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### Pfc. Earl Harrell Tells Experiences In European Areas

Hopes He'll Never See Another Winter Like the Last One

Writing last month from Germany Pfc. Earl T. Harrell, Martin County young man, said:

I have been receiving The Enterprise regularly for the past few months, and I notice a lot of the boys are writing of their experiences in this war. In the past I have written to have my address changed, but I am not this time, although I may have to in the near future. I have enjoyed reading the letters from the boys in service that appeared in you paper, so I decided I would write about my experiences.

I have been with the XIII Corps since last November and at present I am still with them but just for a short while, I think. I have directed traffic and done police work for the Corps, through all or its operations. I have never had to do any actual fighting, but have been in the combat zone all the time.

At the time of "The Battle of the Bulge," I was in Haensbrook, Holland, and spent the winter there and in Horzonrath, Germany. Last winter was the coldest winter I have ever seen, and I hope I never see another like it. All the men on the Ninth Army front, were worried about "The Bulge," because if the Germans had succeeded in accomplishing their objective, we would have been completely cut off from our supplies.

I think I worked hardest when we first crossed the Roer, which is no wider than a creek back home, but it was a tough river to cross. I crossed the Roer at Linnich, Germany. All the towns near the Roer were completely wiped out. After the Roer came the Rhine, and I crossed it at Wesel, and the cities and towns here were beat up pretty bad too. The city of Munster is just one big heap of rubble and ruins. After crossing the Rhine it was more or less a job of moving about every day or two. We moved as much as 60 to 100 miles at a time.

one of the many German massacres took place. The Germans herded about 1000 slave laborers, mostly Russians and Poles, into a big barn, matted with straw, and wet with gasoline, and then set it afire. They had machine guns set up at the doors and shot all who tried to escape. They were piled up at the door where they were piled up at the door where they could smell the scent of burned and ed. In other words, so much time will her home in Bear Grass until about reached the scene.

The Americans made about 200 male citizens of Gordelegen, remove tra time, it is understood. the bodies with their bare hands and Ceiling prices are being set for ed her home to another, rearing them give them a decent burial, each in each job, effective July 14, and a as though they were her own. A a separate grave. They were buried sales or repair slip must be given the grandchild, Dan Bowen, by her in the field near the barn. Each grave vehicle owner. has a white cross and the citizens of

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Critically injured when run down by a truck in the yard of her home about six weeks ago, Miss Elizabeth Holliday, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Holliday, was reported yesterday to be improving in a Washington hospital. The accident victim was removed from the hospital in Washington to one in Richmond last week for treatment. Doctors there explained that she suffered a bruised tissue in her head, that they were of the opinion it would heal and that she would be all right in the course of time. She was returned to the hospital in Washington Sunday, but it could not be learned how long it would be before she could return to her home near Dardens.

Miss Holliday was struck by a truck driven by Kader Brown about six weeks ago. Her condition was Awarded Bronze critical for several weeks.

### **Shorter Week For Federal Workers**

by President Harry S. Truman a tin County Draft Board since Selectshort time ago, most federal offices ive Service was established and he in this county are to observe a 44- has had an active part in supporting hour week beginning this week.

Most of the offices, including the United States Employment Service Selective Service, Farm Security and others will open at 8:30 each weekday morning and close at 5:30 o'clock each evening except on Saturday

when they will close at 12:30 p. m. The rationing board office will open at 8:30 each morning and remain open to the public until three o'clock each afternoon except Saturday afternoon when it will close at 12:30 o'clock for the day. The rationing board will be open to the public until 5 o'clock each Friday

The public is asked to note the hours and scnedule their visits ac-

#### RAMMED TANKER CARRIES ON



DENTED BUT UNDAUNTED, the U.S.S. Gaudalupe, a fast fleet tanker, is shown going on with her job of supplying American invasion fleets operating off the Jap home islands. Only when a replacement arrived, did the ship leave her task behind and head home for a San Pedro, Cal., shipyard for a new bow and overhauling. Navy photo. (International)

Mrs. Naomi Bowen

Died at Her Home

Here On Saturday

Funeral Services Were Con-

ducted Monday Afternoon

On West Main Street

Mrs. Naomi Peel Bowen, highly

nent churchwoman for more than

espected county citizen and a prom-

half a century, died at her home on

West Main Street here last Saturday

afternoon at 3:30 o'clock following

a long period of declining health.

Mrs. Bowen was taken worse sud-

denly last Friday after she had spent

part of the day handling a few du-

ties in the home, and her condition

was not regarded as critical until

union, but she adopted one and open

her home open to fellow members

tious in manner, she was a devoted

wife and a good neighbor, befriend-

Station In Seattle, Wash.

Noah Thomas Roberson, 19, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roberson,

RFD 1, Williamston, recently report-

ed for duty at the Naval Air Station,

Seattle, Washington, after five months' duty at the Naval Air Sta-

tion, Jacksonville, Fla. The young man is now a seaman, first class.

#### 100 PER CENT

"Every township in the county met or exceeded its quotas in the Seventh War Loan Drive which ended last Saturday," D. V. Clayton, drive chairman for Martin County, announced today. The sales are being tabulated

and will be released later in the week ,the chairman said. When the semi-final report was released last Thursday afternoon, two townships, Williamston and Griffins, were a little short of their "E" bond quotas,

### but they came up with added purchases to go over the top at the last minute. The furtherest point I reached in Germany was Gordelegen, where Place Time Limit For Auto Repairs was not regarded as critical un just a few hours before the end.

fell. It is impossible to describe the tioning Board this week. The new Some years after Mr. Peel's death scene when the Americans arrived, regulation lists 56 specific auto jobs she was married to James D. Bowen, because it is beyond description. You for which time limits are being fix- who survives. She continued to make charred bodies long before you be allowed to handle a certain job, seventeen years ago when she moved and if more time is required, the re- to Williamston to make her home. pairman may not charge for the ex-

A list of the 56 specific repair jobs his home with Mr. and Mrs. Bowen is being mailed to garages and oth- following the father's untimely death ers, but if any repair shop does not in a tractor accident some years ago. and the late Mr. Roberson of Jamesreceive one he may get a copy at the Mrs. Bowen was the last member of ville, wired from San Francisco that Victim Of Accident rationing board office or he may reher immediate family.

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### Shows Improvement Nearly \$4,000 Paid Pensioners In June and friends at all times. Unpretentions is manufactured in the state of the s

Nearly \$4,000 was paid to the aged, ing and in her humble way doing dependent children and blind in this good for others. county last month, according to a report filed by the welfare depart- at the home yesterday afternoon at ment with the county commission- 4:30 o'clock by her pastor, Elder B. ers a few days ago. The 236 aged S. Cowin, assisted by Elders A. B. pensioners received \$2,648.00, or Ayers and Edward Stone. Interment \$11.22 each on an average. Aid to was in the Bowen Cemetery near dependent children was offered in the old home in Bear Grass. the sum of \$938.00, or \$27.58 per family unit. The ten blind persons Reports For Duty At Air received a total of \$214.

The department reported expenditures in the amount of \$5,790.00, the State and federal governments paying \$3,161.16 of the total.

## Awarded Bronze Medal

With the 6th Armored Division in Europe.-Tec. 5 James H. Ayers of Oak City was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ayers of Oak City. His father In accordance with an order issued has served as a member of the Mar various drives in direct support of the war effort.

#### INVESTOR

Saving his pennies made selling The Enterprise on the streets and to regular customers, Wayne Evans White did his bit in support of the recent Seventh War Loan Drive. The youngster invested most of his savings in a \$25 war bond.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer White, West Main Street, and he has held to the little odd with the aim of investing

### **Draft Registrations** For the Past Month

Twenty-one Martin County youths registered in accordance with Selective Service Regulations. Twelve of the twenty-one were white, and several of them have already been in the service but had never registered since they were in uniform before the draft was created or before they were eighteen years of age. The June registration and ad-

dresses follow: James Christian Manning, w. Wil-

James Clifton Pate, w, RFD 1, Leo Burbank Swanner, w. RFD 2,

Morris Brown, c, RFD 2, William-Elwood Osar Dortmundt, w. RFD , Jamesville. Bruce Whitfield, w, RFD 1, Rob-

Thadius Spruiil, c, USED, Port Norfolk, Norfolk. James Bryant, c, RFD 1, Palmyra. Jesse Elwood Everett, w, Hamil-

Haywood Morris, Jr., c, RFD 1, Walter Lee Wilkins, c. RFD 3, Williamston

James Elbert Daniel, c, RFD 1, Jamesville. James Summerlin, c, RFD 1, Rob-

ersonville. Bennett Pitt Heath, w, RFD 1, Wil-Thomas Jefferson Purvis, c, Ham-

Willie Jasper Parker, c, RFD 1, Johnnie Franklin Scott, w. RFD 1 Robersonville. , Williamston.

**Delayed Registrations** James Matthew Thompson, w, RFD Robersonville. Lorey Keith Bland, w, Roberson-

Williamston.

### **Local Young Man Is** Now In Philippines Thirteen of the Eighteen Men Called This Week Commen

Joseph Thigpen, daredevil paratrooper and parachutist, recently

The daughter of the late Abram Effective the middle of this month, and Emily Peel she was born in Griffins Township 76 years ago last

#### Back In States After No children were born to either Long Stay In Pacific

Petty Officer 1/c Ransom Roberson returned to the States last week adopted son, Harry Bowen, made after spending twenty-seven months in the Southwest Pacific. The young man, son of Mrs. Ransom Roberson he hoped to get a leave soon and vis-Mrs. Bowen joined the church at it home. He has been on most of the was faithful in its support, attendstay on Okinawa. ing services regularly and holding

#### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the second time in a row no accidents were reported on Martin County highways last week, and in some respects the record this year shows improvement over the one for the corresponding period in 1944.

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.

27th Week Comparison Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 0 0 4 2 0 \$ 000 1944 1150 Comparison To Date
29 13 3
31 17 2

### County Boy Tells About Few His Experiences on Okinawa

of June 15 to have the address of his paper changed, Cpl. L. T. Chesson, Jr., county youth, related a few of his experiences on the island. He capital looked as if it was once a beautiful place, he explained.

"The natives here can carry althe county with ninety others last be here," he declared. September saw action on Okinawa. Cpl. Chesson stated that he had lears and 66 for small trucks - have

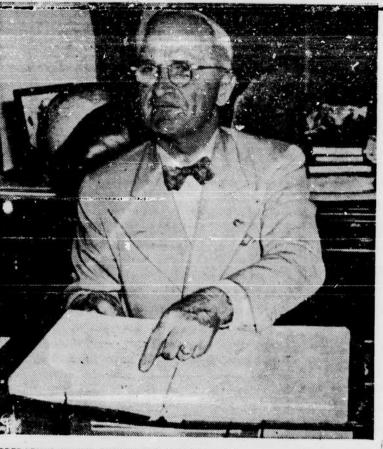
Writing from Okinawa under date that he had seen Naha, the island

mentioned no names, but he said he most as much on their head as a was sorry to hear of some of "our truck can haul. The women do the boys getting killed and hope the rest work and the men sit around. I know June, it isn't likely that as many pascome out fine." Six boys who left lots of men back home who should senger car tires will be rationed this

Four of them were wounded, some badly but not critically, and two were killed. Apparently Cpl. Chesson who had been on Okinawa 78 were just as good as new papers to before the mouth was out. days up to the 15th of last month, him and that he enjoyed them a The supply of certificates was exhad heard about the deaths of the two county boys there.

Moving in on Okinawa during the Moving in on Okinawa during the strange as it may seem, he did not tificates should now be in the hands early days of the bloody and costly say anything about wanting to come of the tire applicants, it was learned campaign, the young Marine stated home.

#### CHARTER READY FOR THE SENATE



PREPARING TO GO BEFORE THE SENATE to deliver personally the United Nations Security Charter adopted at San Francisco, President Truman, with the historic document before him, indicates by his expression and gesture how solemnly serious he considers the occasion. (International)

# **More Men Report For** Johnnie Franklin Scott, w, RFD 1, Johnni

### Only A Few Married Elbert Moye Harrison, w, RFD 2, Men Were Included In The Last Group

From the Farm

Eighteen Martin County young landed in the Philippines, according men left the county this week for to information received a short time an Army induction center to underago by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. go pre-induction examinations. Nineteen men were called, but one was The young man said the scenery ruled out on account of apparent

friendly and made him and other Two of the men answering the Americans welcome, and that he call this week have seen service in was enjoying plenty of fresh pineapple, cocoanuts and bananas. These al months in the Army and the oth- with bigamy, was released in \$1,000 population of 56,000 Neuss was the are in addition to the regular "chow" er less than ninety days in the Navy. bond last Friday evening after which, according to the young man, It is believed that conditions under is very good. "It all seems like a which they were honorably dispicnic to me," he wrote his parents. | charged have been altered, and that they are now subject to recall.

swering the call are married and they leave behind three children. The ages of the group range from young eighteen to thirty-four, one report explaining that the "overage" selectee had quit the farm or

altered his status in the sight of the draft board. Eight of the eighteen are eighteen years of age, several of prosecution is corresponding with Division since it began operations the group having attained that age less than six weeks ago. Eight are in their early twenties and two are day. Smithwicks Creek 52 years ago, and invasion islands, including a long 30 or older. Eight of the men had previously been called for pre-induction and rejected.

Thirteen of the eighteen come from farms. The names, registration and last given addresses follow:

Ezelle Briley, Hassell and RFD 1 Bethel.

Cyril Harrison Respass, RFD Robersonville and RFD 1, Bethel. Solon Menton Jackson, RFD 1,

Robersonville. Charlie Edward Flanagan, RFD 1,

lobgood. June Bland, RFD 3, Williamston. Clinton Hale, RFD 1, Palmyra. Ervin G. Robert Wynne, RFD 3,

Villiamston Clinton White Johnson, RFD 1, obersonville George Carr Wynne, RFD 3, Wil-

iamston and Williamston. John Levy Flanagan, RFD 1, Hob-Wiley Stewart VanNortwick, Rob-

Floyd Scott, Jr., Hamilton. Oscar Tice, RFD 1, Williamston. William Earl Bowen, RFD 3, Wil-

iamston. John Luke Mizelle, RFD 3 ,Wil Charlie Hoell, Jr., Williamston. Bermice Saunders Silverthorne,

Tires For This Month

larger than the one announced for month. A total of 444 tires-378 for

yesterday.

#### HOG SALE

Martin County farmers are again pushing to the front, this time to help relieve the critical meat shortage. Farmer Ophus Bailey, of Bear Grass Township, recently sold 7,375 pounds of meat, the sale being the second largest reported in this county during the past two or three weeks. The farmer received \$1,-073.06 for his hogs.

# Alleged Bigamist

Only three of the eighteen an- canvassed the town for voluntary emy rail and troop movements from contributions amounting to \$100.

The young man, a member of the guard personnel at the local prisoner of war camp, is scheduled to aplower Rhine and received a high pear in the Martin County Superior commendation from Lt. Gen. William Court for trial in September. H. Simpson, Ninth Army Command-

No new developments have been reported in the case, but the private officials in other states in search of additional facts, it was learned to-

Claude LeRoy Nelson, RFD 1, Oak after he had been lost in the woods the Thunderbolts again smashed Roebuck said after the search was tanks, tank destroyers, motorbikes, successfully concluded Sunday.

The 10-year-old boy was sent to trailers, the doughboys rode herd a tobacco barn last Saturday after- against the disorganized Nazis for noon for a fishing pole. When he did 215 miles to the Elbe River. In acnot return, members of the family complishing this feat, the 83rd wrote and friends started looking for him. a new chapter in infantry history as The search was continued all Satur- they liberated over 75,000 Allied day night and until about 10 o'clock Sunday morning when the boy wandered to the house and said, "Here in the woods and walked all night.

#### Unpaid Taxes For The Past Four Years Total \$10,277.

Taxes unpaid and due the county of Martin for the past four years, including 1944-45 amount to \$10,277.39, according to a report filed recently here following the recent excessive by Tax Collector M. Luther Peel. The unpaid amounts were listed by years as follows:

199, \$5,716.28; 1943, \$1,707.26; 1942. \$1,477.69; 1941, \$1,376.16.

#### ROUND-UP

Crime activities in this section are apparently in a summer slump, according to a review of the jail records for the past few days. Only three arrests were made last week-end, the roundincluding two drunks and one charged with obtaining money under false pretense.

The ages of the group jailed ranged above the average and were listed at from 26 to 40 years. Two of the three jailed were colored men.

### **County Boy Submits** Account of the 83rd Infantry Engineers

Highlights of Long Trip from Indiana to Junction with Russians on the Elbe

A member of Co. B, 308th Engineers, 83rd Division, Sgt. Ernie Lee Modlin, son of Mr. Joe Gray Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville, submits an interesting story of his outfit from the time it was reactivated at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, until it met the Russians across the Elbe in Ger-

The third installment of the story

#### THE ARDENNES

Fully entrucked on the night of December 26-27th, the Division moved out of Germany across Holland and into Belgium to help blunt the point of Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-offensive. At Rochefort, the Germans were pushed back. laking up a position on the northern ed the towns of Ottre, Joubeval, Heronval, Bihain, Langlir, and Petie Langlir. This cleared the way for he 3rd Armored Division to pass afely through the woods and cut the important St. Vith-Houffalize Highway over which the Germans were withdrawing to the East. Provng a worse foe than the Germans was the bitter cold and waist-high snow of the Ardennes which hamered operations considerably. Morne syrettes froze and automatic reapons failed to function in the elieved in mid-January, it had acemplished its mission of completerouting the German attackers and forcing them into a headlong retreat toward the Reich. For this achievement the Commanding General of the VII Corps gave the officers and men of the 83rd high praise for their major contribution in driving the Germans out of the Ardennes.

FIRST ON THE RHINE During the last week of February, he Ninth Army smashed across the Roer toward the Rhine and industrial Germany. Originally in XIX Corps reserve, the 83rd was committed when the retreat of the enemy turned into a dash to the east bank of the Rhine. Jumping off in the vicinity of Rockrath, west of the Erft Canal, the doughboys plowed northeast toward the German industrial city of Dusseldorf. The outskirts of Neuss, directly across the Rhine Raises \$1000 Bond of Neuss, directly across the Rhine from Dusseldorf were reached late in the afternoon of March 1st and by midnight the center of the city largest German city to fall to the spending eight days in the county across the river and brought back jail. A bond was purchased from a much useful information and 83rd bonding company after friends had artillery units blasted away at entheir dug-in emplacements in the vicinity of Neuss. The 83rd was the first American Division to reach the

> on the Continent. ELBE BRIDGEHEAD Crossing the Rhine on March 30th.

er, for "characterizing as it does the

splendid record of the 83rd Infantry

the 83rd struck swiftly to clean out Colored Youth Lost pockets of resistance which had been by passed by the Second Armored by-passed by the Second Armored In Woods Overnight Division. After eliminating these enemy strongpoints, the doughboys crossed the Lippe River at Hamm to aid in the encirclement of the Nazis "Buddy," adopted son of Herbert hopelessly trapped in the Ruhr pock-Little's, was found Sunday morning et. On being relieved by other units, over night on the Little farm near eastward in pursuit of the fleeing Hassell. He suffered no ill effects Wehrmacht and toward the Russians from his experience, Sheriff C. B. advancing from the east. Utilizing captured German vehicles, buses and

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### is." The boy said that he got lost he woods and walked all night. Hail And Excessive Rain Damage Crops

Bright prospects entertained a hort time ago for a record quality crop in this county are beginning to fade, according to r ports reaching rains. No estimate on the damage is to be had, but in some areas the crop s "flopping" in the fields while in other areas it continues to hold up very well. The crop between Robersonville and Gold Point looks sick and lifeless, according to Judge J. C. Smith who made a general observation in that area following the

heavy rain Sunday. Quite a few farmers in Jamesville and Giffins Townships reported damage to the crops prior to the big rain last Sunday, and it is likely that he condition was aggravated by the

latest fall. While quite a few farmers were reporting damage as a result of excessive rains, a few in the Palmyra area, including Henry Early, the Smith Brothers and Thompsons, were said to have had fairly heavy hail losses during the storm last Sunday afternoon.