

Virginia, where she graduated in 1940. Having specialized in psychiatry while in training, she served for 2½ years as supervisor of that special work in University Hospital. Feeling it her duty to serve her country, she resigned as supervisor of psychiatry as above mentioned and, on Sept. 21st, 1943, left for Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. The present (Dec. 6, 1943) address of Ensign Carolyn F. Maher (N.C.) U.S. N. R. is Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia. If needed, she will serve over sea.

May 1944 -
Promoted to head
nurse
of surgery in
Norfolk Naval
Hospital,
Portsmouth, Va.,
and made
1st Lieutenant.

"The News" - 5/11/44

1st Lt.
Carolyn Maher, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Maher who is a member of the chapter, has been promoted to head nurse of the Naval Surgery at the Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth.



THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA.
FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 27, 1945.

Carolyn Fleet Maher, USNR (N. C.) has been promoted to lieutenant (jg) at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth. Lieut. Maher is the daughter of Mrs. Lelia Maher, matron at the Y. M. C. A.

THE DAILY ADVANCE: LYNCHBURG, VA.,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1945

Lt. Carolyn F. Maher, USNR (NC), has returned to Norfolk after a short leave with her mother, Mrs. Lelia Maher, at her home here. Lt. Maher has been on duty at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth. She leaves there today for Camp Wallace, Tex., for special assignment.

Murrell, Arthur N., Jr. born in
Chattanooga, Tenn. Oct. 2, 1917.

● Son of Arthur N. Murrell and
India P. Murrell.

Grandson of Mrs. William M. (Flora S.
Withers) Murrell who has been a
member of Old Dominion Chapter
V. D. C. since 1912.

Corporal Arthur N. Murrell, Jr.
attended school in Washington, D. C.

● Was drafted August 1st, 1942.
Trained in Army Air Corps, Miami
Beach, Florida.

Present address (Sept. 27, 1943) is
379 th Base Hq. + Air Base Sq.,
Miami Beach, Florida.

● Our Form 50 dated April 3, 1947,
executed in triplicate and sent to
Miss Anne J. Mann, Box 575,
Petersburg, Va., Aug. 21, 1947,
additional data appears as
follows:

His permanent address is
3828 Nicholas St.,
Lynchburg, Va.

His temporary address = 1221 Langhorne
Road, Lynchburg, Va.

His father's address = Norfolk, Va.

His Mother's Maiden Name =

India Price.

He is the Great Grandson of Colonel
Robert Woodson Withers who served
in 42nd Virginia Regiment in
the War between the States.

Inducted July 18, 1942 - Fort Myer, Va.

Entered Service August 1, 1942.

Branch of Service = Army Air Corps.

Capt. Head Squadron Commander

Training was received in Miami
Beach, Florida, San Antonio, Texas,
Big Spring, Texas.

He entered Service as Private.

Promotions:

Corporal - Jan. 1, 1943.

Sergeant - Feb. 1944.

Staff Sergeant - November 1, 1945.

Service in the United States:

Miami Beach, Fla. - Aug. 1, 1942 to Aug. '43;

San Antonio, Texas - Aug. '43 to Sept. 1943;

Big Spring, Texas - Sept. 1943 to Sept. 1945;

Randolph Field, Texas - Sept. 1945
to Feb. 1946.

February 15, 1946 Discharged.

Murrell, Charles Dandridge born
in Staunton, Virginia, Jan. 4, 1922.

Son of William McHendree Murrell, Jr.
and Virginia Young Murrell.

Grandson of Mrs. William M. (Flora S.
Withers) Murrell who has been a
member of Old Dominion Chapter
U. D. E. since 1912.

Charles Dandridge Murrell S 2/c was
educated in Lynchburg, Virginia
schools, - Holy Cross Academy and
E. C. Glass High.

Enlisted in U. S. N. R. October 26, 1942.

Murrell, Fred Hamlin Born in
Synchburg, Virginia, April 13, 1926.

● Son of William McKendree Murrell, Jr.
and Virginia Young Murrell.

Grandson of Mrs. William M. (Flora S.
Withers) Murrell who has been a
member of Old Dominion Chapter
U. D. E. since 1912.

Fred Hamlin Murrell attended Holy
Cross Academy, and finished his
junior year in E. C. Glass High.

● Enlisted and sworn in Jan. 28, 1944;
Called in training March 22, 1944.

His first training in U. S. Marine
Corps was at Parris Island, South
Carolina. May 30, 1944 was
sent to Camp Lejeune, New River,
North Carolina.

Murrell, Louise Scott born May 7, 1923
in Staunton, Virginia.

Daughter of William McKendree Murrell, Jr.
and Virginia Young Murrell.

Granddaughter of Mrs. William M. (Flora S.
Withers) Murrell who has been a
member of Old Dominion Chapter
U. D. C. since 1912.

Miss Louise Scott Murrell S. 2/c. is
a graduate of Holy Cross Academy.

Enlisted in U. S. Navy - Waves - July
15, 1943. Trained at U. S. N. R. (W. R.)
Hunters College, Bronx, New York.

THE DAILY ADVANCE: LYNCHBURG, VA.,
THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 1943

Seaman 2-C Louise Scott Mur-
rell, Wave, has been assigned to
duty in Washington, replacing a
Navy man sent to sea duty. A
graduate of Holy Cross Academy,
Seaman Murrell is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William Murrell, 906
Harrison street. Before entering
the service she was a clerk.

In March 1944, her address is
Louise S. Murrell S 1/c
Room I 211 W.A.V.E. Quarters F
Delaware Hall, Arlington Farms,
Arlington, Va.



June 16, 1944 - Promoted to Petty Officers-
Storekeeper 3rd Class. J D

Murrell, William McKendree, 3rd born
in Roanoke, Virginia, Sept. 3, 1920.

● Son of William McKendree, Jr. ^{Murrell,} and
Virginia Young Murrell.

Grandson of Mrs. William M. (Flora S.
Withers) Murrell who has been a
member of Old Dominion Chapter
U. D. C. since 1912.

● William McK. Murrell, 3rd, P.F.C., was
educated in Lynchburg, Virginia
schools, - Holy Cross Academy and
E. C. Glass High.

He enlisted Jan. 10, 1941 as Pigeoneer,
Army Signal Corps. Was sent
to Philippine Islands April 22, 1941.

Given first lot of pigeons for
training Aug. 21, 1941 on Corregidor.
Taken prisoner by the Japanese
May 6th, 1942

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THE DAILY ADVANCE: LYNCHBURG, VA.,

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14, 1943

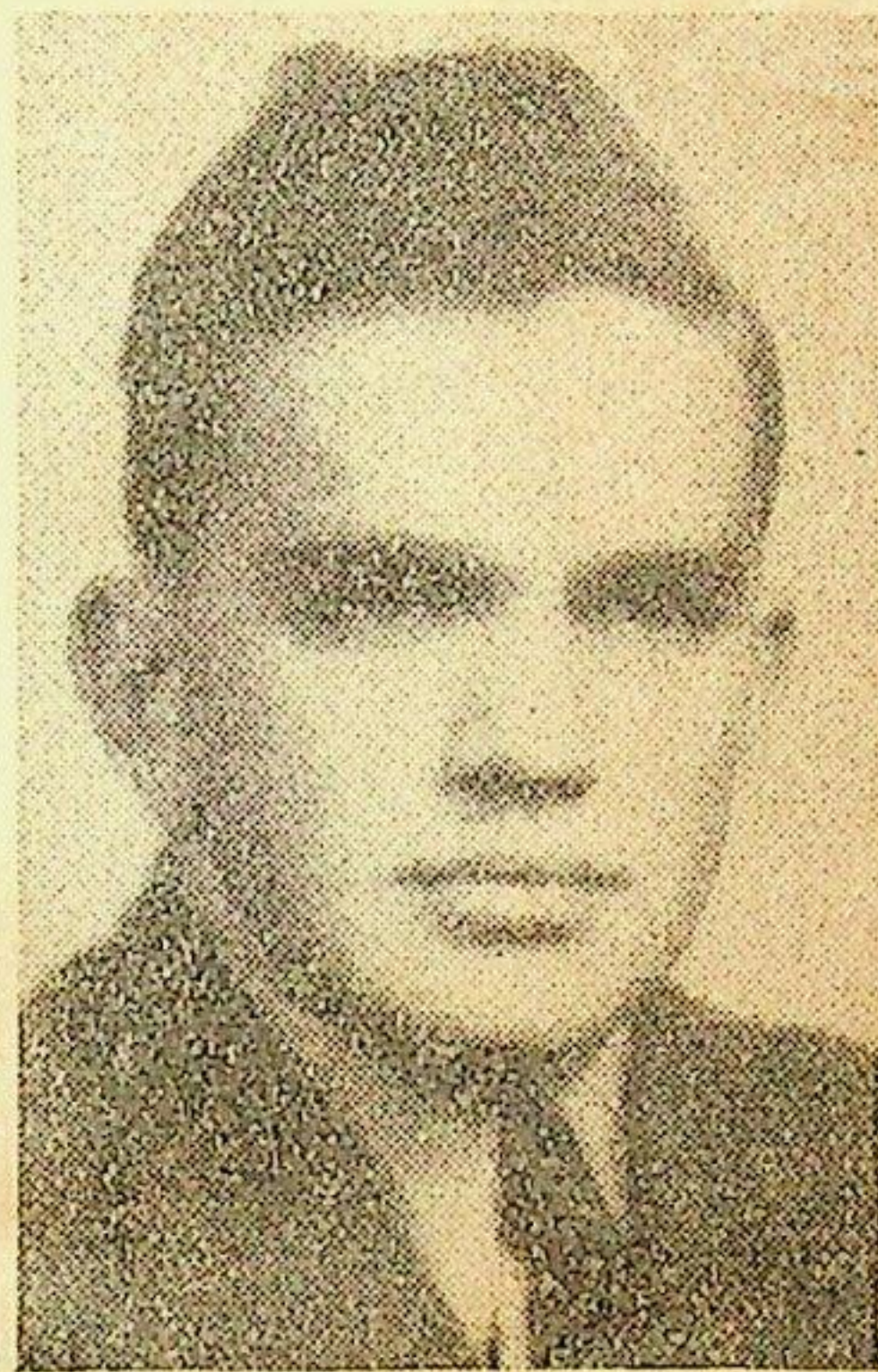
William Murrell, Jr., Writes From Japanese Prison Camp

From a Japanese prison camp, Pvt. William Murrell, Jr., has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell of Oakwood Club, that he is in "fair" health and that he has been under treatment.

"We know it was from him because he wanted us to remember him to 'Elizabeth'—that's his girl friend," his father said.

The message was typed on a card printed with certain statements, such as condition of health, to be checked by the sender. There was nothing on the card to indicate where he was being held. In his own handwriting the card was signed, "Bill."

Young Murrell was captured when the Philippines fell more than a year ago.



W. M. MURRELL, JR.

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA.,

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1944.

War Prisoner Radios Word From Japan

Mrs. William M. Murrell Receives Message From Her Son

Intercepted in a broadcast from Japan, a message from Pfc. William M. Murrell, Jr., has been forwarded by the United States Government to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell of Lynchburg, relieving to a great extent the anxiety they have suffered since he was made a prisoner of Japan at Bataan.

The message, received here yesterday by the young soldier's mother, forwarded by telegram from the acting provost marshal general, follows:

"My Dearest Mother: I trust that you receive this message from me as I know it will mean so much. I am in very good condition and keeping very busy so that time passes fairly fast. I long for the day when we will all be reunited and I pray daily that it will soon come. I received mail and a package from home which made me very happy. I also received a very nice letter from Louise. Give my closest friends my regards. I hope that I'll meet them again soon. Keep the home fires burning until I get home.

"Your oldest son, Bill."

The broadcast was by short wave and supplements previous official report received from the International Red Cross, the government official points out.

THE DAILY ADVANCE: LYNCHBURG, VA.,

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3, 1945 (1945)

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, Jr., now living in Norfolk, whose son Pfc. William M. Murrell is a prisoner of the Japanese, has received word from the War Department that Murrell is interned at Fukuoka Prison Camp, Island of Honshu, Japan. From that communication Mr. and Mrs. Murrell holds little hope of their son being liberated soon.

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA., SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 26, 1945

First Word In Year Received By Parents Of W. M. Murrell, III

First news since June 6, 1944, of Pfc. William M. Murrell, III, U.S.A., Signal Corps, captured by the Japanese at Bataan in April, 1942, was received Thursday morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Murrell, Jr., of Portsmouth, life-long residents of Lynchburg, who had a post card postmarked Fukuoka, Nippon, signed by him.

The message read: "Again I have great happiness in being able to write to you and family. My health is Okay. My thoughts are constantly of all of you. Give everyone my regards. Your devoted son, Bill."

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell had been apprehensive of his safety following the long silence. News from other prisoners that he was in good health when last seen approximately two years ago encouraged them, but the letter of yesterday was the first real word from him since a post-card dated June 6, 1944. The date was not given on that received by them Thursday. Grandson of Mrs. William M. Murrell of Lynchburg, he is a graduate of E. C. Glass High School and is widely known here.

Murrell On Way Home; Captured At Corregidor

Lynchburg Boy Liberated From Japanese Prison Camp September 13

Pfc. William M. Murrell, III, a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, was liberated September 13, is safe and on his way back to the United States.

Word of liberation came yesterday in a letter from him to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Murrell, Jr., who have anxiously awaited news about him since the war against the Japs ended.

The letter, written aboard a ship in Nagasaki Harbor on September 18, was the first the Murrells have received from their son since he was captured. Only several "form" regulation Jap prison cards—sometimes six months apart—were received from him during his entire imprisonment.

Saying that he would not "attempt to tell what I've been through," Pfc. Murrell wrote his parents he would tell them "all" in a "pow-wow" as soon as he reached home.

Confused At Writing

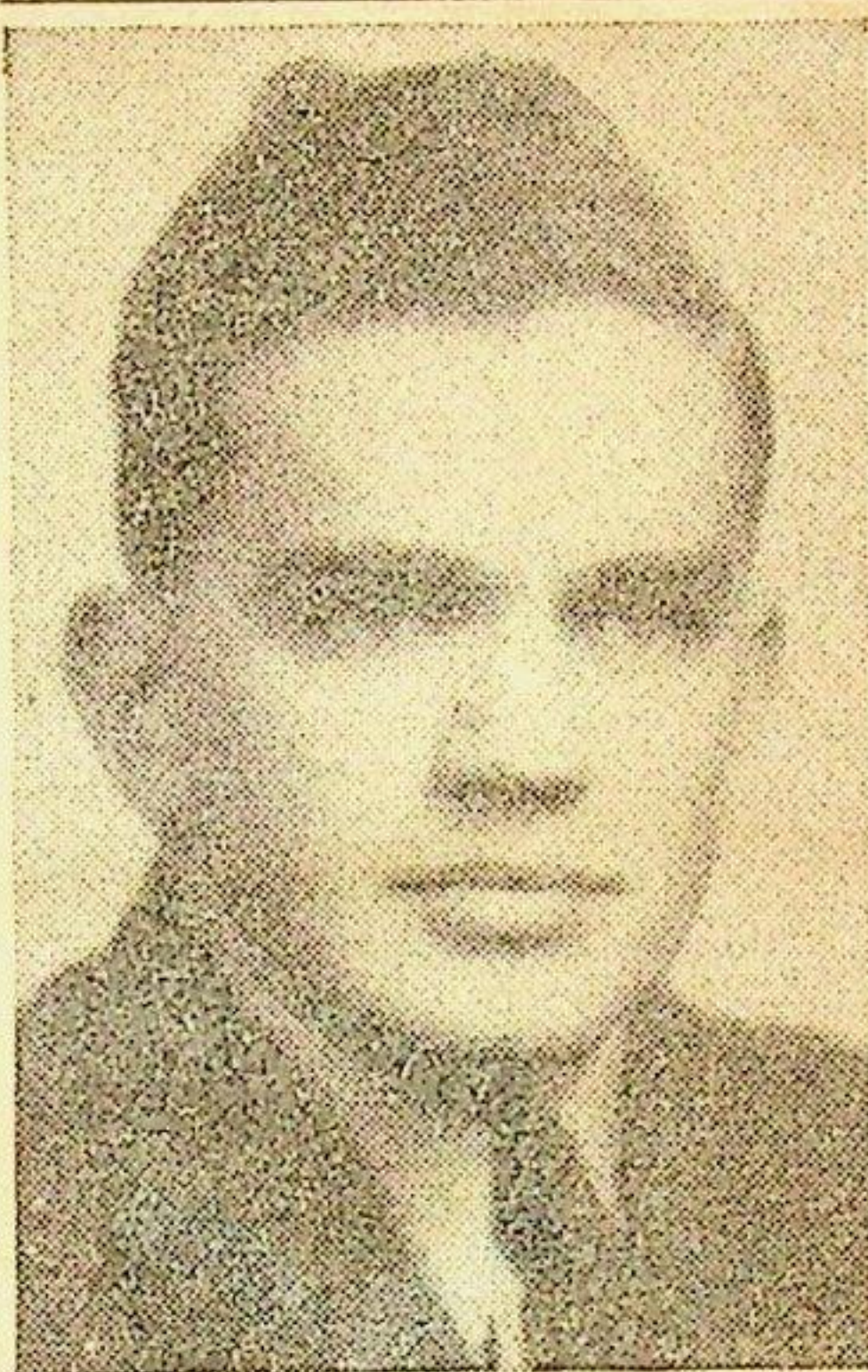
Admitting he was "quite excited and confused at writing for the first time in four years" and being able to say freely what he wanted to tell, Pfc. Murrell declared his liberation had been "without a doubt the happiest event of my life."

"We waited so long and prayed so hard for peace and freedom but we never had any doubt that they would some day come," he declared.

A group of Americans came to his camp September 13 and evacuated men to Nagasaki Harbor, he said. Declaring he was having a "wonderful time and receiving every consideration," Murrell said he was "in good shape but a bit undernourished. There is nothing to worry about though," he said.

In closing his letter, the young soldier asked:

"If possible, send me a casualty report on Lynchburg. I know without being told that some of the boys went on a "One way ticket!



Pfc. W. M. Murrell, III

Am very concerned. If this is true please pay my respects to families."

Saw Two Lynchburgers

Pfc. Murrell said he ran into two Lynchburg men during his internment—Capt. John Davis and Lieut. John Zimmerman.

He said he saw Lieut. Zimmerman—now a captain—just "a few days before we got put on the shelf and I have heard of him several times but not since coming to Japan."

(Capt. Davis has been reported as having lost his life last fall when a Jap prison boat was sunk.)

Three other Lynchburg men were taken prisoner when Bataan fell and have all been reported safe or have returned to the United States. They are Major D. Herbert Wills, who escaped from a Jap prison boat and fought with the guerrillas on Mindanao; Captain Marion Damon, who was liberated, and Chief Petty Officer Arthur Burkholder, Jr., recently reported freed.

Liberated Prisoner Meets His Brother On Okinawa

By Gil Karp

Next time you express indignation at oft-criticized old man weather for spoiling a day of fishing or hiking by a downpour of rain, perhaps this story will help soften your hardness in the future.

You recall the story which appeared in The News October 2 which told of Pfc. William M. Murrell, III, who was liberated from a Jap prison camp after spending more than two and one half years under the lash of Nippon.

Brother Is Marine

Now William has a brother, Marine Pvt. Fred J. Murrell. Fred was just 14 when William left Lynchburg in April, 1941, and from that date to just a few weeks ago the two brothers had not seen each other.

Fred was stationed on Zamami Shima, an island approximately midway between Okinawa and the mainland of Japan. When news came of William's liberation Fred immediately requested transfer to Okinawa which is being used as a clearing point for all liberated prisoners of war.

He hoped he might by some stroke of fate, or luck, or whatever you may wish to call it, see the brother who left him when he was just a 14-year-old youth. His request was granted.

On Okinawa, in one of the main halls, there is a bulletin board upon which personal messages, forwarded to liberated prisoners may be posted.

The message upon the bulletin board read in part: "If Pvt. Bill Murrell sees this notice he should report to the Red Cross Field Di-

rector x x x."

And this is where the weather played such a vital role.

Bill was being transported to Okinawa on a ship and from Okinawa he was scheduled immediately to leave for the Philippines by airplane. However, fate decreed the brothers should meet and bad weather forced the takeoff from Okinawa to be postponed.

So Bill, in order to pass time, went to this main hall and sort of wandered around without any particular objective in mind. As he walked around the room he sensed someone watching him.

He turned and noticed this youth dressed in Marine apparel whose eyes were glued upon him with a vise-like, radiant look.

The rest you have probably guessed by now. It did not take many more seconds for the two brothers to recognize each other and to practically bound into each others' outstretched arms.

Hollywood can never hope to produce the scene that followed with its warmth, sincerity and spontaneous emotional outburst of happiness. Bill, with a radiant smile on his features, introduced his "kid" brother to his fellow liberated prisoners and an impromptu celebration followed.

A letter to their mother, Mrs. William M. Murrell, Jr., revealed both brothers spent a day together on the "Rock" and that Bill was "looking grand and his weight had come up to 130."

Well, now what have you to say about the weatherman

SUNDAY MORNING,
NOVEMBER 4, 1945.

Murrell Arrives In San Francisco

Cpl. William M. Murrell, III, prisoner of the Japanese since April, 1942, wired his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, Jr., 906 Harrison street, Friday that he had

arrived in San Francisco.

Upon landing, Cpl. Murrell was greeted at the dock by CPO Lavinder A. Wallace, Jr., 523 Madison street, who was the last person to see him before he left this country. On his return trip to this country he met his brother, Pvt. Fred J. Murrell, USMC, on Okinawa.

For the present, Cpl. Murrell will be at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco.

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA.

SUNDAY MORNING,

NOVEMBER 11, 1945.

Visit Home Here

Pfc. William M. Murrell, III, who was interned in a Japanese prison after his capture on Bataan, has arrived in this country and joined other members of the family for the week-end with their parents at their home in Lynchburg.

Miss Louise Murrell, WAVE, of Washington, and Charles Murrell, who is in the Navy ROTC at Duke University, are with him here.

FRED W. McWANE, JR.

AWARDS - DECORATIONS - CITATIONS

- 1 - Combat Infantryman Badge
- 2 - Bronze Star Medal with First Oak-Leaf Cluster
- 3 - Good Conduct Medal
- 4 - Meritorious Unit Emblem
- 5 - American Campaign Medal
- 6 - European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two
- 7 - World War II Victory Medal
- 8 - Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp
- 9 - National Ten Year Defense Medal
- 10 - Six Years Service Virginia National Guard Medal
- 11 - Cross of Military Service (No. 3153) Award by U.D.C.

Fred W. McWane
23 October



Fred W. McWane Jr

Commissioned Second Lieutenant Virginia State Militia

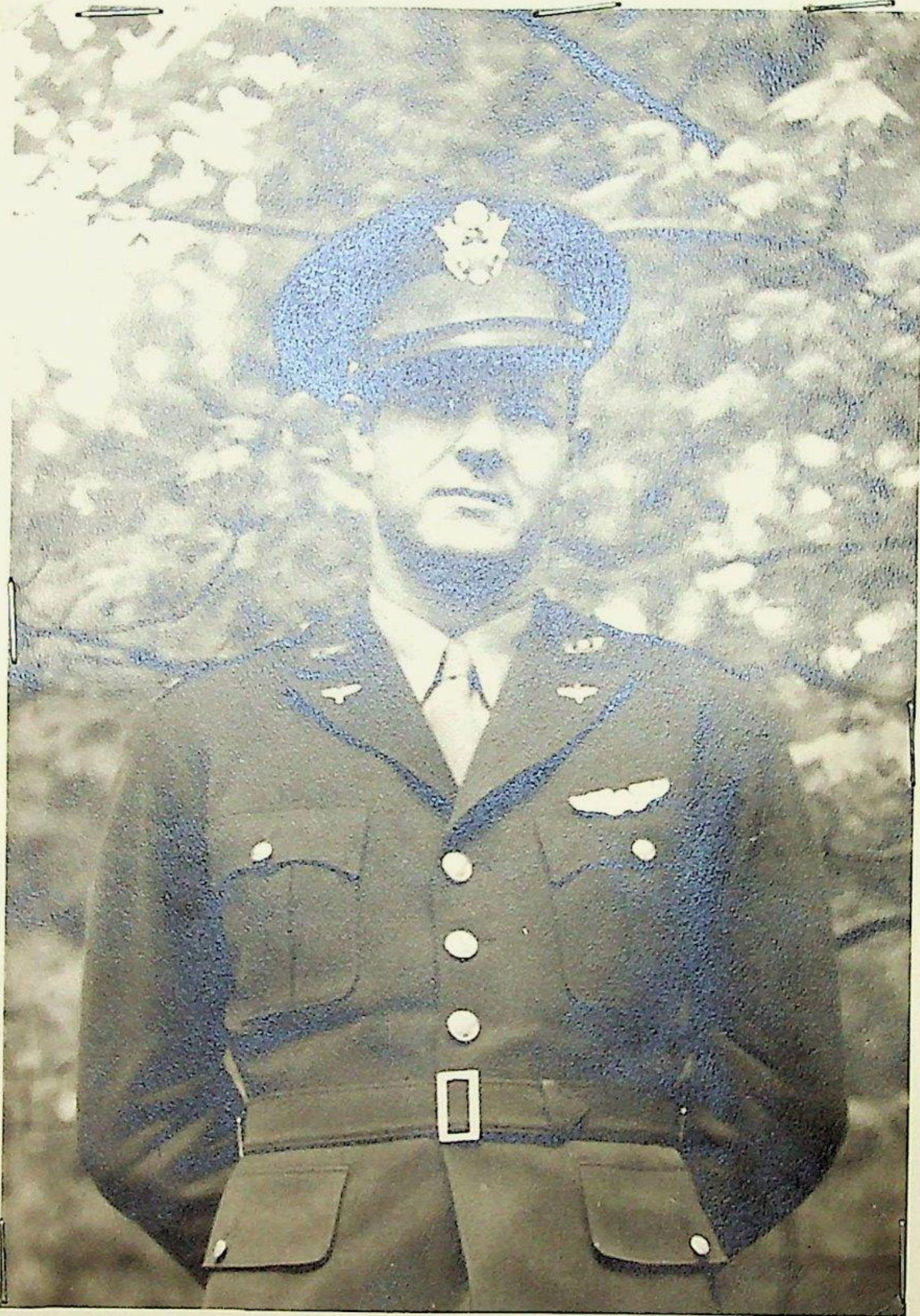
March 23, 1942

Commissioned Captain - Staff Fork Union Military Academy

September 20, 1943

Discharged

November, 1945



LAWRENCE H. McWANE
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Purcell, William Vernon, Junior, born
Drakes Branch, Va., May 28, 1925.

● Son of William J. Purcell and
Ruth Rimer Hatch Purcell.

Grandson of Clara Smith (Mrs. J. H.)
Hatch who has been a member of
Old Dominion Chapter U.D.C. since
1928.

● On Form 50 dated April 10, 1947,
executed in triplicate and sent to
Miss Anne J. Mann, Box 575,
Petersburg, Va., Aug. 21, 1947, additional
data appears, as follows:

His permanent address = Drakes Branch, Va.
His temporary address =

William & Mary College -
St. Helena Ext., Norfolk, Va.

His father's name and address =
William J. Purcell,
Drakes Branch, Va.

His mother's maiden name was
Ruth Rimer Hatch.

● He is the Great Grandson of Captain
John Martin Smith who, in the
War between the States, served in
Company B 14th Virginia Regiment
Cavalry.

Entry into Service = September 30, 1943.
Where inducted = Richmond, Virginia.
Branch of Service = Navy.

Commanding Officer -
A. S. Steele, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.

Name of Ship = USS A. K. 115.

Training received in Bainbridge,
Maryland.

Rank or Rate on entering Service = A/S.

Promotions and Dates of:

S. 2/c November 1943; S. 1/c June 1944.

Service in the United States:

Charleston, S. C., November 1943;

Savannah, Georgia, December 1943;

Mayport, Florida, January 1944;

Jacksonville, Florida, February 1944.

Foreign Service:

Pacific May 1944 to December 1945.

Engagements, Battles & Campaigns:

Hollandia, New Guinea;

Subic Bay; Philippines.

Citations, Decorations, etc.:

American Area, Victory World War II,

Asiatic Pacific Area, Philippine