

Snapshots of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County people 1941-46

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Family and friends would get photos of those in the military, such as this one of Joe Turner (right) and his shipmates.

Photo courtesy of Joe Turner.



Many posed for professional photographs, such as this one of Private Harry Goins.

Photo courtesy of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.



This Bronze Star medal was presented to Staff Sergeant Eugene H. Williams.

Photo courtesy of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.



Some soldiers came from families that were longtime residents of our county, such as Hugh Ashcraft.

Photo courtesy of the *Charlotte Observer*.



Many like William Davidson, came to Mecklenburg after the war and made contributions to our community.

Photo courtesy of William Davidson.



Appearing from left to right: Clarence Houser, James Halley Blythe, Edgar S. Alexander, J. W. Alexander, and Banks G. Beard at the Gilead A.R.P. Church in Huntersville, North Carolina.

Photo courtesy of Christine Blythe.



Staff Sergeant Sumter Denis Moore.

Photo courtesy of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.



Carl F. Neal (left) and friend Fred Hayes (right) were stationed in Dallas when they posed together for this photograph.

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Romance was one of the results of the large number of military personnel in Charlotte.

Photo courtesy of Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.



The Spinning Wheel, published by the American Trust Company, dedicated their May 1944 issue to the mothers related to military personnel.

Photo courtesy of The Carolina Room PLCMC.



James Leon Starnes served as a Coxswain (T) in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Florence Nightingale and the USS Tortuga.

Photo courtesy of Erika D. Starnes.



Charles William "Bill" Hagler served as a Private First Class in the 20th Infantry Regiment in the U.S. Army.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth George.



Dorris Parks (2nd from right) and Elliot Taylor (3rd from right) visiting with friends in 1944.

Photo courtesy of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.



Capt. Gilbert Ballance, top left in the dark uniform, with his military friends in Egypt.

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Martha Pegram Mitchell from Steele Creek with her husband, M. R. Jack Mitchell, Jr. from Charlotte. Martha served in the 38th Evac Hospital Unit, and Jack served as a pilot. He was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war before being released.

Photo courtesy of Martha Mitchell.



Wedding of Gerson and Daisy Stroud in 1944.

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Brothers Meet in Europe - Robert I. Dalton, Jr.(left) and James G. Dalton (right).

Photo courtesy of James Dalton.



Floyd Overcash served as a Marine during WW II in the 82nd Airbourne. He later joined the Army and participated in the occupation of Japan.

Photo courtesy of the Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.



Mrs. M. W. Peterson served as chairman of the supply division for the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive.

Photo courtesy of the *Charlotte News*.



Corporal Arthur Page Drummond, Jr., poses in front of an M8 armored car, shortly after crossing the Rhine River. Corporal Drummond was with the 79th Recon. Group when this photograph was taken in the spring of 1945.

Photo courtesy of Arthur P. Drummond, Jr.



A Morris Field soldier studies his manual.

Photo courtesy of Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.



Three GIs take a break, surrounded by military vehicles.

Photo courtesy of Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.