

THEY PAID FOR VICTORY



Lt. BEAUMONT BURGESS, last reported as a prisoner of the Japanese, was among those lost when a Japanese ship loaded with 1775 prisoners of war was sunk October 24, 1944, in the South China Sea. Beaumont had served in the Philippines with the 19th Bombardment Group, and was captured in the fall of Bataan. He came with Purina upon his graduation from Texas A. and M. as a salesman in the Texas Division. He was probably the first Purina man to see action in this war, being sent to the Philippines right after Pearl Harbor. Beaumont was married, and is survived by his fine wife.

Seaman First Class WM. R. TRAPP, a St. Louis employee in the Ad Service Department, was accidentally killed in a tragic accident on the carrier, the U.S.S. Randolph. Bill left Purina March 13, 1944, for service in the Navy. His wife, Loretta Kreuder Trapp, was a Purina girl. He is also survived by two small children.



RM 2/c MARJORIE STEVENS FLINT, formerly of the St. Louis Accounting Department, was killed in a plane crash near Vicksburg, Mississippi, while en route to Miami from Dallas, Texas, where she was stationed. Mrs. Flint left the St. Louis office in January, 1943, to serve in the Waves, after 8 months of Purina service. Her father and a brother are serving overseas, and her husband is in the Army in California.

Sgt. FRANK W. WILSON, formerly in our Buffalo Office, was killed in action in Germany on April 20. He had been in Europe only five weeks. He was inducted in March, 1943, and trained with an anti-aircraft outfit but was transferred to the infantry last November. He is the first Buffalo employee to be killed in action, although more than fifty from that plant are in the armed services.

Pvt. MELVIN LEWIS of the Denver plant was killed in action in the European theater of war in February. Melvin worked as a trucker and packer until leaving for the Army on March 31, 1944. When home on a furlough in August, he worked in the Mill for two weeks to help out during a critical labor shortage. His wife, Mrs. Eva J. Lewis, and three children survive him.



Lt. CLARENCE K. (Kirby) MUSICK, of our Lubbock City Desk, was killed on the Italian front April 17. Kirby had previously been wounded, and had just returned to active duty before being fatally injured. He is survived by a wife and a 2-year-old son.

Pvt. GLENN LITTLE was killed in action in Belgium, January 28. Glenn worked at our Lafayette plant. He entered service in April, 1944, and went overseas last December. He was a member of the 7th Armored Division of the 1st Army. Surviving him are the widow and two daughters.



IN MEMORIAM

Words are inadequate to express our everlasting gratitude to those who made the supreme sacrifice, nor can they adequately express our sympathy to the families of these employees.

Here's a beautiful poem sent to me from a widow who had lost her husband in the war:

*When grief is new it's hard to pray,
"Thy will be done," is hard to say,
With heart and mind all numb with pain
We cry, "Beloved, come back again."
But can we really ask that he
Return from God's Eternity,
To suffer and grow old in years?
Our selfish cry is drowned in tears.
Death comes to all,—one first must go—
I would not have him sorrow, so—
It's better that I stay awhile,
God grant I do it with a smile!*

- HORACE M. COMSTOCK Stores
- DON INMAN Wilmington
- HARRY LEPP St. Louis
- REGGIE REEVES St. Louis
- MANLEY STEWART Circleville
- ROBERT TRIMPE St. Louis
- GEORGE E. CRAWFORD Kansas City
- WALTER R. KELLER Kansas City
- DANIEL SNYDER Davenport
- MELVIN LEWIS Denver
- WILLIAM TRAPP St. Louis
- GLENN LITTLE Lafayette
- ROBERT L. CLEMENS Lubbock

- ARDELL NEWMAN Davenport
- CLAUDE MITCHELL Lubbock
- JERRY WEBBER Kansas City
- LELAND F. DAWSON Fort Worth
- JOHN B. WARD Nashville
- ROBERT H. DUNBAR East St. Louis
- GEORGE LAINE Battle Creek
- VICTOR F. KINDEL Farm
- FRANK WILSON Buffalo
- CLARENCE MUSICK Lubbock
- BEAUMONT BURGESS Sales
- MARJORIE STEVENS FLINT St. Louis



HER HOPES BOLSTERED—Mrs. Lillian Burgess of Route 1, Box 255, whose husband, Lt. Edgar B. Burgess, with the 19th Bombardment Group, was taken prisoner on Java, Tuesday heard from Dr. Corydon M. Wassell how heroically the group performed before they finally capitulated.

Jap Prisoner



Lt. Beaumont Burgess, reported missing in action since the fall of Bataan, whose wife received a War Department message Friday that he was a prisoner of the Japanese. The news came shortly after word of the death of Duke Burgess Sr., father of the young Fort Worth officer, in California.

Duke Burgess' Funeral Is Set

Funeral services for Duke Burgess Sr., 61, a member of a pioneer Tarrant County family, will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the First Christian Church.

The body will be received at 2 p. m. Sunday by the Guardian Funeral Home. Mr. Burgess was killed Wednesday in a shipyard accident at San Francisco. His widow, Mrs. Allene Beaumont Burgess, and a daughter, Mrs. James J. Grant of Sacramento, Cal., are accompanying the body to Fort Worth. Mr. Burgess came to Fort Worth from Kentucky in 1885 after his father had established a ranch here in 1872.

Mr. Burgess is the father of Lt.

Beaumont Burgess, reported missing in action until Friday night when his wife, who resides near Birdville, was advised by the War Department that he is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines. The War Department message also stated that a letter would follow from Lieutenant Burgess, a member of the famed 19th Bombardment Group.

Mrs. Burgess had never lost faith that her husband still was alive. She attended ceremonies last month at Pyote to receive a decoration awarded her husband along with other members of the 19th Bombardment Group. She said at the time that she would carry the Oak Leaf cluster on a bar of blue in her purse until her husband returned home to see it.

The funeral for Mr. Burgess will be conducted by Rev. L. D. Anderson. Pallbearers will be Dr. I. L. Van Zandt, William Burgess Oglesby, John J. Burgess, Guy Perry, John Burgess Smith and Joe Pennington. The body will be placed in the Hillcrest mausoleum.

Mr. Burgess is survived by one other son, Duke Burgess Jr. of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. Lillie B. Hovenkamp, Mrs. Van Zandt Jarvis and Mrs. Mary Estill Perry, and one brother, John I. Burgess, all of Fort Worth.