

Three Men Are *Dec. 29,* Wounded in Action, *1944* One Seriously

Sherman Reed of Newton has received word that his son, William "Billy" Reed, was seriously wounded in France on December 5. He was serving with the Infantry along the French-German border.

Mr. Reed has four other sons in the service, Babe Ruth, Dewey, Roe and Albert. Roe recently was home on a furlough after two years in the Southwest Pacific area.

Wounded in Germany

Private Bernard A. Romack was wounded in action in Germany, December 10, according to a telegram received by his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Romack of Mattoon, formerly of near Falmouth. Mrs. Louise Romack and Mrs. Susie Mendenhall of near Newton are grandparents.

Corporal Harold L. Romack, who is stationed in Italy, recently visited the grave of his cousin, Private Donald Romack, who was killed on the Anzio beachhead, during the early invasion of Italy. Private Donald Romack is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Romack of Bement.

All three boys are cousins of Forrest Romack, who has been missing in action since November 17. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Romack of Rose Hill.

Woodrow Jourdan Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jourdan of Newton are in receipt of a letter from their son, Private John Woodrow Jourdan, stating that he was in a hospital in England recovering from wounds received in France on December 4. He says:

"I am still in bed and will be for a while yet. I was hit in the left shoulder and the right leg. The wounds are painful but not nearly as bad as they could have been. I am thankful it wasn't any worse.

"I received the Purple Heart and am going to send it to Lucille (his wife) as soon as I am able."

Mr. and Mrs. Jourdan have two other sons in the armed services, Sergeant James C. Jourdan in Iran, Mail Specialist Third Class Jesse N. Jourdan in the Navy on the west coast or at sea, while two other sons, Howard and Josiah Jr., have received discharges from the service.