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.
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 award 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 prisoner 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 award 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 off 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.
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 Netuno, 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 late 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. Avoid, 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, 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 Bomber 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.
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 Greensville, 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.
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

**Stuttz, Fred L.**

Private First Class
husband of Mrs. Verlie R. Phillips Stuttz 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. Stuttz.
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 brothers—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 awarded 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.
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 S weaponville 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
Source: Times-News 10/26/1953

**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.
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