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## "Bo" Browder Spent Busy Summer Chasing Jerries

The following interesting letter is from Pfc. H. M. "Bo" Browder to his sister, Miss Miriam Browder, and tells of some of his experiences during the past summer fighting the Germans thru France. His complete address is given at the bottom of this letter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Browder of Weldon.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1944

Dear Sister: Was very glad to hear from you and to know you were getting along just fine with your work. I was a college fellow once and I know the time you have for writing and etc., so I won't expect it of you.

So Joe is on the move. Well I hate to see fellows head this way, but I suppose we will need them. I wish him luck at any rate.

It was revealed in the Baltimore Sun that our Division did so and so, so I'll try to convey part of it to you. Here goes briefly: Our Regiment, the 313th Infantry was the first to enter Cherbourg. From there we tangled with the Jerries in and around La Haye du Puits. At the St. Lo breakthrough we drove to Granville and Coutances. From there we spearheaded drives to Avaranches, Laval, Le Prais and finally helping to close the Falaise Gap, which trapped many thousand Germans. We stayed there a short time and took off in the direction of Paris. Instead of going to Paris as was planned, we ran Hitler's bicycle boys across the Seine about 25 miles above Paris. Our Regiment crossing on a foot bridge late one rainy night. The trucks and etc. were ferried across the next morning. By the way we were the first G I's to cross the Seine at any place. After a hot little battle we put them on the run again, this time moving all the way to Belgium. On this move we liberated many towns and villages. We were also the first G I's to cross the Belgium border. Sis that is about as far as the Sun went, so I can't go any further at the present. That will give you some idea of the lively summer we had I hope. When I get home I'll give you a more vivid description.

Sis I don't need a thing so don't worry about sending me anything. I'm still O. K. and have no worries in the world. Maybe we can knock these Jerries off by April. Hope so anyway. Give your roommate Gene my regards and tell Sallie to write. I'll do my best to answer. Be sweet honey and write when you can. Be seeing you.

Love always, "BO"

P. S.—We have received one Battle Participation Star, and have two more coming. Incidental 3 is all any ground outfit could have gotten since D-Day.

Pfc. H. M. Browder, Jr. 14148054 Cannon Company, 313 Inf. A.P.O. 79, Cr. P. M. New York, N. Y.

**Basketball Will Be Played Tuesday Night**  
The Weldon High School Basketball teams will play the teams from Scotland Neck here at the Gym Tuesday night.  
The local teams will be looking for their second wins of the season. The boys defeated Jackson last Friday by the score of 53 to 13, while the girls won over the Jackson girls by a score of 26 to 6.

**Soldier From Weldon Wounded In Belgium**  
Weldon, Dec. 13.—Pfc. Raymond R. Dickens, 23, son of Mrs. C. H. Dickens of Weldon, was wounded seriously in action in Belgium on October 25, according to information received by his mother from the War Department. He entered service in November, 1942, and was sent overseas this year.

**MISSING**  
A message was received last Friday by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thorne of Weldon from the War Department stating that their son J. P. "Jack" Thorne, Jr., is missing in action on the Western Front in Holland.

**Farmer, 91, Cuts Pulpwood**  
Tom Linkwiler, Clifton Forge, Va., farmer, is 91 years old but he can still swing an axe and use a saw to perfection. Linkwiler has 50 acres of timberland on his 100-acre farm and pulpwood is part of his farm income. "If a fellow has just one slack day it don't hurt for him to work in his timber," says Tom.

**Levy Overton Opens New Store Here**  
Levy Overton of Enfield, former manager of the Levon Theatre here, is again operating a place of business in Weldon. He has opened a jewelry and gift store next to Weldon Drug Company, known as Overton's Jewelry Gift Shop.

Mr. Overton's made a wide circle of friends when he was in the theatre business here and they are glad to have him back here in Weldon. Mrs. R. S. Fountain of Weldon is employed regularly at the store and invites her friends to pay them a visit.

## Twelve-Year-Old Boy Out To Break Record; Sold \$373,300 In Three Previous Campaigns



Twelve-year-old Carl J. Buehler, Jr. is out to break his previous record of bond sales. With the six high school girls shown in the picture he is making the round of New Jersey theatres, community rallies and schools during the Sixth War Loan.

NEWARK, N. J.—With War Bond sales totaling \$373,300 to his credit in three previous drives, 12-year-old Carl J. Buehler, Jr., of Verona, N. J., is out to break his previous record during the Sixth War Loan. Accompanied by six attractive high school girls, whom he terms his "Bevy of Bond Boosters," Carl has started a round of schools, clubs, industries, and community bond rallies, which will keep him busy throughout the drive.

The boy, who is believed to be America's champion school War Bond salesman, is a student at Our Lady of the Lake School in Verona. He started selling War Bonds during the Third War Loan and totaled \$5,450 in sales. During the Fourth War Loan he sold \$89,450 worth and during the Fifth \$278,400. His achievements have brought him a personal letter of commendation from President Roosevelt, a jeep ride and a plane ride in the famed flying fortress, "Hell's Angels," which won 18 German fighter planes in 48 missions over occupied Europe.

Equally at home in a factory or a radio station Carl is known as "The Kid Behind the Man Behind the Gun" and "America's Premier Young War Bond Salesman." The six high school girls who are accompanying him on the present tour of New Jersey circulate through the audiences and make actual sales after Carl finishes one of his appealing sales talks.

## Organize For 1945 Polio Fund Drive

The following appointments have been made for the 1945 Infantile Paralysis Drive in Halifax County.

D. E. Bennett, County Chairman.  
Mrs. George Wood, County Chairman of Womans Division.  
T. B. Glover, City Chairman of Roanoke Rapids.  
C. S. Alexander, City Chairman of Scotland Neck.  
L. C. Barrow, City Chairman of Weldon.  
Frank Pittman, City Chairman of Enfield.  
Mrs. F. W. M. White, City Chairman of Halifax.  
E. L. Crawley, City Chairman of Littleton.

Organizations are being set up in each town for a successful drive. During December the Special Gift Campaign will be in process then the regular drive will take place the last two weeks in January.

Our N. C. State Representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis gave County Chairman Bennett the following information concerning last summer's epidemic. Quota:

During the past summer North Carolina experienced the worst infantile paralysis epidemic in its history, with slightly more than eight hundred cases reported up to this time. The local Chapters throughout the State met this situation most magnificently in their response to an appeal made by the North Carolina Emergency Fund. Each County Chapter was asked to pool at least fifty per cent of their accumulated funds into this Emergency Fund and a total of \$49,278.71 was contributed. Supplementing this amount, The National Foundation made a grant to the North Carolina Polio Fund of \$329,474.17, making it possible for all patients needing hospitalization, with no discrimination being made as to race, color or creed, to receive the best in medical care, at no cost whatsoever to the patient. The cost of treatment per patient average, \$12.00 per day.

As a result of the early hospitalization and treatment of these patients, the death rate during this epidemic is 3.4 per cent, the lowest ever recorded during an epidemic of infantile paralysis. At present the percentage of patients showing involvement is a little less than 20 per cent and a great many of these will clear up entirely with the proper follow up care after being discharged from the hospital. So, you can readily see why it is necessary that the treasuries of the local Chapters be sufficiently replenished in order that they may be in position to finance the necessary follow up treatment of these children."

**Wins Paratrooper Wings**  
Pvt. Howard L. Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Massey of Seaboard has recently received his wings in the Paratroopers Division of the United States Army Air Force in England. He has been overseas six months.

Pvt. Massey received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas and Fort Meade, Md. He is a graduate of Seaboard High School.

**On Leave From Overseas**  
Pfc. Fred Twiford, who has been overseas for more than a year is spending a leave with friends here. He was wounded in action and still wears a cast on his arm.

## 1st. Sgt. Taylor Oakes Writes Of Overseas Travel

**Keeter Gets Battlefield Promotion**

Carl Keeter, son of Mrs. George Keeter of Weldon, has recently been promoted on the battlefield from S-Sgt. to second lieutenant for leadership ability and bravery. Lt. Keeter has been overseas for more than a year and received a citation for bravery in action on D-Day.

**Recapped And Used Tires Off Ration List**

The OPA announced this week that all Grade 3 recapped and used tires had been removed from the ration list. The order became effective December 5, after which no certificate is required to purchase these tires.

**Wac In Europe**

An Air Transport Command Base in Great Britain-Private Vivian R. Marks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Marks of Littleton, North Carolina, is now serving in the European theater of operations. She is a member of the European division of the Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Forces, commanded by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag.

As the transatlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Europe, the ATC's European division operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, carrying important passengers, vital war cargo, the all-important soldiers mail and returning wounded American soldiers to the United States. Private Marks enlisted in the Women's Army Corps 26th February, 1944.

**Roanoke River Flood Control Bill Passes**

Scotland Neck, N. C.—The Omnibus Flood Control bill, carrying with it a measure to provide flood control on the Roanoke River, passed the United States Senate Saturday and was sent to a Senate-House conference committee to iron out differences between the bills of the two bodies. It was expected that this would be done quickly, and the measure would go to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

The passage of the Roanoke river flood control bill is a personal triumph for Congressman John H. Kerr who originated the legislation years ago, and worked with members of Congress from Virginia—where the Roanoke rises as the Dan and Staunton—to secure its adoption in the lower house of Congress. The bill likewise received the hearty support of Senator J. W. Bailey in the Senate when it came up there for action.

The bill carries an initial appropriation of \$36,140,000 for two dams and water reservoirs on the Roanoke River, the work to be started at the close of the war. In the meantime the measure empowers the Army engineers to take all initial steps so that construction will not be delayed when the war ends.

The appropriation for the work must be set up and approved by the sub-committee of the House Appropriations committee. In this again this area is fortunate, since Congressman John H. Kerr is a member of this committee, and in a position to protect the projects interests.

**Cholera Serum Carried Overseas**

Raleigh, December 12th—North Carolina is not alone in its troubles with hog cholera, for soldiers in Italy are now fighting outbreaks of this disease, Dr. William Moore, head of the N. C. Department of Agriculture Veterinary Division, reported recently.

"Methods used in combatting cholera in this State are now being employed in several regions of Italy," said Dr. Moore in reporting that hog cholera serum and virus have recently been carried from America to Italy by plane.

A modern serum and virus is now being set up on the outskirts of Rome, and soon this plant will start producing immunizing agents for use on the hog population throughout Italy.

1st. Sgt. Taylor Oakes son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oakes, Jr., of Weldon, recently wrote the following letter telling of some of the interesting places he has visited since he left this country for overseas duty. He was located at the time of writing in Belgium and his mailing address follows:

1st. Sgt. Luther T. Oakes 34454845 Hq. and Hq. Sq. 32nd Sev. Gp. A. P. O. 149, Cr. Postmaster New York, N. Y.

Nov. 22, 1944  
Dear Mama and Daddy,

Today is my birthday and instead of going out to celebrate, I thought I would drop you a line. You will perhaps be interested in where I was in England, and some of my experiences in getting there.

As you have probably guessed I was in New York for 19 days prior to sailing for overseas. My first night there was New Years Eve and I managed to get a pass. I spent it on Times Square and some of the experiences my buddy and I still talk about.

We sailed out of Staten Island on January 14th and were on the sea for 14 days. It was the largest convoy that had ever come over until then. I do not know until now how many ships there were, but I do know that there were ships in all 4 directions as far as days we spent heading back for I could see. For 2 days we were on "submarine alert" and 2 other the states to avoid a pack that had been spotted.

On January 30th we sailed up the Clyde River and into Glasgow, Scotland. I had read of it before, I can truthfully say that Glasgow is the largest shipbuilding center in the world. On the Clyde river for miles and miles there were no things but shipyards.

We left Glasgow and that was the last we saw of Scotland, we moved to Zeals, Wilt's a little town in South Central England. It is near Salisbury and Bath both of which I visited. There were things of historical interest in all these towns. We were at Zeals from February 1st until March 11th when we moved to Ashford Kent. Ashford is 17 miles from Canterbury, 20 miles from Folkestone and 25 miles from Dover, also 90 miles from London. All of these places I visited.

On a clear day one could go to Dover and look through a pair of field glasses and see the Germans walking guard duty on the French Coast. That place was shelled nearly to pieces. And you can take it from me the cliffs of Dover are not white.

In Zeals we lived in barracks. In Ashford I got my first taste of living in the woods and under a tent. But I liked it and I wish I was back there now. I got a letter from Al today. He is homesick, but he will get over that. I hope he will not have to be away from home as long as I have.

Love, TAYLOR.

**Lion's Club Meets**

The Weldon Lion's Club held their regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Weldon Hotel.

Ray Finley, soloist and Miss Manning, pianist, members of the Roanoke Rapids High School Music faculty gave a program of special music. Miss Gladys Paulson representative of the State Blind Committee, was the speaker of the evening. Miss Paulson does work among the blind of six counties including Halifax County. She gave a most interesting talk on her work and told something of the Braille system of reading. She also complimented the local club on its work among the underprivileged children and on its assistance to the blind.

D. R. (Len) Medlin S 2-c, who is on leave from Naval duty overseas, was a guest of the club.

Following the regular meeting the directors met and formulated plans for the annual Christmas party given by the club for the underprivileged children.

Mrs. C. G. Conwell was called to Petersburg this week on account of the death of her brother.