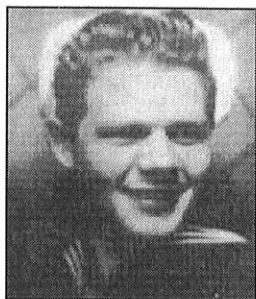


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Catawba County Young American Patriots



ECKARD, HUGH AUGUSTUS

PhM 2/c, U. S. Navy. Born Oct. 5, 1924. Entered service Nov. 15, 1942, Bainbridge, Md.; Panama; Brazil; Argentina; Okinawa; Japan. Awarded Unit Cit., 3 BS. Attended St. Stephens H. S. Methodist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Eckard, Hickory, N.C. Husband of Mrs. Kindola Spencer Eckard, RFD 2, Hickory, N.C.



GOWER, LEONARD CALVIN

Cpl., U. S. Marines. Born June 4, 1921. Entered service Aug. 30, 1943, Parris Island, S. C. Camp Lejeune, N. C. Panama, Hawaii; Pine Level School, N. C. Methodist. Son of the late Mrs. Alma Rebecca Gower. Husband of Mrs. Ruby Beard Gower, Hickory, N.C.



GRAY, WILSON L.

S I/c, U. S. Navy. Born Jan. 1, 1919. Entered service Apr. 17, 1944, Great Lakes, Ill.; Hawaii; Guam; Philippines; Okinawa; China; Awarded 5 BS. Sweetwater School. Baptist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gray, Hickory, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Mae Collins Gray, 580 Elliot St., Hickory.



HELMS, GUY

Pvt., U. S. Army. Born Dec. 24, 1917. Entered service June 24, 1941, Camp Croft, S. C.; Camp Butner, N. C. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Highland H. S., Baptist. Son of Mr. W. A. Helms, Hickory, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Maggie Carver Helms, 928 Hope Ave. Hickory, N. C.



HILDERBRAN, ROBERT V.

Cpl., U. S. Army. Age 32. Entered service Mar. 17, 1945, Fts. Knox, Ky., Meade, Md., Ord, Calif.; Camp Anza, Calif.; Luzon, P. I. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Attended Bald Creek H. S. Methodist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hilderbran, Catawba, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Dolly Bowman Hilderbran, Rt. 1, Claremont, N. C.



HILDERBRAN, RUSSELL

Pfc, U. S. Army. Age 34. Entered service Mar. 13, 1944, Camp Swift, Tex.; New York, N. Y.; England; France; Austria; Belgium; Germany. Awarded 2 BS, Good Conduct Medal. Attended Bald Creek H. S. Methodist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hilderbran, Catawba, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Edna Helderbran Hilderbran, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N.C.



HOLDER, ROBERT G.

Pvt., U. S. Army. Born May 16, 1913. Entered service Dec. 22, 1942, Camp Bowie, Tex. Injured in line of duty at Camp Hood, Tex., May 8, 1943. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Whitnel School. Baptist. Son of Mrs. Minnie Bumgarner and the late Mr. George Holder, Lenoir, N.C. Husband of Mrs. Virginia Benson Holder, Hickory, N. C.



HOLLOWAY, JOSEPH BURTON

CY, U. S. Navy. Born Mar. 4, 1920. Entered service July 10, 1942, Camp Bradford, Va.; Marshalls; Marianas; Gilberts; Hawaii. Wounded in action on Saipan, June 26, 1944. Awarded PH, 3 BS, 2 Unit Cits., Good Conduct Medal. Attended King's Business Col. Methodist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Holloway, Rutherford College, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Alice Lipe Holloway, Rutherford College, N. C.