

*June 8, 1945*  
**James H. Kingery, John  
A. Connor and Herman  
Ferguson Are Wounded**

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kingery of Bogota vicinity received word from the War Department, Wednesday, that their son, Private First Class James H. Kingery, was seriously wounded on Okinawa, April 28. He had been slightly wounded during the landings on April 1 and was released from the hospital three days later.

In a letter from Private Kingery, he wrote that he was struck by shrapnel and received a slight eye injury and wounds on the chest and arms. The chest wound entered the lungs that this is the more serious.

**Wounded in Action**

Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Connor of Newton received word from the Navy Department, Thursday morning, that their son, Gunner's Mate First Class John Alex Connor, was wounded in action recently. The message gave no details but said that further word would follow. A similar message was received by his wife at Houston, Texas.

Although the date and extent of his injuries were not given, it is believed that his ship, a destroyer, was damaged off Okinawa, probably in a Japanese suicide attack. He is known to have been in the Western Pacific and most of the recent action in that area for the Navy has been off Okinawa, where many ships have been sunk or damaged.

**Wounded on Luzon**

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Ferguson of Willow Hill have received word from their son, Private First Class Herman "Gene" Ferguson, that he was wounded on Luzon on April 1, his twenty-third birthday. He didn't disclose the extent of his injuries, but said he was burned on the back by an explosion.

He has been in the service since October, 1942, and has served in Hawaii, New Guinea and the Philippines.