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Captain Writes To His Parents Here From The Pacific

Dr. John Williams, Jr., Tells Of His First Combat Experience

Writing to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Williams, here a few days ago, Captain John Williams, Jr., a doctor serving in the medical corps somewhere in the Pacific, tells of his first combat experience, as follows:

"Well, I've seen my first combat. I hardly know how to begin to tell you about it. Let me say one thing, nothing they ever tried to teach us was used and the horror of it is all that people have said something I never believed possible.

"To begin—a few days ago part of our outfit hit an island somewhere in the Pacific to seize an airfield, this they did successfully a little later and on my birthday to be exact, we landed. Two hours later my squadron was sent out to seize an intersection of a 'road' (tanks and bulldozers bogged down) if possible. We not only took it but pushed on what has been said to be the longest march ever made in the S. W. Pacific area and seized a beach. During this we did not have a great deal of opposition. Killed quite a few of the Japs, even caught some of them in bed. They aren't human, live like pigs in filth. That night we dug in against counter attack. When dark comes every one crawls in their hole (3 or 4 together). Lord help anything that moves before daylight. Our boys that night were trigger happy, and from the amount of shooting you'd have thought the whole Jap army was coming in. The devils are stupid. Just as soon as night comes you hear them start jabbering and they infiltrate your line and attempt to throw hand grenades in on you. The majority seem doped 'cause they walk right up to our fire and we mow em down. We counted a hundred piled up together the next morning. Goodness knows how many more there were. We lost one man. We were feeling good. The men were acting like it was play and it was up to them. That afternoon the regiment moved up and they decided to move us across a bay to take an apparently deserted coconut plantation. 25 men went over first, we only had two Bufaloes to carry the men and for some reason or other they did not give us much artillery support. Well, these men landed, why the Japs let them, heaven only knows, but they did. Pulled back into the scrub and let the men get out—the boat left and then they opened up, snipers, machine guns and mortars. The boys caught hell but held on to an area about 50 yards square until the next 25 got over. When their boat came back they said they needed medical aid bad. I couldn't get all my men over 'cause they needed weapons and men more so my Sgt. and I went over—filled our shirts full of morphine and bandages and that's all. We had our hands full. There were about 24 wounded, scattered all over and the snipers in the trees were giving us hell. We'd give them one half a grain of morphine in the vein and drag them back to wait for the boat. About 30 minutes later the rest of my men (9) got over with litters. In ten minutes I had two left—snipers just watched for the litters and picked them off. None was killed but all badly wounded. Suffice to say, we finally secured the beachhead and dug in, got all the wounded and left the dead until next day. Lord knows how many Japs we got in those two hours but we honestly slaughtered them. It was surprising how they could take

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Special Meeting To Be Held Here

A special meeting of all retail and wholesale merchants in this area using motor transportation to make their deliveries will be held in the Martin County courthouse Thursday afternoon of this week at 8 o'clock, it was announced today.

The meeting is to familiarize private carriers with Amendment 3B to General Order ODT 17. This order requires every motor carrier to establish within the territory served by such carrier delivery areas or delivery routes that are neither duplicating or overlapping, and such carrier shall prepare and currently maintain an appropriate map showing the routes so established or the territorial limits of such delivery areas.

No motor carrier shall perform wholesale or retail delivery service over any given route or within any given delivery area on any greater number of days in any calendar week than the maximum of wholesale or retail deliveries provided by Amendment 3B.

The representatives of the Office of Defense Transportation will be in Williamston until 2:00 p. m. on April 28, in order to interview any person that might wish to see them about any matter connected with the Office of Defense Transportation.

Big Crowd Expected for Stock Show and Farm Bureau Meet

Thursday for the county's first independent fat stock show and annual Farm Bureau meeting and barbecue. The stock show will be held in the Planters Warehouse beginning that morning, and the Farm Bureau meeting will get underway in the high school at 5 o'clock, followed immediately by the barbecue in the gymnasium.

A comparatively large number of exhibits are expected for the stock show, and the event is attracting much attention, not only among 4-H club members and farmers but merchants, bankers and others also. Liberal prizes are being offered, and the auction that afternoon will be well attended.

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual Farm Bureau

the meal, one report stating that Andrew Griffin will cook twenty-

the Macedonia Woman's Missionary Society will cook several bushels of corn meal and convert numbers of cabbage into tatty slaw. Between 800 and 1,000 Farm Bureau members are expected for the meeting, and those in charge declare that the food supply will be more than adequate to handle the demand.

Dean I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service will deliver the principal address which will be timely, interesting and informative. Other extension workers and agriculturists along with representatives of packers are expected to attend the stock show and meeting. The day promises to be a big one for the farmers of this section.

NO MEETINGS

As far as it could be learned here, no precinct meetings were held by the democrats in this county last Saturday, but the faithful party leaders and some few loyal members are expected to attend the county convention in the courthouse on Saturday of this week at 12 o'clock, noon. All good democrats in good standing are invited to attend the convention and help perfect a new organization, elect delegates to the State meeting and handle any other business that might be placed before the session.

Asked why the convention has to be held at such an inconvenient hour, Elbert Peel, chairman of the executive committee, said that the meetings had been held at that hour for the past 150 years. And that was the only reason offered.

Mrs. Elzena Mobley Died Sunday Night After Long Illness

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted Today For Respected Citizen

Mrs. Elzena Mobley, highly respected citizen, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Mobley, in Cross Roads Township Sunday night at 11 o'clock following a lingering illness. The victim of a stroke nine years ago, she had been confined to her bed since that time. She suffered a second stroke last Thursday and her condition was considered critical, the end coming gradually. She was conscious until a short time before the end.

The daughter of the late Outland and Emma Mobley Clark, she was born in Cross Roads Township 84 years ago and lived in that community all her life. In early womanhood she was married to Dave Mobley who died about forty years ago. Mrs. Mobley was a member of Christian Chapel Church for thirty-seven years. She was faithful in her attendance and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Although she never walked a step since her first stroke nine years ago, she never complained and suffered her affliction with marked forbearance and a remarkable patience.

She is survived by two sons, William Archie Mobley of Cross Roads, and Dewey Mobley of near Robersonville; four daughters, Mrs. J. D. Mobley, Mrs. Charlie Mobley and Mrs. Robert Whitehurst, all of Cross Roads, and Mrs. Dave Manning, of Bethel. She was the last of seven children, all of whom experienced lingering illnesses prior to their deaths.

Funeral services are being conducted at her late home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Dennis Warren Davis. Interment will follow in the family cemetery near the home.

Pool Room Robbed At Everetts Sunday

Breaking the front door lock, thieves entered the pool room and dance hall operated by Robert Crowell, colored, in Everetts some time during the early hours of last Sunday morning. Tearing the money drawers from the two pool tables and the nickelodian, the robbers stole between forty and fifty dollars. No other property was damaged.

No lead in the case has been established, according to late reports.

Special Picture Is Delayed Second Time

The Union Service at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night with the showing of the first film of the "Life of Saint Paul" has been called off due to a second delay in the arrival of the film. Announcement will be made later as to when it will be shown.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

A weekly news digest from the OWI news bureau)

Combined Food Board Reports

Thanks to the food supplies the United Kingdom has received from the United States and Canada, the diet available to her people is now barely adequate, although Americans and Canadians fare somewhat better, according to the report issued Monday of this week by the Combined Food Board of these three countries. While the pre-war diets of the three countries were similar, the United Kingdom has been compelled during wartime to turn more to grains and vegetables for her protein and fats, while the United States and Canada have fared better than the United Kingdom in animal fats and fruits. The Combined Food Board, set up in 1942 to achieve maximum utilization of the food resources of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, includes a member from each of these three countries. The report just issued is the most complete comparison yet made of civilian food supplies in these countries.

Tires for Small Trucks

Small trucks delivering essential foods, laundry, drugs and medicinal supplies and dry-cleaning apparel, and trucks operated by medical or dental personnel, will be able to obtain new truck tires of eight or less ply and all sizes of new passenger tires, OPA announced. Delivery trucks for beverages, ice cream, retail stores, confectioners and tobacco products, heretofore ineligible for any tires, will now be able to get used passenger tires, used truck tires smaller than 7.50-20 and obsolete sizes of new passenger tires.

Counterfeit-Stolen Gas Coupons

More than 90 per cent of American motorists have endorsed their gasoline coupons, OPA said in reporting the progress made in stamping out counterfeit and stolen gas coupons. Since January 1st, 926 counterfeiters, peddlers and persons who had robbed local boards were arrested, and 611 motorists who bought gasoline illegally lost their ratings. Also 20,061 filling stations had to turn in valid coupons to make good the illegal sale of more than four million gallons of gasoline, and 1,140 other stations were denied the right to buy or sell gasoline for periods varying up to the duration of the war.

To Train Men for Sea Duty

Men 26 years of age and over are needed especially during the next 10 weeks to be trained for service aboard merchant vessels, the War Shipping Administration announced. Physically fit, honorably discharged veterans and men classified 4-F or 1-C, 17 1-2 years of age and over, will be accepted for training. Men with previous sea experience may apply for refresher courses, upgrade training or officer-candidate courses. Applicants may register at Maritime Service enrolling offices in major cities, or inquire directly of the U. S. Maritime Service, War Shipping Administration, Washington, 25, D. C.

Round-up

WPB says: Many electrical and mechanical repair shops are not taking advantage of a WPB regulation to aid them in obtaining parts and materials for domestic appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, radios, clocks, sewing machines, stoves, bicycles, lawn mowers and plumbing. At present, there is no visible possibility of resumption of passenger car production until after the victory over either Germany or Japan. Because of the limited supply of household "fly" spray guns, housewives should take extraordinary care of the ones they now have.

OPA says: Even though lard, shortening and salad and cooking oils have been made point free, retail meat dealers will still pay two red points and four cents per pound for all used kitchen fats turned in.

Service men on furloughs will receive sugar rations in units of one pound of sugar for each 36 meals

Shoots Self In Hand While Cleaning Gun

Pfc. Wallace J. Hague, a member of the guard complement at the local prisoner of war camp, was painfully but not seriously hurt at the camp last Saturday morning when he accidentally shot himself in the left hand while cleaning his gun.

He was removed to an Army hospital at Camp Butler and is understood to be getting along very well.

LITTLE ROUND-UP

Local and county officers, working on the crime front, had a little round-up last weekend. Only one person was arrested and jailed during the period. A young white man imbibed a bit too freely of the spirits and fell into the hands of the law.

Fewer arrests have been reported so far in the month of April than in any corresponding periods for months.

Find Over \$20,000 in Cash in Drunken Driver's Auto Here

was selling high in Carolina, James

man, threw a canvas bag of cash money into his 1941 Chevrolet and left Norfolk yesterday morning to bid on the Brown tract of land in Hamilton Township. Taking the advantage of a day off from a flourishing beer garden and dance hall business at 625 Landing Street, Norfolk, James imbibed too freely of the spirits and attracted the attention of officers. During the meantime, the land was sold for \$9,000 at a sale in front of the courthouse, and James raised the bid. A short time later he was arrested by Deputy Bill Haislip and formally charged with drunken driving.

A systematic search of the car was made by Patrolman W. E. Saunders and he found the cash in the old canvas bag. The officer batted his

eyes several times when he saw the wads of greenbacks and Sheriff C.

investigation. No formal charges were brought against the man, but the officers agreed that a man who would haul \$20,231 in cash around in his car was a fit subject for investigation. The FBI was contacted and it was soon learned that James and his brother did a \$75,000 business in Norfolk last year, that they paid about \$3,000 income tax, that the man came to Carolina to invest some of the partnership money. James was placed under bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in the county court here next Monday, when he is to face trial for drunken driving. Shortly before noon today he was released. He withdrew his cash money from the bank where it had been deposited yesterday, loaded it in his car and started the return trip to Norfolk.

Developments Point To Explosive Action On Invasion Fronts

Allies Strike Daring Blow At Japs in Northern New Guinea Saturday

Recent developments on the diplomatic and war fronts are believed by many observers to be pointing to explosive action on the invasion fronts, some going so far as to say that the air attacks can be well recognized as the first phase of the invasion of Hitler's European fortress from the west.

These developments apparently pointing to startling action, center in air attacks directed against the invasion coast, the order limiting hundreds of miles of British coast line to military action, the cancellation of passports and diplomatic privileges ordinarily enjoyed by neutrals, and more recently a complete ban upon travel from Britain to points abroad. In addition to these developments officially announced, the Germans are saying that the Allies are gathering a great fleet around Britain.

Thus, while Allied planes kept up an incessant near-invasion bombardment and while Axis radio broadcasts indicated a hardening German belief that D Day will come by this week-end, Britain all but erected an impenetrable wall around itself to prevent the leakage of information on Allied preparations to open the western front.

It was indicated that those who want to go to Britain, by the limited travel means remaining, may land. But only those who can show that their business is of the most urgent importance to the Allied war effort will be permitted to leave.

German spy raiders started yesterday to make frequent appearances over the southern and western coasts of England, seeking information on the concentration of Allied troops, ships and landing craft which German broadcasts have reported missing.

Starting before dawn the German planes darted back and forth, dropping flares.

Air raids are being maintained over the invasion coast and on German targets by ever-increasing numbers of Allied planes. The British dealt heavy blows against the enemy last night, but the RAF lost thirty planes. Yesterday, American planes blasted Friedrichshafen and bagged 103 German planes. The Americans are back over Germany today in numbers.

In Italy the Allies made some gains last week-end when they launched their heaviest attack in a month in the Anzio beachhead. Led by tanks they smashed a wedge into the German lines south of Cassino and attained their "limited" objectives.

For the most part, action on the Russian front is still centered around Sevastopol where the Russian Air Force is playing a big part in the final phase of the siege of that great Black Sea base. There is expected action at scattered points along the 2,000-mile front, but the lull is believed to be the quiet before a mad

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To Show "Battle Of Russia" In Hamilton

"The Battle of Russia," an unusual picture showing the happenings on the Russian fronts and the valiant fight the Russians have carried on since June, 1941, will be shown in the Hamilton School auditorium Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, it was announced by S. Sgt. C. G. Lehner of the Norfolk Fighter Wing. No admission fee will be charged and the public in the Hamilton area is cordially invited to see it.

The picture was made principally for military use and study, but by special arrangement Sgt. Lehner is bringing the picture to this county at the invitation of Mr. LeRoy Everett, chief observer of the Hamilton Observation Post.

Large Number Tires Allocated In County By Rationing Board

Tires Rationed at Meeting Last Friday

Holding their regular weekly meeting last Friday evening, members of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board and the panels issued 110 tires. The number was the largest released by the officials in months. Seventy-six were grade I's, thirteen were Grade III's, and twenty-one were for trucks.

Grade I tires and tubes were issued to the following: Sgt. Wm. C. Haislip, Brookley Field, Ala., one tube. Reuben A. Edmondson, Hamilton, two tires. M. L. Peel, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Dr. Jas. S. Rhodes, Williamston, one tire.

Dr. R. G. Hicks, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes. E. R. Turner, Palmyra, one tire. J. Howard Taylor, Williamston, two tires and one tube. N. W. Johnson, Oak City, one tire. W. S. White, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

Hubert Roberson, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Elbert McGowan, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire. L. H. Matthews, Parmele, one tire and one tube. Joseph Modlin, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

J. L. Whitfield, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Hyman Clark, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. J. E. Parrisher, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Joe T. Bullock, Robersonville, one tire.

Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, Hobgood, one tire and two tubes. Charlie Ward, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire. W. J. Johnson, Oak City, one tire and one tube. Dennis Holliday, Oak City, one tire. Grover Knox, Hassell, one tire. Bill McNeal, Hassell, one tire. W. C. Ange, Jamesville, one tire. Eula M. Coburn, Jamesville, one tire and one tube. Leslie Simpson, Robersonville, one tire.

Joseph Coburn, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Whit Moore, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Willis Williams, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Ben Harrell, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. Johnnie T. Moore, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. Mrs. W. T. Thomas, Hamilton, one tire.

Kenneth H. Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Henry Pitt, Oak City, one tire and one tube. John Robert Jones, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire. Jasper Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Claude Keel, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. John Edwin Manning, Jamesville, one tire.

A. T. Whitley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube. W. A. Burnett, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. William R. James, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube. J. A. Roebuck, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube. Mrs. W. R. L. Purvis, Bethel, one tire.

C. M. Edmondson, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. P. C. Edmondson, Hassell, one tire. W. T. Hyman, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes. Charlie Warren, Hobgood, one tire. H. E. Daniel, Jamesville, one tire.

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No Cases Cleared In Superior Court

Ending the first case yesterday morning, the special term of Martin County Superior Court up until noon today had not cleared its first case from the calendar. It was unofficially learned that one or two cases had been settled by agreement, but no judgments have yet been entered. The court is planning to hear the several damage suits brought by landowners in the upper part of the county against the Coast Line Railroad Company, the plaintiffs alleging that the defendant's agents fired and damaged their timberlands. The court worked all day yesterday hearing evidence in the \$1,500 damage suit brought by Critcher Brothers against J. S. Whitley as a result of a truck wreck near Williamston about a year ago. The lawyers argued the issue before the jury until after 11 o'clock this morning and Judge R. D. Dixon, presiding, was making ready to charge the jury just before noon.

The first week of the scheduled two weeks term of the court was called off last week, and it is now fairly apparent that the tribunal will fold its tent late this afternoon or tomorrow for the term.

Firemen Called Out Last Friday Afternoon

Very little damage was done when fire broke out in the office of the R. L. Ward Coal and Wood Yard on Pearl Street here last Friday afternoon. Firemen soon had the