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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

The final installment of the story about the 101st follows:

jected, one German Artillery Corps equipped. and six heavy A.A. Battalions are ready to annihilate the U.S.A. troops firing will be given immediately after this two hours' term.

not correspond with the well-known American humanity." German Commander received

the following reply:

Allied Troops are counter-attacking in force. We continue to hold Bastogne. By holding Bastogne we assure the success of the Allied Armies. We know that our Division Commander, General Taylor, will say: "Well done!"

We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas present and being privileged to take part in this gallant feat of arms are truly making for ourselves a Merry Christmas.

Shells continued to pour into the "hole in the doughnut." Early Christmas Day, Germans began one of their major attacks. Tanks and infantry broke through in the area of the 502nd and 327th to make it anything but a Merry Christmas. After hours of bitter fighting, the enemy was driven off or wiped out. Eagle lines still held.

Close fighter-bomber support help ed to erase a large number of Ger man tanks as pyres marked the trail additional attempts were made to bomb Division headquarters. Constant shelling and bombings reduced the town to rubble.

The rumble of tank fire heralded the approach of the 4th Armd. Div. At 1715, Dec. 26, first elements of the division contacted outposts of

Minutes later, the gallant Bastogne wounded were evacuated in a long convoy of trucks and ambu-

One of many congratulatory meshave watched with admiration the friends of the 101st U.S. Airborne Division have fought it out with the enemy around Bastogne. Our high regards and congratulations.

And for Maj. Gen. Troy H. Middleton, commanding VIII Corps: Dear General Taylor:

While this office has recommended that the 101st Airborne Division be cited in official War Department orders for its magnificent stand at Bastogne, Belgium, I feel that I

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Award County Boy ships, in Monday's raid in the Tokyo However, Coroner Biggs explained that he questioned her soon after

Corporal Roger B. Riddick, Field Japan. Artillery, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, was re-cently awarded the Bronze Star of the mainland and nervously Medal for heroic achievement in con- warned that landings may be made against the enemy on September 8, move to the invasion of Japan it-Riddick's battery had moved into self. a new position, a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire fell in the area. Although he himself was injured by the burst that wounded four of his comrades, he answered the call for a volunteer to bring medical aid. With courage and determination he made his way termination he made his way their total by nine aircraft and 20 through the shell torn area, and sition. Displaying remarkable fortitude, he thereafter assisted in evacuating the other wounded before himself receiving treatment. Corporal Riddick's bravery and loyalty merit the highest praise and com-

The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riddick of Everetts.

Several Tobacco Barns Destroyed on Wednesday

Several more tobacco barns were destroyed by fire in the county this week the number of losses now standing at thirteen or more for the

season, to date. Farmer Haywood Rogers lost barn near Williamston, and two sage received a short time ago from others were reported to have burned on the Bailey Road in Cross Cpl. Woolard was a brother of grades. The nondescript, averaging Roads Township Wednesday after- Mrs. Allen Griffin of near James- around \$37, was about \$10 higher

partment volunteers yesterday after- \$9,726. noon and accepted a few hours with interest by all Americans and especially by local people because Lt. Billy Biggs and possibly other Martin County boys are members of the 101st.

A small note was blown in the radia- another one for delivery in South Carolina.

The factory representative explained that the radiator cap was not the right type for the particular make of truck. The radiator is being repaired today, but here and increase another one for delivery in South Carolina.

After months of delay, Williams - The truck without hose and was new \$10,000 fire truck was delivered by representatives of the feet of two and one-half inch hose Mack Motor Company yesterday at cost \$1,650. Two hundred feet of noon. The machine was tested by smaller hose cost \$150 and the noz-Fire Chief G. P. Hall and the de- zles cost \$50, making a total of

Company representatives drove of the daring work handled by dar-ing men in the U. S. Army's 101st factory, were not completed before where it was shipped by rail with Airborne Division. It will be read a small hole was blown in the radia- another one for delivery in South

ing repaired today, but hose and ing 150 gallons of water, had been other equipment for the truck have here hardly ten minutes before an been delayed and the truck can- alarm was sounded. The depart-"If this proposal should be re- not be put to much use until fully ment's old equipment was used since the new one was not equipped.

ready to annihilate the U.S.A. troops in and near Bastogne. The order for firing will be given immediately af-"All the serious civilian losses caused by this artillery fire would not correspond with the well-known of c

BUSY MONTH

Alcoholic beverage control officers had a busy time in this county last month when they poured out 1,500 gallons of beer, nearly nine gallons of white liquor, wrecked ten illicit manufacturing plants and arrested two alleged violators.

One-fifth of the plants were using sugar in the manufacturing operations, it was learned. Most of the others were using cheap grades of molasses.

The last of the ten plants captured was found in hopping distance of the school house at Parmele, Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecking the oil drum still and pouring out two barrels of molasses beer last Tuesday. Five gallons of molasses were confiscated.

of diving planes. Christmas night, Greatest Air Attack In History Directed

Nearly One Thusand B-29s death. Drop 6,000 Tons of Bombs

same territory it had taken on ar- matum a few days before, the Japs tion he could establish no motive riving in the area. Gen. Taylor, hav- yesterday felt the full fury and that would tend to support a criming flown back to the battle zone wrath of an increased bombing day morning were supported by from Washington, resumed command force. In one of the greatest air atwith Gen. McAuliffe's assurance that tacks in history, nearly one thousand records in the office of the superior the 101st was "ready for offensive B-29s dropped 6,000 tons of incendiary bombs and two-ton blockbusters on the four Jap cities of Hachioji, investigation handled Wednesday sages arriving at headquarters read: Toyama, Nagaoka and Mito, indus-All ranks first Canadian Army trial and transportation centers on drinking, making it appear that he magnificent manner in which their to the destruction there, the airmen lamp and fired the home while memleveled a big petroleum center.

Tokyo. But Admiral William F. most eighty hours old.

planes have just been revealed. The near the house, was burned also. combined carrier forces took a toll cluding a total of thirty-three war- statement could be had immediately. Bronze Star Medal the Japs to speculate on the postible that he questioned her soon after the tragedy and declared that her story supported the statements preparing for an invasion of the strategic islands between Korea and

The enemy turned his attention

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz ships destroyed or damaged. Since Allied sea and air units have desince July 10 have been 126 Ameriosing 23 planes and 15 men.

Over in the European area, the (Continued on page six)

Brother of County Woman Dies in Germany July 3rd

Cpl. Mayhew Woolard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Claude Woolard, were turned. RFD 1, Washington, died in Germany on July 3, according to a mesthe War Department.

Finds No Foul Play

Supported By Family's **Sworn Statements**

The case growing out of the tragic and untimely death of Ralph W. Barbour, 32-year-old Raleigh insurance man, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Hodges in Grif-fins Township late last Saturday night or early Sunday morning was reopened by Coroner S. R. Biggs at the request of the dead man's father, W. R. Barbour, of Raleigh Wednesday morning. In his message to Coroner Biggs, the father advanced no reason for demanding the investigation. He merely stated, "I want complete investigation of my son's

Called to the Hodges farm between 2 and 3 o'clock last Sunday Against Japs' Cities morning, the coroner questioned several parties, including the victim's morning, the coroner questioned sevwife and her parents, and ruled that the man was accidentally burned to Coroner Biggs stated that he was satisfied by the evidence of-

In Single Raid Thursday

After rejecting a surrender ultimatum a few days before the Japs.

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morning that Barbour had been the island of Honshu. In addition must have knocked over a lighted bers of the family were keeping a In the meantime, United States tobacco barn about 55 yards away. Pacific Fleet carrier planes and war- The coroner was advised that the ships attacked Wake Island, that lit- victim had about \$500 insurance, tle spot bypassed in the drive on and that, the coroner reasoned, could not have prompted foul play because Halsey's Third Fleet still remains the wife's parents lost their home under a security blackout now al- and all contents, including a quantity of cured tobacco, and some cash Details of a raid earlier in the money on hand for housing tobacco. week by U. S. and British carrier The Barbour automobile, parked

Mrs. Barbour had returned to of 278 Jap planes and 116 vessels, in-Raleigh Wednesday and no sworn sworn to by her parents later in the

> Sworn statements offered by Mr and Mrs. Hodges and prepared for

the records, follow: Mrs. J. H. Hodges .- "Ralph W. Barbour and my daughter, Kathleen, his wife, came to my house in an automobile Saturday night, July 28, about 8 or 9 o'clock. My husband

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Tobacco Prices Are

Opening the season Wednesday Truck tires were morning, nine South Carolina and lowing applicants: dented seaborne offensive against seven North Carolina border tobacthe Japanese mainland on July 10, co markets reported prices slightly higher than those received on opencan planes and 102 men, the British the ceiling price, and offerings were and Hoe Company, R. S. Critcher, said to be much larger than they W. I. Skinner Company were on opening day last year. In 1944, prices received the first day averaged right at \$43.12 and the year

before that they averaged \$41.23. Growers, for the most part, were said to have been pleased with their sales, but a few notes of dissatisfaction were heard and a few tags

The quality of the leaf offered was reported from fair to common, and there was little difference in the price paid for the inferior and better

New Fire Truck Delivered To More Resignations Junior Chamber of Commerce Date Is Fixed For Local Department Yesterday Submitted Recently Organized Here Last Monday **By County Teachers**

Supervisor for the White **Elementary Schools**

The teacher shortage, already regarded as critical, was aggravated n this county early this week when additional resignations were received by the office of the superintendent, leaving around twenty positions vacant in the white schools In accordance with the laws, teachers planning on changing positions must submit their resignations at least thirty days before the opening of the ensuing term, and the last wo resignations were received just before that deadline.

Miss Grace Talton, capable and popular first grade teacher in the local schools for the past six years, and Mrs. H. L. Meador, teacher in the Bear Grass School last term, were the last to tender their resignait was learned. With so many other duties to handle, Mrs Meador, it is understood, is quitting Coroner Biggs Again the teaching profession. Miss Talton's plans could not be learned im-

The first grade resignation was the second in the local schools, Miss In Barbour's Death Frances Turnage having resigned a short time ago. Miss Alice Hardy of Richmond has been elected to succeed Miss Turnage but the other Preliminary Investigation Is first grade position along with about nineteen others in the county con-

tinues vacant. Miss Hardy, a graduate of Blackstone College and postgraduate student for several summers in the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, taught several years in the Chadbourn School and more recently at Fairbluff.

Several applications for other positions in the county schools are being considered by the authorities, but no formal acceptance in any of those cases has been reported during the past few days.

Miss Lissie Pearce of Princeton, ohnston County, recently accepted that a letter would follow. a position as supervisor for the county's white elementary schools Miss Pearce, a graduate of the Woman's College, University of North care of himself and was getting Carolina, Greensboro, is the first to along all right. She entered upon her new duties two and one-half years ago, Pvt this county from Raleigh where she for the last time, leaving soon faculty, having taught prior to that operations where he participated in time in the schools of Johnston several campaigns and saw much County and Goldsboro.

problems. Frank Hitch on Hassell Street.

ty by the War Price and Rationing three years ago from Beaufort ed because Judge Smith had order-Board last Friday evening.

lowing

H. S. Johnson, Herbert Clark, L. friends in his adopted communi-A. Croom, Martin County Board of ties. Education, C. O. Edwards, John L. Gussie Harrison, Lester Bryant, operating on a hospital ship in the D. W. Manning, John C. Gurganus, service was home for a short visit William Cross, V. B. Hairr, Ira Jones, about two months ago. erson, J. N. Hopkins, N. T. Daniel, T. H. Wynne, Williamston Package the first to reach this county in several manufacturing Co., Wm. Evan Griffin, A. R. White, Nell H. Carter, Ot-

Joe Wynne, John O. Bunting. Truck tires were issued to the fol-J. E. Andrews, John Gurkin, Martin County Board of Education Town of Williamston, Harrison Oil stroyed or damaged 1,005 enemy ing day, a year ago, according to in- Company, Joe Wynne, John Buntships and 1,528 planes. U. S. losses formation reaching here. The first- ing, H. S. Johnson, Williamston day averages stood right at \$44.50, Lumber Company, American Fork

PRISONER LABOR

During the period, July 19-31, 1,204 German prisoners of war worked in tobacco on Martin County farms. Receiving \$2,they worked 9,663 and one-half hours.

The work accomplished by the prisoners was not reviewed, but they are said to have done much in helping approximately 100 farmers save their tobacco crop.

Miss Lissie Pearce Is Named fifteen local young men organized a Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce. Known nationally as the sentatives from Rocky Mount, Kin-

Chamber of Commerce. T. Forbes, vice president of the Easttalk and pointed out the need of an attend the meeting, it was learned. organization in Williamston and the

Page, treasurer. Men eligible for a whole

ganization will be held some time next week and a' that session repre-Jayrees, the local organization is ston, Greenville and Wilson will be sponsored by the Wilson Junior present and speak about the work the organization is doing in eastern At the meeting Monday night, V. North Carolina. Ray Bandy, the organization's national vice presiern District, made an interesting dent of Rocky Mount, is expected to

The organization has the reputation of handling an effective work The following officers were elect- in eastern Carolina and the new unit Clarence Griffin, president; is expected to add much to the prog-Ernest S. Mears, vice president; Ex- ress of the town, its business orum Ward, Jr., secretary, and J. D. ganizations and the community, as

County Youth Dies In The Phillipine Islands

Reported To Have Died on July 26th

Mother, Mrs. Minnie Mizelle Roberson, Got Message Last Wednesday

Pfc. Clyde E. Mizelle, young Martin County man, died in the Philippine Islands on Thursday, July 26, according to a message received from the War Department last Wednesday morning by his mother, Mrs. Minnie Mizelle Roberson, of the Farm Life Community of Griffins Township. No details were offered by the message, but E. F. Witsell, the acting adjutant general, stated

In a letter received by his mother about two weeks ago, the young man said that he was taking good

hold that position in this county. Entering the service more than this week. Miss Pearce comes to Mizelle visited home in May, 1944. was a member of the city school thereafter for the Pacific theater of

front-line action. His location was Minnie Moore, now of Griffin Town-Miss Pearce is at home with Mrs. Ship, Pvt. Mizelle was born in the Monday. Hardly more than a dozen Poplar Chapel Community of James- spectators were in the courtroom a youth ,but in later years he was Over one hundred tires-eighty- engaged in logging operations, workfour for cars and twenty-one for ing for a short while in defense jobs trucks-were allotted in this coun- before entering the service nearly

Besides his mother, four brothers Goff, Jack Smith, C. L. Keel, E. T. survive, Warren Mizelle, just back Andrews, W. E. Coffield, Arthur from the European area; Elmer Mi-Staton, Mrs. James W. Conklin, zelle, member of a medical company Herman Manning, A. W. VanNort- Atlantic service, and Lloyd Mizelle, wick, Eli Davis, L. H. Hamm, L. W. a farmer of near Plymouth. His Wynne, Roland Griffin, Archie D. brother Warren was wounded in Coltrain, Raymond H. Harrison, K. Germany and was taken prisoner, W. Copeland, E. J. Hayes, Henry escaping before his captors could Oakley, J. S. Rogerson, Zeb Brown, place him in prison. Warren return-Annie L. Roberson, Nathaniel Coled to the States some over two train, S. R. Coburn, James Asa Rob- weeks ago and was placed in Swanerson, John H. Everett, Hubert nanoa Hospital, Asheville, for treat-Wobbleton, William Bowen, W. M. ment. In a telephone message a few Lilley, Leo J. Everett, C. R. Gray, days ago he told his mother he ex-John Mobley, Jr., E. S. Peel, K. D. pected to be home for a visit this week. The other brother in the The case charging La

C. L. Green, J. E. Hedrick, Evelyn Pvt. Mizelle is the fifty-third Mar-Hinnant Manning, J. C. Keel, Dewey tin County man known to have laid Hardison, W. R. Banks, William Rob- down his life in the service of his country. The casualty message was

Higher on Border tis Wainwright, Town of Williamston Williamston Native

ham last Sunday afternoon at 3:40 mill and several farms, explained o'clock after a long illness.

Carrie Rhodes Jones, he was born He was carried into court by Patrol- Wind In County This Week here 57 years ago. He spent his man Tripp. early life here and moved to Durham with his parents more than Cpl. Sidney Lewis Returns thirty years ago, marry Miss Florence Pope of Durham and who survives with a sister, Mrs. W. A. Couch,

After attending the local schools, ne went to the Littleton Academy. Funeral services were conducted Durham's Maplewood Cemetery.

last rites.

Mr. Jones was a life-long member

Of the sixty-nine motor vehicles parked in one block on the main street here last Tuesday night only twenty-three displayed the federal government's little green \$5 use stamp

ONE OUT OF THREE

Reports state that a few did not buy one of the stamps the first year they were placed on sale. The number of non-buyers was said to have increased the following year, and now it looks as if a purchase is almost an exception to the rule. The green green stamps were to have been purchased and displayed on or before July 1. The month is spent and as far as it can be learned no action has been taken by the authorities to boost the sticker sales.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Four Cases In The County's Court

Docket Is Smallest Before the Court In Months, Clerk Wynne Declares

the session, but they were not book-County where he registered. He ed a continuation of all those cases Car tires were rationed to the fol- never married, but was an indus- the trial of which would have taken trious young man and had many vest. Approximately ten cases have accumulated as a result of that order, and they will be tried later this month.

Proceedings D. D. Hill, Williamston's perpetual female attacker and wife beater, pleaded not guilty when he was call ed about the twelfth time to answer a charge of assaulting a female. He pleaded not guilty, was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for six months. The court agreed to suspend all but the first sixty days of the road term if the defendant costs. Hill was unable to raise the ings in the town's business district, amount and he started serving his

The case charging Lafayette Pearsall with an assault on a female, was continued until the third Monday in

this month. drunken driving, pleaded guilty and W. Hardison in an adjoining buildwas fined \$50 and taxed with the court costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one

taxed with the costs. The court recommended that his driver's license iamston died at his home in Dur- days. Younce, operator of a saw that he was in a hurry and that was

a 30-day furlough in the county with limbs on the light and telephone his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert wires on the main street. No dam-Lewis, RFD 3, Williamston.

The young man spent twenty-two

Mailing Christmas Packages Overseas

Start Mailing on Fifteenth of September: Regulations Are Reviewed

Arrangements have been made by the Post Office Department in cooperation with the War and Navy Departments (the latter including he Marines and Coast Guard) for the acceptance of Christmas parcels for members of our armed forces serving outside the continental Unit-

Christmas parcels for Army peronnel overseas must be mailed during the period beginning September 15, 1945, and ending October 15, the ed for delivery in China, Burma, ndia, the Middle East and the isands in the Pacific should be mailed as early as possible during the period stated, preferably not later than October 1, in view of the disance involved.

During this period requests from the addresses are not required in connection with Christmas parcels mailed to Army personnel. Patrons should endorse each gift parcel 'Christmas Parcel''. Special effort will be made to effect delivery of all Christmas parcels mailed during he periods stated above in time for Christmas.

Christmas cards for Army peronnel overseas may be mailed at my time but patrons must mail such cards prior to November 15, if they are to have a reasonable expectaiton of delivery prior to Christmas. The War Department advises that greeting cards for soldiers overseas must be sent in sealed envelopes and prepaid at the first-lass rate. Since Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps personnel may receive parcels without a request at any time of the year ,it is not the policy of the Navy Department to encourage the mailing of parcels during any particular period of time each year. The Navy Department suggests, however, that parels intended as Christmas gifts be mailed not later than October 15 to afford some degree of probability of lelivery prior to Christmas day, depending upon the destination and empo of the war effort, and that parcels for personnel known to be an area which would permit mailing subsequent to October 15 may be deposited for mailing at a

date selected by the sender. Christmas parcels for Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard personnel Judge J. Calvin Smith called only shall not exceed five pounds in weight or 15 inches in length or four cases and one of those was conteachers in solving various school Mizelle Roberson, the former Miss Martin County Recorder's court last bined. The War and Navy Department Martin County Recorder's court last ments have pointed out that members of the armed forces are amply provided with food and clothing and Over Hundred Tires When he was just a lad of six years, his father died, and after attending an hour.

The declar to the proceedings which lasted hardly an hour.

The public can according to the process of the public surged not to include such matter in gift parcels. school at Poplar Chapel a few years he started working to supplement to be placed before the courts in the family incomes and friends Allotted By Board he started working to supplement to be placed before the courts in months, Clerk L. B. Wynne pointed respondence with such person and respondence with such person and Possibly one or two additional should limit their gifts to articles not readily obtainable by the man cases would have been tried during overseas. Not more than one Christmas parcel or package shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the some person or consignee to or for the same addresses. Christmas parcels for Army per-

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Volunteer Firemen Answer Two Calls

Local volunteer firemen answered two calls this week, one on Tuesday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock when fire wrecked the Windsor theater and threatened several other buildand one yesterday afternoon at 12:15 clock when an oil stove went out of control in a house on the old Anderson farm near the county home.

Its origin unknown, the fire gutted the theater in Windsor and the stock of merchandise owned by G. ing was damaged by smoke. Local volunteers helped the Windsor firemen confine the fire to the one build-

Very little damage was done to between 60 and 70 miles an hour on the farm home near here, firemen U. S. Highway 17 between William-bringing the fire under control with chemicals. The call yesterday was Passes In Durham ston and Washington, Earl Younce, was fined \$15 and been fire truck was delivered bere new fire truck was delivered here the factory representatives. The new William R. Jones, native of Wil- be revoked for a period of ten the time and the firm and the fi old truck in answering the call.

The son of the late Albert C. and the reason he was driving so fast. Property Damaged By Strong

Considerable damage was done to property in Robersonville late From European Theater Wednesday afternoon when a strong wind lifted the roof off the tobacco Cpl. Sidney R. Lewis is spending redrying plant and blew down tree age estimate could be had immed-

Tuesday afternoon in a Durham months overseas and traveled in While Robersonville was reportfuneral home and interment was in nine foreign countries while in the ing wind damage, heavy rains were European theater. He wears the falling in the Jamesville and Oak Good Conduct Medal, the Silver Star City sections. In Jamesville, the of the Episcopal church and his rec- for five major campaigns, and the water was deep enough at one time tor, Rev. J. T. Carter, conducted the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in to float boats in the streets, it was