

# J. L. Norton, World War 2 Veteran, Dies

(Unavoidably omitted last week)

Jasper Lafayette Norton, 34-year-old Macon County native and veteran of World War II, died May 26 in a veteran's hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held May 29 at the Asbury Methodist church with the Rev. L. C. Stevens officiating. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, chaplain of the local American Legion post. Members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post served as pallbearers.

After his discharge from the army in 1945 Mr. Norton made his home in Texas. He was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed D. Norton, of Otto, at the time of his illness.

Mr. Norton was born July 9, 1916, and he entered service October 13, 1942 at Camp Croft, S. C. He trained at Camp Barkley, Tex. and Fort Dix, N. J. before being sent overseas in March, 1944.

He held the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct medal and the European Theatre of operations ribbon with two battle stars. He participated in the Norway, Luxembourg, and Rhineland campaigns and was wounded July 4, 1944. Hospitalized in England, he returned to duty in December of the same year.

Mr. Norton was married to Miss Betty Palmer, of Athens, Tex., April 28, 1945.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Barbara Sue and Peggy Jean; his parents; two brothers, Cpl. Maurice Norton, of Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex., and Harold Norton, of Otto; a sister, Miss Carol Norton, of Otto; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ellender Bradley, of Otto.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.