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### Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, May 18, 1945.

WOUNDED

Pvt. Gordon Effort Jonuson, Martin County youth, was wounded in action in Italy on

April 27, according to a me-sage

#### **ESTABLISHED 1899**

Several Quit Jobs Without

Permission and Are Call-

ed To Report

Forty Martin County colored men

were called yesterday to report for

pre-induction examinations, the list

including several who had quit jobs

without permission. Eight men are

making a return trip, and several of

them are subject to be detained be-

ause they quit their jobs without

permission. Twenty-five of them are

listed as farmers, but a few of them

were called because they quit the

farm. One of those called is a father

of at least six children. His farm de-

ferment expired and he failed to fol-

ow draft board instructions and sub-

ected himself to call. It is possible

he man moved and left no forward-

Nineteen of the forty called are

narried and they leave behind 37

children. Only eleven of the forty

## Japan Industrialists Collect 4,509 Pounds of Used Rumored Interested Clothing For Victims of War In Peace Movement

**Big Carrier Survives Terrific** Beating; Fight for Naha **Continues Unabated** 

partly wrecked and others in line ists are said to be advancing some kind of a peace movement. The rumors have not been recognized officially, and few observers believe anything like peace can grow out of them. It is fairly evident, however, that the Japs are tasting war in a raw form, that some of them see nothing but sweat, blood and tears and final destruction. The futility

of informal, personal peace feelers has been stressed since the movement has no apparent support from the military which controls the destiny of Japan. All the evidence in American hands indicates that the military has no self-interest in facing the dark prospect of uncondition-al surrender and will not face it until the leaders' pride has been reduced considerably. Some time ago, Admiral Kantaro Suzuki was said to have replaced some of his nation's generals with dependable friends who could be depended upon to lay down their arms and quit the fight at his command, but the reported change did not cause a ripple in U. S. official circles.

While rumors of a weak peace movement are heard, fighting continues unabated on Okinawa. Even after American forces pushed to within 500 yards of the island capital of Naha, the Japs continue to fight to the death. The enemy garrison there has been reduced from an estimated 80,00 or more to less than thirty thousand. American dead has been placed at nearly 4,000 to date in the fight for Okinawa, a fight that has proved more costly than the bitter struggle for Iwo Jima.

American forces have gained another six miles in their fight on Mindanao and other troops are advancing on the east coast of Luzon to just about complete their campaign there. The Australians are making progress in their fight to gain the oil fields on Tarakan Island, off Borneo.

During the meantime, the task of Fifty - Nine Tires reducing Japan's oil supplies and other resources is making marked progress. Nagoya, the Japs' third largest city, has been reduced to less than one-half its original size, and the enemy's airplane industry has been considerably reduced.

Nearly two and one-half tons - lection there was very successful. ,505 pounds, to be exact-of used | Handling-the collection in this clothing were collected in several section, the local Lions Club mem-sections of this county recently for bers with the aid of the Boy and Cirl

the needy victims of war in foreign Scouts spent considerable time gath countries, K. D. Worrell, chairman ering the garments and preparing of the drive ,announced yesterday. them for shipment. The last box was Their extensive holdings already Liberal collections were reported in packed and turned over to Coast Jamesville, Farm Life, Everetts, Line station employees Wednesday for destruction, Japanese industrial- Hamilton and Oak City, in addition and they checked the weights. Fill to the drive here, it was explained. ing the greater part of one end of a The collection, made up for the box car, the shipment goes to the most part of serviceable ladies' wear- state center at Raleigh where it will ing apparel, was packed in 100 car- be handled along with other shiptons, Mr. Worrell stating that there ments from all over North Carolina

were over 4,000 individual garments ery. Very few infants' garments were in-Very few infants' garments were in-Commenting on the drive, Chairman Worrell stated that the collec

In addition to the collection at tion would have been much larger Jamesville, Farm Life, Everetts, but much used clothing had been Hamilotn, Oak City and Williams- collected some months ago for Greek ton, the Rotary Club sponsored a relief, and people are finding it drive in Robersonville, and the col- more difficult to find replacements.



charged with drunken driving. 1st Lt. Jimmy Harris was in-

jured in action in Germany on April 26, his wife, the former Miss Eva Harrison of Williamston, was advised a few days ago. The young man had previously

trial.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty in the case charg-

ed \$150 and taxed with the cost. He mended, been honorable.

received a few days ago from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Johnson of Robersonville. Fighting in General Clark's Fifth Army just about the time the entire German front was crumbling in Italy, Pvt. Johnson was wounded in the hip.

The young man entered the service in April of last year.

## Native Is Awarded **Bronze Star Medal For Heroic Service**

Major John W. Williams, Jr. Works Under Fire To Aid Wounded at Santo Tomas

Major John W. Williams, Jr., of he 1st Cavalry Division, fighting in the Philippines, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achieve-

ment against the Japanese at Santo Tomas University in Manila, according to a citation received by his wife

in La Fayette, La. Major Williams, who was born and spent his early life in Everetts, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Williamston.

Facing his fifth drunken driving The recommendation for the charge, a defendant in the Martin award was made by his command-County Recorder's Court last Mon- ing officer, Lt.-Col. John R. Hall,

Calvin Smith, calling seven cases "Major Williams volunteered to during the session that lasted until proceed to Santo Tomas University

day. In addition to the \$150 fine, ing for military and civilian cashe imposed a \$100 fine in another ualties. During the enemy shelling case in which the defendant was of the building Major Williams constantly exposed himself to enemy

crowd during the early part of the of the building which were under session, and spent considerable time fire to personally give first aid to hearing a case charging a defendant and supervise the evacuation of

Two cases were continued for the the most adverse conditions during last Tuesday by the American Red defendants and one was automat- continuing enemy shelling, thereby Cross. The message was the first Mr. ically sent to the superior court saving many lives. The assignment and Mrs. Williams had received from County Young Man when the defendant called for a jury at the time was Medical Inspector, their son since last November 9th when the defendant called for a jury at the time was Medical Inspector, their son since last November 9th

call for such action. "The service of Major Williams north of Berlin. An indirect report Allotted By Board ing him with drunken driving, Jos. has, since the performance of the received later in a Red Cross pris-Hathaway, a Virginia man, was fin-

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Former Local Young Man

Williamston Boy Safe After Call Forty Colored Spending Year in War Prison Men In County For **Pre-induction Test** 

S/Sgt. R. J. Hardison, after spendng a year in a German prisoner of war camp, is well and safe, he advised his mother, Mrs. Ed Hardison, nere in a Mother's Day message received last Tuesday. The young man stated in the message that he hoped to be home soon. It could not be learned where the young man was t the time he sent the telegram. Entering the service on August 24, 942, the young man after training at various points in the country, left or overseas duty on February 27, 1944. He was in Brazil for a short stay before going to Africa and then on to Italy. A nose gunner on a B-24, he was stationed near Naples when he went on a mission over Austria on May 10 and was reported missing n a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardison of Williamston on May 28. On June 26 he was reported a prisoner of war. Held a prisoner at Stalag Luft Camp No. 4, about twenty miles from the Baltic Sea, Sgt. Hardison wrote his parents nine cards and let-

ters. In his last letter written on No- packages. vember 12 and received here last <u>A few prisoners of war have al</u> February 17, he stated that the Red ready returned to the States. Mr Cross was doing a wonderful job. Herbert Taylor was advised recently While nothing was said about his that his brother had been liberated

fare, it was apparent from the last after a stay of about two years in a letter received that he and thousands German prisoner of war camp, and of others in the prisoner of war that he arrived in the States this camp depended heavily on Red Cross week.



SOLD

but there wasn't sufficient inter-

est to support the purchase price.

No price was officially an-

**Gets Bronze Star** 

nen are in their teen ages, the othrs ranging up to 36 years, sixteen n their thirties. Names of those called, their regisration and last-given addresses fol-

ng address.

Miles Ernest Grimes, Williamston and Baltimore.

Solomon Hardy, Hassell.

John Arthur Crandel, Robersonille and Norfolk.

James Smith, Jr., Robersonville nd Washington, D. C.

Wheeler Lynch, Oak City and Phildelphia. Josa Alben Moore, Jamesville and

flint, Mich. Theado Staton, RFD 1, Oak City.

Alonza Bennett Moore, RFD 1, Williamston and Lansing, Mich.

James Edward Teele, RFD 1, Robrsonville and Norfolk Grover Woolard, RFD 1, William-

Andrew<sup>®</sup> Purvis, RFD 3, Williams-

William Henry Riddick, RFD 1, Williamston.

Bolie Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston. John Henry Rogers, RFD 2, Wiliamston.

Elijah Baker, RFD 1, Oak City. Jesse Bland, RFD, Robersonville. Felton Whitfield, RFD 2, Rober-

onville Perlie Dewilmer Godard, RFD 3. Washington

Roscoe Philip, RFD 1, Palmyra. Leroy Outterbridge, RFD 2, Wii-

iamstor Rudolph Parker, RFD 1, Oak City. William Perkins, RFD 3, William-

with an assault and abandoning a wounded internees. Subsequently, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams, Sr.,

cense. The court costs were at. Inspector, 1st Cavalry Division. ceived from the young man until

day was fairly well convinced that Jr., of the medical corps. his apparent contempt for highway The recommendation in part i laws is costly business. Judge J. as follows:

12:30 p.m., was long on fines that on 7 February 1945 to assist in car-

The court attracted a fairly large fire by proceeding to the portions

he performed major surgery under RFD 2, Williamston, were notified

1st Cavalry Division, which did not when he wrote a card from Stalag

Fifty-nine tires—46 for passenger was also charged with operating a cars and 13 for trucks—were ration— and 14 for trucks—were ration— and 13 for trucks—were ration— and 14 for trucks—were ration— and 13 for trucks—were ration— and 14 for trucks—were ration— and 15 for trucks—were ration— and 16 for trucks—were ration— and 17 for trucks—were ration— and 18 for trucks—were ration— and 19 for trucks—were ration— and trucks—were ration— and

Sgt. Sam Williams, War Prisoner For Williamston baseball park lights, installed and owned by Months, Liberated Mr. J. Eason Lilley, were sold to Washington citizens yesterday, it was learned here today. Before selling, the owner had of-**Message Received This Week** fered the lights to local people,

Is First News from Him Since November 9

The lights, fixtures and poles S/Sgt. Samuel J. Williams, a priswill be removed immediately. oner of the Germans since last July 16, has been liberated, his parents, nounced, but it is understood that the lights had been offered for \$2,000, a figure considerably below the investment.

Luft Camp No. 4 about 100 miles

T/5 James W. Griffin, son of Mr. the camp of about 25,000 prisoners and Mrs. Jim Griffin, RFD 1 James-

The cost of the Pacific fight and ed by the Martin County War Price the heroic part Americans are play- and Rationing Board last Friday eveing, are exemplified in the success- ning.

ful attempt to save the battle-scar- | Certificates for the purchase of red carrier, U.S.S. Franklin. More Grade I tires were issued to the folthan 1,102 members of her crew lowing: V. B. Hairr, L. W. Hardison, Vir-

lowing:

quota.

tricts.

its quota.

000 next Monday. Quite a few

people are buying bonds every

day as the first week of the Big

Seventh Drive draws to a close.

Unofficial reports indicate that

Poplar Point is making progress

in its drive, that possibly 45 per cent of its "E" bond quota has already been subscribed. Nearly

every township in the county is

represented in the initial sales,

but purchases are mighty,

mighty weak in some of the dis-

have already subscribed to one-

third of their quotas, a few ex-

ceeding that figure, Mr. Clayton

said. Martin has possibly sub-

scribed to about one-seventh of

Some counties in the State

Hardison, J. W. Eubanks.

been awarded the Purple Heart.

Rawls, G. P. Roberson, Standard

were either killed, wounded or missing on March 19 when a Jap dive- ginia Carolina Chemical Co., Thad bomber scored two direct hits on Newsome, Jr., Leslie Smith, King

(Continued on page six) **Draft Registration** kins, J. A. Ellis, J. W. King, Henry E. Griffin, Cleveland Wilkie, C. C. For the Past Month Martin, Raymond Heath, Kelly L.

Fertilizer Co., B. A. Critcher, S. C. Nineteen Martin County youths, Bailey, C. H. Beach, J. S. Whitley, reaching their eighteenth birthdays, Marvin L. Roberson, Edward Bulregistered for the draft last month. lock, Chester Nicholson, L. J. Mills, Only four of the nineteen men are Mrs. Annie L. Roberson, W. F. Peaks, Joe L. Coltrain, Charlie Brown, Kenwhite. Names and addresses of the late neth Harrington, Melvin Davis, W. registrants follow: C. Mercer, J. R. P. Griffin, L. J. Lil-

ley, Mrs. D. L. Peel, A. T. Whitley. Grover Cleve Lyons, c, RFD 1, Williamston.

James Edward Williams, c, Wil-

liamston Jesse Lawrence Brown, c, RFD 2,

Williamston

James Lester Stokes, c. Williamston.

William Thurston Lawrence, RFD 3, Williamston.

Carl Woodley Copeland, w, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Theodore Roosevelt Wilson, c, Williamston.

Virgil Allen Bryant, w, RFD 1,

Bethel. Elmer Ray Lilley, w, RFD 3, Wil-

liamston. Alex Junior Powell, c, RFD 1, Oak

City. Octavis Brown, c, RFD 2, Wil-

liamston.

Mose Junior Sheppard, c, RFD 1 Oak City.

James Dennis Williams, c, RFD 1

Oak City. Arthur Hudgins, c, RFD 1, Williamston.

James Sheppard, c, RFD 1, Oak City.

Clarence Blount Ayers, Jr., w, RFD 2. Williamston.

Bermon Briley, c, RFD 1, Robersonville.

John Daniel Shaw, c, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Lester Jones, c, Oak City.

#### **Former Local Boy Gets** Unit Service Insignia

Sgt. Jos. E. Boykin, Jr., former Williamston young man and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boykin of Durham, was presented the Meritorious Service Unit insignia recently at Eighth Air Force Headquarters in England where he is a statistical clerk in the 21st Statistical Control Unit. The young man has been ov-erseas since September, 1943.

tached to the bill and the court recommended that no driver's li- with one Oak Leaf Cluster. There is The young man entered the serv-

five years. Hathaway appeared in for the Legion of Merit." court for the fifth time to face a The draft for the award is as fol- reported missing over Germany on he entered the service in 1941 at lows: charge of drunken driving.

Lawrence Lilley, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty and 01703657, Medical Corps, United Tobacco Co., Hugh Roberson, W. M. Baker, Julius M. Manning, Grady tor vehicle was suspended for one Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 7 Godard, Floyd Moore, T. H. Mat-thews, Oliver Harrison, H. H. Hop-

John Bryant, admitting that he had been drinking, was fined \$40 and required to pay the cost in the case in which he was charged with indecent exposure.

Charged with an assault and abandoning a crop, Joe Clark was adjudged not guilty on the first was given and the case goes to the ed to the Amphibious Forces and is tioned in California. higher court.

Truck tires were issued to the fol-Hoell called for a jury trial and his preparing for duty aboard an LST. Thomas VanLandingham, Williamthe superior court docket. Co., Taylor Mill and Gin Co., R. J.

with an assault and Lazarus Wil- LST is the largest of the amphibious by his parents stated that he had

continued for the defendants until beach.

**First Report On** next Monday. **Bond Drive To Be** Lt. Jas. L. Harris **Released Monday** 

While preliminary reports are considered very encouraging, the First Lieutenant James L. Harris first review of sales in the curwas painfully burned on the right rent Seventh War Bond Drive side of his face and hand in action will not be available before next in Germany on April 26, according week, Drive Chairman D. V. to information received here this Clayton announced today. Durweek by his wife, the former Miss

ing the meantime, more Martin Eva Harrison. County people are earnestly ask-Reported injured a short time ago, ed to start buying bonds to help the county reach its \$745,000.00 letter received this week by his wife stated that he was destroying some equipment just captured from The chairman is anxious to rethe enemy when a tank wagon export sales well in excess of \$100,-

ploded and burned him badly. Chosen from his division to greet he Russians in Austria, the young officer was unable to carry out the ssignment.

Several boxes were received from Lt. Harris this week. Among the souvenirs were a large swastika, a sword, several knives, a helmet and a surrender flag. The dirty white cloth was firmly tied to a short stick.

#### **Suit For Divorce Filed** In The Superior Court

A suit for divorce was filed in the Martin County Superior Court this week by Lee M. Rawlings against Lossie Lee Page Rawlings. The action alleges adultery.

"Previous awards: Purple Heart this week. cense be issued the defendant for also now pending a recommendation ice in December, 1941, and was a active duty.

tail gunner on a B-17 when he was "Major John W. Williams, Jr.,

a prisoner of war. Sgt. Sam Williams is one of four was fined \$100 and taxed with the States Army, for heroic achievement brothers in the service. S/Sgt. Walcost. His license to operate a mo- at Santo Tomas University, Manila, lace Williams returned home a short time ago after completing thirty-February 1945 to 12 February 1945. five missions over Germany as a During this period Major Williams

He is now stationed in Florida where ations against the enemy in Germ he is an instructor.

Another brother, Sgt. Herbert Williams, returned home early this 1, 1945, T/5 Griffin excelled in the **Is In Amphibious Forces** year after serving in the Pacific theater for more than five years. In

count. Adjudged guilty on the sec- machinist's mate, first class, USNR, three years, he participated in most contributed materially to the capond, he was directed to pay the cost 32-year-old husband of the former of the big Pacific campaigns. He was able functioning of his organizaand \$25 to the prosecuting witness, Marjorie Hallan, 531 Daughtry St., wounded in 1943, but recovered and tion during the assault across the Roland G. Coburn. Notice of appeal Rocky Mount, N. C., has been assign- returned to action. He is now sta-

Charged with bastardy, Garland Training Base, Camp Bradford, Va., Warren Williams, is in the Navy and serving in the Pacific. He entered ston Lumber Co., Robersonville Oil case was automatically placed on In the Navy since December, 1942, the service in 1943 and has not been Livermon will join a new crew to heard from in about seven weeks. The cases charging N. S. Godard serve on the 4,000-ton vessel. The The last message received from him

liams with assaulting a female were ships capable of driving onto a participated in the Iwo Jima campaign. Livermon is a graduate of William-

nental Oil Co., Houston, Tex.

#### Painfully Burned Honorably Discharged After **Two Years In The Service**

After serving two years in the Woman's Army Corps, Miss Lucille Cowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Cowan of Williamston, was recently given an honorable discharge from the service. Miss Cowan, re-

signing on account of her mother's health, is the second Martin County young woman to be discharged from the corps. Miss Muriel Bland was given an honorable discharge a short time ago after serving in South Carolina for several years.

#### FOUR STARS

Pfc. Gerald O. James, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James, RFD 3, Williamston, had a busy time in the Pacific theater last December, a citation sheet from his base headquarters showing he had earned four bronze stars while attached to the 468th Bombardment Group.

The young man was awarded the bronze stars for participat-ing in the China Campaign, the India-Burma Campaign, Air Offensive, Japan, and Air Combat, Palembang.

service in the European theater. Sgt. Griffin was wounded in action last July 18, but soon returned to

A member of the National Guard, July 16, 1944. He was later reported Hampton, Va., where his wife and myra their two-years-old son are making

their home with her parents He has ben overseas since October, 1942. The citation reas: "T/5 James W. Griffin, 29th Di-

vision Artillery, U. S. Army, for member of a crew on a big bomber. meritorious service in military oper-

Pfc. John Andrews

**Dies Of Wounds In** 

Germany April 14

fore he was fatally wounded. He

was born and reared in Martin

County, but was working in

the Norfolk Navy Yard when he

ried to Miss Julie Bland and she

survives with two children, John

sides his wife and children and

ville, Jarvis of Rocky Mount, and

Charlie Andrews of Baltimore.

and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Wors-

lev of Baltimore and Mrs. Carrie

Pvt. Andrews was the forty-

sixth Martin County man known

to have laid down his life for his

country in World War II to date.

Powell of Rocky Mount.

In early manhood he was mar-

ertered the service.

"From February 23, 1945 to March

performance of his duties. Travelling unfamiliar roads to deliver mes-Carlion Hibble Livermon, motor actual combat areas for more than sages between command posts, he

at the Atlantic Fleet's Amphibious The fourth brother, Alexander military service."



Fatally wounded in Germany John Hatton Gurganus, 28. of 108 on April 12, Pfc. Johnny H. An-Watts St., Williamston, N. C., has drews died there two days later, been advanced to aviation ordaaccording to a War Department nanceman, first class, USNR. He is message received a few days ago now attached to a patrol bombing by the young man's father, Mr. squadron of the Atlantic Fleet, and Ed Andrews, RFD, Robersonhas seen service in South America. ville. The message offered few Gurganus is married to the former details. Catherine Turner, of Cheriton, Va., Thirty years of age, Pvt. Anand is the son of Mrs. Mary Bonner drews had been in service about Gurganus. He has two brothers, Edeighteen months, and had seen gar, 23, and Eli, 26, who are a sermuch action on the Western geant in the Army and a pharma-Front during several months be-

cist's mate, first class, in the Navy, espectively, and a sister, Elsie, who is a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Before entering the Navy, Gurgan-

is ran his own business, The Soda Shop, in Williamston. He was graduated from the Williamston High School in 1934.

#### David and Evelyn Andrews. Be-Local Young Man Promoted father, he is survived by three **To Rank of First Lieutenant** brothers, Thurman of Roberson-

Lawrence G. Lindsley, a member of the Army Air Corps Intelligence, was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lindsley of Williamston, he was in Burma when he was promoted. Lt. Lindsley is now in Calcutta, India.

Peter Little, Jr., RFD 1, Robersonville and Washington.

James Sanders, RFD 1, Oak City. Billy Junior White, Oak City.

Henry Amos Bryant, RFD 1, Pal-

Robert Raynor, RFD 1, Oak City. Walter Louis Brown, Williamston. Robert Clayton Sneed, RFD 1, Bethel

William Joseph Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville, and Elizabeth City.

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## Williamston Youth **Receives Air Medal**

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England.-Second Lieutenant (censored) River and the subse- Robert J. Levin, of Williamston, N. quent drive north and north-east. C. co-nilot on a B-24 Liberator, has The high standards of courage, received the Air Medal for meritorinitiative and discipline required unious achievement in combat over Euder combat conditions were met by rope, Maj.-Gen. William E. Kepner, T/5 Griffin in a manner that reflects Commanding General, Second Air great credit upon himself and the Division, announced.

The medal was presented by Col. Lorin L. Johnson of Payson, Utah, commanding the 392nd Heavy Bombardment Group. The citation read "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this man on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

On the 392nd logs are missions to Berlin, Friedrichshaven, Gotha, Bremen, Politz and other targets in Germany, Poland, Belgium, Holland, Norway and France. Its 100th mission was made on D-Day in conjunction with the initial landings in France, its 200th on Armistice Day.

Lieutenant Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer M. Levin, of Williamston, attended the local schools, and University of North Carolina. He entered the service in February, 1943, and was commissioned in May, 1944.

#### Mayor J. L. Hassell Hears **Two Cases In His Court**

Justice J. L. Hassell heard two ninor cases in his court here during he past few days.

William Edwards, Fitt County white man, was required to pay \$6.50 costs for creating unnecessary noise on the main street here last Saturday hight. Blowing his horn almost continuously up and down the street, Edwards told the court he was just 'having a little fun."

Charged with being drunk and lisorderly, Briscoe Staton was required to pay \$8.50 costs.