

21st birthday, he was commissioned
2nd lieutenant, and for six months
was stationed in Washington in the
Armament Branch of the Air Corps.
He became 1st lieutenant a few
weeks after entering the service. He
was transferred to a station in
Texas in the same branch of services.

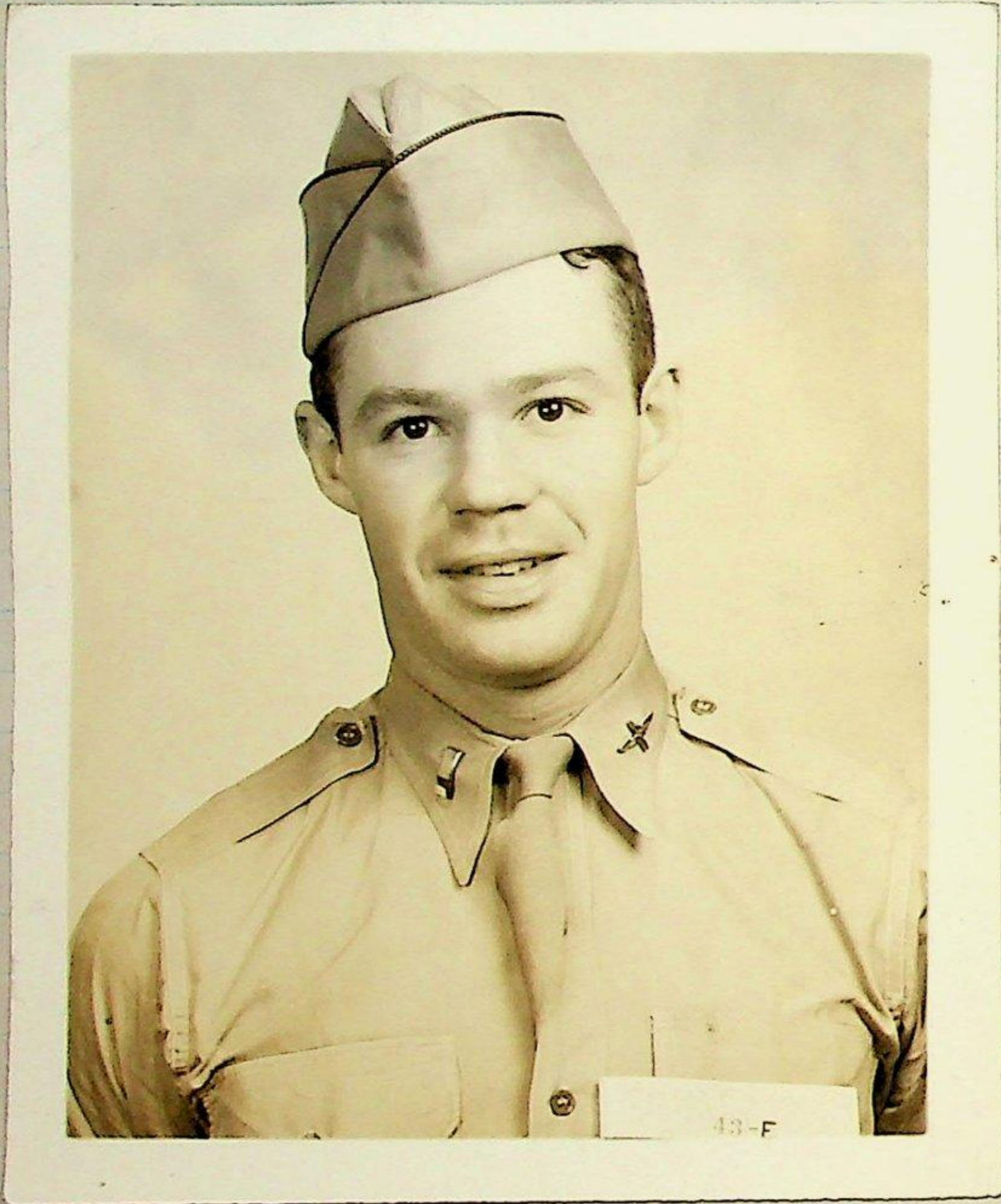
THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA.,

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 31, 1943.

First Lieutenant August F. Davis,
son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry
Davis, 250 Norfolk avenue, is re-
ceiving basic flying training at
Randolph Field, Tex. Lieutenant
Davis received the bachelor of
science degree from V. P. I. in
1941 and was commissioned in the
Air Corps, February 27, 1942.



Lieutenant Davis



Lieut. August F. Davis.

Davis, John Henry, Junior, born
in Lynchburg, Virginia, Feb. 13, 1916.
Son of John Henry Davis and
Hilda Forsberg Davis.

(Mrs. Hilda Forsberg Davis has been
a member of Old Dominion Chapter
U. D. E. since September 1904.)

His grandfather on his mother's
side was Colonel August Forsberg,
51st Regt. of Virginia Volunteers.
He attended the Public Schools of
Lynchburg, from which he was
graduated in 1932. He was
elected a member of the National
Honor Society his Senior year there.
He then attended Lynchburg College
for two years, and while there he
became a member of the 246th
Coast Artillery, National Guards,
Lynchburg. After a year's coaching
for West Point, he won the
Congressional appointment for
same, through competitive examina-
tions given by Judge Woodrum.

At West Point, John Henry Davis, Jr.,
was a member of the Honor Committee,
and held the offices of Corporal,
Sergeant, Lieutenant, and in his

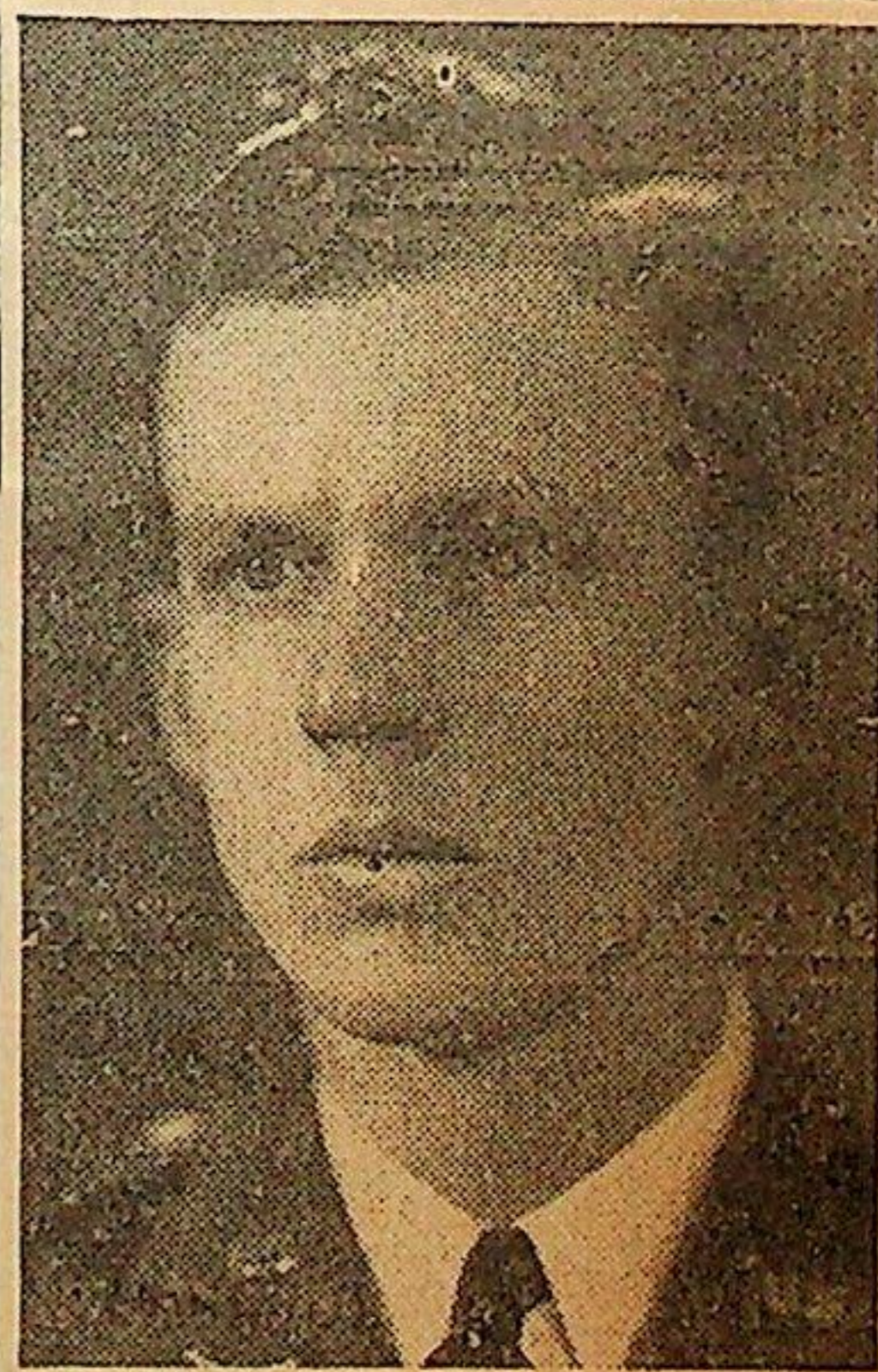
Senior year was a Battalion Adjutant. His branch was Coast Artillery, and his first and only post to date - Corregidor, Philippine Islands.

As a member of the National Guard, he was in camp at Fort Monroe for a summer. In his Senior year at West Point, he was a month at Fort Benning, Georgia, and also at Fort Story.

He entered the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, and was promoted in 1941 to 1st Lieutenant, and in 1942 to Captain.

Today (Nov. 1942), it is presumed that he is a prisoner of war on Luzon.

THE DAILY ADVANCE:
LYNCHBURG, VA.,
MONDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 7, 1942



PRISONER—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis, 250 Norfolk avenue, received a telegram today from the War Department stating that their son, Captain J. H. Davis, Jr., is a prisoner of the Japanese on Luzon Island, Philippines. It was the first word the family had received since General MacArthur wrote last June that Captain Davis was alive and well when the General left Corregidor in April.

THE DAILY ADVANCE: LYNCHBURG, VA.,

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, 1944

Capt. John H. Davis, Jr., who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines, wrote his wife, who has a position in Washington, that he is getting along very well. Capt. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Norfolk avenue, Lynchburg. His wife telephoned his parents Friday evening after receiving the message from him. It was the first communication they had had for many months, but she said the letter contained 50 words and was written in Capt. Davis' hand.

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA..

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1945.

Captain Davis Reported Killed In December, 1944

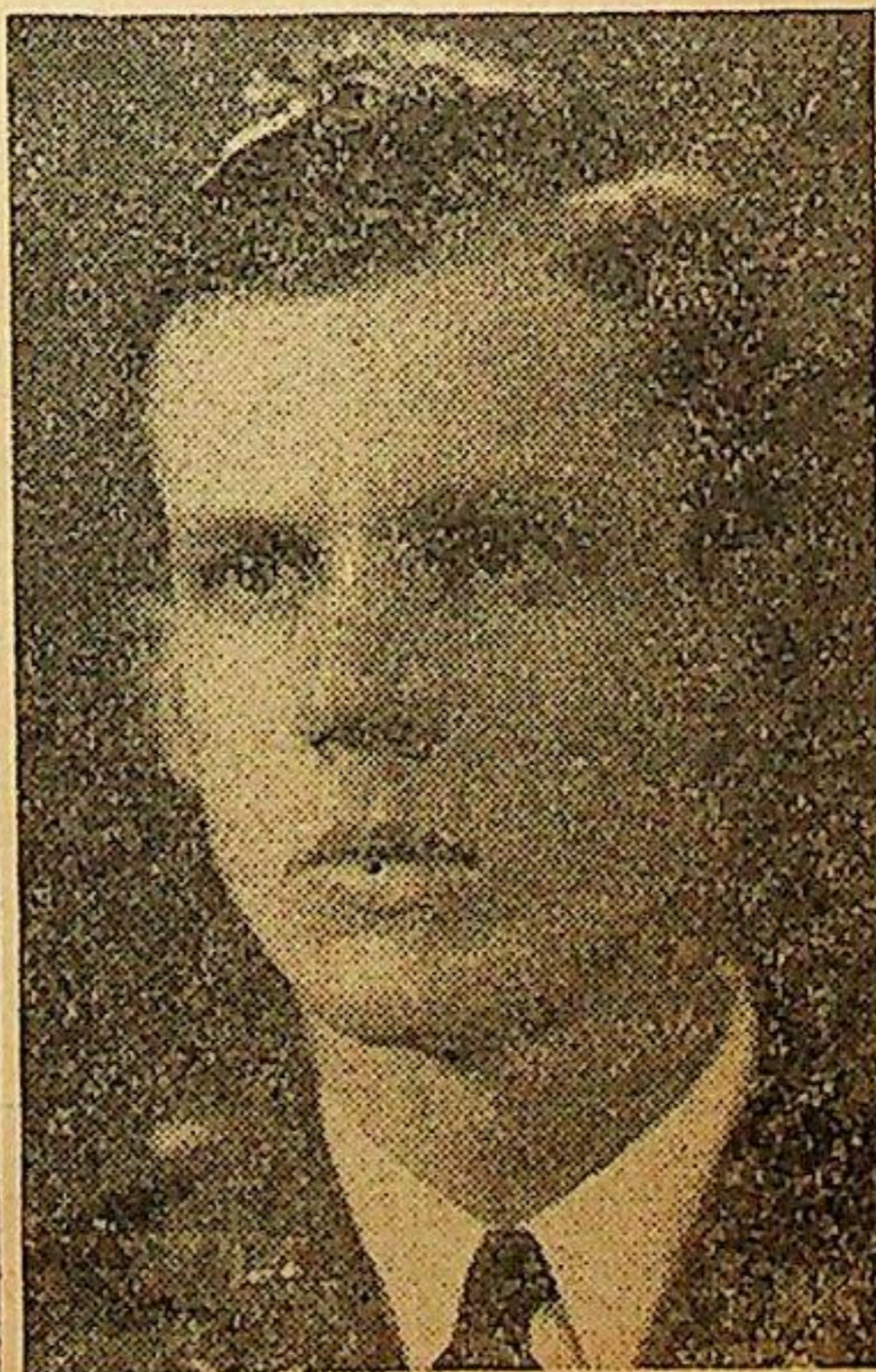
Supposedly Met Death When Prisoner Transport Sunk

Capt. John H. Davis, Jr., USA, Lynchburg officer held prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942, was killed December, 1944, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of 250 Norfolk avenue, were notified yesterday by the War Department.

Previously informed that Captain Davis was among those selected from prison camps in the Philippines to be sent to Japan on transports later reported sunk en route, his parents expressed conviction yesterday that he lost his life in one of those disasters. Wording of the telegram and earlier information received by them supported this belief, although until yesterday they had entertained hope that he might have been among the few survivors reported.

Surviving Relatives

Besides his parents, Capt. Davis, whose mother is the former Miss Hilda Forsberg, is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Mary Plummer



Capt. John H. Davis, Jr.

of Asheville, N. C., now employed by the Office of Strategic Services in Washington; and a brother, First Lieut. August F. Davis, USA, now taking special training at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo. Among his immediate kin in Lynchburg are two aunts, Mrs. Peter Ainslie and Miss Annie Lind Forsberg.

Born in Lynchburg February 13, 1916, Capt. Davis was graduated from E. C. Glass High School as an honor student and was a member of the National Honor Society there. He attended Lynchburg College two years and was tutored for some time by Blake E. Isley, entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., in 1935. He was graduated from the Academy in 1939, in the Coast Artillery Service, standing first in his class. He was elected to serve in the Philippine Islands, going there in the autumn after his graduation. He was married in June, 1939, the day after he received his commission, and his wife, who obtained her degree the same year from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, joined him later at Fort Mills, Corregidor. She returned to this country in August, 1941, with other Army wives and their families.

The First News

First news of Capt. Davis after the fall of Corregidor came to his family from General Douglas MacArthur, who wrote Mr. and Mrs. Davis April 29, 1942 in answer to their inquiry, that their son was well when he left the fort. Later they had several postcards from him, the first, to his wife, in August, 1943, and the last in January, 1945, dated July, 1944. News of his safety came to them from time to time through various channels, and his relatives had reason to believe that he might have been among the few survivors to reach Japan from the two transport ships reported sunk.

Capt. Davis was a member of Court Street Methodist Church and was a ranking member of the Boy Scouts, in which he was a leader. He ranked high in scholarship both in high school and Lynchburg College. At U. S. Military Academy he was adjutant of his battalion and represented his class on the honor committee.

His wife was expected last night to join Mr. and Mrs. Davis at their home as soon as her leave could be arranged and Lieut. Davis also will come if he can be released from duty for a few days.

THE DAILY ADVANCE:

LYNCHBURG, VA..

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

JULY 25, 1945

OBITUARY

Capt. J. H. Davis Listed Killed In Ship Sinking

Capt. John H. Davis, Jr., who had been a prisoner of the Japanese since the surrender of Corregidor in May, 1942, has been listed as killed in action in December, 1944, when the ship on which he was being sent from the Philippines to Japan was torpedoed, according to an official message received yesterday by his parents, who live at 250 Norfolk avenue.

Because of various optimistic letters from friends, who had seen Capt. Davis or had word about him from time to time in the last three years, the family was at first hopeful that there was a mistake, but his wife, employed in the Office of Strategic Service, Washington, telephoned in early yesterday afternoon that she had been informed by War Department officials that her husband was dead.

Born in Lynchburg, Feb. 13, 1916, Capt. Davis was the son of Mr. Davis and the former Hilda Forsberg, who survive him. He attended Lynchburg schools, and following his graduation from E. C. Glass High School where he was an outstanding student and member of the National Honor Society, he attended Lynchburg College two years. Blake E. Isley, a former instructor at the high school tutored Capt. Davis before he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1935.

Capt. Davis stood first in his class in the Coast Artillery Service at graduation in 1939. The day following graduation he married Miss Mary Plummer of Asheville, N. C., a Randolph-Macon Woman's College alumna. He elected to serve in the Philippines.

Mrs. Davis accompanied her husband in the autumn of 1939 to Fort

Mills, Corregidor, where he was assigned to duty. She returned in August, 1941, with other Army wives and their families.

In answer to an inquiry from Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Gen. Douglas MacArthur wrote April 29, 1942, that when he left Corregidor, Davis was well. In August, 1943, Mrs. Davis received post cards from him. The latest messages came in January, 1945, and were dated July, 1944.

Capt. Davis was a member of Court Street Methodist Church and was an Eagle Scout and a leader in that group. At the USMA he was adjutant of his battalion and represented his class on the honor committee.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Capt. Davis is survived by a brother, 1/Lt. August F. Davis, USA, Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo., and two aunts, Mrs. Peter Ainslie and Miss Annie Lind Forsberg, both of Lynchburg.

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA.

FRIDAY MORNING,

AUGUST 31, 1945

Capt. Davis Awarded Medal Posthumously

Posthumous award "for military merit" of the Purple Heart has been made by the War Department to Capt. John Henry Davis, Jr., USA, captured when Corregidor fell and a prisoner of the Japanese until December, 1944, when he was named as among those who lost their lives in the sinking of a ship loaded with prisoners en route from the Philippines to Japan.

Received by his wife on the eve of her departure for Natal, Brazil, where she will be at the U. S. Air Forces base as one of a group of clerical workers from the United States, the decoration was forwarded by her to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of 250 Norfolk avenue, together with the citation accompanying it.

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Capt. John H. Davis, Jr., Awarded Bronze Star Medal Posthumously

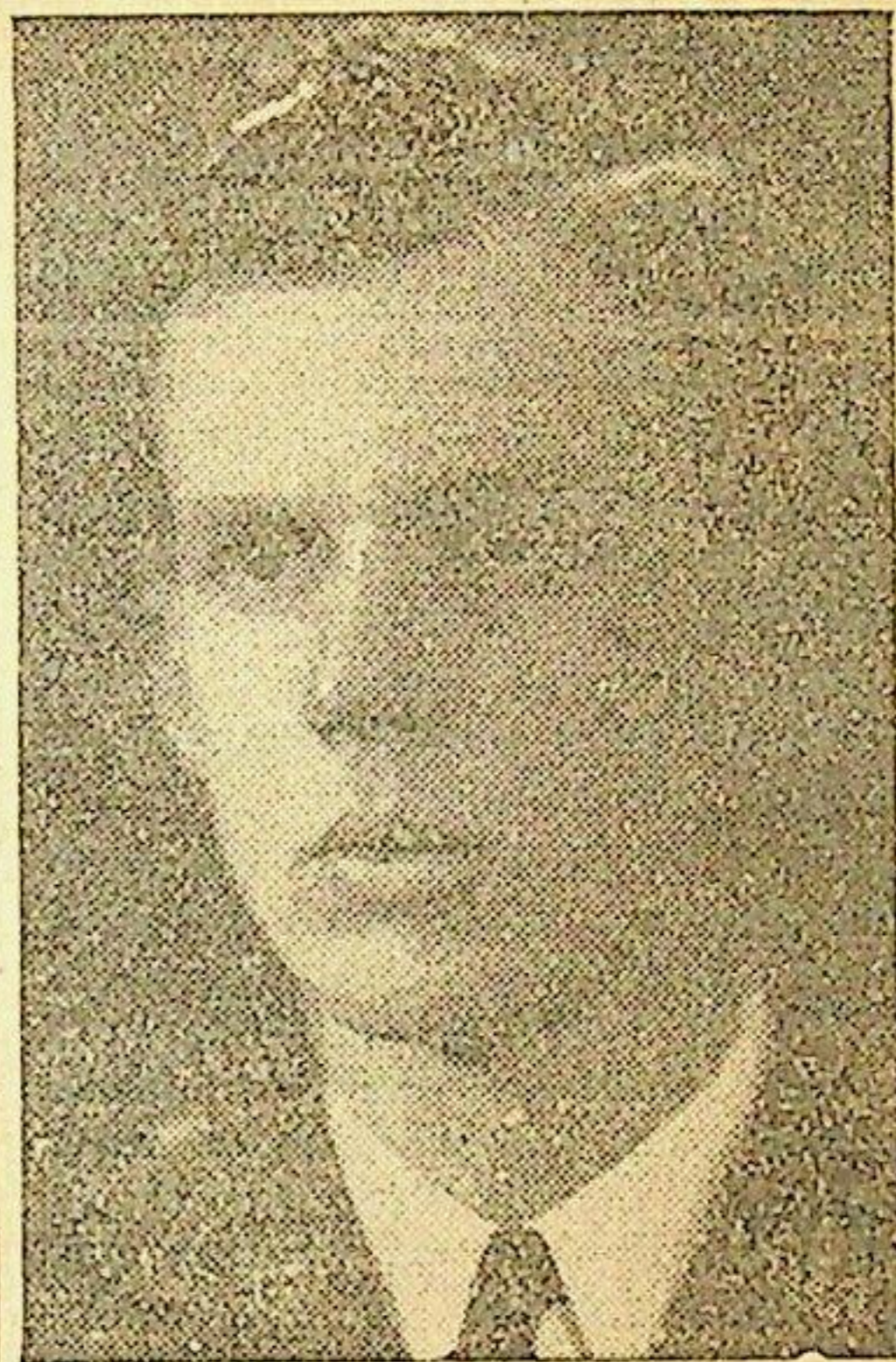
Posthumous award of the Bronze Star Medal to Capt. John H. Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Norfolk avenue, who was killed in January, 1945, while en route from the Philippine Islands to Japan as a prisoner of war, has been announced and the decoration has been presented to Mrs. John H. Davis, Jr., wife of the officer.

On Corregidor during the time from the attack on Pearl Harbor until the fall of Corregidor May 6, 1942, Capt. Davis was imprisoned in Camp No. 1 in the Philippines until transferred to the ill-fated prison ship in December, 1944, the vessel attacked by United States fliers. Previously award had been made of the Purple Heart medal.

Mrs. Davis is back at her home in Asheville, N. C., where the award was made September 27, after having served with the Army Engineers in Natal, Brazil, for a year. She arrives in Lynchburg today, joining Mr. and Mrs. August Forsberg Davis of Bridgeport, Conn., to pay a brief visit to Capt. Davis's parents and will return here after going to Washington for a short stay. She is the former Mary Louise Plummer of Asheville, graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

The citation with the Bronze Star medal, awarded posthumously, received from the War Department, Washington, D. C., through the Adjutant General's Office, follows:

"Captain John H. Davis, Jr., while serving as Battery Commander, Battery F, 91st Coast Artillery, Fort Frank (Corregidor) Philippine Islands, from January to May, 1942, rendered meritorious service. His men, manning eight 12-inch mortars, one 14-inch gun, and three 75-mm guns, opened fire promptly



Capt. John H. Davis, Jr.

ship, training ability and professional knowledge. Through his constant and sympathetic contact with the men of his command, his sharing of battle dangers and coolness under fire Captain Davis kept the morale of the battery at a high level during a highly critical period."

In commemoration of Capt. Davis, a marker has been placed in the family square at Presbyterian Cemetery inscribed with the facts and this was unveiled Sunday afternoon, September 20, with a simple service conducted by Dr. J. J. Rives, pastor of Court Street Methodist Church. Capt. Davis had been a member of Court Street Church since early boyhood.

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(John H. Davis, Jr.)

On Form 50 dated February 7, 1948,
executed in triplicate and sent
to Miss Anne J. Mann, Box 575,
Petersburg, Virginia, March 24, 1948,
additional data appears, as follows:
Address of his father, John Henry Davis,
250 Norfolk Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.
His wife's maiden name was
Mary Plummer.

Date of entry into service = June 12, 1939.
Inducted at West Point Academy.
Branch of service = Coast Artillery.

Name of Commanding Officer =
Col. Joseph P. Kohr.

Entered service as 2nd lieutenant;
1st lieut., then captain, during the
siege of Corregidor.

Upon graduation from West Point
was immediately assigned to
Corregidor where he served from
October 1939 until death, 1945;
served through the entire siege of
Corregidor from December 7, 1941
until May 6, 1942.

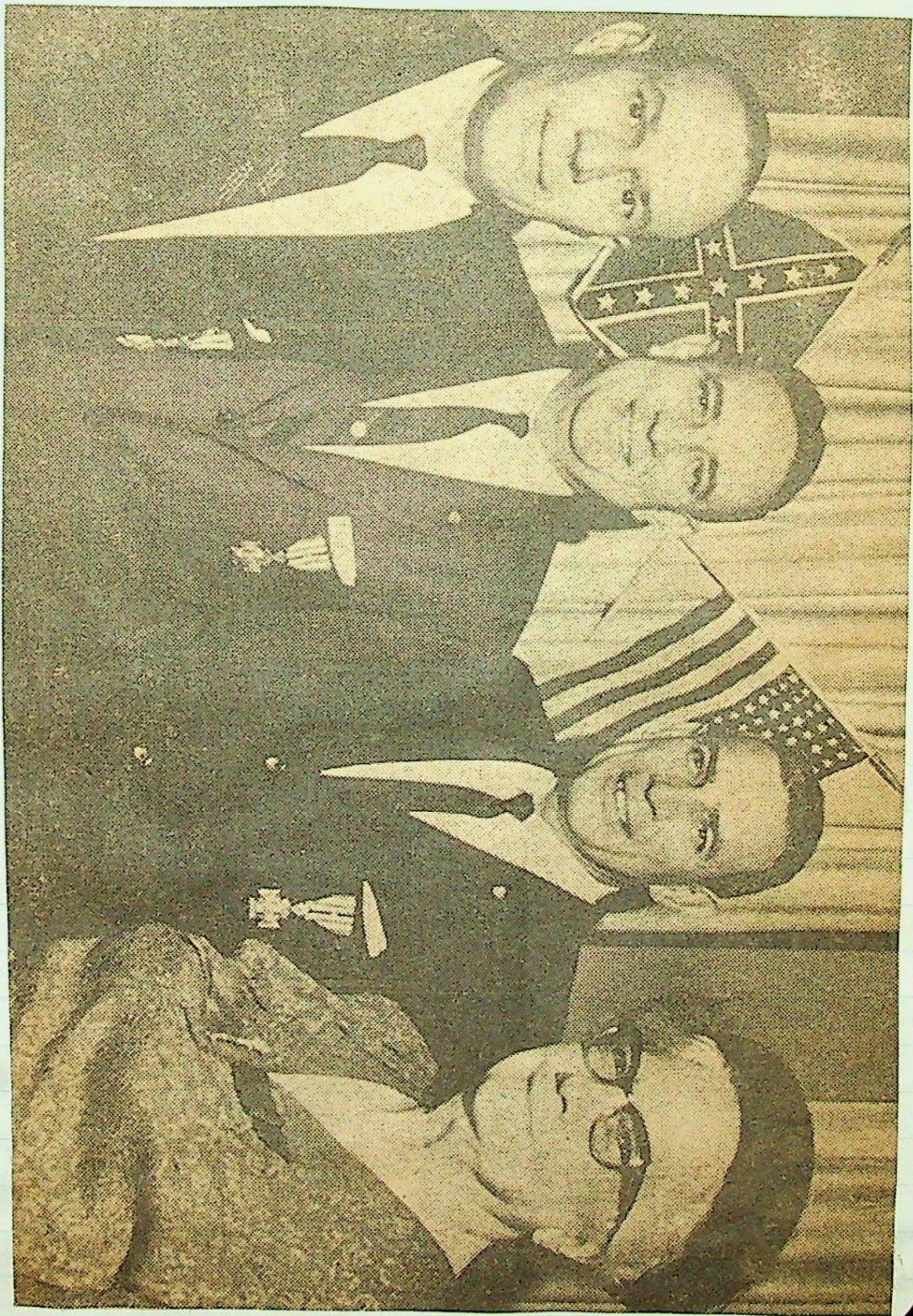
Citations/Decorations = Purple Heart.

Bronze Star (awarded post-
humously).

Captain John Henry Davis, Jr.,
at our April 18, 1951 meeting of
Old Dominion Chapter UDC was,
by the authority of the United
Daughters of the Confederacy,
awarded posthumously the
World War II Cross of Military
Service.

This Cross was delivered to
his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
John Henry Davis.

MILITARY AWARDS — Crosses of Military Service were awarded Robert Stokes Ferrell Jr. of Memphis, left, William Powers Ferrell and Palmore Amonette Ferrell, sons of Mrs. Robert S. Ferrell at Old Dominion Chapter, United Daughters of Confederacy luncheon at Virginian Hotel, Wednesday.



UDC Luncheon Held

Three Crosses of Military Service were awarded to three brothers Wednesday at the annual Lee-Jackson-Maury luncheon of the Old Dominion Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Virginian Hotel.

It is believed, a chapter spokesman said, that this is the first time three brothers have been so honored. The medals are given to descendants of Confederate States Army soldiers for outstanding military service.

Mrs. Bernary W. Yancey, Recorder of Crosses for the chapter, read the citations for the bestowal of the military crosses and Mrs. Davis presented the medals to Col. Palmore Amnette Ferrell, executive director of the Lynchburg Chapter of the American Red Cross, who saw service on Guadalcanal and later in Korea; William Powers Ferrell, now sales manager for the C. B. Fleet Co., who served as a staff sergeant in India during World War II; and Robert Stokes Ferrell Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., general manager of the Memphis Branch of the Morton Manufacturing Corp. He served as a corporal during World War II.

Col. John A. May, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans wrote that a certificate was being sent to Mrs. Edgar T. Ferrell as one of the first UDC members to be named as "Sweetheart of the S.C.V." for her zeal in bringing her sons and grandsons into that organization.

ROBERT STOKES FERRELL, JR.

WILLIAM POWERS FERRELL

PALMORE AMONETTE FERRELL

Saturday Mar. 16th
1968.



RECEIVES UDC HONOR—William Cabell Garbee Jr., is shown receiving a Cross of Military Service from Mrs. John H. Davis, vice president of the Old Dominion Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Occasion was the annual Lee-Jackson-Maury luncheon of the chapter at the Virginian Hotel Saturday. A Richmond attorney, Garbee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garbee of Lynchburg. His mother is a member of the chapter and his father was a special guest at the luncheon. Mrs. Richard W. Phillips Jr. is president of the group. Dr. McFerran Crowe, pastor of Rivermont Presbyterian Church, was speaker. (Lib Wiley Photo)

WILLIAM CABELL GARBEE, JR.

(Present Address: 17 East Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia)

Date of Birth: August 11, 1921

Father's Name: William Cabell Garbee

Son of: Robert Ernest Garbee and
Jennet Thornton Withers Garbee

Mother's Maiden Name: Elva Holmes Organ Garbee

(A REAL DAUGHTER AND MEMBER OF OLD DOMINION CHAPTER -
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Daughter of HORACE TAYLOR ORGAN and Mary Hughes Organ

WILLIAM CABELL GARBEE, JR., SERVED IN WORLD WAR II
Entered service at Norfolk, Virginia as an Ensign,
U.S.N.R. In Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia,
On July 1, 1943.

Continued to serve until honorably discharged
November 8, 1946, At R. S., Washington, D. C.

As a Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve

Present Assignment and rank: Lieutenant Commander,
Naval Reserve.

Countries where service rendered: United States and
Portugal (Azores Islands)

Period of Foreign Service: Twenty-seven months.

Decorations: European Theatre Ribbon, American Theatre
Ribbon, Victory Medal, Naval Reserve
Medal

William Cabell Garbee, Jr. (Continued)

Record of Lineal Confederate Ancestry

Name of Ancestor: Horace Taylor Organ, Grandfather

Served in the CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA ARMY
CO. F - REG. THIRD, STATE VIRGINIA - RANK PRIVATE
"CAMPBELL RESERVES"

Entered the Confederate States Service April 16, 1864 -
For the War - at Campbell County, State of Virginia

Captain: Joel B. Leftwich.

WILLIAM CABELL GARBEE, JR., WAS AWARDED THE CROSS OF
MILITARY SERVICE - MARCH 16, 1968.

Havel, Deward Belmont born October
27, 1911, in Lynchburg, Virginia.

● Son of Carl Havel and Lillian
Creasy Havel.

(Mrs. Lillian Creasy Havel became
a member of Old Dominion Chapter
U.D.C.)

Form 50 dated November 5, 1949
gives the following information:
Record of Deward Belmont Havel.
Permanent address - Martinsville, Va.
Date and Place of Birth - October 27,
1911 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

● Father's name and address -
Carl Havel, Lynchburg, Virginia.
Mother's maiden name -
Lillian Creasy.

Name of Confederate Ancestor -
Janice Pompeius Creasy.
Company and Regiment of Ancestor -
Private in Battery D Regiment 38
Battalion Virginia Artillery from
Lynchburg Commanded by
Captain A. Gray Latham.
Relationship to Confederate
Ancestor - Grandson.

(Edward Belmont Hanel)

Relation to U. D. C. Member = Son.

Maiden Name of wife =

America Elizabeth Hardy.

Date of Entry into Service =

November 17, 1943.

Where Inducted = Roanoke, Virginia.

Branch of Service = Army.

Name of Commanding Officer or
Units in Command =

Capt. Div. Hq. Co. 8th A.D.

8th Armored Division - General Divine.

Rank or Rate on Entering Service =

Promotions and Dates of = Private.

T5, August 1944 -

T4, January 1945.

Service in the United States, Dates
and Locations:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Til April 1,

Fort Sill, Oklahoma April 1944 1944;

to May 1944.

Camp Polk, La. May 1944 to Oct. 1944.

Foreign Service, Dates and Locations =

Nov. 17, 1944 - March 1946 in Europe.

List Engagements, Battles and
Campaigns = "The Bulge", Ruhr,
Rhine, Army of Occupation.