

## Pvt. Bryan Haislip Tells of Army Life Out in Mississippi

### County Youth Is At Keesler Field Studying To Be An Army Pilot

Writing to The Enterprise under a recent date, Pvt. Z. Bryan Haislip, county youth, tells of life in an Army camp out in Mississippi. His letter follows:

"Today was our sixtieth phase of basic training, so now we are officially through with the first part of our training as career gunners. It has included a little bit of everything—army discipline, first aid, close order drill, and two trips to the firing range and bivouac area. And, to be training for the Air Corps, there was a heck of a lot of walking. I guess they figure we should know how to walk before they begin to teach us to fly. We had three forced marches with full pack—one for two hours, one for three, and one for four. The infantrymen tell us our basic training is really soft, but it suits me just fine.

"One of the greatest disadvantages has been this Mississippi weather. You can't depend on it at all. When we get up at the ungodly hour of 4.30, it's cold enough to wear an overcoat and by noon we're down to our shirt sleeves. And I believe the Army has an agreement with the weather man. It never rains except on Sunday, or, at least, not until after 5.30. One afternoon it started a little early and caught us just as we were leaving the drill field. The funny thing about this place is that when it rains, in no time at all it's about two feet deep. That's because the sea level is low here. Well, that afternoon we came marching in with the water up to our knees singing "Wait 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat". While we were on the bivouac area sleeping in tents, it rained one night and we were all but washed away in the night. But in the Army, we learn to take anything with a grin—that's the best we can do anyhow.

"I've been very lucky—so far I've been with a bunch of North and South Carolinians. In fact, Haywood Mobley of Williamston, has been right along with me, although in another field. But when we got to Keesler Field, they made a big mistake—they put some boys from Ohio and West Virginia and Indiana with us. You can imagine what started—the Civil War all over again. Now, we're kept up till all hours of the night by some diehards who consider a guy from above the Mason-Dixon line only a little better than a Nazi. One rebel even claims that until he entered the Army he never knew damn Yankee was two words. Well, my grandfather settled that war for my family, so I just stay out of it.

"The last time I was on the firing range, I saw another Williamston serviceman, Staff Sergeant Edgar Taylor. I was very glad to see him. Sgt. Taylor left Monday for a 15-day furlough. You don't know how badly I wanted to go with him. Williamston's main street would be a welcome sight, I can assure you. And in that way, The Enterprise has been wonderful. All the letters from guys in service—some that I knew, some I knew only slightly and even those I actually don't know at all—make me feel I've had a short leave at home. Keep up the good work."

## Poppy Sale Will Be Held Here Saturday

Poppies to honor America's dead warriors of two World Wars will be worn in Williamston on Saturday, May 26th. Mrs. John A. Ward, president of John Walton Hassell Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

The little red flowers will pay tribute both to those men who have died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the swaying poppies. The money that is received for the flowers will be used to aid the afflicted veterans of both wars and their families.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day are being made by the local unit of the Auxiliary here under the leadership of Mrs. John A. Ward and various members throughout the county. Everyone in the city will be able to buy the flowers of remembrance from the many volunteer workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets all through the day.

The flowers are made of crepe paper on the pattern of the wild poppy of Flanders. They have been ordered from Fayetteville where disabled veterans made them under direction of state and national departments of the Auxiliary. Making the poppies has helped these veterans keep their minds and fingers occupied, causing them otherwise tedious months to pass quickly and at the same time furnishing the men with a means of livelihood.

This year it is expected that more Americans than ever before will wish to wear the poppies as a salute to the dead soldiers and their bereaved families, and as a financial aid to the living but disabled soldiers and their needy families.

## RANGOON KEY TO NEW ASSAULTS



### ROUND-UP

Local and county officers reported very little activity on the crime front in this area last week-end. Five persons were arrested and detained in the county jail, but none of them was under thirty years of age.

Two women, one of them mentally ill and the other drunk and disorderly, were included in the round-up. One of the three men was booked for drunken driving, and the other two were drunk. Four of the group were colored.

## Sgt. Beard Gets Fifth Battle Star

437th Troop Carrier Group, European Theater of Operations—Four times previously awarded battle participation credit for Troop Carrier sorties on the Western Front, 1/Sgt. Woodrow W. Beard, of Williamston, N. C., has been authorized his fifth bronze battle star, significant of service in five major campaigns in the European Theater of Operations.

Sgt. Beard's wife, Dolores Beard, resides at 212 Main Street, Williamston, N. C. His father, Thomas Beard, resides at Route 1, Roanoke, Ala. Before entering the service he was employed as a foreman at the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, Williamston, N. C. Climaxing his previous aerial operations, Sgt. Beard's organization, the 437th Troop Carrier Group, made history in the Rhine airborne assault at Wesel, Germany, by being the first troop carrier unit to fly a double glider-toe formation into combat. Col. Donald J. French of Astoria, Ore., the group commander, holds the distinction of being the first pilot to lead an operational flight formation of C-47's towing two gliders into a combat campaign. The 437th has performed troop carrier missions in the areas of Normandy, Southern France, Rome-Arno, Northern France, and Germany.

Sgt. Beard is the first sergeant with his organization. The group was cited for its successful fulfillment of airborne drop operations on D-Day in Normandy. As part of Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams' U. S. Troop Carrier Forces comprising the American flying echelon of the First Allied Airborne Army headed by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, the 437th has dropped freight totaling approximately 28,291,982 pounds, transported airborne combat personnel figuring about 13,500, and evacuated by air thousands of casualties, since D-Day.

### Calls From West Coast To Hear Voice Of Home Folks

After traveling the waters of the Far Pacific for nearly nine months, Coxswain Clayton Revels returned to San Francisco a few days ago for a stay of a few hours. Unable to get home and back in time to catch his ship, Seaman Revels, anxious to hear the voice of someone he knew and to hear direct from home, telephoned relatives here about 2:30 o'clock one morning. It wasn't a visit home, but it was the nearest thing to it.

His wife, the former Miss Gladys Lilley, and their two children, Mary Lilley and Rodney Revels, are at home here on West Main Street.

### Bears Lose Their First Game Of Current Season

After winning eight games in a row, the Williamston Bears bowed to that strong nine from Camp Butler last Sunday afternoon by a 9-6 count. The Bears had trouble with that same aggregation a year ago, but in the first match of the season, the soldiers were turned back by the locals.

McIntyre hit for the circuit, but even with that the Bears were unable to overcome their opponents' lead.

## Liquor Traffic Dealt Heavy Blow In This County Last Week

### Six Manufacturing Plants Are Wrecked, and One Man Is Arrested

The illicit liquor business in this county was dealt a staggering blow last week when ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked six liquor manufacturing plants and with the assistance of other officers arrested one man and charged him with possessing illegal liquor.

Going into Bear Grass Township last Tuesday, the two officers wrecked three plants. The No. 1 outfit was equipped with an oil drum and worm. The officers poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer.

At the No. 2 plant, the operators apparently had suspended business, the officers finding a 20-gallon capacity copper kettle and cap buried in the ground.

The owners were just setting up their equipment for operations at the No. 3 plant when the officers moved in and wrecked a 100-gallon capacity tin still and poured out 300 gallons of beer made with sugar and honey. There isn't enough sugar available for table use and for preserving, but the illicit liquor trade continues to get the sweetening in fairly large quantities.

Last Wednesday afternoon the officers raided near the Hickory Grove church in Williamston Township and wrecked a plant equipped with a 30-gallon capacity oil drum. No beer was found there.

Raiding on Great Branch in Robersonville Township last Thursday, the officers dynamited a 50-gallon capacity still and four fermenters. They poured out fifty gallons of beer and confiscated two gallons of white liquor.

Returning to Robersonville Township Friday afternoon, the officers wrecked their sixth plant of the week, including a 50-gallon oil drum and four fermenters. Five gallons of liquor were found in front of the home of Orlando Purvis near Gold Point. The plant was hot and all the beer had just been run through the still.

Climaxing their activities of the week, the two officers, accompanied by county and Robersonville officers and members of the highway patrol, made several raids Saturday night. They visited the home of Jim Mordecai in Robersonville and found

## Mrs. Nora Goff Died In Virginia Sunday

Mrs. Nora Goff, mother of Rev. John L. Goff of Williamston, died at her home in Madison Heights, Va., last Sunday night following a long period of declining health. She suffered a third stroke of paralysis last week, and her condition had been critical since that time. She was 69 years of age.

Mrs. Goff had often visited her son, and made her home here for about three months last summer.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon and interment will follow in the family plot in the Madison Heights cemetery.

Besides her son here she is survived by two daughters and three sons.

### Baptists To Vote On Pastor At Meeting Tomorrow Night

Meeting in the church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock upon the call of Mr. B. S. Courtney, chairman of the pulpit committee, members of the local Baptist church will vote on calling a pastor, it was announced today. All members are urged to be present.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Only two minor accidents were reported on Martin County highways last week, and both of them were on Highway 64 in or near Robersonville, according to reports reaching here. No one was hurt and property damage was slight.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

20th Week Comparison			
Year	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed
1945	2	0	0
1944	1	1	0
Comparison To Date			
1945	23	11	3
1944	20	7	1

## County Young Man Is Fatally Wounded In Foxhole on Luzon

### Commanding Officer Tells of Death of Dennis Harrison Of Bear Grass

In a letter to Mr. Ernest Harrison in this county, Captain Edward J. McGuire recently extended sympathy and condolences and briefly described how Pvt. Dennis Mayo Harrison, Bear Grass young man, was fatally wounded on Luzon, Philippine Islands, last March 30.

Captain McGuire's letter follows: "On behalf of the officers and men of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 128th Infantry, I wish to express to you our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on the loss of your brother, Dennis. War is a terrible thing and one of its saddest aspects is the loss of our loved ones as a result of it.

"Dennis was an excellent soldier, admired and respected by all his comrades. His death has been a great loss to all those with whom he served.

"During the early morning hours (Continued on page six)

## Funeral Wednesday For Horace M. Evans

Mr. Horace M. Evans, father of Mrs. Henry Griffin of Williamston, died at his home in Liberty, Tenn., last Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock. A retired business man, Mr. Evans had been in declining health for several years, and the end was not unexpected.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Evans was associated in the operation of business undertakings in this state at Wilson and Entfield for a number of years, but maintained his home in Liberty.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon in the Salem Baptist Church at Liberty where he had served as chairman of the board of deacons for a quarter of a century. Burial was in the family plot in the Liberty cemetery.

Besides his daughter here, he leaves his wife; a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Neville of Scotland Neck; two sons, Bratten Evans of Nashville, Tenn., and Holt Evans of Enfield, and a brother, Felix Evans of Liberty, Tenn.

## Wounded Youth Visits In County

Painfully wounded in Germany last March 6, Pvt. Dewey Stalls, just recently back from overseas, visited relatives in Hassell last week-end.

The young man is stationed at Swannanoa, near Asheville, where he is undergoing further treatment. Pvt. Stalls was near Pvt. Wm. J. Etheridge when the latter was taken prisoner in early February, Pvt. Etheridge also returned home last week.

Pvt. Stalls, struck by shell fragments during the push through the Siegfried line, suffered severe injuries to his right arm and hip. He has limited use of his arm and is now able to walk fairly well. It was stated that he was unattended for almost four hours after he was wounded, but after he was found good attention was given him and two days later he was in a hospital in England.

## Small Child Dies At Parents' Home

A victim of poor health for some time, Cecil Bernard Powell, Jr., died at the home of his parents near Everett's last Friday morning at 3:30 o'clock.

The son of Cecil Bernard and Edna Mae Saunders Powell, he was born December 13, 1941. Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Wilkie, Robersonville Baptist minister, and interment followed in the Robersonville cemetery.

## Fourth of County's 'E' Bond Quota Been Sold

### Over \$100,000.00 Is Invested In Bonds During First Week

### Cross Roads to Hold Big Rally Wednesday Night; Bond Show Here Next Week

Opened on May 14, the Seventh War Bond Drive made splendid progress during last week, according to a preliminary report released yesterday by Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton. The three main issuing agencies, the Branch Banking and Trust Company and the Guaranty Bank in Williamston and the Guaranty Bank in Robersonville, reported "E" bond sales in the sum of \$100,398.25 during the first week of the drive. The sales to date are well over one-fourth of the "E" bond quota assigned the county. Drive Chairman Clayton pointed out that quite a few purchasers had delayed buying bonds until last week so their purchases would be counted in the drive, that only wholehearted cooperation and real patriotism could carry the drive over the top.

Below is the county "E" bond quota broken down by townships with the sales reported during the first week of the drive:

Township	Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 14,750	\$ 4,181.25
Williams	7,300	750
Griffins	18,500	2,287.50
Bear Grass	13,000	2,812.50
Williamston	157,500	49,987.50
Cross Roads	11,300	2,250.00
Robersonville	111,300	29,935.75
Poplar Point	7,300	5,775.00
Hamilton	14,750	4,181.25
Hassell	7,500	
Goose Nest	11,300	1,406.25

The above figures, while subject to correction, offer an impressive picture of the work being done in some of the townships or districts. Poplar Point, for instance, is pushing on toward its goal, and if Poplar Point can successfully meet the challenge every other district in the county should be able to come across.

The first of the district bond rallies has been scheduled in the county. Cross Roads Chairman Paul Bailey is offering a free picture show for Wednesday night, May 23, at 7:45 o'clock in the Everetts school auditorium. In addition to the free picture, the chairman will offer special prizes, including cakes, pies, merchandise and other items such as five gallons of cylinder oil. Sherwood Roberson will auctioneer. Chairman Bailey is anxious to get out a large crowd and carry his district over the top with its "E" bond sales at the rally. Sgt. Raymond Lang, just recently back from overseas where he lost both feet in a prisoner of war camp, will attend the meeting if he is able and will recall a few of his experiences.

Chairman Herman Bowen announces a special bond show for Williamston to be held on Wednesday night of next week. A special picture, released in advanced, is being shown through the cooperation of the owner-operator, J. W. Watts, of the Marco Theater. Admission will be limited to those buying bonds between tomorrow morning and the time of the show a week later. Seats will be issued in accordance with the price of the bond.

Negotiable bonds will be placed on sale on June 14. Martin County people have been asked to invest \$374,000 or more in that type of bonds in addition to the \$371,000 they have been asked to invest in "E" bonds.

## County Boy Home From War Prison

### Returns Home After Long Stay Spent In Africa

After a stay of nearly two months in a prisoner of war camp in Germany, Pvt. William J. Etheridge returned to his home near Hassell last Thursday.

Indirect reports reaching here stated that the young man lost between thirty and forty pounds during his stay in the prison camp. Pvt. Etheridge, home on a 30-day furlough, was captured without firing a shot. The young man with several others were billeted for the night in a cellar somewhere in Germany when the enemy closed in during the night and trapped them.

Liberated on April 1st, the young man has regained much of the lost weight and is looking real well.

### Firemen Called To Filling Station Here Last Evening

Firemen were called to Gurganus' 2-way filling station, corner of Washington and Sycamore Streets here last evening at 8:40 o'clock after someone dropped a cigarette into a stove and fired an accumulation of paper and trash. Some smoke leaked into the room and persons passing the station and seeing the smoke thought the building was on fire and sounded an alarm.

### U-Boat Skipper



COMMANDER of the surrendered German submarine U-838 that was brought in at Cape May, N. J., Lt. Thilo Bode, 27, nonchalantly ingratiate himself with Americans by blowing smoke at us and sneering a bit in the best Nazi manner. He and his crew—4 officers, 52 men—are now prisoners of war. U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

## Attends University Of South Pacific

With U. S. Armed Forces on New Caledonia—A Williamston, N. C. sailor is one of the more than 1000 servicemen and women enrolled in the "University of the South Pacific," first Army overseas educational institution of its kind in the world.

Herbert E. Lee, SCB 3/c, husband of Mrs. Herbert E. Lee, RFD 3, Williamston, and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lee, is enrolled in the school's course on Small Business. Assigned to the Navy at this base on New Caledonia, French-owned island, Lee entered the service in April, 1944, and came overseas in July.

After attending school in Greenville, N. C., he worked as a meat salesman for D. M. Roberson, Williamston, and also for C. O. Kersey, Jr., in New Bern. Classes in this Army University are held three nights a week at Major General Frederick Gilbreath's South Pacific Base Command headquarters. Students, attending in off-duty hours, include sailors, soldiers and marines—officers and enlisted men—Army and Navy nurses, Red Cross girls and New Zealand civilian employees. Instructors are Army and Navy officers and enlisted men.

Offering credits for college and high school in 26 different courses, the University was established to supplement correspondence courses available through the United States Armed Forces Institute, which furnishes textbooks for the South Pacific classes. Its facilities enable many to resume educations interrupted by the war, while others are studying now with a view to post-war employment in a specialized field.

So popular is the University that more than 1000 applications were turned down for the first semester of six weeks because of limited facilities.

## Has Narrow Escape In Crossing Rhine

With the 84th Infantry Division in Germany—(Delayed)—After overturning their small homemade boat and dispersing as best they could in the water, four enlisted men and one officer of Third Battalion Headquarters Company, 333rd Infantry, bobbed around like corks while attempting to escape a rain of bullets from enemy guns just a short distance away.

The four men, after recovering the boat, searched in vain for the officer before returning to the American-held side of the Rhine River. After paddling across the Rhine in moonlight, the five man patrol proceeded up one of the barge canals which branched into the east side of the river. Suddenly, four German burp guns and two rifles began to fire at them.

The patrol members immediately overturned the boat. Enemy bullets began to fall around them like hailstones. Two of the patrol members rapidly lost strength swimming in the water with their equipment.

Realizing they would not be able to last much longer, Private First Class Bennie E. Bland, Hassell, North Carolina, swam in the direction of the enemy fire to recover the row-boat. At the same time, Private First Class Paul N. Arnette, RFD 4, Lewiston, Illinois, assisted the two exhausted patrol members in remaining afloat, and brought them safely to the shelter of a nearby pier.

Meanwhile, Bland had recovered the boat and was swimming through the small arms fire toward the craft behind him. Under cover of the pier, Bland and Arnette assisted the two exhausted men into the boat. Using their hands to paddle, the doughs searched for the missing officer and then returned to the west bank of the Rhine.

## Bitter Struggle For Okinawa Is Believed Near Turning Point

### First Americans Are on Way Home for Furloughs Before Going to Pacific

After turning back a suicidal counter-attack and even though bitter fighting continues unabated, a turning point is believed near in the bloody and costly struggle for Okinawa. The Japs, using uniforms taken from the bodies of Americans and captured American weapons, staged the counter-attack but were repulsed with heavy losses by the Sixth Division Marines Sunday night.

Pierce action, some of the hottest of the long southern Okinawa campaign, raged all along the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru line, but Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said the 10th United States Army made advances on both flanks and in the center yesterday.

Attacking before dawn, 77th Division infantry captured Taira Machi, north of Shuri, despite intense small arms fire. This "Statue of Liberty" division already was within 900 yards of citadel Shuri's northeast fringes. Fighting doggedly all day and throwing back enemy attempts to retake Taira, the 77th moved south of the town in the evening.

Recent gains by the Chinese in and around Fochchow are being connected with the unofficially reported movement of American ships into the territorial waters off the China coast. River traffic from the coast has been extended inland for a distance of about forty miles, and reports state that supplies are being moved in from the Chinese forces. It is too early to accept the Jap reports, but it is possible that if a big U. S. naval force is moving into the China area it is connected with a possible landing.

In the Philippines, General MacArthur's men are continuing their gains on Mindanao and are within one mile of their goal.

After mopping up in the European theater, General Courtney Hodges' famous American First Army is now on its way to Tokyo via the United States. General Hodges, a few of his officers and a small number of enlisted men are expected in Atlanta on Thursday. Others are moving by boat to the States where they will spend furloughs before continuing on to the Pacific.

The post-war strain in the Trieste area in Europe has been eased by the withdrawal of Tito's forces from the disputed area, but it remains to be seen whether the move was a victory for the imperialists or for the people's democracy.

In San Francisco, Secretary of State Stettinius says the United Nations Conference is nearing its goal and that the task will be completed possibly within the next two weeks.

On the home front there is talk about increased gasoline rations and the lifting of restriction on the manufacture of more civilian goods, including automobile parts and household goods. The meat shortage is gradually becoming worse and a chicken gets no closer to the pot than it did back in the Hoover days.

Most men over 40 are now eligible for discharge from the Army.