burlington and volunteered while he was serving in that capacity. He served with the 9th Infantry

Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and received the Purple Heart. He is buried at Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

Source: Times-News July 24, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Edmonds, Floyd R.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Dessie Lemons Edmonds

was killed in action January 21, 1945 in Germany

He served with the 301st Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division.

Before entering the service, he was employed with Mayfair Mills and his wife is an employee of McEwen Mill. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. F.T. Edmonds, of Route 4, Burlington, and at least 1 sister and 3 brothers. Two of his brothers, Pvt. William Hal Edmonds and Pfc. Rufus Edmonds are also in the service overseas. He was awarded the Purple Heart and is buried at Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, Belgium.

Source: Times-News July 14, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Edwards, James E.

Private

son of Mr. & Mrs. S.E. Edwards of Mebane

was killed in action August 30, 1944

Survived by his wife Cora Wright Edwards and one daughter, Marie Edwards

Memorial service at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Mebane

Received the Purple Heart

Monument at Brittany American Cemetery in St. James, France

Source: Times-News October 26, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Edwards, William B.

Second Lieutenant

husband of Mrs. Margaret Graves Edwards of Sidney Ave., Burlington

was killed in action May 22, 1945 in the Pacific

Lt. Edwards was the pilot of a P-51 Mustang fighter plane with the 45th Fighter Squadron, 15th Fighter Group. He was stationed at Oahu, Hawaii after training and then moved to a forward area just prior to his death. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Euliss B. Edwards of Graham and 6 sisters. Memorial among the Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii

Source: Times-News June 8, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Edwards, William Lee

Private First Class

son of Mr. & Mrs. E.G. Edwards of Graham

was killed in action November 5, 1944 in Germany

He entered the Service in March 1943 and went overseas in September 1944. He first served with a coastal artillery company in England.

Survived by his parents, 5 sisters, and 3 brothers.

Source: Times-News January 2, 1945

Ellis, Arthur Winfred

Corporal

son of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Ellis of Graham

died in a hospital in England recently from wounds received in action in Belgium on November 16, 1944. He entered the Service in January 1942 and went overseas later that year. He is survived by his parents and 2 sisters.

Source: Times-News December 21, 1944

Evans, Leighton H.

Corporal

son of Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Evans of Graham

was reported missing in action in Germany on March 5, 1945. He was a member of the army medical corps serving the infantry. Cpl. Evans was a graduate of Graham High School and had attended Lees McRae College. He was employed by the Travora Manufacturing Company before entering the service in April 1942. A brother, Private Lawrence E. Evans, is also serving in Germany.

Source: Times-News April 6, 1945

Farrar, Ethan A.

Corporal

son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Farrar of the Buckhorn community in Orange County (Route 2, Mebane) was killed at Cape Gloucester, New Britain (New Guinea in the Pacific) on December 30, 1943. He is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, 6 brothers, and a grandmother. His brother, Sergeant James Alfred Farrar preceded him in death at Guadalcanal in November 1942. The two brothers were given a joint funeral in July 1948 at National Cemetery in Raleigh

Source: Times-News June 30, 1948

Farrar, James Alfred

Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Farrar of the Buckhorn community in Orange County (Route 2, Mebane) was killed in action on Guadalcanal on November 25, 1942 at the age of 27 years while serving as a Chief Cook

He is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, 7 brothers, and a grandmother, Mrs. Ida Manlin of Parson, Kansas. One brother, Corporal Ethan A. Farrar, was also killed while on active duty during the war and the two brothers were given a joint funeral in July 1948 at the National Cemetery in Raleigh.

Source: Times-News January 5, 1943 and June 30, 1948

Flint, Lloyd A.

Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Madeline Nicholson Flint of Graham

died October 1, 1944 in Holland from wounds received in action September 30, 1944.

He was with the 82nd Airborne Division and first went overseas in April 1943. He served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Holland and had previously been wounded in France in June. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Flint of Illinois and had been on the faculty at Rankin High School in Greensboro prior to entering the Service.

Source: Times-News December 23, 1944

Florence, Delbert R.

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Florence of Route 1, Graham

was killed in action on Luzon on February 13, 1945.

He entered the Service in February 1943 and had been serving with the 108th Infantry.

He is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, and 4 brothers. Another brother, Corporal Sam J.

Florence was killed in action in Italy last July.

Received the Purple Heart.

Monument at Manila America Cemetery, Manila, Philippines.

Source: Times-News March 7, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Florence, Samuel A. Jr.

Corporal

son of Mr. S.A. Florence and Mrs. Lizzie R. Florence of Route 1, Graham

was killed in Italy on July 11, 1944. He was inducted into the Service in February 1941 and was sent overseas in May 1942. He served in North Ireland, North Africa, and Italy and had been in action for the past 27 months. He has 2 brothers in the Service—

Gunner's Mate Third Class Millard Florence and Private Delbert Florence.

Received the Purple Heart.

Monument at Florence American Cemetery in Florence, Italy

Source: Times-News August 15, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Flynn, James Guy

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Flynn of Mebane

died Monday February 21, 1944 at Weisinger Post Hospital in Brownwood, Texas

of injuries received when the jeep in which he was riding overturned during maneuvers.

He was aged 21 years and had been inducted into the Army in November 1942. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 4 sisters and 3 brothers. The remains are being sent home for local burial.

Source: Times-News February 23, 1944

Foust, Connie Lee

Private

husband of Mrs. Leone Tickle Foust

was killed in action in France on June 28, 1944

He entered the service in October 1942. He is survived by his wife, his mother Mrs. Annie Foust, a son Connie Lee Foust, Jr. and 3 brothers.

Source: Times-News September 5, 1944

Frye, Emory A., Jr.

Flight Officer and glider pilot

husband of Mrs. Ina Banks Boland Frye and son of Mrs. Ella D. Frye of Roanoke, Va. was reported missing in action over Holland on September 9, 1944

He participated in the invasion of Italy and the D-Day invasion of France on the Normandy coast. He was a native of Roanoke, Virginia but had most recently been employed here and in Greensboro. Mrs. Frye is a secretary with Burlington Mills Corporation and resides here with her two children.

Source: Times-News November 9, 1944

Fuqua, Ladd Bronson

Electrician's Mate, 2nd Class

was declared dead by the Navy after having been reported missing on September 23, 1943 at Salerno, Italy where he was serving on a minesweeper.

He is the son of Mrs. E.R. Fuqua of Burlington and the husband of Mrs. Willie Lee Fuqua of Durham. Before entering the Service he was employed by Duke Power Company in Durham. He was awarded the Purple Heart and has a monument among the Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy

Source: Times-News October 19, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Garrett, Norris P.

Private

of Swepsonville

was killed in the European theatre of war November 26, 1944. He was inducted in November 1942 and was formerly an employee of Virginia Mills at Swepsonville.

Survivors include a brother, Carvey H. Garrett, who is in the service in France, a step-mother, 2 half-sisters, and 1 half-brother.

Source: Times-News December 27, 1944

Garrison, Robert P. "Pete"

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Garrison of Route 2, Burlington

drowned September 12, 1942 in the East Pacific area

Source: Times News January 5, 1943 and December 16, 1943

Gerringer, Adrian L.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Catherine Bigham Gerringer of Baltimore, Md. and son of Mrs. Lilar Gerringer of Gibsonville

was killed in action in Europe on April 15, 1945

He was a member of the 39th Division of the Ninth Army and had been overseas since July 1944. He first entered the service in February 1934 and had been stationed in Panama for 3 years and then a Ft. Meade, Md. for 2 ½ years. At the time of his induction, he was working in the Baltimore shipyards. In addition to his wife and his mother, he is survived by 4 sisters and 1 brother--T/4 Cleo Gerringer who is serving in Germany.

Source: Times-News May 10, 1945

Gerringer, Robert Vestal

Marine Private First Class

son of Mr. & Mrs. Thurman V. Gerringer of Burlington

was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 6, 1945 at the age of 19 years

He enlisted in the Marine Corp in October 1943. He participated in the Guam campaign and landed on Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945. He was formerly employed at Mayfair Mills. He is survived by his parents, 2 sisters, a grandmother, and 1 brother, Pfc. James T. Gerringer who is serving in the infantry in France. A memorial service was held at Glen Raven Methodist Church. Pfc. Gerringer's grave is in the Third Marine Division Cemetery at Iwo Jima.

Source: Times-News April 14, 1945

Glasgow, Calvin C.

Private

son of Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Glasgow of Route 6, Burlington

died August 12, 1944 in France of wounds received in action on August 8, 1944

He entered the service in December 1943 and had been overseas since June 1944.

A memorial service was held at Friendship Methodist Church.

Source: Times-News Sept. 16, 1944 and October 20, 1944

Glosson, Dwight Moody

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glosson of Hillsboro, Route 1

was killed in action on Okinawa May 21, 1945

Pvt. Glosson was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and a member of Cane Creek Baptist Church in Orange County. He entered the service on June 30, 1944 and had served with the Marines in the Pacific since January 1945. He is survived by his parents and 2 brothers including Cpl. Stewart Glosson, who serves with the U.S. Army in Germany.

Source: Times-News June 12, 1945

Glosson, Elbert L.

Staff Sergeant

son of Mrs. H.B. Glosson and the late Mr. Glosson of Burlington
was killed in action in France on July 10, 1944

Sgt. Glosson graduated from Burlington High School in 1937. He went into service when the National Guards were mobilized in 1940. He arrived overseas in February 1944 and had been in France since early June 1944. He was a member of Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church and is survived by his mother, a brother, and 3 sisters.

Source: Times-News August 4, 1944

Glosson, John W.

Sergeant

died in France October 5, 1944

He entered the Army in February 1942, later transferred into the infantry, and was sent overseas in June 1944. He was a former employee of May-McEwen-Kaiser in Burlington. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Zell Hunter Glosson, a son Kenneth Glosson, his parents Mrs. Minnie Kelly and John Glosson, 1 brother, and a grandmother.

Source: Times-News November 15, 1944

Goss, Glenn W.

Staff Sergeant

son of Mrs. And Mrs. W.M. Goss of Mebane and
husband of Mrs. Hazel Austin Goss of Burlington

was killed in action in Europe on October 26, 1944. He entered the service on November 2, 1943 and served overseas with an infantry unit of the 90th division in France. He was formerly employed with Associated Transport Corporation in Burlington. He is survived by his wife, his parents, 5 sisters, and 4 brothers—one of whom is serving with the army.

Source: Times-News November 17, 1944

Graham, Page

U.S. Navy

brother of Robert Graham of Burlington

was killed in action February 26, 1942 when the U.S.S. Cruiser Houston was sunk off the coast of Java in the Battle of the Java Sea. At the time, Graham had been in the Navy for 12 years and was well known in this area because of time spent in Burlington and Graham on furloughs.

(Note: Two-thirds of the Houston's 1000 man crew died with their ship.)

Source: Times-News March 21, 1942

Green, James Holt

Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Green of Burlington

has been declared dead by the War Department after being missing in the European theatre of war since March 1944. Lieutenant Green was a widely known civic leader here and had served as the treasurer and general manager of Glencoe Mill from 1937 until he entered the service in February 1943. He was a graduate of the college at Sewanee,

Tennessee and of the Harvard University School of Commerce. Lieutenant Green was a great grandson of pioneer textile manufacturer Edwin Michael Holt--his mother Daisy being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Holt of Graham. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 2 brothers, W.G. Green, Jr. and Robert H. Green who are both commissioned officers in the Navy.

Source: Times-News July 28, 1945

Greeson, John V.

Private First Class

served with the 47th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

He was killed in action April 6, 1943 and is buried at the North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia. Pfc. Greeson was awarded the Purple Heart.

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Greeson, Junious M.

Private

husband of Mrs. Ella Blythe Greeson of Whitsett and son of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Greeson of Burlington

was killed in action in France on August 3, 1944

He entered the service on January 31, 1944 and was sent overseas on July 14, 1944. He arrived in France on July 25. He was formerly employed by Tower Hosiery Mill in Burlington. He is survived by his wife, 2 children, and his parents. He was awarded the Purple Heart and has a monument at Normandy American Cemetery in St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France.

Source: Times-News September 1, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Greeson, Louis Worth

Fireman First Class, U.S. Navy

son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Greeson of Route 1, Gibsonville

reported missing since the bombing of the Cavite Naval Base on December 10, 1941 and later declared dead by the War Department. Memorial among the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines. A memorial service was held at Brightwood Evangelical and Reformed Church in June 1946.

Source: Times-News June 19, 1946 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Griggs, Ralph Frank

Private

husband of Marcie Suitts Griggs of Haw River

was killed in action in Belgium on January 3, 1945 while serving with the 346th infantry division. He had previously been reported missing in action. Survivors other than his wife include 2 sons Keith and Roger Griggs, his father Mr. Tom Griggs of Blanche, North Carolina and 3 brothers.

Source: Times-News March 7, 1945

Gunn, Jesse J.

Private, U.S. Army

son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Gunn of Glen Raven

entered the army on November 10, 1942 and went overseas in May 1943 and was stationed in North Africa. He was a member of the 357th Engineer General Services Regiment and was killed on August 17, 1944. Burial in the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy

Source: Times News November 15, 1943 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Guthrie, Andrew T.

Torpedoman's Mate 3rd Class, United States Navy

Declared dead on May 6, 1946 after being reported missing in action

Awarded the Purple Heart

Memorial among Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Guthrie, Edward H.

Private First Class

son of George N. and Mrs. Effie Braxton Guthrie of Route 1, Snow Camp

was killed in action in eastern France on January 16, 1945

Pfc. Guthrie enlisted in October 1941 and went overseas in September 1944 where he served with Company C, 116th Regiment, 12th Armored Division in eastern France.

Survivors include his parents, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, and a step-grandmother. A memorial service was held at Chatham Friends Meeting where he was a birthright member. Burial at Chatham Friends Cemetery.

Source: Times-News May 14, 1948

Hackett, John

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Alene Hinshaw Hackett of Route 1, Snow Camp died sometime between January and September 1944 in combat. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hackett of Baltimore, Maryland and the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Hinshaw of Snow Camp. He was stationed in California as of January 1944 and had been in the service since July 1942. His young widow, aged 19 years, contracted a serious case of polio in fall 1944.

Source: Times-News January 7, 1944 and September 21, 1944

Hall, Lacy B., Jr. "Jack"

Staff Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Kathleen Hoitt Hall has been missing in action in the southwest Pacific since September 2, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. (Jack) Hall of Burlington. He had been in the Army more than 2 years and served as a top gunner aboard a Mitchell medium bomber. He recently received the Air Medal for his combat service. Staff Sergeant Hall was employed as a full-fashioned knitter at Tower Hosiery Mill before

entering the Service. He is survived by his wife and a six-month old son, Jimmy, whom he has never seen. He also received the Purple Heart and has a monument among the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines
Source: Times-News September 29, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Hammer, William D.

Private First Class

son of Mrs. and Mrs. Charles C. Hammer of Gibsonville and husband of Mrs. Margaret Johnson Hammer was killed at Bastogne, Belgium on December 26, 1944. He was with the 101st Division which was trapped at Bastogne. He is survived by his wife, his parents, and 2 sisters.

Source: Times-News January 19, 1945

Handy, Grover L.

Staff Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Handy of Burlington was killed in action in Europe on March 22, 1944

Sgt. Handy enlisted in the army air corps on September 27, 1942 and was assigned to a heavy bombardier crew as an assistant engineer and ball turret gunner. His relatives received letters recently from him from South America, North Africa, and England. He is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, 2 brothers, and maternal grandparents. One brother, Private Jasper E. Handy is currently stationed in Texas.

Source: Times-News May 9, 1944

Haney, Jack

Private

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Haney of Burlington was killed in action July 21, 1944 somewhere in the Pacific. Private Haney was to be temporarily buried on the island on which he was killed. He entered the Marine Corps in November 1942 and had been overseas for the last 10 months. He was a recipient of the expert rifleman badge and the Purple Heart. He is survived by his parents, 7 brothers, and 2 sisters. Many of his brothers are in the service including Pfc. A. L. Haney, Jr., Pfc. Williams J. Haney (Marines), Hunter Haney (Merchant Marines) and Staff Sgt. Albert Haney. There is a Monument among Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Source: Times-News September 15, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission Website

Harless, Orville Wade

Staff Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Julia McIntyre Harless, was killed in action in Italy on March 14, 1944. He was a native of Emmett, W. Va., but his wife was native to Burlington and has lived here throughout the war. He entered the service in September 1940. Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Harless, 3 sisters, and 3 brothers. His remains were returned to the United States in May 1949 aboard the U.S. Army Transport

ship John L. McCarley along with the remains of 2,554 deceased veterans that had been temporarily interred in military cemeteries in Italy and North Africa.
Source: Times-News April 15, 1944 and May 5, 1949

Harris, Theodore M.

Technician, 5th Class, U.S. Army Air Force
son of Mrs. Sarah M. Harris of Route 2, Burlington
was killed in action November 11, 1943 in the Pacific
He was awarded the Purple Heart and has a monument among the Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii.
Source: Times-News 12/16/1943

Hartline, Roy

Private First Class
son of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Hartline of Statesville and brother of Mrs. Lee Cheek of Burlington was killed in Italy on September 13, 1944. He had been in the service since November 1942 and was assigned to the Fifth Army. He landed in North Africa last March and went from there to Italy.
Source: Times-News October 28, 1944

Haynes, John Dennis

Gunner's Mate, 3rd Class, U.S. Navy
died April 5, 1944
He was awarded the Purple Heart and is listed among the Tablets of the Missing at East Coast Memorial in New York City
Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Hester, Clinton Samuel "Sam"

Staff Sergeant
son of Mrs. Harold W. Trollinger of Burlington
died
He attended Burlington High School and enlisted in the Army in April 1941.
Staff Sergeant Hester served in the European theatre of war as an airplane mechanic in a Liberator squadron at a heavy bomber station.
Source: Times-News July 20, 1944

Hewitt, Auburn L.

Ensign, U.S. Naval Air Corps
son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hewitt of Elon College
memorial services held in May 1945
at Sharon Lutheran Church in Gibsonville
He was receiving his advance training at Portland, Oregon when reported missing at sea. Members of Walter B. Ellis, Post 63 of American Legion assisted with the memorial service.
Source: Times-News May 16, 1945

Hobbs, John W.

Corporal

son of Mrs. Martha Hobbs of Burlington

was killed in an auto accident on August 31, 1944 in India where he was stationed with the U.S. Tenth Army Air Forces as a ground crew maintenance.

He entered the service 2 ½ years ago and had been overseas for 20 months. Before enlisting, he was employed at Scott Hosiery Mill in Graham.

He is survived by his mother of this city, his father Mr. J.I Hobbs of Greensboro, a brother Otis Hobbs of Burlington, 3 sisters, and his maternal grandmother Mrs. Julia Young.

Source: Times-News September 14, 1944

Hockaday, James E.

Private First Class

was killed in action April 8, 1945 with the Ninth Army in Germany. He entered the Army in September 1944 and was sent overseas in January 1945. Prior to entering the service he was employed at the shipyards in Newport News, Va.

Survived by his parents, 2 sisters—Mrs. James Quinlin and Miss Myrna Loy Hockaday , both of Burlington, and 2 brothers—Billy Ray Hockaday of Burlington and William Elmo Hockaday of Bremerton, Washington.

Source: Times-News May 16, 1945

Hodgin, Warren G.

Sergeant

son of Mrs. D.A. Hodgin of Burlington and the late D.A. Hodgin, has been reported missing in action in Belgium since September 3, 1944. He was later declared killed in action on that day. He entered the service in March 1943 and was serving with the 26TH Infantry. He is survived by his mother, a brother, and a sister.

Source: Times-News September 27, 1944 and October 10, 1944

Hoffman, Adrian Wendell

Staff Sergeant

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Hoffman of Route 1, Burlington, was killed in action over Germany on September 26, 1944. He was a gunner in a B-24 bomber stationed with the Eighth Air Force in England. He was a student at Elon College when he was called to service in March 1943 and he had been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for his service.

Source: Times-News November 27, 1944

Hoskins, Richard

Private

an African-American soldier born in New York in 1923 was drafted while living in Mebane in February 1942. His civilian occupation was as a practical nurse. His death was not combat related. No further information.

Huckaby, Broadus David

Seaman Second Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Huckaby of Washington St, Graham died in action at sea recently and was expected to be buried at sea. He enlisted in the Navy in August 1942 and trained at the Navy yard in Norfolk. He was employed by the cotton mills in Cramerton prior to enlistment. He attended public schools in Graham and was a member of First Baptist Church of Burlington. He is survived by his parents, 2 sisters, and 3 brothers including Private Boyce Huckaby of the Marine Corps and Seaman J.F. Huckaby who is stationed somewhere in the Pacific.

Source: Times-News November 20, 1944

Huffines, James C.

Sergeant

of Glen Raven

son of Rufus H. Huffines

was killed near home by a train on July 26, 1942

Source: Times-News January 5, 1943

Humble, Willard Candler, Jr.

Private

son of Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Humble of 612 S. Ireland St., Burlington entered the service in October 1942 in the Air Corps and completed basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He died in service on February 3, 1943. He is survived by his parents and brother Robert Humble. Private Humble's grandfather was Rev. W.B. Humble, a Methodist minister holding pastorates in Burlington and Alamance County.

Times-News January 26, 1945 and obituary of W.C. Humble, Sr. in Times-News August 20, 1948

Hunter, Andrew E.

Private

was an African American serviceman from Alamance County who entered service at the age of 20 years in March 1943. His civilian occupation was as a driver and he died while in service, but not as a result of combat. No further information.

Source: Ancestry database

Hunter, Wilbur "Calvin"

Corporal

Son of Mr. F.C. Hunter of Route 2, Burlington, was killed in action on February 23, 1945 on Iwo Jima while serving with the Marine Corps. He had served overseas for 2 and ½ years and participated in several important Pacific battles. He is survived by his father, his stepmother, a son, Wilbur Eugene Hunter, 3 sisters, 1 brother, 2 half-brothers, and 2 half-sisters. Two of his sisters are with WAC and 1 brother, Pvt. Jack Lynn Hunter, is with the Marine Corps on Iwo Jima.

Source: Times-News March 19, 1945

Hurley, Charles Marshall

Staff Sergeant

was killed in action in Europe on September 8, 1944. Staff Sgt. Hurley was stationed in England with the Eighth Army Air Force. He entered the service in August 1943 and went overseas in June 1944. Prior to entering the service he was employed by May-McEwen-Kaiser Hosiery Mills and was a member of the local Civil Air Patrol. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ester Sue Warren of Burlington, his parents Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Hurley of Glencoe and 1 brother, Pvt. Manley B. Hurley stationed with the Army at El Paso, Texas. A memorial service was conducted for Staff Sgt. Hurley in November 1944 at Glencoe Baptist Church. Special guests were the Burlington CAP squadron and the Burlington Motorcycle Club of which Sgt. Hurley was a member.

Source: Times-News September 25, 1944, Nov. 16, 1944 and Nov. 20, 1944

Ingle, William W.

Captain

Son of Mrs. Lottie Isley Ingle of Burlington and a chemical engineer assigned to duty at Edgewood, Maryland, died of a stomach ulcer in July 1945 at the base hospital at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He was a native of Burlington and attended Burlington High and State College in Raleigh. He was employed by the Charlotte Chemical Company prior to entering the service. He was a former employee of The Daily Times-News and of May McEwen Kaiser Company. He was a member of the Masonic Order at Charlotte and the Shrine Temple at Baltimore. He is survived by his wife, the former Janet Rogers of Lake City, South Carolina and by his mother and 1 brother. A funeral with full military honors was conducted at Rich and Thompson Chapel prior to burial at Pine Hill Cemetery on July 4, 1945.

Source: Times-News July 2 and July 4, 1945

Isley, Frank B.

66th Regiment, 2nd Armored Division

died October 27, 1944 in combat in Belgium

He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He has a monument at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

James, Earl Clifford, Jr. (Jimmy)

Lieutenant

Husband of Mrs. Mary Lee Ellington James and son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. R.P. Ellington of Graham, was killed January 18, 1944 in an airplane crash at Rapid City, South Dakota where he was stationed at the U.S. Army base. He married the former Miss Ellington in October 1943 and the couple made their home at his station in South Dakota. Six other servicemen lost their lives in the crash. Lieutenant James was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. James of Elkin and he will be buried in Elkin, NC.

Source: Times-News January 19, 1944 and January 20, 1944

Jeffreys, Thomas Jennings

Aviation Mechanics Mate First Class

United States Navy

died March 14, 1943

near Richmond , Washington

in the mid-air collision of a Navy bomber and an Army Fighter plane over the Puget Sound that killed 7 people including 3 Navy officers and 3 enlisted men traveling in the Navy bomber. The Army fighter plane involved in the incident was carrying a single pilot and was based at Paine Field near Everett, Washington. Jeffreys is survived by his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walker Jeffreys, of Route 3, Burlington, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Thomas of Snow Camp, 1 sister, and 1 brother—Norman Jeffreys, serving in the U.S. Air Corps at Great Falls, Montana. He was preceded in death by his mother, the late Mrs. Annie Thomas Jeffreys. The funeral was conducted at Union Ridge Christian Church.

Source: Times-News March 16, 1943, March 24, 1943, and March 26, 1943

Jeffries, Jimmie C.

Technical Sergeant

son of Mrs. Annie Jeffries of Glen Raven and the late James Jeffries

died August 27, 1945 in the Philippine Islands

He entered the Armed Forces on June 30, 1941 and received basic training at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Sgt. Jeffries went overseas in 1943 where he served with the 509th Ordnance Company. A funeral was held on February 17, 1949 at Martin's Chapel Church with the Rev. Willie Wilson officiating.

Source: Times-News February 17, 1949

Johnson, Gerald Finch

Seaman First Class

son of Mrs. Henry J. Johnson of Maple Avenue Extension

a gunner with a torpedo squadron

was reported missing on March 7, 1943 while on a scheduled flight over Chesapeake Bay and was later declared dead. At the time he was stationed at Norfolk, Va. with his squadron after having been stationed in San Diego, California. Seaman Finch volunteered for service in January 1942 and was formerly employed at Burlington Mills. He is survived by his mother and by a brother, Pfc. Charles T. Johnson who is with the medical corps.

Source: Times-News June 12, 1943

Johnson, Robert Lee

Private

of Route 2, Graham

died in action in the European theatre on February 27, 1945 while serving as a tank mechanic with the 81st tank Battalion, 5th Armored Division.. He was inducted in May 1944 and went overseas early in January 1945. Before entering the service he attended

Eli Whitney High School and was a farmer. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Ludie Johnson, their 5-year-old son Larry L. Johnson, his mother, Mrs. Arvesta W. Johnson, 4 sisters, and 5 brothers. His brother Wilbert is currently serving in Europe. A memorial service was conducted on July 15, 1945 at Concord Methodist Church. Private Johnson received the Purple Heart and has a memorial among the Tablets of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands.

Source: Times-News March 10, 1945 and July 9, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Johnson, Samuel Harden

Private

son of John Walter Johnson

drowned in June 1943 in Alamance Creek south of Graham while swimming. He was trying to rescue his sister, Mrs. Aubrey Estelle O'Briant, who also drowned.

Source: Times-News June 17, 1943 and Alamance: A County at War by Don Bolden

Johnston, John Albert

Private First Class

son of Mrs. J.R. Johnston of Burlington and husband of Mrs. Dorothy Turner Johnston of Burlington was killed in action November 29, 1944 somewhere in Germany. He entered the service in December 1942 and went overseas in September 1944. In addition to his mother and his wife, he is survived by a small son, John Albert Johnston, Jr., and by 5 sisters and 1 brother. His brother is serving with the Army somewhere in France.

Source: Times-News December 28, 1944

Jones, James Marvin

Private, U.S. Marine Corps

died May 9, 1945

Received the Purple Heart

Buried at Honolulu Memorial Cemetery in Honolulu, Hawaii

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Jordan, Edward

Jordan, James Hunter

Second Lieutenant

son of Mrs. Mary E. Jordan and the late James Monroe Jordan of Elon College, Route 1 received his commission in July 1943 after completing the officer candidate course of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Prior to entering the service, he was employed with Burlington Mills in Greensboro. No details of the circumstances of his death are available except that he died of combat wounds.

Source: Times-News July 7, 1943

Kelly, Josephus

Seaman 2nd Class, U.S. Naval Reserve
son of Mrs. Celia Jane Kelly of Sommers St, Burlington
died September 14, 1942

Kelly was in service in the Naval Reserve and first volunteered for service in December 1941 at the age of 17 years. He was reported missing in action and subsequently reported killed. His last visit home was in June 1942. He received the Purple Heart and there is a monument among the tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England. Survivors include his mother and a sister, Mrs. V.M. Allred.
Source: Times-News December 12, 1942 and January 5, 1943 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Kenion, James R. (also spelled Kenyon?)

Private First Class
son of Mr. J.S. Kenion

was killed in action July 28, 1945 in the southwest Pacific
He had been in the service since May 12, 1941 and served overseas with the 172nd Infantry Regiment of the 43rd Infantry Division since October 1942. He was employed by White Furniture Company prior to entering the service.
In addition to his father, he is survived by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.
Pfc. Kenion received the Purple Heart and is buried at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines
Source: Times-News August 19, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Kernodle, Harry Eldridge

Private, U.S. Army
son of Mrs. Wyona Somers Kernodle of Route 2, Burlington and the late Walter Kernodle

entered the service from Alamance County on March 16, 1942 and died 4 months later on July 16, 1942 at Fort Riley, Kansas of a cerebral hemorrhage after collapsing on the parade ground. He was the grandson of deceased Sheriff E.R. Kernodle and he was a farmer by occupation prior to his induction. He is survived by 8 brothers and 2 sisters including two in service—Sgt. Richard Kernodle of the U.S. Army stationed in Hawaii and Pvt. Raymond Kernodle of the U.S. Army stationed in Northern Ireland.
Source: Times-News July 17, 1942

Ketner, Russell H.

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army Air Forces
died May 29, 1944

He was a member of the 431st Bomber Squadron, 11th Heavy Bomber Group and received the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart Monument among the Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii
Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Kime, John Franklin

2nd Lieutenant

died in August 1943 in the crash of a heavy bomber near Fort Morgan, Colorado. Ten army airmen from the air base at Pueblo, Colorado lost their lives in the crash.

Lieutenant Kime is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Kime of Liberty, NC and a nephew of the late H.G. Kime of Burlington. He celebrated his 23rd birthday just 3 days before the crash. He is survived by his parents, 6 sisters, and 2 brothers including Corporal William Kime serving with the army overseas. A funeral was held at Liberty Lutheran Church with full military honors and burial at Fairview Cemetery.

Source: Times-News August 5, 1943

King, Preston R.

Second Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. King, formerly of Graham

a navigator in the Army Air Corps was killed May 26, 1942 at Lakeland, Fla. in the forced landing of a four-motored bomber. The bomber, based at Crane Field, Florida was on a routine training flight when it crashed, killing six and injuring 2. Lieutenant King had been in the Army Air Force since last fall and was the nephew of Mrs. O.J. Paris of Graham. His parents now reside at Leesburg, Florida.

Source: Times-News June 4, 1942

King, Theodore M.

Private

of Jonah Street, Gibsonville

son of Mr. Ethalard King

was killed in Germany on April 1, 1945

Survivors include his father, stepmother Mrs. Maude Matkins King, 2 half-brothers, and 2 sisters—Mrs. B.W. Starner of Haw River and Mrs. Alice Sims of Burlington. The funeral was conducted in December 1948 at Carrboro Baptist Church with burial afterwards in the church cemetery.

Source: Times-News December 2, 1948

Lambert, Albert R.

Private

Entered the service from Alamance County on August 20, 1941. Private Lambert served as an aeronautical engineer in civilian life. His death was not in combat.

Laster, Floyd E.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Vallie L. Laster

died December 10, 1944 in Germany as a result of wound received in action. He was employed by Burlington Mills prior to entering the service in October 1942. He went overseas in April 1944. Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. D.P. Laster of Haw River, and by several brothers and sisters.

Source: Times-News January 12, 1945

Lee, Carl P.

Technical Sergeant

was reported missing in action in the Europe since an air raid on Berlin on March 16, 1944 when he participated in a bomber attack on the German capital. He was an aerial gunner and engineer on a B-24 Liberator plane and had served in the military since March 1942. He was assigned to the 755th Bomber Squadron, 458th Heavy Bomber Group. He went overseas in December 1943. Sgt. Lee was a native of Scranton, SC but lived in Graham with his sister Mrs. Carl Longest immediately prior to entering the service. One brother, Ed Lee, of Lexington Ave, Burlington is among other survivors. He received the Air Medal and Purple Heart and has a memorial among the Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England.

Source: Times-News April 11, 1944 and Jan. 12, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Lee, Robert E.

Technical Sergeant

has been missing in Germany since October 4, 1944. Sergeant Lee is the nephew of Mrs. J.E. Campbell of N. Main St, Burlington and served with the 117th Infantry. He entered the service with the National Guard in 1940 and went overseas in February 1944. Sgt. Lee won the Bronze Star for meritorious service in France.

Source: Times-News October 27, 1944

Lewis, Hinton. C., Jr.

Technical Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Dorothy Moore Lewis

was killed in action in France on June 22, 1944. He was with the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division and received the Purple Heart. He was employed with the Mayfair Division of Burlington Mills prior to entering the service in September 1940. Sgt. Lewis was stationed in Indiana before going overseas in February 1944. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Lewis, Sr., 3 sisters, and 1 brother, Melvin, who is also in the Army. Sgt. Lewis is buried at the Normandy American Cemetery in St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France.

Source: Times-News August 17, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Long, Jule C.

Private

husband of Mrs. Beulah Warren Long and son of Mrs. and Mrs. Jule C. Long, Sr. of Burlington has been missing in France since October 1, 1944. He entered the Army in March 1944 and had been in France since September 17.

Source: Times-News October 27, 1944

Lovette, Lee J. "Jack"

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Lovette of Harden St, Graham

was reported missing in action in Germany on December 11, 1945 and was later declared dead. Pfc. Lovette was a member of the 95th Division of the 378th Army Infantry and had been overseas since August 1944. His brother, Fleming Lovette, was listed as missing in action for awhile, but was then reported held as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Source: Times-News January 4, 1945

Loy, John P., Jr.

Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Nellie Lee Loy

was reported missing in action on January 14, 1945 and was later declared dead. Sgt. Loy served as an engineer and top turret gunner on a B-17 bomber and had been overseas since July 1944. Before entering the service, he was employed with Fairchild Aircraft Corporation and he had been stationed at a number of posts with the U.S. before going overseas.

Times-News February 15, 1945

Lunsford, Arthur M.

Sergeant

son of Mrs. Flora Lunsford of Maple Avenue, Burlington

was reported missing in action April 3, 1945 while on a bombing mission over Germany and later declared dead. Sgt. Lunsford was a radio operator on a B-26 bomber and had completed between 20 and 25 missions during his military career.

Sgt. Lunsford entered the Army on May 1, 1943 and was employed at E.M. Holt Plaid Mills prior to entering the service. He served with the 574th Bomber Squadron of the 391st Medium Bomber Group and is buried at Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, Belgium. He was awarded the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Source: Source: Times-News February 12, 1944, September 19, 1944 and May 4, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Mann, Charles Willis

U.S. Navy

son of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Mann of Route 2, Pittsboro

and nephew of Mrs. Henry E. Hatch of Burlington

was killed December 7, 1941 onboard the U.S.S. West Virginia

in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Mann had been in the Navy for 2 ½ years and was aged 20 years at the time of his death.

Source: Times-News December 16, 1941

Maness, Jennings G

Private First Class

was killed in action on March 18, 1944 in the Bougainville front. Pfc. Maness entered the service in June 1941 and had been overseas for about 2 years. Before entering the service he was employed by Standard Hosiery Mills of Alamance for 9 years. He is survived by 6 brothers and 4 sisters. Two brothers, Lacy and Elmo, were recently discharged from the service. A brother, John, serves with the U.S. Navy in Philadelphia,

and a brother, Oscar, is in the U.S. Army Infantry overseas. Pfc. Maness' former employer placed flowers at Alamance Lutheran Church in his memory on Easter Sunday.
Source: Times-News April 20, 1944

Martin, Elmer L.

Sergeant

son of Mrs. Grace Cook Martin

of Gibsonville

was killed in Europe on April 17, 1945

In addition to his mother, he is survived by 3 brothers---Samuel Jr., George, and Millard.

A funeral was held in December 1948 at First Baptist Church with burial at Frieden's Church Cemetery.

Source: times-News December 2, 1948

Massey, Robert B

Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Massey, former residents of Cedar Grove, Orange County

was reported missing in action December 25, 1944 and later declared dead by the War

Department. A memorial service was held at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Mebane in

April 1945. Sgt. Massey received the Purple Heart and there is a memorial among the

Tables of the Missing at Normandy American Cemetery in St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France.

Source: Times-News April 21, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission

website

May, Richard Alvis "Jimmy"

Lieutenant

son of the late Emanuel May and Mrs. May and husband of Mrs. Edna Kivett May

was listed as missing in action on a flight from Newfoundland to Scotland on June 20,

1943 and later declared dead. He was a member of the 563rd Bomber Squadron, 388th

Heavy Bomber Group and was a bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Lt. May had

been a member of the Army Air Force for the past 18 months. He was promoted to First

Lieutenant recently.

Lt. May was a graduate of Burlington High School and was a senior at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill when he entered the service as an Air Force Cadet.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a brother Emanuel May, Jr. Lt. May received

the Purple Heart posthumously. A memorial is among the Tablets of the Missing at East

Coast Memorial in New York City.

Source: Times-News July 17, 1943 and October 13, 1944

May, Robert Monroe

Seaman Second Class

son of Robert D. May of Gibsonville

died in the European Theatre on an unknown date

His remains were returned to the United States in July 1948.

Source: Times-News July 1, 1948

McCauley, Carl. C.

Private First Class
(killed in action)

McClure, Jennings

Chief Petty Officer
US Naval Reserve
of Richmond, Va. and formerly of Burlington
son of the late B. F. McClure of Burlington and brother of Mrs. Walker E. Love and Mrs. Ruth Hughes
died in a government hospital at the Naval Base in Norfolk, Va. in December 1944
Survived by a wife and daughter.
Source: Times-News December 30, 1944

McClure, Robert Van

Shipfitter Third Class
son of the late Van D. and Mrs. Emma Pike McClure
was killed in an accident at a naval station in Alaska on October 1, 1942 at the age of 38 years. He was born in Burlington and lived at the corner of Arlington Ave. and Franklin Streets here. Graveside services were conducted with the assistance of Walter B. Ellis American Legion post in September 1948 and McClure was buried in the veterans section of Pine Hill Cemetery (Little Arlington)
Source: Times-News January 5, 1943 and September 30, 1948

McDade, Charles Bernard

Sergeant
husband of Mrs. Kathleen Lewis McDade and
only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. McDade of Mebane
was killed in action in Belgium on January 3, 1945
Sgt. McDade enlisted in April 1943 and received his wings as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia in September 1943. He was a squad leader of the 517th Parachute Infantry combat unit and went overseas in May 1944. Before enlisting, Sgt. McDade studied at Duke University. Sgt. McDade was a member of Mebane Presbyterian Church and had last lived in Aberdeen while stationed at Camp Mackall.
Source: Times-News January 24, 1945

McIntosh, Alfred A.

McIntyre, James W.

Staff Sergeant (died not in battle)

McPherson, Harold Donald

Sergeant

son of Mrs. Hattie McPherson of Route 2, Snow Camp
was killed in action in France on June 22, 1944

Sgt. McPherson was inducted in October 1941 and was employed at the Belmont division of Burlington Mills before entering the service. In addition to his mother, he is survived by 4 brothers, Boyd Lynn and Raymond McPherson of Snow Camp, Jack McPherson of Graham, and William McPherson of Burlington and 3 sisters.

Source: Times-News July 27, 1944 and August 17, 1944

McPherson, Raymond V.

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McPherson of Route 5, Burlington
was killed in action in France on July 4, 1944 at the age of 22 years

Pvt. McPherson was employed in the boarding room of May-McEwen-Kaiser Company prior to entering the service in October 1942 and he was sent overseas in April 1944. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 4 brothers and 4 sisters including Pvt. Bobby McPherson of Fort McClellan, Alabama and Cpl. Willard McPherson of San Antonio, Texas. A memorial service was held in August 1944 at Belmont Methodist Church for Pvt. McPherson.

Source: Times-News July 28, 1944 and August 29, 1944

Minnick, George W.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Mary Beasley Minnick of Burlington
was killed in action overseas in November 1944

He was a native of New Market, Virginia and was employed here by Burlington Truckers, Inc. before entering the service at year ago. Pfc. Minnick was sent overseas in September 1944. His brother, Pfc. Frank Minnick, was killed in action in France on August 8, 1944. Among survivors other than his wife are one daughter, Barbara Ann Minnick, and 4 brothers and 1 sister, all of Virginia.

Source: Times-News December 27, 1944

Montjoy, Robert H.

Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Montjoy of Kings Mountain, formerly of Burlington
was killed in action in Germany on February 3, 1945. Sgt. Montjoy entered the service in October 1943 and went overseas in April 1944. Survivors include his parents, 3 brothers and 4 sisters. One brother, F.L. Montjoy resides in Burlington.

Source: Times-News February 22, 1945

Moore, Leavy Jacob

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Moore of Kinston
was killed in action July 15, 1944 somewhere in France.

Pfc. Moore is survived by his parents and 4 brothers living in Kinston, and by 1 brother and 2 sisters living in Burlington.

Source: Times-News August 12, 1944

Morton, Vance E.

Private (died not in battle)

Moser, Alson Defoy

Staff Sergeant

son of Mrs. Iola B. Moser of Burlington

was killed in action October 24, 1943 in Europe at the age of 19.

Sgt. Moser was inducted into the service in November 1942 and was an aerial gunner before being transferred to England and promoted to Staff Sergeant. Survivors include his mother, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters. His remains were returned to Burlington in July 1948.

Source: Times-News November 15 and November 19, 1943

Nalley, Ray W.

Neal, James W.

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. James Leslie Neal of Hamilton Street, Burlington

was killed in action in France on November 25, 1943

He entered the service in January 1943 and trained in Washington State and Kansas before going overseas. Prior to entering the service he was employed by A.J. Whittemore and Sons. A memorial service was held at West Burlington Methodist Church in May 1945. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 2 sisters.

Source: Times-News December 11, 1944 and May 11, 1945

Nichols, Jesse W.

Technician 4th Class

was killed in action in France on October 11, 1944

Nichols served with the 42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and received the Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre. He is buried at Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avoird, France.

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Ortega, Paul, Jr. (Marcelino or "Muzzy" Ortega)

Staff Sergeant

son of Mrs. Paula Ortega of Durham, formerly of Burlington

was killed in action June 5, 1944 after an air raid over France.

Sgt. Ortega was born in Spain and came to the United States with his parents as a 2-year-old. He was a star athlete at Burlington High School and entered the Army from Burlington in August 1942 after attending Appalachian State Teachers College.

He is survived by his mother and a brother Phillip who lives in Tennessee.

Source: Times-News July 6, 1944 and May 1, 1945

Patton, Clay J., Jr.

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Patton of Mebane
was listed as missing in action on November 28, 1944 and later declared dead.
He entered the service in July 1943 and trained in Texas and California before going
overseas in August 1944. Pfc. Patton was injured slightly in October 1944 and returned
to service after a short hospital stay.
Source: Times-News January 2, 1945

Patton, Vance H.

Private First Class
served with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division
died in the European theatre of war on December 28, 1944
He received the Purple Heart and a memorial service was held at Sharon Lutheran
Church in February 1946. Pfc. Patton is buried at Epinal American Cemetery in Epinal,
France.
Source: Times-News February 8, 1946

Paylor, George W.

Private
son of Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Paylor of Route 3, Burlington
was reported missing in action in Germany after an engagement with the enemy on
November 28, 1944 and later declared dead. Private Paylor enlisted in September 1942
and received basic training in Mississippi before going overseas in October 1943. He
was employed as an electrician in Graham before entering the service.
Source: Times-News January 24, 1945

Peele, William C.

listed in Alamance: A County at War by Don Bolden
(This may be the same soldier listed below under a slightly different name)

Peele, Willis G.

First Sergeant
son of Mrs. Hattie Peele of Goldsboro and husband of Mrs. Queen Burnett Peele of
Apple Street Extension
died March 21, 1945 in combat in France.
Sgt. Peele was an African-American soldier who served with the 4454th Quartermaster
Service Company in Europe. He volunteered for service in March 1941 and trained at
Fort Bragg and at Fort Benning, Georgia. Sgt. Peele was last stationed at Fort Devens,
Massachusetts before going overseas. He is buried at Normandy American Cemetery in
St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France. He was awarded the Purple Heart.
Source: Times-News April 19, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission
website

Peeples, Ralph K.

Sergeant
son of Mrs. Pauline Peebles of Ossipee

was killed in action in Europe on February 9, 1945 while serving as a gunner-engineer on a B-24 bomber.

Source: Times-News February 27, 1945

Pender, George “Dewey”

Radioman Third Class

U..S. Naval Reserve

son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pender

died January 9, 1945 from injuries received on duty in the Philippines.

He had been in the service a year and a half and had been on duty in the Pacific War zone since October 1944. He received the Purple Heart and there is a memorial among the

Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

Source: Times-News January 19, 1945

Perkins, Francis N.

Private

husband of Mrs. Estelle Fuquay Perkins of Burlington and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins of Reidsville

was killed in combat in France on June 16, 1944.

Besides his wife and parents, Pvt. Perkins is survived by 2 daughters—Sandra Faye and Brenda Kaye Perkins of the home--and 1 sister.

A memorial service was held for Pvt. Perkins in November 1944 at Low’s Methodist Church near Reidsville.

Source: Times-News August 25, 1944 and November 6, 1944

Perry, Charlie E.

Private

son of Mrs. Lottie Perry of Graham, Route 1

was reported missing in action in Europe on November 16, 1944 at the age of 23 years and was later declared dead. He had been in the service since September 1940 when he left Burlington with the local National Guard unit (Company A of the 120th Infantry, 30th Infantry Division)

Source: Times-News December 11, 1944

Perry, Early Varner

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Perry of Route 6, Burlington

was killed in action in France on July 9, 1944 at the age of 19 years.

Besides his parents, he is survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, and a half brother, Sgt. C.A. Overman who is stationed in New Guinea. Memorial services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on September 17, 1944.

Source: Times-News September 8, 1944

Perry, Lawson Eugene, Jr.

Second Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Perry of Marshall St. in Graham

was killed in an airplane crash in England on August 12, 1944. Lt. Perry was the pilot of a C-47 cargo plane and was stationed with the 9th Air Force, Troop Carrier Command. He received his pilot's wings in December 1943 and had been overseas since May 1944. Lt. Perry graduated from Graham High School, attended State College, and had worked for Burlington Mills Corporation and later Standard Hosiery.
Source: Times-News August 28, 1944

Perry, Leon L.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Mary Perry, formerly of Logan St.

and son of Mrs. H.C. Perry of Siler City

was reported missing in Germany on December 13, 1944 and later declared dead. Pfc. Perry received basic training in Alabama and went overseas in August 1944. Prior to entering the Army in February 1944, he was employed with Associated Transport in Burlington.

Source: Times-News January 13, 1945

Phibbs, Forest Rainey

Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Phibbs of Ruffin St.

and husband of Mrs. Rubie Linnie Messer Phibbs

was declared dead after being reported missing in action over Luzon, the Philippines on January 8, 1945. He was the engineer-gunner of a B-24 Liberator and had entered the Army Air Force in February 1943. Sgt. Phibbs was sent overseas in September 1944 and was serving in the 13th Air Force in the East Indies at the time he was reported missing in action. In addition to his wife and parents, Sgt. Phibbs is survived by 1 son—Forest Rainey Phibbs, Jr.

Source: Times-News January 17, 1946

Phillips, Fred C. Jr.

Lieutenant

son of Mr. F.C. Phillips of Church St., Burlington

was reported missing in action over Holland on June 14, 1944 and was later declared dead. Lieutenant Phillips had been in the Army since 1941 and in the Air Force for 15 months. He trained as a fighter pilot in Alabama and had been overseas since April 1944.

Source: Times-News June 28, 1944

Phillips, John R.

Private

son of Mrs. Ola Phillips of Burlington

was killed in action in France on June 7, 1944—1 day before he would have been in the Army for 2 years. Pvt. Phillips entered the service on June 8, 1942, trained at Ft. Bragg, and went overseas in August 1943. He is survived by his mother, stepfather Mr. Jeff Davis, 1 brother, 1 sister, 1 half-sister and 3 half-brothers, all of Burlington

Source: Times-News July 18, 1944

Pickett, Howard B.

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Pickett of Durham and a brother of Mrs. C.M. Hammond and Mrs. Frances Harper of Burlington

was killed in action in Germany on February 23, 1945. Before entering the service, Pvt. Pickett was employed in Burlington at Heritage-Wilson Drug Co. He was killed after volunteering for temporary duty in assisting with a hazardous river crossing when shell fragments struck him down as he was assisting patients already across the river.

Source: Times-News April 10, 1945

Pickett, Thomas Jackson

Lieutenant

nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pickett of Alamance County, with whom he made his home before the war, was reported missing in action over France on June 14, 1944 and later declared dead.

Lt. Pickett graduated from Burlington High School and attended Elon College. Prior to volunteering for service in August 1941, he was employed by Duke Power Company. Lt. Pickett received training in Florida, California, and Arizona, before going overseas in February 1944 as the pilot of a P-17 Thunderbolt fighter plane. He had flown more than 50 missions at the time of his disappearance. Lt. Pickett was a member of the 511th Squadron, 405th Fighter Bomber Group and there is a memorial to him among the Tablets of the Missing at Normandy American Cemetery. He was awarded the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

Source: Times-News July 20, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Pike, C. Boyd, Jr.

Fireman Third Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley B. Pike of Greensboro and grandson of Mrs. Lily Stuart of Lexington, NC

died in spring 1942 after the destroyer on which he was a fireman was sunk by the Japanese in a Coral Sea battle. Pike made his home in Burlington for a number of years before enlisting in the Navy in October 1941.

Source: Times-News June 26, 1942

Porterfield, John H., Jr.

Staff Sergeant

son of John H. and Emily Gray Porterfield of Richmond, California

was killed in action over Germany on November 5, 1945

He was a member of the 405th Bomber Group of the Eighth Air Force and had enlisted in the Air Corps in August 1942. Sgt. Porterfield was born in Danville, Va. and was 24 years old at the time of his death. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 2 sisters and 1 brother, all in California. Sgt. Porterfield was a former resident of Alamance County and is buried at Alamance Memorial Park.

Source: Times-News March 29, 1950

Purgason, John Raleigh, Jr.

Private First Class

of Route 2, Burlington

son of Mr. and Mrs. John Purgason, Sr.

was killed in action in Normandy on July 12, 1944

Pfc. Purgason entered the service at Fort Bragg in September 1943 and trained at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. He served with the 3rd Infantry Division in France. Pfc.

Purgason is survived by 2 brother and 2 sisters in addition to his parents. A memorial service was held at Smyra Methodist Church in Rockingham County, NC.

Source: Times-News August 16, 1948

Ramsey, Jackson T.

Sergeant

of Greenville, SC

brother of Mrs. Ada Bardwell of Graham

was killed in action in Holland in September 1944 soon after returning to duty after recovering from a serious wound suffered at Normandy. He was serving with an

Airborne Infantry unit and was one of a group of 19 men who jumped from a plane over Holland.

Source: Times-News November 10, 1944

Ray, Clyde H.

Corporal

of Haw River

husband of Mrs. Nellie Greeson Ray

was killed in action in France on August 1, 1944

Cpl. Ray went overseas in February 1944 and was serving with an armored division. He entered the service in March 1942 and completed basic training in Kansas. Cpl. Ray is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Nancy Ray of Haw River, 1 sister, and 4 brothers. One brother, Pfc. Crawford M. Ray, Jr., is stationed with the Army in England.

Source: Times-News September 1, 1944

Reece, Clyde M.

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Reece of Whitsett

was reported missing in Belgium on December 17, 1944 and was later declared dead.

Pfc. Reece was inducted in January 1943 and went overseas in May 1944. A memorial service was held at Springwood Presbyterian Church and Pfc. Reece is buried in an American Cemetery in Belgium.

Source: Times-News March 15, 1945 and April 6, 1945

Reed, Charles O.

Master Sergeant

son of Mr. C.L. Reed and the late Mrs. Reed of Haw River

died of pneumonia somewhere in India on May 4, 1944. He was reported ill on April 27 and died one week later. Sgt. Reed had served in the Army Air Forces for 20 years, having entered the service in November 1923. He had been posted in the Philippines and Puerto Rico during his career. Sgt. Reed was 38 years old and a member of the 88th Fighter Squadron, 80th Fighter Group at the time of his death. In addition to his father, he is survived by one daughter, Nancy Sue Reed of Corpus Christi, TX, 1 sister, and 3 brothers. Sgt. Reed is buried at the Honolulu Memorial in Hawaii.

Source: Times-News May 30, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Riddick, Louis H.

of Greensboro, NC

former manager of the Carolina Theater in Burlington

was killed in action on January 11, 1945 while serving with the Army in Belgium. He managed the local theatre for 1 year before entering the Army in the spring of 1944 and was age 23 at the time of his death. Riddick is survived by his wife, Mrs. Juanita Riddick, and two small children—Louis, Jr. and Linda.

Source: Times-News January 23, 1945

Robertson, Urial

Sergeant

son of Myrtle I. and George Bryant Robertson of Burlington

was killed in action May 19, 1944 somewhere over Germany

Sgt. Robertson was a Martin gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. He received his training at fields in Mississippi, Michigan, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. He entered the service in January 1943 and was a graduate of Graham High School and a former employee at the Fairchild Plant. Sgt. Robertson is survived by 3 sisters and 2 brothers in addition to his parents. One brother, Lester L. Robertson, is a Seaman First Class with the U.S. Navy stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

Source: Times-News September 1, 1944

Rogers, Joseph Warren

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rogers of Route 3, Mebane

was killed June 14, 1944 in the invasion of Saipan

Pfc. Rogers was serving in the Marine Corps and was age 21 at the time of his death. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 4 sisters and 3 brothers. Members of the American Legion Post No. 95 of Mebane and the American Legion Post No. 85 of Hillsboro acted as pallbearers at a graveside service held in December 1948 at Cedar Grove Methodist Church in Orange County.

Source: Times-News December 16, 1948

Roope, Warren G.

Sergeant

of Main St, Graham

husband of Mrs. Lula S. Roope

died in England on September 18, 1944 while serving with the Army.
Sgt. Roope was a native of Wilkes County, NC and entered the Service in August 1942. He trained in radio school at Chicago and in Wisconsin. Sgt. Roope went overseas in June 1943 and participated in the invasion of Sicily and Italy. He was reassigned and returned to Europe in March 1944 and participated in the D-Day invasion of France.
Source: Times-News November 20, 1944

Ross, William “Willie”

Sergeant

brother of Mrs. Virginia Ross Fogleman of Alamance County was reported missing in action over Germany on November 29, 1943 and later declared dead. Sgt. Ross had been in the service for over a year and had been stationed in England for 2 months. Prior to military service, he was a machine fixer at Tower Hosiery Mill. Sgt. Ross trained as an airplane mechanic and then changed to an aerial gunnery and fire control school in Utah. Immediately prior to going overseas, he was stationed in Seattle, Washington. Sgt. Ross was a member of the 410th Bomber Squadron or the 94th Heavy Bomber Group at the time of his combat death and received the Purple Heart. There is a memorial for him at the Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England.
Source: Times-News December 30, 1943 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Rudd, Jimmie W.

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Rudd of Altamahaw died of injuries received in action on Luzon February 5, 1945
Pfc. Rudd entered the Army in November 1941 and trained in Georgia and Pennsylvania before going overseas in early 1942. Pfc. Rudd attended Altamahaw-Ossipee High School and was later employed by Ossipee Weaving Co. before entering the service. In addition to his parents, Pfc. Rudd is survived by 3 sisters and 5 brothers, including 3 servicemen--Cpl. Leonard D. Rudd of the Army, Seaman First Class George D. Rudd of the Navy and Walter F. Rudd, AS Navy.
Source: Times-News March 19, 1945

Rush, Luther Jack “LJ”

Technical Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Georgia Self Rush of Graham was killed in action in April 1945 while serving with the Army on Luzon, Phillipines
Sgt. Rush had been overseas for more than 2 years, serving in Australia, New Guinea, and The Netherlands East Indies. Sgt. Rush was involved in hand to hand fighting at the Battle of Leyte for 36 days before going to Luzon. In addition to his wife, Sgt. Rush is survived by his mother, Mrs. Daisy Rush, a 1 ½ year old son, a step-daughter, and 3 sisters.
Source: Times-News May 23, 1945

Saul, Jessie Willard

Staff Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Margaret Rumley Saul and son of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Saul of Altamahaw was killed in action on December 4, 1944. He had served in the Army since November 1942, but had only been overseas for 4 months at the time of his death. Memorial services were held at Bethlehem Christian Church in April 1945 for Sgt. Saul.
Source: Times-News April 3, 1945

Shamhart, Paul B., Jr.

First Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Shamhart, Sr. of S. Main St., Burlington
was killed in action in France on December 11, 1944

Lt. Shamhart entered the Service in August 1942 as a volunteer after attending Washington & Lee University as a sophomore. He went overseas in May 1944 and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in August 1944. His father came to Burlington from Bayside, New York as the manager of Cherokee Flooring Co. here.

Source: Times-News December 29, 1944

Shaw, John E.

Private

husband of Mrs. Australia Shaw of Route 1, Elon College
died in the Mediterranean area while not in combat. His remains were originally interred in a temporary military cemetery and then returned to the United States in May 1949 aboard the U.S. Army Transport John L. McCarley along with those of 2,554 other deceased veterans who fought in Italy and North Africa.

Source: Times-News May 28, 1949

Shaw, Walter F.

Private

Served with the 705th Medical Sanitary Company

Pvt. Shaw died June 17, 1945 (non-combat) and is buried a Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England.

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Shoffner, Homer F.

Private First Class

son of Grover F. Shoffner of Snow Camp

was killed in action in Italy on October 13, 1944 at the age of 26 years

Pfc. Shoffner was a 1935 graduate of E.M. Holt High School and was formerly employed by the Liberty Hosiery Mills at Liberty, NC. He entered the Army in May 1942 and went overseas in February 1943. Pfc. Shoffner first served with a supply outfit in North Africa before being transferred to Italy. He is survived by his father and 1 sister, Mrs. J.C.

Robbins of Snow Camp.

Source: Times-News November 25, 1944

Shumate, Herman Ira

Private

of Burlington

husband of Mrs. Mildred Perkins Shumate

was killed in action in France on August 13, 1944

He is survived by his wife, a son Ira Lindsay Shumate of Reidsville, and 5 brothers and 2 sisters—all of Reidsville. A memorial service was held at Low's Methodist Church near Reidsville.

Source: Times-News September 8, 1944 and November 6, 1944

Simmons, William C. "Bill"

First Lieutenant

a native of Graham and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simmons of Graham

was killed in action over Germany on March 24, 1945

He was the pilot of a C-47 transport plane and was based in England as a member of the 9th Troop Carrier Command. Lt. Simmons entered the Service in March 1943 and went overseas in September 1944. He was temporarily based in France at the time of his death. Lt. Simmons was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart. He is buried at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands. He is survived by his parents, 1 sister, and 3 brothers. Two brothers are in the military—Cpl. Walter Wayne Simmons of the Army Air Forces stationed at Langley Field, Va. and Technical Sergeant Buster Marion Simmons stationed with the Ninth Army somewhere in Germany.

Source: Times-News May 16, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Simpson, Jack W.

Private First Class

was an auto mechanic as a civilian and enlisted in the National Guard in the fall of 1940 at the age of about 19 years. The place and manner of his death are unavailable.

Simpson, Robert E.

Smith, Alson C., Jr. "Pete"

Staff Sergeant

son of Mr. A.C. Smith, Sr. of Route 6, Burlington

was killed in action in France on December 14, 1944

Sgt. Smith entered the Army in June 1942 and went overseas in April 1944 after training in Virginia, Florida, and Kansas. He was a former employee of Virginia Mills in Swepsonville. He is survived by his father, 4 sisters, and 7 brothers—2 of whom are also in the service.

Source: Times-News February 7, 1945

Smith, Calvin E.

Private First Class

son of Mrs. Ella Marshall of Guthrie Street in Graham

was killed in action on May 6, 1945 on Mindanao Island. Pfc. Smith entered the service in February 1942 and went overseas in April 1943. He was a former employee of

Cherokee Flooring Co. in Burlington and served with the 6th Army, 86th Division in the Pacific theatre of war. Pfc. Smith is survived by his mother, stepfather, and 2 brothers. One brother is Silas P. Smith, Jr. of the AAF in Fredericks, Oklahoma.

Source: Times-News June 11, 1945

Smith, James W.

Captain

son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Smith of Graham and husband of Mrs. Marjorie Burns Smith of Hamilton, Ohio was killed in action in France on August 22, 1944

He entered the service in October 1940 and received his commission in November 1942. Captain Smith was sent to England in February 1944 and had been in France since July 1944. Capt. Smith is survived by his wife, 2 sisters, his foster mother, Mrs. Mary Purse of Graham, and 2 aunts. A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Graham in September 1944.

Source: Times-News August 17, 1944 and September 9, 1944

Somers, George Richard

Fireman First Class

USNR

son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest G. Somers of Route 1, Elon College was killed in action in the Pacific in fall 1944. Prior to entering the service in February 1943, Somers was a student at Altamahaw-Ossipee High School and a Times-News carrier in that vicinity of the county. He was stationed in San Francisco before his death on his 3rd trip overseas. Somers was a member of Fairview Methodist Church and is survived by his parents, 5 brothers, and 3 sisters.

Source: Times-News November 13, 1944

Sparks, Paul

Technician 5

formerly of Burlington

died in late September 1944 in Italy from wounds received in action. He had been in the Army since September 1938 and overseas for the past 26 months. He was serving with the field artillery at the time of his death. Sparks is survived by his father, Shelton Parks of Gaffney, South Carolina, and by 3 sisters and 6 brothers. One brother, Pfc. Roderheaber Sparks, was killed in action in November 1942.

Source: Times-News October 9, 1944

Sparks, Roderheaber

Private First Class

killed in action in November 1942

Spence, Walter Hardy

Second Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Royall Spence of Fountain Place, Burlington

died Dec. 14, 1944 at the age of 21 years in a plane crash while on a training flight from Spence Field near Moultrie, Georgia. Lt. Spence entered the Air Force after 3 years as a student at The Citadel. He was a native of Goldsboro, but had lived in Burlington in recent years. Lt. Spence had just received his wings on November 20. He is survived by his parents, 2 sisters, and 1 brother—Royall H. Spence, Jr. of the Army Air Force at San Antonio, Texas. A memorial service was held at Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington and burial took place at Willow Dale Cemetery in Goldsboro.

Source: Times-News December 15-16, 1944 and December 20, 1944

Spruell, Doyce F.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Geneve Whittemore Spruell of Graham

was killed in action in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944, the day of the invasion.

Pfc. Spruell was serving with the 501st Parachute Infantry and was 21 years old at the time of his death. He was stationed in England for some time prior to the invasion and was employed by R.D. Cole Manufacturing Co. before entering the service. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Spruell of Carrollton, Georgia, and 3 sisters, all of Georgia.

Source: Times-News September 12, 1944

Stanley, Herbert

Fireman First Class

U.S. Navy

son of William C. Stanley who formerly lived on Lexington Ave., Burlington and brother of Alvah Stanley of here

was reported missing in action in August 1942 and later declared dead

Source: Times-News August 29, 1942 and December 7, 1942

Steelman, Thad R.

Technician Fifth Grade, U.S. Army

enlisted from Alamance County in February 1941 at the age of about 24 years.

son of Isaac Steelman of Yadkinville, NC.

He was killed in action in the South Pacific on August 8, 1942 and he received the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously for heroism against enemy forces during July and August 1942.

Stewart, Earl F.

Sergeant

died January 25, 1945 while serving with the 172nd Infantry Regiment, 43rd Infantry Division in the Pacific theatre of war. He received the Purple Heart and is buried at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Stout, Otho J. "Buck"

Private First Class

son of William A. Stout of Liberty, Route 2
was killed in action in spring 1944 in an attack on Manus Island. Pfc. Stout was a graduate of Sylvan High School and was inducted into the Army in October 1941. He received training with a cavalry unit in Kansas and Texas before serving
Source: Times-News May 10, 1944

Stout, Robert P.

Staff Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stout of Snow Camp
was killed in action in Holland on May 31, 1945 while serving with the Ninth Air Force. Sgt. Stout was a gunner on a plane that crashed while flying at a low altitude and none of the crew had the chance to bail out. Sgt. Stout was trained as an aerial gunner on a B-26. He made 33 bombardment missions after going overseas in June 1944 and was awarded the Air Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster.

Aside from his parents, Sgt. Stout is survived by 4 brothers who are in the service. Staff Sgt. William L. Stout is stationed in Florida. He spent 29 months in the South Pacific and earned 2 battle stars and the Infantry Combat Medal. Cpl. Albert Stout was stationed in England for 34 months with the Eight Air Force. He is an assistant crew chief on a B-17 and earned one Silver Star, one Bronze Star, and a Presidential Citation. Sgt. Harry Stout, Jr. is with the Army in the Pacific. He took part in the liberation of Hollandia, New Guinea and Blak Island and is now in Manila. James Stout, Seaman 2nd Class, is now with the Navy somewhere in the Pacific.

Source: Times-News August 18, 1945

Stutz, Fred L.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Verlie R. Phillips Stutz of Burlington

was killed in action in Italy on February 17, 1944

after 14 months in the service

A memorial service was held at Pilgrim Holiness Church in June 1944 for Pfc. Stutz.

Source: Times-News June 16, 1944

Surratt, William “Quinton”

Captain

husband of Mrs. Rebecca S. Surratt and son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Surratt

was killed in action in Germany on April 3, 1945

He entered the Army in January 1942 and went overseas in January 1944. Captain Surratt landed in Normandy with the invasion forces and fought in France with the 4th Division in a regiment that received a presidential citation for the breakthrough at St. Lo. Capt. Surratt graduated from Burlington High School in 1937 and from N.C. State College in 1941. He received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents, one daughter Jeneane Surratt, 5 sisters, and 2 brother—including Beaumont Surratt, Seaman First Class, who is serving with the Navy in Maryland. Capt. Surratt was a member of Front Street Methodist Church.

Source: Times-News April 21, 1945

Sykes, Samuel Edward

Seaman Second Class

husband of Mrs. Minnie Williams Sykes of Alamance County and son of Mrs. J.P. Sykes of Greensboro was killed in action in fall 1944 in the South Pacific.

Seaman Sykes entered the Navy in September 1942 and was trained at Norfolk, Virginia. He participated in the invasion of North Africa and saw active duty in the Pacific at the battles of Tarawa, Truk, Palau, the Mariana and others. Before entering the Navy, he was employed at Burlington Mills. Aside from his wife and his mother, Seaman Sykes is survived by 2 sisters and 1 brother. His brother, Pvt. James Sykes, is serving with the Army somewhere in Germany.

Source: Times-News November 29, 1944

Talley, William E.

Master Sergeant

son of Mrs. W.C. Talley of Fix St, Burlington and husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Hanford Talley

died November 15, 1943 at the age of 33 years when the army bomber in which he was a crew member crashed in the Caribbean, killing all 13 people aboard. He was a member of the 703rd Bomber Squadron, 445th Bomber Group headquartered at West Palm Beach, Florida with the Caribbean wing of the Army Air Force. Sgt. Talley entered the service in March 1942 and is survived by his wife, mother, 3 sisters, and 3 brothers—including Pfc. Donnell R. Talley with the Marines in the South Pacific. He received a Citation of Honor and there is a memorial to him among the Tablets of the Missing at the East Coast Memorial in New York City.

Source: Times-News November 26, 1943 and February 24, 1944

Taylor, Charles Francis

of Lynchburg and Richmond, Va.

brother of Ed Taylor, a former resident of Burlington

was killed in action on July 10, 1942 while serving overseas with the Army

Taylor lived in Burlington for several months before joining the army in January 1940

Source: Times-News August 25, 1942 and January 5, 1943

Teague, Giles L.

First Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Moses Teague of Graham, Route 1

and husband of Mrs. Muriel Strange Teague of Burlington

was reported missing over Germany on December 30, 1944 and was later confirmed killed over the English Channel. Lt. Teague entered the service in November 1942 and was the pilot of a B-17 bomber. He first went overseas in June 1944 and had completed 33 missions from a base in England. He was awarded the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. Lt. Teague is survived by his wife, parents, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters.

Source: Times-News January 17, 1945 and May 16, 1945

Teague, William H.

Private

Teer, Seymour Eugene, Jr.

Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Teer of Chapel Hill, Route 1 and nephew of Mrs. Carrie S. Walker of Burlington, was killed in action over France on March 27, 1945

Lt. Teer had served with the Army Air Forces in Europe since July 1944 and entered the service in August 1942. Prior to entering the Army he was engaged in dairy farming with his brothers in the Orange Grove community. Lt. Teer was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and a member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, and 4 brothers—including Gaston Teer stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

Source: Times-News April 23, 1945

Terrell, Thomas B.

Private First Class

son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Terrell of Burlington and nephew of Miss Lowney Durham, died in action in Germany on March 24, 1945 while serving as a tank gunner with the tank corps of the Third Army. He was aged 19 years at the time of his death.

Pfc. Terrell was a graduate of Burlington High School and a former employee at Alamance Book Store. He had been overseas since April 1944 and was a member of First Congregational Christian Church here. Pfc. Terrell is survived by 2 sisters and his aunt.

Source: Times-News May 19, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Terrell, Thomas L.

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Terrell of Burlington

was killed in action in Germany on December 26, 1944 at the age of 26 years.

He entered the service in April 1941 and trained at Ft. Bragg before going overseas a year ago. Pfc. Terrell served with the 56th Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Infantry Division. He is survived by his parents and 6 brothers, including Joe S. Terrell of the U.S. Navy.

Memorial services were conducted at Glencoe Baptist Church. Pfc. Terrell was awarded the Purple Heart and is buried at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands.

Source: Times-News January 19, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Thomas, Cecil J.

Private

husband of Mrs. Beulah C. Thomas of Burlington, Route 3

died July 6, 1944 from wounds received in action in France. He entered the service in October 1942 and trained in Indiana and Kentucky before going overseas in April 1944.

Pfc. Thomas was assigned to the 329th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. Before entering the service, he was an employee in the Reed Shop of Piedmont Heights Division of Burlington Mills Corporation. Pvt. Thomas is survived by his wife, mother Mrs.

Nannie C. Thomas, son Cecil Eugene Thomas, and 1 sister. He was award the Purple Heart and is buried at Normandy American Cemetery in St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France. Source: Times-News September 5, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Thomas, Roy W. "Bill"

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Thomas of Route 1, Graham

was killed in action in Belgium on January 14, 1945 at the age of 22 years.

Pfc. Thomas was a member of Company K of the 120th Infantry, 30th Division and entered the service in August 1943. Prior to entering the service, Pfc. Thomas worked as a painter in New York. He is survived by his parents and 1 brother, Ben Thomas, of the U.S. Navy and 1 sister. His parents received the Purple Heart and the Infantryman's Combat Medal that were awarded posthumously to their son. Pfc. Thomas is buried in Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

Source: Times-News February 15, 1945 and April 9, 1945

Thompson, Lawrence W.

Private

son of Mrs. Sallie Thompson of Saxapahaw and husband of Mrs. Alene Allen Thompson was killed in action in France on September 11, 1944

Pvt. Thompson entered the service in January 1941 and trained in Texas. He went overseas in July 1944. Pvt. Thompson was a member of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He is survived by his wife, his mother, 1 son Jackie Thompson, 2 sisters, and 3 brothers. A memorial service for Private Thompson was held in November at Saxapahaw Methodist Church where he was a member. Pvt. Thompson received the Purple Heart and is buried at Brittany American Cemetery in St. James, France.

Source: Times-News September 25, 1944, November 17, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Thompson, Rainey F.

Private

husband of Mrs. Gladys Thompson and son of Mr. Sam Thompson was killed in action in France on July 18, 1944

Pvt. Thompson entered the service in November 1943 and had been serving with the infantry overseas for 2 months. Before entering the service he was employed with National Ammunition Plant in Carrboro. In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by a daughter, Barbara Ann Thompson of the home in Burlington and 3 sisters living in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Thompson has received the Purple Heart that was awarded to her husband posthumously.

Source: Times-News December 7, 1944

Tillman, Daniel "Bynum"

Private First Class

son of Mrs. Hiram Tillman and the late Mr. Tillman of Grace Ave., Burlington was killed in action in France on June 24, 1944

Pfc. Tillman had served in the parachute infantry since April 1942 and had been overseas since November 1943. He received training at camps in Georgia, Texas and Nebraska and was employed at Baker-Cammack Mill in Burlington prior to entering the service. Pfc. Tillman is survived by his mother, 2 sisters, and 3 brothers—Clyde of the U.S. Navy at Philadelphia, Duke of the U.S. Army in Hawaii, and James of South America. A memorial service was conducted at First Baptist Church in Burlington in August 1944 with the local American Legion post participating.

Source: Times-News August 1, 1944 and August 25, 1944

Tillman, James W.

Sergeant

died on August 1, 1944 while serving with the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Infantry Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart and is buried at Brittany American Cemetery in St. James, France.

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Toney, Howard K.

Staff Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Margaret Alene Toney and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Toney of Glen Raven was killed in action in Austria on May 4, 1945

Sgt. Toney entered the Army in December 1943, trained at Camp Shelby in Mississippi and had been overseas for 5 months. Aside from his wife and parents, he is survived by his small daughter, Glenda Faye Toney, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters. Prior to entering the service Sgt. Toney was employed by Glen Raven Cotton Mills.

Source: Times-News June 14, 1945

Travis, John W.

Seaman Second Class

of Route 1, Yanceyville

son of Robert Travis and Mrs. Ruth Smith Travis of Caswell County and brother of Mrs. R.W. Redding of Burlington and Mrs. Lillie Somers of Elon College

was killed in action during the invasion of Okinawa on August 29, 1945 at the age of 20 years

He entered the service in August 1944 and trained at Bainbridge, Maryland before being assigned to the U.S.S. Santa Fe. He was a native of Caswell County and is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, and 1 brother. A memorial service was held at Bush Arbor Primitive Baptist Church in April 1949 with burial afterwards in the church cemetery.

Source: Times-News April 2, 1949

Troxler, Wilbert J.

Corporal

husband of Mrs. Vitus Rich Troxler of Route 5, Burlington and son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Troxler of Route 1, Elon College

was killed in action in North Africa on May 3, 1943 while serving with the intelligence division of the U.S. Army. Cpl. Troxler entered the service in August 1941 and trained at Jacksonville, Mississippi.

Source: Times-News June 1, 1943

Truitt, Early L.

Private First Class

son of Mr. E.E. Truitt and Mrs. Sudio Truitt of Elon College

was killed in an accident in North Africa on June 24, 1943 in which he fractured his skull. He was a member of the 16th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division.

Pfc. Truitt received his training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky and was stationed at Camp Dix, New Jersey before going overseas. He was employed at the Armco Finishing Plant before entering the Army and had been on active duty overseas for about 1 year. In addition to his parents, Pfc. Truitt is survived by 1 sister and 1 brother. He received the Purple Heart and is buried at North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia.

Source: Times-News July 29, 1943 and December 16, 1943 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Turner, Edwin L.

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Sallie Crabtree Turner of Swepsonville and son of Mrs. L.E. Turner of Haw River

was killed in action in France on October 9, 1944

Pfc. Turner entered the service in March 1942, received his basic training in Arkansas, and had been overseas since November 1943. Aside from his wife and mother, he is survived by 4 sisters and 2 brothers.

Source: Times-News November 3, 1944

Turner, John L.

Technician 5 (nonbattle)

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Turner of Guthrie St., Burlington (TN 10/26/1943)

Varner, James C.

Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Varner of Gibsonville

was listed as missing in action during a routine flight over the Pacific on August 31, 1944 and was later declared dead. Lt. Varner, age 24 years, was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps reserve and failed to return during a flight with a Navy pilot over Pacific waters.

He trained at Parris Island, SC and New River, NC and had been in the southwest Pacific since December 1943. Lt. Varner attended Gibsonville High School and graduated from Wake Forest College in 1941. He volunteered for service in the Marine Corps in January 1943 while living in Connecticut and attending Yale Divinity School. He had been a member of Gibsonville Baptist Church since childhood. Lt. Varner is survived by his parents, 4 sisters, and 1 brother—Pfc. Leroy C. Varner, who is with the Army in the

Pacific. There is a memorial to Lt. Varner among the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines
Source: Times-News November 25, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Vestal, Alexander

Private First Class

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Vestal of Raleigh, formerly of Burlington
was killed in action on Saipan Island July 9, 1944. He had been in the Army for almost 3 years and had been overseas since March 1942

Source: Times-News August 8, 1944

Vincent, Albert T.

Private

served with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division
He died on June 10, 1943 while serving in North Africa and is buried in the North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Vipperman, James L.

Private

son of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Vipperman of Mebane
was killed in action in Germany on November 22, 1944 at the age of 20 years. He entered the Armed Forces in July 1942 and went overseas in June 1943, serving with Patton's forces in Italy and then in Germany. He is survived by his parents, 2 sisters living in Mebane, and 1 brother—J.H. Vipperman of Danville, Virginia. Pvt. Vipperman received the Purple Heart. A graveside funeral service was held in January 1949 with American Legion Post 95 serving as honorary pallbearers and with burial in Oakwood Cemetery in Mebane.

Source: Times-News December 14, 1944 and January 6, 1949

Wagoner, Harry Cameron

Machinist's Mate First Class

son of W.S. and the late Mattie Greeson Wagoner of Route 6, Greensboro
was killed in action off Okinawa on May 1, 1945 at the age of 24 years
He was born near Frieden's Church, graduated from Gibsonville High School in the Class of 1938, and entered the service in December 1942. After training at Norfolk Naval Base, he was assigned to USS Terror mine layer in the Atlantic and participated in African Invasion and later served in the Pacific. Aside from his father, he is survived by 5 sisters and 3 brothers. A funeral service was held in April 1949 with participation by the Gibsonville VFW and burial in the Friedens Church Cemetery.

Source: Times-News April 2, 1949 and April 5, 1949

Ward, David S.

Ward, Robert L.

Sergeant

husband of Mrs. Gladys T. Ward of Statesville and
brother of S. Allen Ward of Burlington

was killed in an airplane crash in England on February 13, 1945

Sgt. Ward was the flight engineer on a B-24 bomber with the Eighth Air Force, 753rd Bomber Squadron, 458th Heavy Bomber Group. He had twice been forced down in the past—once in France and once over the English Channel and had almost completed the number of flights required for a furlough. Sgt. Ward was inducted into the service in June 1943 and received training in Mississippi, Texas, and California before going overseas in December 1944. He is survived by his wife, a daughter Barbara Ann Ward, his parents Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Ward of Newton, NC, 3 brothers, and 1 sister. Awards received include The Air Medal, the Soldier's Medal, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters. Sgt. Ward is buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England.

Source: Times-News March 6, 1945

Ward, Sam (may be same as David S. Ward)

Second Lieutenant

son of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Ward of Harden St, Graham

was killed in action somewhere in France on November 23, 1944 at the age of 21 years

Lt. Ward volunteered for service in January 1943. He was a graduate of Graham High School and had attended Tennessee Military Academy and later the University of North Carolina. Lt. Ward was a member of the 26th Infantry Division and had been overseas since this summer. He is survived by his parents, his grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Will S. Long of Graham and his brother, W.L. "Billy" Ward, Jr. who is serving in the South Pacific.

Source: Times-News December 7, 1944

Warren, Ray Deny

Seaman First Class

son of Mrs. Mable B. Warren of Mebane, Route 3

was killed in action in the Pacific in the spring of 1945 while on active duty with the Navy. Before entering the service, Seaman Warren was employed with Burlington Mills Corporation at the Bellemont plant. In addition to his mother, he is survived by 5 sisters and 3 brothers, including Pvt. Morris Warren of the U.S. Army in France.

Source: Times-News May 18, 1945

Whitfield, James J. "Jimmy"

Staff Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Whitfield of Graham

was killed in action in the South Pacific on September 22, 1944 during the invasion of the Palau island group. Before entering the service Sgt. Whitfield was a professional baseball player with the St. Louis Cardinals for 1 year. Prior to that he was employed

with May Hosiery Mills in Burlington and played with the May baseball club. Sgt. Whitfield entered the service in November 1941 and went overseas with the 322nd Infantry Regiment, 81st Infantry Division "Wildcats". He received the Purple Heart and is buried at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

Source: Times-News October 20, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Whitlock, John Sherwood

Private

youngest son of the late J.W. and Georgiana Whitlock was killed in action in Sicily on August 7, 1943

He entered the Army in November 1942 and trained at Camp Walters in Texas. Prior to serving, Pvt. Whitlock was employed in the ammunitions plant at Carrboro. He is survived by 3 sisters and 1 brother, including Mrs. F.W. Milan of Burlington. A memorial service was held for Pvt. Whitlock at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in February 1944.

Source: Times-News February 25, 1944

Wicker, Guy

Staff Sergeant

son of Mrs. Annie Wicker of Gibsonville

was killed in an accident April 19, 1944 while serving with the Army in the New Guinea area. Staff Sergeant Wicker enlisted in September 1940 and trained in South Carolina before going overseas in November 1940. He was stationed at Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed and later served in Australia and the southwest Pacific. Surviving in addition to his mother are 1 sister and 5 brothers, including Technical Sergeant Fred R. Wicker serving with the Army in India and John Ben Wicker serving with the Navy in India. A memorial service was held at the Baptist Church in Gibsonville on May 7, 1944.

Source: Times-News May 15, 1944

Wicker, Henry Floyd

Private

of Liberty, NC

husband of Mrs. Laura Euliss Wicker, formerly of Snow Camp and son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Wicker died in France on February 20, 1945 at the age of 23 years from wounds received in action. At the time of his death, Pvt. Wicker was serving with the 94th Infantry Division of the Third Army and had only been overseas for 1 month. He entered the service in August 1944. Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are a son, Floyd, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. A memorial service was held at Pleasant Hill Christian Church in August 1948 with burial in the church cemetery.

Source: Times-News March 20, 1945 and August 28, 1948

Williamson, Roy

Private

Williford, William Edgar

Staff Sergeant

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Williford of Fayetteville and
nephew of L.R. Williford of Burlington

was killed in action on Eniwetok Atoll February 21, 1944 at the age of 23 years. He first entered the Army in September 1940 and had been serving with an infantry outfit. He had never been home since entering the service.

Source: Times-News April 22, 1944

Wilson, Johnnie

Private First Class

of Graham

was killed by a train at Panama on October 3, 1942

Source: Times-News January 5, 1943

Wilson, Rufus D., Jr.

Second Lieutenant

son of Mrs. Rufus D. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson, a local hosiery manufacturer in Burlington, was killed in action on February 5, 1945 at age 22 years on Bataan while serving with the 34th Infantry when heavy Japanese artillery was turned on his area. He had been wounded in the foot the night before, but refused to leave the action, remaining to lead his men in the front lines. Lt. Wilson graduated from the Kentucky Military Institute, attended Davidson College, and graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He trained at Ft. Benning, Georgia and went overseas shortly after November 1944. Lt. Wilson received the Purple Heart and is buried at the Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

Source: Times-News March 1, 1945 and March 19, 1945 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Wilson, William J., Jr.

Private First Class

son of Mrs. Cora T. Wilson of Elon College

was killed in action in France on August 27, 1944 at the age of 21 years while serving with the 175th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division.

Pfc. Wilson entered the service in January 1942 and went overseas in April 1944. He trained at Camp Roberts, California and was stationed for a time with an infantry unit in South Carolina. He is survived by his mother, 2 sisters, and 5 brothers. Pfc. Wilson received the Purple Heart and is buried at Brittany American Cemetery in St. James France.

Source: Times-News September 28, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Wimbish, Clarence Chamberlain

Seaman Second Class

was killed in action on May 28, 1945 while serving with the Navy in the Pacific

He received the Purple Heart and has a memorial among the Tablets of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial in Hawaii
American Battle Monuments Commission website

Wolfe, Frederick Luther

Seaman First Class

was listed as missing in action in North Africa on April 21, 1943 and later declared dead
Seaman Wolfe had a memorial among the Tablets of the Missing at North Africa
American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia

Source: American Battle Monuments Commission website

Workman, James Waller

Captain

son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Workman of N. Main St, Burlington

was reported missing in action on December 24, 1942 while serving with the army in the southwest Pacific and was later declared dead.

Captain Workman was born May 16, 1907 in Burlington, graduated from Burlington High School in 1927, and received a degree in architectural engineering from State College in Raleigh in 1931. He lived in Texas for a while before joining the army as a private in 1934. Workman served at Ft. Sam Houston in many capacities before being commissioned, and was later promoted to first lieutenant in September 1941. In April 1942, he was sent to Australia and attained the rank of Captain. Capt. Workman is survived by his parents, his wife living in San Antonio, 1 sister, and 2 brothers, including Calvin Freeland Workman serving in the Navy in the southwest Pacific.

Source: Times-News January 12, 1943 and January 21, 1943

Wright, James F.

Private

husband of Mrs. Len F. Wright of Kime St., Burlington

was killed in action on December 1, 1943 while serving with the 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division in Italy

Pvt. Wright was inducted into the Army in November 1942 and trained in Texas. Before entering the service, he was employed at the E.M. Holt Plain Mills here. Pvt. Wright received the Purple Heart and is buried at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy.

Source: Times-News January 31, 1944 and American Battle Monuments Commission website

Zachary, Carl Reese

Private First Class

husband of Mrs. Evelyn Curtis Zachary

was killed in action in France September 21, 1944

He had served in Europe since July 1944—first in Italy and then in France.

Pfc. Zachary trained in Louisiana and Texas before going overseas. He is survived by his wife, 1 daughter, Joan Carroll Zachary, and his mother, Mrs. C.L. Clark of High Point. A memorial service was held for Pfc. Zachary at Graham Baptist Church.

Source: Times-News October 19, 1944