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## Story Of The One Hundred and First Airborne Division

### Brief Review of Daring Parts Handled by Daring Men in European Theater

The story below offers a review of the daring work handled by daring men in the U. S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. It will be read with interest by all Americans and especially by local people because Lt. Billy Biggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Biggs of Williamston, is a member of the outfit.

The second installment of the story follows:

#### Holland—2nd D-Day for Screaming Eagles

Where next? This was the question in the mind of every Eagle trooper. By August, 1944, tremendous Allied advances across France and the fluid state of German defenses indicated the likelihood of another Airborne mission.

Twice the division was alerted and moved to departure airfields to await the battle signal. Twice the division trudged to marshalling fields only to return to base camps. Swift-moving armor eliminated the necessity for both operations.

But the third operation wasn't a dry run. Its second combat mission—Holland!

As part of the newly formed First Allied A/B Army, Eagle soldiers were sent skyward toward German defenses in the land of wooden shoes and windmills. Again it was a sky dash over the English Channel, over flat towers, and down behind German lines.

The mission was to secure bridges and the main highway winding through the heart of Holland from Eindhoven to Arnhem to facilitate the advance of Gen. Sir Miles G. Dempsey's Second British Army over the flooded dike-controlled land.

September 17 was the date for the 101st's second Airborne D-Day. The greatest Airborne fleet ever massed for an operation roared from U.K., spanned Channel waters. While the first planes spewed forth parachutists and gliders crashed on lowlands, planes and gliders transporting the division still were taking off from British airfields.

Flak met the invaders en route, but the huge armada dived steadily on. Troop Carrier formations held firm despite fire. Pilots of burning planes struggled with controls as they flew to designated Drop Zones, disgorged their valuable cargoes of fighting men, then plummeted earthward. Pilot heroism was commonplace, proved inspirational to Eagle sky fighters dropping well behind enemy lines.

Surprise was complete. There was little initial opposition from the Germans. Eagle veterans assembled quickly, then marched on their objectives.

Division missions called for the capture of Eindhoven and the seizure of bridges over canals and rivers at Vechel, St. Odenrode and Zon. To attain these objectives the division had to seize and hold a portion of the main highway extending over a 25 mile area. Commanders realized units would be strung out on both sides of the main arterial highway from Vechel to Eindhoven, that security in depth would be sacrificed.

Dropping near Vechel, the 501st Parachute Inf. Regt., commanded by Col. Howard R. Johnson, Washington, D. C., later killed in the campaign, pressed forward. Two hours later, Vechel was taken and bridges

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### Slightly Hurt In Car Accident Near Here

Cpl. Calton E. Hardy, just recently back from the European war theater, was painfully bruised and scratched about the head last Tuesday evening about 8:45 o'clock when the car he was driving sideswiped another driven by Mallie Bonds between here and Everetts. Both cars were badly damaged. W. E. Saunders and W. S. Hunt, of the highway patrol, estimating the loss to Hardy will run close to \$300 and that the damage to Bonds' 1934 Chevrolet will approximate \$200.

Hardy, driving a 1937 Chevrolet, was traveling toward Williamston and had just come out of a curve when he struck the other car. He continued down the road for about 150 feet before the car turned over.

It was first reported that some one was pinned under the Hardy car, but the report was unfounded.

Bonds, who home is near Kenly, works in Norfolk and was on his way home at the time of the accident.

### Camp for Martin County 4-H Club Members Is Called Off

Badly needed at home to help with the tobacco harvest, about thirty Martin County 4-H club members will not be able to attend the 4-H Club camp at Hoffman next week. Miss Margarette Ricks, assistant home agent, announced this week. It is possible that the youths will go at a later date, but present indications are that the encampment will be called off this summer.

## Over 13,000 Acres Planted In Tobacco In County This Year

According to a fairly complete survey just recently made by the Triple A office, Martin County farmers planted approximately 13,650 acres in tobacco this season. While it possibly isn't a record acreage, it is believed that it just about equals the allotment. There are 1,580 farmers growing tobacco in the county this season.

Making and reporting their own acreage measurements, 121 farmers reported an excess of 118 acres over their allotments. Making 335 spot checks, representatives of the Triple A found a few errors in the reported measurements, but most of the growers reported the excess themselves. The excess ranged from one-tenth to 9.5 acres. Six farmers planted a total of 8.6 acres without having any allotment whatever.

According to the records, Martin farmers tried to plant their allotted acreage, no more and no less.

### FARM LABOR

In accordance with instructions received this week, the prisoner of war camp here is now making available a limited number of prisoners to farmers for harvesting tobacco. The allotted number, while not large, is expected to relieve the serious labor shortage for a few farmers, at least.

Farmers are asked to apply to the office of the county agent for the labor.

A minimum day of eight hours is covered by the contract, but the prisoners are allowed to work as many as twelve hours each day, it was learned.

The hour wage rate is thirty cents.

### Social Security And Its Benefits

The benefits you and your family will get when you retire and the benefits your family will get if you die depend on your social security account. So it is of No. 1 importance that your account be absolutely right.

The Social Security Board does its end of the job with nearly 100 percent accuracy. You can rely on that. But there are more than 70,000,000 accounts, and some times errors do occur. They occur because every once in a while an employer does not have a social security number or a name just as it appears on the worker's card. Therefore, it is advisable to check on your account.

It is especially advisable to do so if you have worked for short periods for a number of different employers, or for a short time, or for an employer who did not copy down your social security account number, or did not deduct the 1 percent social security tax from your pay.

If you think an error has been made, write to the Social Security Board, Baltimore, Md., and request a statement of your account. You can get an addressed post card form at the nearest Social Security Board office. If an error has been made, that office will help you get it corrected. Once every four years you should check on your account anyway because after four years some errors cannot be corrected.

The Social Security Board office which serves Martin County is located at Rocky Mount, N. C., Room 208, Post Office Building.

### Cotton Plantings Smallest In Years

According to the Statistical Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the acreage of cotton in North Carolina in cultivation on July 1, estimated at 595,000 acres, is less than for any year since 1872. Farmers reduced their cotton crop 170,000 acres, or 22 percent—below that of last year and 305,000 acres— or 30 percent—below the ten-year (1934-43) average. The acreage of cotton grown in this state reached a peak in 1925 when farmers had in cultivation 1,802,000 acres—three times as much as grown this season.

The acreage of cotton has been reduced 50 percent or more from a year ago in the heavy tobacco producing counties of eastern North Carolina. A material shift from cotton to peanuts occurred in all major peanut producing counties. Farmers in the lower Piedmont, where cotton is the main source of income, reported only a slight reduction in acreage from a year ago.

For the nation, the acreage of cotton has been reduced approximately 10 percent from a year ago, bringing the total to 18,355,000 acres as compared with the ten-year average of 26,359,000 acres. Sharp reductions occurred in Missouri, North Carolina and Florida. Texas, the leading state in acreage, showed a drop of 13 percent. The acreage in Alabama and Mississippi is practically the same as for the 1944 season although most other states reported larger decreases.

## TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

### Men To Get Increase In Twill Work Clothes

A temporary increase in the amount of herringbone twill available for production of men's work clothes in procurement of this type of finished cotton fabric by the Army Quartermaster Corps, WPB announced. Through the "holiday" is effective immediately, WPB said, it will be about six weeks before it is reflected in increased quantities of work clothing.

### More Feed Bags To Be Made of Dress Prints

The farm woman who likes to have animal and poultry feed delivered in bags she can make into dresses and household articles will be permitted a continuance of this wartime aid, WPB said. A ceiling, approximating the 1944 peak-year "cut-up" of such material, has been established on the use of dress prints for making new commercial bags.

### New Shoe Stamp in August

The new shoe ration stamp that OPA announced would become valid August 1, 1945, will be Airplane Stamps No. 4 in War Ration Book No. 3, the agency said. Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are good in addition, OPA added. The last stamp was validated November 1, 1944. OPA pointed out that the intervals between validation of stamps depend on the available supply of shoes.

That the supply of shoes for civilians will be increased is indicated in the downward trend in the production of Army footwear. The War Department announced that production of Army combat boots will be reduced in September from 2,100,000 to 1,500,000 pairs and that of Army service shoes will be lowered from 700,000 to 350,000 pairs during the same period. This decreased schedule will be continued throughout the fourth quarter of 1945. Announcement at this time of the reduction in Army footwear needs will provide a 60-day span during which time the shoe industry will be able to prepare for increased civilian production.

To increase the serviceability of non-rationed shoes for juveniles and men, manufacturers will be permitted to use leather welts and lightweight leather insoles in these types of non-rationed shoes, OPA said. Straight or short shield tips and backstays of pigskin leather also will be allowed on these shoes.

### Army 'Wood for War' Motorcade To Visit This Section Shortly

#### Several Combat Veterans To Make Tour of State; To Announce Dates

An Army "Wood for War" motorcade, comprising an officer and several wounded combat veterans, will start on a fifteen hundred mile tour of wood-producing sections of North Carolina, beginning July 23, in an intensified effort to meet skyrocketing demands from the armed services for pulpwood and lumber products for the all-out offensive against Japan, Captain Thomas B. Sawyer, Industrial Services Division, Fourth Service Command, announced in Raleigh this week. The motorcade is scheduled to visit Williamston, but the date has not been definitely fixed. It will be announced soon.

Meeting with Roger D. Huff, Area forester for the Timber Production War Project, and Dr. J. S. Dorton, State Manpower director, to review the tentative itinerary of the motorcade and formulate operating plans for the veterans' tour, the representative of the Fourth Service Command stated that the program was being inaugurated at the urgent request of the War Production Board and the War Manpower Commission. "The 'Wood for War' veterans will bring a message to woods workers of North Carolina direct from the fighting fronts regarding the importance of pulpwood and lumber products in the war," Captain Sawyer stated, "and the necessity for all workers in the woods and in the mills to maintain full production until we have conquered the Japs."

The itinerary of the "Wood for War" motorcade includes some fifty stops in the principal wood producing areas of the state. Lumber and pulpwood mills will be visited and walk-throughs and assemblies held in most of them. At various wood producing centers in North Carolina night rallies will be held under the joint auspices of the Army, Timber Production War Project, and the War Manpower Commission.

At the night presentations the Army's special combat film "San Pietro" will be shown. "San Pietro," according to a national magazine is one of the finest documentary pictures to come out of the war. It depicts actual battlefield scenes, showing through the miracle of photography under fire, American infantry and tank men storming a key city in the Italian campaign, amid the shock and agony of a real battle field, the War Department advance notices state.

"The Wood for War" motorcade will be a complete field unit, with motion picture projector, sound equipment, loud speaker facilities and transport to carry the officers, veterans, and technicians who make up the staff of the project. All factories in forest industries have been enlisted to assist in the Army program.

### Miss Williams Died Tuesday In Hospital

Miss Kathleen Williams, a native of Hamilton, died in a Wilmington hospital on Tuesday last week. Miss Williams, for forty years a resident of West Virginia, was visiting friends and relatives in and near Wilmington when she was taken ill and was removed to the hospital a short time before her death.

Miss Williams was 59 years old, the daughter of the late Robert and Martha Elizabeth Williams of this county.

She was a member of the Methodist church, remaining loyal to its teachings and in its support down through the years.

Funeral services were conducted in Hamilton last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Thoms H. House, pastor. Interment was in the Hamilton cemetery.

No immediate members of her family survive, but she has a number of distant cousins in this county.

### "Little Pete" Fowden Left Behind by His Old Division

With more than enough points tucked away to support an honorable and immediate discharge, S/Sgt. Pete Fowden was already to come home with his outfit, the 30th Division, a few days ago when he was promoted and transferred. Expecting to be near home by this time, the local young man could only write a "blue" letter, explaining his ill luck. "Little" Pete hasn't given up all hope, however, and now he is of the opinion that they are keeping him in Europe until they can count up his points and clear his papers.

### ON THE MOVE

"Here today and gone tomorrow with the prospects of meeting tomorrow coming back," applies well to Pvt. Theron R. Gurganus, Martin County young man who is overseas, presumably somewhere in Germany.

Writing to have his paper address changed, the young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gurganus, RFD 1, Williamston, said, "This makes exactly twelve times I've been overseas. I came over in March and haven't been lucky enough to get a copy of The Enterprise yet."

## County Exceeds War Bond Quota By Approximately Million Dollars

### Review of Bond Sales in This County During Recent Drive

The following figures, submitted by County Drive Chairman, D. V. Clayton, offer a picture of bond sales for both the "E" and negotiable types, and the excess sales for each township or district in this county during the Seventh War Loan Drive just recently ended:

Township	"E" Bonds		Negotiable Bonds	
	Quota	Sales	Over Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 11,250	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 11,500
Williams	7,300	7,537.50	237.50	7,500
Griffins	18,500	18,525.00	25.00	18,500
Bear Grass	13,000	13,725.00	725.00	13,200
Williamston	157,500	177,250.25	19,750.25	159,000
Cross Roads	11,300	12,337.50	1,037.50	11,300
R'ville	111,300	126,250.25	14,950.25	112,000
Poplar Point	7,300	8,212.50	912.50	7,000
Hamilton	14,750	15,056.25	306.25	15,270
Hassell	7,500	9,431.25	1,931.25	7,500
Goose Nest	11,300	14,868.75	3,568.75	11,300
Totals	\$371,000	\$419,742.25	\$48,742.25	\$374,000

The figures include negotiable bonds bought and allocated to the county by the State and firms with offices in other places. The allocations were made as follows: American Tobacco Co., \$25,000; Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, \$5,000; Standard Oil Co., \$3,000; Colonial Stores, \$2,000, and Washington Production Credit, \$3,500. Purchases by Martin County servicemen during the drive boosted the "E" bond total by \$43,036.00.

## Over-All Sales For The County Totaled Right At \$1,670,440

### Every District in the County Exceeded Quotas for All Types of Bonds

Martin County, with the help of its boys in the service and allocations made by a few firms with offices elsewhere, exceeded the overall war bond quota by nearly one million dollars during the mighty seventh war loan drive, according to final figures released this week by D. V. Clayton, chairman of the drive.

Total "E" bond sales were \$419,742.25 or \$48,742.25 in excess of the original quota. Total negotiable bond sales amounted to \$1,250,698.00 or \$876,698 in excess of the original goal. The over-all sales amounted to \$1,670,440.25, an amount \$926,440.25 in excess of the over-all quota.

Martin County people invested \$376,706.25 in "E" bonds, or nearly \$6,000 in excess of the assigned quota. This amount was boosted to \$419,742.25 when Martin County men in the various branches of the armed forces invested \$43,036.00 in bonds during the drive.

The sales of negotiable bonds was materially boosted when the State of North Carolina made purchases in the millions of dollars and allocated \$349,000.00 to this county. The Martin County treasurer invested \$19,745.00 of public funds in negotiable bonds along with several corporations and firms with home offices outside the county. These sales were allocated to the various districts.

Every district in the county exceeded its original quota for all types of bonds, and some of them had right big goals. A tabulation, appearing on this page, gives a picture of the bond sales, showing exactly what each district accomplished.

The drive experienced tough travel at one time, but the people rallied to its support toward the end and did an excellent in meeting and passing the quotas. About the only bad feature about the drive it was not as large as it should or could have been, according to the chairman. "If it had not been for a few who invested \$5,000 or more, the "E" bond quota would not have been met. Despite that bad feature, the drive ranks as the most successful held during the war to date. Martin County was one of the 47 counties in the State to meet and exceed both its "E" and negotiable bond quotas, and it is believed that it will rank near the top with its over-all quota excess.

The State, as a whole, purchased only about 98 percent of its "E" bond quota, and the nation was about three percent short of the goal.

Chairman Clayton expressed his sincere appreciation to those faithful workers who gave of their time to interest the general public in the bond drive. And he is not unmindful of those who went down

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### Judge Calvin Smith Calls Few Cases In The County's Court

#### Several Cases Continued To Avoid Conflict With Tobacco Harvest

Judge J. Calvin Smith called five cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, and continued two of them to avoid a conflict with the tobacco harvest. The judge again explained that he wanted no cases booked when their trial would interrupt in any way the harvesting of the tobacco crop. He suggested a short time ago that the cases be held in abeyance by the various justices of the peace or other officers until after the current tobacco crop is harvested. Only those cases, the trial of which would cause farmers inconvenience in harvesting tobacco, are to be continued, it was explained.

Very few spectators were in the courtroom for the trials and little interest was shown in the proceedings. The session lasted hardly an hour.

Proceedings:

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, and with reckless and careless driving, Dallas Mizelle pleaded guilty. He was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs of the case.

The case charging Booker T. Mizelle with reckless and careless driving was continued until the fourth Monday in August for the defendant.

A continuance was also granted in the case in which Thurman Edmondson was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

The heavy sentence of the day was imposed in the case in which William A. Brown was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Brown pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the road for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the court costs. The court ordered that no driver's license be issued the defendant during the next two years.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, Joseph Outerbridge pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and required to pay the court costs.

Business of the court is now in a summer slump, officers declaring that there has been very little activity on the crime front in recent days.

### Speaks Highly Of Filipino Peoples

Returning from a long period of service with the Seabees in various parts of the world, including Alaska and the Philippines, Fred Lawson, former resident of Hamilton, spoke very highly of the Filipinos. "I hate to say it, but I do believe that the Filipino has a higher moral standard than the American," he declared. He described the Filipinos as being a friendly people and very accommodating.

The former member of the Seabees specialized in the construction of air fields, explaining that a great field was built as Kiska, and that on the small island in the Philippines where he was stationed they carved out an airfield in short order and were sending big bombers out before the Japs were driven from sight, almost.

He was quoted as saying that he saw many Japs, but they were mostly dead ones.

Mr. Lawson visited here a short while this week.

### Justice Hassell Has Five Cases In Court

Justice John L. Hassell handled five cases in his court here during the past few days, and imposed two roads sentences and several fairly sizable fines.

Alfred Jones, a frequent visitor by persuasion to the court, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days when he was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly. The defendant, given a 30 days suspended sentence for an affray back in June, was ordered to the roads for thirty days, the sentences to run consecutively.

Herber Reaves, charged with being drunk and disorderly at Duk Inn, was fined \$10 and required to pay the court costs.

Emma Bell Reaves, his wife, was fined \$10 and required to pay \$7.50 costs for her disorderly conduct at Duk Inn, a new beer joint recently opened on Washington Street here.

Charged with a simple assault, Geo. M. Hardison was required to pay \$7.50 costs.

### Youth Awarded the Purple Heart Medal

Rome, Ga.—The Purple Heart Medal, for wounds received in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations, was awarded Pfc. James M. Barclift, son of Mrs. Mattie Barclift, 513 Warren Street, Williamston, N. C. in formal ceremonies here at Battery General Hospital a few days ago. Col. B. D. Faust, Commanding Officer, made the presentation.

Barclift was wounded in April, 1944, on the Anzio Beachhead, and again in December, 1944, in Northern France. He was a member of the Service Company, 15th Regiment, Third Division.

Barclift, who is 20 years old, entered the service March 29, 1943, and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Robinson, Ark., before shipping overseas where he joined the Third Division in Italy. He was overseas eighteen months, taking part in campaigns in Italy and France.

He landed with the Third Division in Southern France on D-Day. Barclift has been a patient at Battery General since March 5, 1945.

The young man spent some time here with his uncle, Mr. W. R. Banks, several months ago before returning to the hospital in Georgia for further medical treatment.

### Oak City Negroes Victims of Attack

Clarence Everett, young Oak City colored man, was dangerously hurt last Monday afternoon when Russell Sherrod struck him over the head with a beer bottle following an argument centering around either wife or women, according to reports reaching here.

Everett's condition was described as critical at first, but later reports indicate that he is improving.

Arrested by Constable Edmond Early, Sherrod waived preliminary hearing and was placed under bond in the sum of \$500 by Justice J. B. Whitfield of Oak City where the attack took place.

Sherrod had one of his eyes shot out by a boy named Council some times ago, following an argument over a girl.

The defendant is now in the county jail waiting for trial in Judge J. C. Smith's court next Monday.

McKinley Powell, 35 years old, was cut in Oak City last Saturday by James Saunders, 18, the knife assault chancing an argument between the two colored men.

Carried before Justice J. B. Whitfield, Saunders was placed under bond in the sum of \$300. Unable to raise the amount immediately, the man was placed in the county jail to await trial in Judge J. C. Smith's court next Monday.

### Meets Brother-In-Law In Manila Short Time Ago

Private David C. Mizelle, away from the Pacific coast hardly a month, recently met his brother-in-law, Benny Weaver, in the Philippines recently.

According to letters from both the young men, the meeting was a glorious and happy one. Benny has been in the South Pacific for over two years and his brother-in-law was the first man he had seen from home since he left the States.

### RETURNS HOME

#### Badly wounded in his right arm on Okinawa last May 17, Pvt. Bruce Lambert Peel returned home a few days ago to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Peel, in Griffins Township a short time before going to a hospital in Richmond for an operation. A piece of shell tore into his arm near the elbow, severing the nerves and leaving his right hand almost without feeling.

The young soldier, one of four known to have been wounded on Okinawa, left the spot on a hospital boat and flew from Saipan to the States.