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JAP BONES FILL SOLOMONS CAVES

Marine Explores Caverns in Which 1,500 Japs Were Entombed by U. S. Major.

(The following story was written by Marine Gunner Gordon A. Growden, of 623 Village Street, Kalamazoo, Mich., a Marine Corps public relations officer, and distributed by The Associated Press.)

Tanabogo Island, Solomons—(Delayed)—The caves of Tanabogo were opened recently, revealing the horrible end of some 1,500 Japs on this island and on adjoining Gavutu. The entrances were dynamited shut in August, 1942, by Maj. Harry Togeson, USMC, of 25 Clifford Street, Lynbrook, Long Island, New York.

The Japs at that time refused to surrender, and, with the bodies of their comrades piled high in front of them, they continued to rain machine-gun fire from tunnel entrances until entombed.

Seabees Sickened.

The islands, now in the hands of our forces, are being rebuilt. During this work a bulldozer and dragline cutting down the side of a hill broke through into one of the tunnels.

Two members of the Seabee construction battalion entered the shaft. They found it thigh-deep with water, mud, and insect life. They retreated quickly. The air so affected them that they were hospitalized and the entrance was resealed.

I learned of the discovery and went to Tanabogo to visit this Jap purgatory.

A Seabee chief petty officer agreed to open the mouth of the tunnel. Stripped of my shorts and carrying a flashlight, I slid feet first into the shaft.

Just in front of me, draped over a metal drum, were two uniforms encasing bones. Atop the drum, against the wall, were two gaping skulls, the lower jaw bones missing and the upper teeth bared. Perched atop the farthest skull was a red-eyed, Calibau toad, unbelievably large to any one who has not seen these tropical amphibians.

The atmosphere was thick and unbearable; bones turned underfoot; Stygian insects were buzzing around my ears and crawling in my hair; I turned around and hastily crept out into the fresh air.

A plunge in the ocean refreshed me and I arranged to return, properly equipped, for another attempt to reach the caverns beyond.

The next morning, accompanied by a doctor and several spectators, I returned to the island. I was attired in an oil-skin suit and wore rubber hip boots and rubber gloves. Over my face I tied a gauze hospital mask, and I carried a battle light in one hand and a short-tined rake in the other.

Entering the shaft, I pushed in as far as possible, disregarding the objects that bobbed against my legs. Traveling about 30 feet through a passage cut from solid rock, I came to where the walls and roof had been shored by timbers. These had rotted and given way, causing the roof to fall and block further penetration.

More Skulls.

I turned back, working my way slowly, and felt along under the muck with my feet, raising to the surface with my rake any articles I encountered. Floating in my path were more uniforms and bobbing skulls.

I crawled into the open and nearly

W. H. Flowers Dies Following A Collision

W. H. "Billie" Flowers, 70, of Elevation Township, who lived on Route 3 from Four Oaks, died in the Johnston County Hospital late Tuesday afternoon from injuries sustained in a wreck Monday about 6:45 P. M. on Highway 210, ten miles west of Smithfield and about a half mile from his home.

Mr. Flowers was driving a farm tractor with a trailer when a truck loaded with lumber driven by Brooks Holland, 21, of Angier, ran into the trailer in which Hubert Langdon, also of Four Oaks, Route 3, was riding.

Langdon and Flowers were thrown off into the road and both received head injuries. Both were taken to the hospital. Flowers never regained consciousness. Langdon is still in the hospital and his condition is reported fair.

After the collision both vehicles went on down the road, ran off the shoulder and down a small fill, coming to a rest with the truck on top of the tractor with its load intact and the driver still in the truck and unhurt.

Flowers was the father of Miss Annabelle Flowers, who is employed as clerk in the office of Draft Board No. 4 in Selma.

Three Sent To Hospital After Wreck

Three persons received hospital treatment as a result of a truck-automobile collision at a street intersection in Selma on Saturday afternoon.

The driver of the automobile, Luther Stancil of Kenly, Route 2, and his daughter, Lethia, were sent to Johnston County Hospital where they remained overnight, leaving Sunday.

J. Milford Brogden of Goldsboro, the truck driver, received a leg injury and was released from the hospital as soon as the wound was dressed.

Stancil's wife and a son, Pete, escaped from the wreck without serious injury and required no hospital attention.

The accident was investigated by Chief of Police Bradley Pearce.

The truck belonged to R. I. Thornton and company of Goldsboro.

collapsed. I sat on a rock with the intention of giving up my explorations. But, restored by a brief rest, I lowered myself into a second cave. It was penetrable for less than 10 feet. A third entrance was nearly under water. I went on a sit-down strike.

But a short distance away, the fourth opening was of ample dimensions, and I resumed my subterranean prowling. This shaft was wider and higher than the others. There was only a few inches of water on the floor, making inspection relatively simple.

Empty food cans and cooking pots littered the place. There were scores of brown bottles with Jap characters blown in the glass. Shovels lying under skeletons indicated that the users had attempted to dig their way out.

I followed several cross-cuts but all ended abruptly where the shoring began. The cracks in the dome of some of the grottos admitted air. The occupants of this shaft apparently starved to death, instead of suffocating, as most of their companions must have done. I left the shaft gladly, unable to reach the central cavern.

Burns Prove Fatal To Aged Smithfield Woman

Aged Resident of Smithfield Had Vivid Recollections of Bentonville Battle

Smithfield, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Dora Kirkman, 88, widow of Dr. L. E. Kirkman of Smithfield, died at Johnston County Hospital Tuesday from burns sustained at her home with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Jones around 9 a. m.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Methodist Church by her pastor, the Rev. B. H. Houston, assisted by the Rev. C. L. Gillespie, pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirkman was standing by a heater in the dining room when her clothes caught fire, and was fatally burned before the flames could be extinguished. She was rushed to the hospital where she died several hours later.

Mrs. Kirkman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hood of Bentonville, was a child of ten when the famous battle of Bentonville was fought and had vivid recollections of the affair, saying in her old age: "It seems that I can almost hear the groans of the wounded even yet, it was stamped on my mind so forcibly as they were brought to my father's wash shelter and there went through the terrible experience of having their wounded limbs removed without anything to help them to bear the pain."

Mrs. Kirkman could tell many interesting things connected with this battle. She fell in love with Dr. Kirkman, who was her school teacher at Bentonville, and married him when only 16. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Herman Jones and Mrs. C. V. Johnson of Smithfield; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

WAC Recruiter To Be Here This Friday

An official WAC Recruiter will be in Selma, at the postoffice, on Friday, November 19. All women between 20 and 50 who are interested should contact the recruiter on that date.

One of the newest features of the war program is the enlisting of women for the Army Air Corps. Uncle Sam is calling for women recruits in many branches of the armed forces in order to release men for the foreign battlefields, and it is very important that every woman who is interested in joining the WAC do so at this time, as there is now a county-wide campaign on in Johnston county to replace all casualties at the front with WACS on the home front.

See the Recruiter here Friday and she will be glad to give you all necessary details about the matter. She may be able to help you decide what you should do.

Hardy Brothers Give Bonds In Robbery Case

Raymond Hardy, charged with participation in the robbery of Miss Ardella Evans, posted bond in the sum of \$5,000 for his appearance in Johnston County Superior Court on December 13, following a hearing in Smithfield last week.

Thurman Hardy, brother of Raymond Hardy, also charged with having a part in the crime, tendered a bond in the sum of \$3,000, but bond was not accepted, as Judge Williams had required a \$5,000 bond from each defendant. The bonds were signed by a man purported to be one of the wealthiest men in Eastern Carolina.

Edward Edessel Crumpler In Marines

Edward Edessel Crumpler, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Crumpler of Micro, left Wednesday, November 10, for Sheepshead Bay, New York, to receive his basic training for the U. S. Merchant Marines. His wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Chestnut, of Selma, is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Chestnut, of Selma, and is holding a position with C. A. Bailey, undertaker.

Attends Assembly In Raleigh

Miss Dorothy Jean Creech spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Creech, after attending the Seventh Annual Students' Legislative Assembly, which met in Raleigh Friday and Saturday. She was a delegate from E.C.T.C., at Greenville.

Buy War Bonds Today!

Selma Citizens Would Provide Recreational Program For Youth

Selma Family Not Shy Of Friday, The 13th

If you have suspicions about Friday, the 13th, you might be interested to know that Mrs. W. B. Johnson of Selma was born on Friday, the 13th; her son, Willard, was born on Friday, the 13th; Willard's wife was born on Friday, the 13th; Mrs. Willard Johnson also has a brother and a sister who were born on the 13th; the day he went to work for Glen Martin in Baltimore was on Friday, the 13th; the day he applied for his marriage license was on Friday, the 13th; the day he entered State College was on the 13th; the day his mother entered Peace College was on the 13th; the birthdays of the two landladies with whom Willard boarded in Baltimore are the 13th. Will somebody please page Ripley?

GETS SILVER WINGS



The silver wings of the Army Air Forces and a commission as second lieutenant were presented to Herman C. Perry, of Selma, at the graduation exercises at Stuttgart Army Air Field Stuttgart, Arkansas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry, also of Selma.

Selma Goes Over Top In War Fund Drive

The United War Fund committee for Selma township wishes to tender their sincere appreciation to the local citizens for their generous support during the recent drive for funds for this very worthy and very necessary cause. Because of the whole-hearted and universal support given by both white and colored we have proudly gone over the top.

Particularly does your chairman wish to thank each of those who served as solicitors, press representatives; and the treasurer and the various organizations who supported us to the last. While all devoted themselves as wholly as conditions permitted, some were untiring in their devotion and effort towards the cause.

To the vice-chairman, Rudy Howell, appreciation and understanding is offered for his willingness to assume full responsibility and initiative in organizing and conducting these activities in the frequent absences of the chairman. To workers and contributors we say that a truly magnificent job has been done.

HOWARD V. GASKILL,
Chairman.

Prominent Farmer Dies In Glendale Sections

Mr. Larry B. Boyette, 68, prominent farmer of the Glendale section, died at 7 o'clock Monday evening at his home on Kenly, Route 2, following a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 from Old Beulah church, conducted by Elder W. E. Turner of Wilson. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Thompson Boyette; two daughters, Mrs. B. F. Jones of Smithfield, and Mrs. Sam R. Brown of Chapel Hill, a former teacher in the Selma school; one son, L. Worth Boyette of Route 2, Kenly; two brothers, J. L. and S. A. Boyette, Route 2, Kenly; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased.

Deadlines

Washington, Nov. 9.—Director Joseph B. Eastman of the Office of Defense Transportation urges the public to complete its Christmas shopping this month and to make December 10 the deadline for mailing.

Manpower shortages and war strains upon transportation will make it impossible to deliver packages before Christmas, whether by express or parcel post, if the load is concentrated in the few weeks preceding the holiday, he warned.

He suggested that the public cooperate as follows:

- "1. Remember that the best gifts for this wartime Christmas are War Bonds or Stamps.
- "2. If you buy other gifts, do your shopping in November.
- "3. If you send Christmas packages to other cities, send small articles in order to save transportation space.
- "4. Ship all Christmas packages destined to other cities, whether by parcel post or express, as soon as possible and in any case before December 10, if you want them to arrive at their destination before Christmas."

Selma Legionnaires Observe Armistice Day

The Selma Post of the American Legion observed Armistice Day on last Thursday evening with their annual barbecue dinner, which was served in their new Legion Hut here, which proved to be one of the most largely attended celebrations the local post has ever held.

Post Commander Dr. E. N. Booker was toastmaster for the occasion, and did everything in his power to make everyone feel at home and have a good time.

There was barbecue in plenty for everyone present and all the accessories that usually go along with it on similar occasions. A special effort was made to see that no one was overlooked during the meal, and if a second helping was necessary or desired the waiters were right there to give service on short order.

One very interesting part of the program was to have each Legionnaire stand and tell his name and explain where he was and what he was doing at the same hour on November 11, 1918. Quite a number were in the front ranks overseas, while others were still in the United States.

There were several special guests present who were recognized and given an opportunity to have something to say. Among those making short talks were Stanley Armitage, superintendent of the Selma Cotton Mill; David S. Ball, superintendent of the Eastern Manufacturing Company; H. H. Lowry and M. L. Stancil of The Johnstonian-Sun; W. H. Call, chairman of the Local Draft Board; Luther P. Johnson, member of the local school board, and perhaps others. M. L. Stancil read a poem on "Armistice Day" which he had composed especially for the occasion, and which is being published on page eight of this issue of The Johnstonian-Sun at the special request of the Post.

Selma Kiwanians Hear Smithfield Attorney

The Selma Kiwanis club had as its guest speaker on last Thursday evening Attorney W. H. Lyon, of Smithfield, who made a very interesting address, just as all of his utterances are apt to be, since Mr. Lyon is a man who does not do much talking unless he has something to say that is worthwhile. He was introduced by Program Chairman D. M. Clemmons, who paid his respects to the speaker in a most complimentary manner.

In the absence of President Howard Gaskill, Vice President M. L. Stancil presided. The attendance prize, given by Kiwanian Bradley Pearce, went to the Kiwanis Sponsor, Mrs. D. M. Clemmons.

Rev. Mr. Blount Will Preach Sunday

The Rev. Mr. George W. Blount, pastor of the Selma Methodist church, will preach on next Sunday morning and evening. His morning subject will be "The Necessity of Seeing." Sunday school at 9:45 and Youth Fellowship at 6:45. The public is invited to all services.

Selma Group Discuss Need For Better Recreational Facilities For Young People As A Means To Reduce Delinquency.

At a representative meeting of the civic, political, and religious organizations of the Town of Selma held in the town clerk's office, in conjunction with the Board of Town Commissioners on Tuesday night, November 9, 1943, the matter of school attendance and child delinquency was given a free and open discussion.

Among the local organizations represented were: The Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Free Will Baptist churches, and the Church of God; the Selma Kiwanis Club, the Senior Woman's Club, the American Legion, the County Board of Public Welfare, the County Board of Education, the Town Board, the local school faculty, the Police Department, and the local newspaper.

It was called to the attention of the group that the Town of Selma provides no adequate recreational facilities for its young people and that there is a possibility that the community has been contributing to the delinquency of its young people by not making such provisions for them. It is a known fact that recreation, like education, benefits all people, and that municipal recreation makes possible participation on a democratic inclusive basis. Experience has demonstrated that it is good economy for a town to spend public funds for recreation; in fact, that it cannot afford NOT to provide recreational opportunities for its residents.

With this idea in mind, the group was of one accord in recommending that immediate steps be taken to arouse more interest in this community obligation, and request that proper authorities take some definite action in providing proper recreational facilities for young people of this community. It was suggested that an indoor recreation hall might be properly equipped for the use of the entire community and that inexpensive outdoor games could be arranged for and planned by an experienced person in the field of recreation. The problem of prime importance which faced the group was how and where to get a full-time recreational supervisor for the community who could plan and supervise the recreational activities.

The entire group recommended the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The problem of juvenile delinquency in the Town of Selma has reached such proportions to cause grave concern by the community at large and,

WHEREAS, It is a known and accepted fact that many boys and girls loaf about the streets of Selma and are tempted to idle away many hours in undesirable surroundings and become involved in difficulty with society and the law, and

WHEREAS, The community makes no provision to establish suitable and acceptable means of supervised recreation for these idle young people and makes no effort to encourage their proper association and healthful play with others by failing to provide proper supervised recreation, and

WHEREAS, It is considered good economy for a town to spend public funds for recreation and cannot afford NOT to provide recreational opportunities for its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it hereby resolved, That this group go on record as urging the civic, religious, and political organizations of the Town of Selma to make suitable provision for the recreation of Selma's young people under trained supervision and that this program be inaugurated and made to function at the earliest possible date.

Done this 9th day of November, 1943.

H. V. GASKILL, Chairman
Resolutions Committee.

Ensign Jack Diehl Is Transferred

Ensign Jack Diehl of the Naval Air Corps, has been transferred from Norfolk, Va., to Quonset Point, R. I. Ensign Diehl spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Diehl.

The Rev. Mr. Blount has been suffering from a throat ailment for several days, but is much better his friends will be glad to learn.