

MYSTERY VEILS SKELETON CASE

"Nothing new has developed in the case," Tom Creekmore, director of the State Bureau of Identification, reported yesterday concerning the unidentified skeleton found near Camp Davis over a year ago.

The case precipitated much interest throughout the state in the months following as clues to the skeleton's possible identity were offered.

"We still have the skeleton here at the bureau, and we are hoping for new developments, but there have been no additional information received in several months," he declared.

The skeleton in question was turned over to the SBI by the New Hanover county sheriff's department May 6, 1942. It had been found in a field near Camp Davis, and the person to whom it belonged was thought to have been dead for eight months.

The complete skeleton was found above the ground. There were no shoes, clothes, buttons or other personal effects near. A small quantity of auburn hair was discovered nearby, and was of sufficient length and texture to indicate that it belonged to a woman. Examination of the bones revealed no signs of foul play; however, it was argued that the individual could have been murdered or died from causes that would not be reflected in the bones.

Doctors who examined the skeleton stated that it was that of a woman, between 20 and 30 years old.

Mrs. G. P. Curry of Boston, Mass., plastic surgeon, reconstructed the skull and pictures of the plastic head were subsequently made and distributed in an effort to hasten identification.

Attempt was made to associate the skeleton case with the disappearance of a woman from a cabin in the Maffitt Village area about November, 1942, the time when the person to whom the skeleton belonged was thought to have died. However clues proved fruitless, and law enforcement authorities apparently abandoned the idea that the two cases were connected.

DRAFT BOARD SENDS 30 TO FORT BRAGG

Thirty white men will leave from City Draft Board No. 1 at 7:30 a. m. today for Fort Bragg for induction into the armed forces.

They are: Marion Thomas Mason, George Richard Ayash, Drew Jefferson Bridges, Arthur Bascom Ramsey, Joseph Herbert East, Jr., Martin John Oglesby, James Frank Gibson, Carl Watson, Alvin Homer Johnson, William Benjamin Beery, III, Robert Reynolds Jernigan, Alexander Lewis, William Alexander Morton, Robert Bruce Herring, Leon Pinkney Blackmon, Jr., Thomas Edison West, Fred Millard Dail, Daniel Sinclair Jones, George Johnson, Joseph Allen Johnson, James DeWitt Snow, Charles Edward Sasser, and Willie Blackwell.

Transferred men from other boards are: Uria James Heath, Berent Louis Vangness, Guy Oliver Peterson, James Millard Jackson, Enniss Murrell Crockett, Spurgeon Paul Edwards, Laurie Frank Smith.

EMPLOYERS DEMAND POSTWAR SECURITY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers argued today at a War Labor Board hearing that a postwar security fund for General Motors employees equal to the fund set aside by the corporation for postwar contingencies was necessary for high worker morale now.

Walter P. Reuther, director of the union's General Motors department, asserted the union proposes that employees who are on the seniority list and those returning from the armed services for whom the corporation cannot provide at least 40 hours work per week shall be paid and allowance from the security fund to supplement their unemployment compensation. The two items of income would equal 40 hours pay.

Reuther contended that the corporation was assured of a postwar cushion by rebates from the federal treasury. He said that if General Motors broke even on its operations in the first postwar year it would get a rebate of \$102,000,000 from the United States treasury.

Alabama Heroine



Lieut. Kathleen R. Dial (above) of Florence, Ala., recovering at a hospital at Hamilton Field, Calif., from injuries received in a South Pacific plane crash, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, highest award ever given a woman in uniform. She won it for her work in caring for 18 patients when a flying ambulance crashed off Port Moresby, New Guinea. A veteran of 150 air evacuation missions, the army nurse spent 17 months in the South Pacific.

Hurricane Destroyed Jamaica Banana Crop

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The banana crop on Jamaica has been almost completely destroyed and great loss has been suffered in coconut and other food crops in the hurricane which devastated the island during the week-end. Communication lines are still down, but meagre reports reaching here tell of widespread destruction.

With The AEF

Anzio Was Never Like This

By KENNETH L. DIXON WITH THE AEF IN SOUTH-ERN FRANCE, Aug. 17—Delayed—Even at the risk of being called a debunker, comes now the time to tell the public that this is no beachhead. It's a full-fledged front—and then some.

Comparing this with Anzio, for instance, is like comparing the Podunk Center gymnasium with Madison Square Garden.

The first big difference is seen from the sea, where the whole coastline is dotted with shipping. There are more than 800 big naval vessels, to say nothing of countless small landing craft, ducks, PT boats, tugs and so on.

From this invasion armada supplies and troops are being landed all along a 50-mile stretch of the Riviera. At Anzio you could stand at one spot and meet every soul who came ashore.

Riding a PT boat it took us nearly an hour to find the particular beach where we were supposed to land, and we put in at the wrong place several times. At Anzio there was no such trouble; everybody ran the same gauntlet through "Bomb Bay" in order to reach the tiny Nettuno docks.

Once ashore the difference becomes far more marked. Here you can ride half the day along the coast without getting shot at, even by enemy artillery.

By way of contrast it will be recalled by the citizens who were there, that at Anzio you got blasted by German big guns before you ever got off the boat. And until the day the Anzio beachhead burst its bonds to overflow on to Rome, there never was a time when you were out of range of those guns. And there never was a time when you could drive more than 30 minutes in any

direction without running into rifle fire.

What's more, any time you looked up from that open road you realized the Germans were looking down on you from the Alban hills. Here we already control the heights many miles inland—only the doughboys look down on the Riviera drive. It's a wonderful feeling.

There are a hundred such little differences between this and any other beachhead the soldiers have known in North Africa, Sicily and Italy; air superiority such that when ack-ack guns begin banging you look only for protection against falling flak—with few exceptions. At Anzio you always looked for protection from bombs.

The first week at Anzio you ate whatever you could get and you were doggone glad to get it. This is D-Day plus 2 here and hot meals are being served three times daily but already everybody's griping about the "lousy chow."

Countless rear echelon outfits that never did get to Anzio already are buzzing up and down the roads along the Riviera.

The final proof comes from the correspondents who, in any invasion, draw lots to see who gets to go in first, because the Army is too busy in the early stages to be bothered with food and quarters for too many newsmen.

During the rough days at Anzio the atmosphere was so tense that, regardless of his official status, any incoming reporter was greeted with shouts and a general gladhand from even his most cutthroat competitor.

But here on the Riviera front things are going so well that any reporter arriving before he is expected gets glowering looks from his contemporaries and he'd better be sure he's properly assigned to some particular outfit or back he goes to Italy in nothing flat.

Nope, boys and girls, this ain't no beachhead.

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ARMY SERGEANT SLAIN IN ERROR

WHITEVILLE, Aug. 22.—Sgt. Charles K. Baldwin, son of C. W. Baldwin of Clarkton and brother of Leslie Baldwin, Whiteville photographer, was accidentally shot and killed by an American paratrooper, who mistook him for a German in the pre-dawn darkness of June 14 near the French town of Bauputu, according to information contained in a letter to his brother here from Edward Bullard of Chadbourne, who along with Baldwin, jumped onto France D-Day.

The letter revealed that at the time of his death Sergeant Baldwin was trying to locate members of his squad who had been scattered when they had been attacked by "about forty Germans" approaching a road block which Baldwin

and his men had set up guarding one of the approaches to Bauputu. Twenty-four hours before, they had taken Bauputu after driving out "about 400 Germans" and Baldwin's squad, according to Bullard, was one of several sent out by the battalion to set up road blocks. "Baldwin kept a boy with him", Bullard wrote, "and after the Germans turned around he tried to locate his boy. He was walking down the road and a boy from

another company took him for a German and shot him. It was still not day good and all was excited. It was an accident that occurs in combat which is hard to think about. . . We lost several boys. I hated to see anyone get killed but worse than anyone I hated to see Baldwin".

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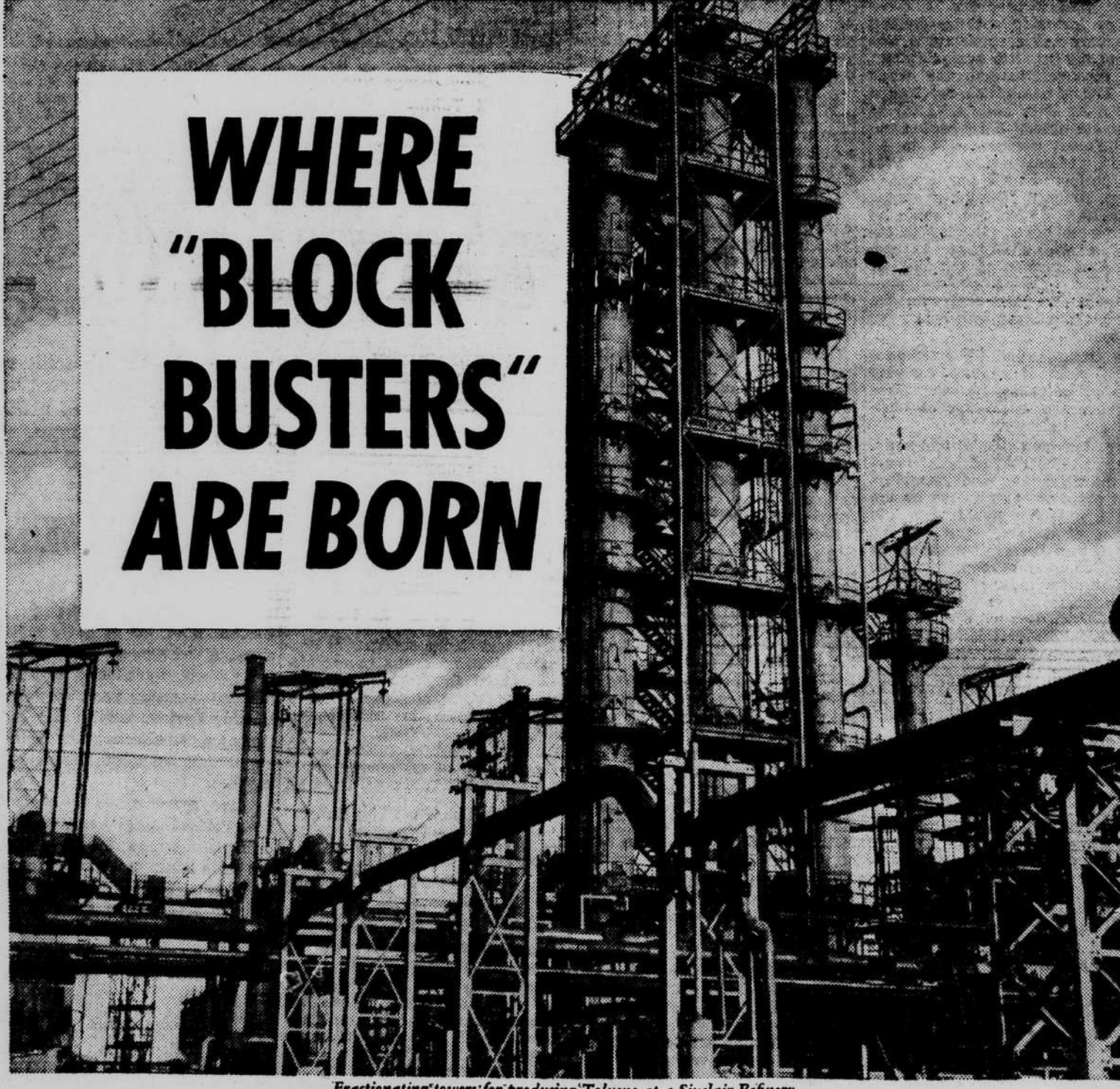
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