

### Robert Owen Awarded Combat Badge In Vietnam Fighting

DUC PHO, VIETNAM — Army Specialist Four Robert L. Owen, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis E. Owen, 11 Washington Ave., Brevard, recently received the combat infantryman badge near Duc Pho, Vietnam.

The badge is a unique and cherished award that is highly coveted by its recipients. The award was originated during World War II to recognize the role of the infantry. It can be awarded only to a member of an infantry unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size unit who satisfactorily performed in active ground combat against a hostile force for a period of time.

In honor of its singular meaning, the badge is worn above all other awards and decorations, over the left breast. It is a blue rectangle with a silver rifle mounted on it, superimposed over a curved wreath. Subsequent awards are represented by stars at the top center of the wreath.

Spec. Owen received the award while assigned as a rifleman in Company C, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry of the Americal Division's 11th

### Last Rites For Major Davis Held Tuesday

Major (USA Ret.) Clyde M. Davis, 55, died unexpectedly Sunday morning at the home of a brother, James A. Davis of Brevard.

He was a native of Union County, S. C. and a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the VFW, Hedrick Rhodes Post No. 5206, the American Legion, Hubert M. Smith Post No. 77, and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving in addition to the brother above, are two other brothers, Carl L. and Dewey F. Davis, both of Union, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. William Crosby of Charleston, S. C. and Mrs. James McAbee of Union, S. C.

Services were held Tuesday in Thomas Shepherd Memorial Chapel with Mr. Kenneth Willis officiating. Burial was in Union Memorial Gardens, Union, S. C. with full military rites.

A new law removed the "inability to pay" requirement for all veterans 65 years of age or older having war or peacetime service, and for veterans who receive VA pensions.

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### Dr. Elwell Participates In "Unique Program", Chapel Hill

A Brevard physician is the most recent participant in the unique "Continuing Education in International Medicine" program in operation at all three North Carolina medical schools.

Alfred M. Elwell, M.D., spent two weeks at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, "on sabbatical" from his daily practice. He is one of 26 internists who have participated in the program over a two-year period.

During the two-to-four-week sabbatical, a participating physician may accompany residents on rounds, visit clinics, join

Funded by the North Carolina Regional Medical Program, the project is designed to help

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