

Citizen Of Nijmegen Touring Bragg Recalls 82nd's Attack On Bridge

Pieter J. Tromp, 35, whose home town was the scene of the famous World War II attack on the bridges at Nijmegen, Holland, by the 82nd Airborne Division on Monday toured the 82nd's own home town—Fort Bragg.

Tromp was 15 years old when the 82nd's paratroopers jumped near the bridges of Grave on the Maas River and Nijmegen on the Waal. It took three days to take

the Nijmegen bridge from entrenched German SS troops and paratroopers.

"We were attending Mass when American planes were sighted approaching the coast," Tromp said, "and the priest sent us all home." There had already been one other raid alarm that morning, when American bombers smashed the local electric power plant.

Everyone went home, and Tromp recalls friends and relatives coming by the houses telling of rumors that American paratroopers were landing. Hearing aircraft, the Tromps climbed to the roof of their house, which set on a hill on the outskirts of Nijmegen, and from there they saw American paratroopers jumping.

The Tromp residence was in the line of fire as American and German forces battled for control of the town, and the Americans evacuated them to a small village outside of Nijmegen. A seminary in the village had been converted to a hospital and Tromp helped transport wounded and dead American soldiers for the duration of the battle.

Tromp had a grand time Monday, at the 82nd's museum, where numerous mementoes of the Nijmegen operation are kept. He also liked the demonstration by the 82nd's tactical free fall team. The team jumped from an altitude of 12,500 feet and passed a baton between the team members five times before opening their parachutes. After the demonstration, the team gave Tromp the baton.

Later in the day Maj. Gen. Robert H. York, commander of the 82nd, presented Tromp with an official visitor's book.

Tromp came to the United States in 1957, when he set up an importing business in Chicago. Deciding recently to return to Nijmegen and accept a partnership in his father's furniture firm, he resolved to visit Fort Bragg before his departure.

PINEBLUFF NEWS & PERSONALS

MRS. EHRMAN PICKLER S/Sgt. and Mrs. C. Richard Sykes and children have returned to Scandia Base Alberquerque, N. M., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Troutman.

Bob McMaster and children, Johnny and Bobbie, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Abrams of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Ernest Coward and Mr. Coward.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Manning and children, Becky, Bernie and Sandra of Rocky Mount spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins and brother, Earl Collins, and Mrs. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams and granddaughter, Marsha Carpenter, went to Bennettsville for the weekend with Mrs. Williams' aunt, Miss Maggie Usher.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kohler and children of Oak Ridge, Tenn. spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Robert Kohler.

Mrs. Royce Anderson and children, Ronnie and Karen of Matthews, are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lamplsey.

Mrs. Gorry Kilpatrick of Atlanta, Ga. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas David.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Adams and children, Bill and Deborah, of Greensboro, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Adams, Sr. and brother, Joseph W. Adams, and Mrs. Adams.

Sunday guests of Mrs. W. R. Griffin included Mr. and Mrs. Grey Bole Hooks and daughter, Miss Katherine Hooks of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin of Lemon Springs; Miss Dorina Gibson of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Thomas of Swans Station; Mrs. David Morris of Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelly of Sanford.

Mrs. James Gannaway and son have returned to their home in Nesbit, Miss., after a visit with her father, K. G. Deaton.

Marian Sessoms and children, Marion and Michael, of Charlotte, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sessoms. Marion remained for a visit with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carrington, Jr. and children Robert III, Elizabeth and Katherine and Carol Echert, of Raleigh, were guests Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Jessie Carrington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyler Brooks and children of Savannah, Ga., visited his mother, Mrs. Katherine Elssesser several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adams and granddaughters, Frances and Mildred Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Olive and children, Robbie and Billy all of Raleigh, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Carpenter, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morgan of Raleigh were weekend guests of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles English and son Phillip of Lineville spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kunce.

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"Hurricane Alert"- Help From CD Office

With the hurricane season coming on—from about now until the middle of October—from the Moore County Office of Civil Defense comes information on hurricane precautions. Col. A. M. Koster, county CD director, passes on the following from the State CD Bulletin:

According to the Weather Bureau, the probability that we may have to cope with hurricane disaster this year is considerable—since it has been several seasons since any of these devastating storms have crossed our coastline to wreck inland havoc.

Bureau officials warn that any person who lives less than 300 miles from the Atlantic Ocean may some time find himself in the path of a hurricane—which applies to more than half the people of our State. So, residents and vacationers alike all need to be familiar with the simple precautions outlined below:

Before the storm—have the gas tank of your car filled, and the battery and tires checked. Draw a supply of drinking water from the tap, and stock up on food that needs no cooking or refrigeration. Have on hand a flashlight, battery-operated radio, and first-

aid kit. Store all loose objects, and board up or tape up windows. If you're in a low area that might be flooded, get out.

During the storm—stay indoors. Don't be fooled when the calm "eye" of the storm passes over, as winds of the storm soon will resume from the opposite direction. Listen to radio or television for instructions.

After the storm—do not drive unless necessary; if you do, watch for undermined pavement. Be on guard against fire, fallen power lines, or injury from falling objects. Report broken power wires, sewer pipes, water lines. Use your telephone only for emergency calls.

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We wish to thank all friends and relatives for the many kindnesses shown us and the expressions of sympathy at the passing of Mrs. Nora Cooper, who died in Boston and was buried in Woodland Cemetery here.

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