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TRYON SOLDIER KNOCKS OUT SEVEN TANKS

With the 101st Airborne Division in Belgium.—On January 3rd, near Longchamps, Belgium, the Germans launched an attack against the battalion sector of a parachute regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. During the course of the engagement Corporal Edward E. Ford, of Tryon, N. C., was responsible for knocking out seven tanks with anti-tank and bazooka fire.

Cpl. Ford was at a rear command patrol when word came through that 14 German tanks had been sighted in his area. Manning his 57mm anti-tank gun he covered the enemy advance, and commenced firing at a range of 600 yards. As the tanks approached they had kept up a constant stream of machine gun tracer fire in the vicinity of Cpl. Ford's position.

All surrounding buildings and haystacks were on fire. Smoke combined with the low overhanging fog made targets hazy. Selecting first one tank and then another Cpl. Ford fired away until his gun ran out of ammunition. Grabbing a nearby bazooka he continued to fire this weapon until its ammunition was also exhausted.

The 81st battalion commander, Lieut.-Col. X. B. Cox, of San Antonio, Texas, rates Cpl. Ford as

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F. M. Burgess, Civic Leader Died Sunday Afternoon

Frank M. Burgess, age 75, prominent civic leader of Columbus, passed away Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at the home of his son, Attorney John R. Burgess.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Columbus Presbyterian church with the pastor, Rev. T. P. Horger, of Tryon, and former pastor, Rev. D. M. McGeachy of Bessemer City, officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Burgess came to Columbus when a young man to help build Mimosa Inn and Skyuka Hotel. Soon after coming to this section of the county he took a leading part in civic affairs. He was a deacon in the Columbus Presbyterian church for 50 years. He served on the Stearns school board for 40 years. He was register of deeds for the county for 20 years; county auditor for two years, and active in other civic affairs.

He was married 50 years ago to Miss Mettie McFarland, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McFarland. She died about nine years ago. He is survived by two sons and two daughters as follows: W. A. Burgess of Columbus and Salisbury; John R. Burgess, mayor of Columbus, with whom he lived; Miss Marie Burgess of Brevard High School faculty; Mrs. Leonard B. Barber of Hendersonville; one sister, Mrs. Celia Dalton of Mill Spring; and four grandsons.

The Jeff L. Nelson Masonic Lodge meets tonight at 8 o'clock over Missildine's. "All visiting Masons invited," says R. H. Brady, secretary.