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Pfc. Edna McQuain



Pfc. Edna McQuain, '41, a native of Troy, is the first woman from the College to come to her death while on duty with the U. S. forces in the present war. Pfc. McQuain, WAC, was drowned February 19 in New Guinea, where she had been stationed for a few months.

Pfc. McQuain, after attending the College from 1923 to 1926, taught several years at Barracksville before enlisting for service. For a time she served in a WAC recruiting center in Bluefield.

She is a daughter of Mrs. Jessie McQuain and the late T. C. McQuain. While enrolled here she was a member of the Mercury Staff.

T-5 Taylor Keith



Tech. 5th Grade Taylor B. Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Keith, of Sand Fork, was killed in action in France August 29, 1944. T-5 Keith entered the service in July, 1942 and went overseas in December, 1943. He was stationed in England until the time of the Normandy invasion in which he took part.

He completed his junior year here in June, 1942. He was a brother of Pfc. Jack Keith, Jr., former student, now stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

## They Went Away



"They went away so silently  
By ones, by twos and threes,  
We scarcely knew they'd heard the call  
Until we missed them in the hall  
By ones, by twos and threes—  
They went away so silently.

They went away so modestly  
To South, and East and West,—  
We scarcely knew where they had gone  
Until their names we came upon  
From South, and East and West,—  
They went away so modestly."

—(Quoted from The Call by Dr. Waitman Barbe).

Many of our former students have gone away. We have been told that at least two score young men whose voices were once heard in the college halls at Glenville State will not return. It is with bowed heads and humble hearts that we pay our respects to their memories. The sacrifices they have made for the principles in which we believe can not be evaluated. To their fathers and mothers and kin folk, we extend our deepest sympathy and with it a prayer and the hope that a kind Providence has and will continue to mellow their sorrow until the pride that must be theirs in giving such noble sons will increasingly permit the gleams of happiness once more to come trickling through.

To those who are on battlefields, in camps or wherever they may be, both men and women, we extend our greetings and wish for you the best of luck.

—Dr. D. L. Haight, President.

Pfc. Samuel Riddle



Pfc. Samuel N. Riddle was killed in action while serving with an infantry regiment of the Third Army in Belgium September 2, 1944. He was the only son of Mrs. Ada Riddle and the late George Riddle, of Tanner, was married to the former Miss Pauline Stout, of Clarksburg, and the father of one child, George Guy.

Pfc. Riddle entered the service in December, 1943, and received training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. McClellan, Ala., before going overseas in May, 1944. He entered the College as a freshman in September, 1941, but attended only a part of the first semester. He was a member of the College orchestra.

Lt. August Kafer



Lt. (jg) August George Kafer, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kafer, Sr., of Jane Lew, was killed December 27, 1943 in a plane crash at sea in the South Pacific area. He entered the service in May, 1941, and had been a dive bomber pilot on Guadalcanal since February, 1943.

Lt. Kafer attended the College three years, 1933-41. He was a brother of Pfc. M. B. William A. Kafer, A. B. '43, now stationed at Hoboken, N. J.

Trade your folding money  
for fighting money!



Put every idle  
dollar on the line!



Lt. Elmer Cawthon, Jr.



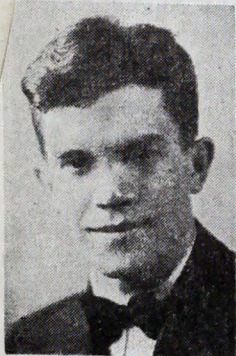
First Lt. Elmer R. Cawthon, Jr., A. B. '41, was killed April 1, 1943, when his Douglas Dauntless, single-engine dive bomber crashed about twenty miles from DeRidder, La. He was on a training mission and was flying alone at the time of the accident.

Lt. Cawthon entered the Army as an aviation cadet December 12, 1941, and was commissioned 2nd Lt. at Kelley Field, Texas, August 5, 1942. Lt. Cawthon graduated from Normantown High School in 1937.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cawthon, of Northview.

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Pvt. Joseph F. Riley



Pvt. Joseph Francis Riley, son of the late James and Dora Riley, of Alum Ridge, was killed in action on Guadalcanal September 14, 1942. He entered the Marine Corps on January 6 of that year and went overseas the following April, landing on Tulagi on August 7.

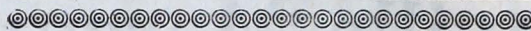
Attending the College only one term, 1939, Pvt. Riley attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated at Duquesne University with the class of 1939. He is a brother of Miss Mildred Riley, former student, of Weston.

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Pfc. James Kendall

Pfc. James Kenneth Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Kendall of Stumptown, was killed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, on January 26, 1944, when a mortar shell exploded during firing practice. He attended the College two semesters, 1941-42.

(Picture not available)



## A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Eternal God, Our Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast made and preserved us a nation; for the Spirit of Freedom that prevails yet today in the hearts of our people; for men and women who are of such a spirit as to give themselves and their services to uphold that tenet of our nation; and at this time for victory in the European theater of war.

Father, comfort those bereaved and alleviate the anxiety for the future in the hearts of others. Grant a speedy victory where war continues to rage; and in behalf of those who have made the "supreme sacrifice" may there be erected a perpetual memorial unto them in a just and eternal peace.

Ultimately may "The Glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

—The Rev. Talbert N. Bennett and  
the Rev. Glendon McKee.



Pvt. Orlan Hatfield



Pvt. Orlan O. Hatfield, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hatfield of Goffs, Ritchie County, died September 28, 1944 in France as a result of wounds received in action. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Emma Tanzev Hatfield, of Harrisville.

Pvt. Hatfield, a graduate of Harrisville High School, received the Standard Normal certificate here in 1936, taught several years in Ritchie County. When inducted, March 10, 1944, he was principal of the Pullman grade school.

Pvt. Howard Soper



Pvt. Howard K. Soper died January 2, 1945, of wounds received while serving with the Army in Belgium. Thirty-five years old, Pvt. Soper was formerly employed by the Carbon and Carbide Chemicals Corporation and was employed in Baltimore at the time of his voluntary enlistment. He attended the College in 1931-2 and later attended West Virginia University.

His wife and two children and his parents, Rev. and F. C. Soper, live at South Charleston.

Pfc. Samuel Wilson



Pfc. Samuel Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wilson, of Clay, was killed by Jap mortar fire in Burma February 4, 1945. He received basic training at Denver, Colo., and was transferred from there to North Africa with the medical corps. He was later sent to India, where he spent almost a year, and from there to Burma, where he was killed.

Pfc. Wilson completed his sophomore year here in June, 1943. One brother, Lt. (jg) Charles P. Wilson, USNR, is a former student.

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Lt. Robert Fidler



Second Lieut. Robert Ruel Fidler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Fidler, of Tioga, was killed in an airplane crash at Parris Island, S. C., August 25, 1943. He was a fighter pilot in the United States Marine Corps.

Lt. Fidler entered a naval training school at Washington, D. C., upon his enlistment in June, 1942. He was graduated with honors there as one of the ten highest in his class and, consequently, was transferred to the Marine Corps.

A 1942 graduate of the College, Lt. Fidler was president of the student body and co-captain of the football squad during his senior year. He was a member of the G Club and the Holy Roller Court.

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Pvt. William Loyd

Pvt. William S. Loyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor F. Loyd of Exchange, Braxton County, and the husband of Mrs. Grethel Loyd, also of Exchange, was killed in December, 1944, while serving with the U. S. Army in Belgium. Pvt. Loyd attended the College from 1936 to 1938.

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**Capt. Kenneth Boggs**

Capt. Kenneth D. Boggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Boggs, of Gas-saway, was killed March 29, 1943 in North Africa.

He was a student here in 1934-36.

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**T-S Irvin Conley**

Tech. Sgt. Irvin F. Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ord Conley, of Zona, was "killed in action" in France August 10, 1944. He entered the service in January, 1941, and went overseas in May, 1944, thirteen months of his service having been spent in the Panama Canal Zone.

He attended the College from September, 1938, to January, 1941. Recently, he was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

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**Pfc. Gilbert Boone**

Pfc. Gilbert E. Boone, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. French Boone of Sherrard, Marshall County, died in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines in May, 1943. Pfc. Boone, who attended the College one semester in 1938-39, was with the General Air Force on Luzon.

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**Lt. Woodrow Radcliffe**

Lt. Woodrow C. Radcliffe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Radcliffe of Philippi, attended the College two years, during 1931 to 1935. Before entering the service he was Assistant Superintendent of Barbour County Schools.

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**History's Verdict On World War II**

What the historians' verdict on World War II will be can not now be stated with any degree of certainty. A few suggestions as to what the verdict COULD be are here enumerated.

World War II stands as a symbol of stupendous stupidity; of egregious egotism; of Pharisaic pride and presumption; of perfected propaganda; of the height of hypocrisy; of magnificent megalomania; of ineffable intuition; of demoniac devastation and destruction; of the relegation of religion; of the fulfillment of fanaticism; of the elimination of ethics; of the fury of force; of the renunciation of reason; of the burgeoning of bestiality; of the death of decency; of the sublimation of sadism; of the perpetration of perfidy; of totalitarian terrors; of the crushing of charity; of the final effects of efficiency; of the teaching of treachery; of education for enmity; of the holocaust of horrors; of the menace of materialism; of sabotaged civilization; of stultified souls; of plunder, pillage and prostitution; of the misanthropy of misfits; of the tattering and termination of truth; of the Grenadier Goose-steppers; of terrifying tortures; of meditated mass murders; of the parent of poverty; of sinful starvation; and the decadence of Dictators.

Finally, there is one ray of hope that World War II has given mankind a pattern of peace, namely: Scientific invention and development of increasingly destructive weapons—present and to come—will make war unprofitable not only to the victim but also to the aggressor. To win will be made impossible.—H. L. White.

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**Lt. Kenneth Starcher**

First Lt. Kenneth S. Starcher, a son of Mr. Hugh Starcher of Weston, was killed May 28, 1944, in Southern China, while serving with the Air Corps. After attending the College during 1935-36 and 1938-39, he entered the service, was commissioned in 1942 from a California flying school.



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**THEY SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN**

Glenville State College pays tribute to those men and women who have cut short the period of their formal education and have gone out from the halls of the institution to bear arms in defense of their country and in defense of liberty and justice throughout the world.

We especially extend our sympathy to the parents and friends of graduates and former students of the College who have lost their lives in the service of their country. We of the College dedicate ourselves and the institution to increased devotion to our country, to renewed faith in the principles of democracy, and to continuing effort to assist in the establishment of a peace which will guarantee that those of our students who have made the supreme sacrifice shall not have died in vain.

—Robert T. Crawford, Dean.

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**Pfc. Kermit Fisher**

Pfc. Kermit C. Fisher was killed in action in Italy September 17, 1944 while serving with the infantry. A son of Mrs. Janet Fisher and the late Elias Fisher, he entered the service in August, 1943. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fisher, of Glenville, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Westfall of Letter Gap. A brother, Kenneth Fisher, is serving in the U. S. infantry.

He attended the College one semester in 1941-42.

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**Pfc. Harold Cottle**

Pfc. Harold P. Cottle, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Cottle, of Spencer, was killed October 24, 1944, somewhere in France.

Pfc. Cottle attended the College during the first semester of the school year 1933-4. He is a brother of Hillis Cottle, A. B. '38. His wife, the former Miss Virginia McKown, and four children live at Spencer.

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**Lt. David Skidmore**

Lt. David B. Skidmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Skidmore of Centralia, Braxton County, was killed in Germany, on an undisclosed date.

Lt. Skidmore, who attended the College in 1939-40, went overseas February, 1945, and was serving with the Seventh Army. He was graduated from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and before going overseas was an instructor at Fort McClellan, Ala.

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# In Honor of Those Who Died

We, the Business  
Men and Women  
Of Glenville, Are  
Proud to Have  
A Part In This  
Special Issue,  
Published In  
Memory of the  
Fine Young  
Men and Women  
Who Gave All  
They Had In  
Defense of Their  
Country.



To the Families  
Of the Men  
And Women  
Pictured and  
Otherwise  
Represented In  
This Issue,  
We Hereby  
Extend Our  
Deepest Sympathies  
And Join You  
In Your  
Bereavements.

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**Central Restaurant**  
**Calhoun Super Service**  
**Glenville Auto Craft**  
**Log Cabin Restaurant**  
**R. B. Store Co.**  
**Ables' Restaurant**  
**Glenville Hardware**  
**A. & P. Tea Co.**

**Log Cabin Service Station**  
**Glenville Service Station**  
**McCullough's Dep't. Store**  
**Glenville Banking & Trust Co.**

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**Hotel Conrad**  
**Pictureland Theatre**  
**The Grill**  
**Kanawha Union Bank**  
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**Hub Clothing Co.**  
**McGee Funeral Home**