

Review Of Effect Air Power Had In European Area

Excerpts Taken From Report of Commander To His Chiefs of Staff

(Additional excerpts from the report of the supreme commander to the Chiefs of Staff, presented below, continue the description of air power's role in the victory in Europe.—Ed.)

"The heavy bomber attacks achieved their object and made the closer-range attacks against road movements all the more effective in helping to strangle von Rundstedt's efforts. Throughout the period the Strategic Air Forces battered marshalling yards east of the Rhine and blocked centers of movement such as St.-Vith, while the medium and light bombers of the Tactical Air Forces destroyed bridges, headquarters dumps, and other targets in the battle area. The fighter-bombers ranged far and wide in and beyond the battle area creating havoc in enemy road and rail movement, their efficacy in starving the enemy of fuel, food, and ammunition being amply testified to by prisoners. A concerted attack on the German Air Force airfields on 24 December helped to reduce the activity of the enemy fighters and thus afforded our fighter-bombers still greater opportunity for concentration on ground targets rather than on air fighting, which had up to this time been as intense as any the enemy had proved capable of offering since D-day . . .

10. "In connection with the Allied air activities during the early months of 1945, the operation known as Clarion, carried out on 22 February, is worthy of special mention. Nearly 9,000 aircraft, from bases in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Italy, took part in this gigantic onslaught, which involved targets covering an area of a quarter of a million square miles, extending from Emden to Berlin, Dresden, Vienna, and Mulhouse. The aim was to attack incidental communications facilities, such as railroad signal points and grade crossings, canal locks, and junctions, in order to

experience in keeping open the German life lines. It had been found by experience that such local attacks, complementary to large ones, had far-reaching effects in slowing down enemy movement, and it was hoped that Clarion would spread the paralysis throughout Germany. It was a bold scheme, demanding great skill and daring on the part of all involved. Confounded by the widespread nature of the blow, the enemy's attempts at defense were completely ineffective. . . .

11. "The German communications network running west of the intersection line toward the Rhine was also heavily attacked from the air during the weeks preceding the assault across the river. A very important operation comprised blows delivered by Bomber Command on 11 and 12 March. On the 11th a record was established for the load of bombs dropped on a single target in one raid when 1,079 heavy bombers rained some 5,000 tons on the Essen rail center. The record was surpassed on the 12th when 1,106 heavies dropped 5,487 tons on Dortmund. These communications attacks were energetically supported by fighters and fighter-bombers of the RAF Second Tactical Air Force and the U. S. XXIX Tactical Air Command. The resulting chaos was such as to prove far beyond the powers of the Reichsbahn repair organization to remedy, despite its immense efforts to keep the lines open. . . .

"Mention should be made here of the excellent work performed, in preparation for the ground assault, by the Allied photographic reconnaissance aircraft. Now, as throughout the campaign in Europe, their work provided the

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Able To Be Up After A Long Stay In Bed

Confined to his bed with a severe back injury for weeks, Mr. Iverson Skinner was able to be up Wednesday for the first time. Part of the encasement has been removed from his body, and he is able to sit up and walk around for short periods.

County Liquor Sales Show Large Increase

Total Of \$2,893,174 Spent For Liquor Since Stores Open

Sales Last Quarter Are \$52,817.40 Larger Than One Year Ago

Legal liquor sales, pushing toward the three-million-dollar mark, continue to show increases over previous records, the gross income in the four Martin County stores during the second quarter of this year exceeding those for the corresponding period in 1945 by \$52,817.40. Only in three other three-month periods were greater sales reported, the liquor business apparently having reached a peak in the last three months of 1945 when sales climbed to \$217,671.65.

Despite shortages and alleged inferior quality, liquor was in great demand during the three months ending last June 30. The four stores reported sales in the amount of \$155,624.20 to establish an all-time record for that period of the year. While they were over \$50,000 in excess of those reported just a year ago, the sales last quarter were \$134,040.15 larger than they were in the months of April, May and June, ten years ago. During the fiscal year ending last June, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars were spent in this county for legal liquor.

A review of the official audit just recently released for the second quarter of this year shows that of the \$155,624.20 spent for liquor, \$118,074.33 went to the distillers. Operating expenses for the period amounted to \$4,725.05, and net income was \$34,415.39.

Financially, the Martin County ABC Board has outgrown its swaddling clothes and now deals in big figures. The audit shows that the board as of last June 30 had \$68,867.88 in cash and \$38,496.04 represented in inventories. Its fixed assets, including furniture, fixtures and equipment,

and their value cared for by depreciation reserve.

As of the date under consideration, the board owed distillers and tax collectors \$29,005.90, and \$45,686.44 to the county treasurer and the several store towns as their prorata share in the profits pie cutting.

Second-quarter profits were figured as follows: Martin County, \$15,254.88; State of North Carolina, \$13,228.06; Town of Williamston, \$2,112.83; Town of Robertsonville, \$879.42; Town of Oak City, \$433.10; Town of Jamesville, \$388.37, and \$2,118.73 was set aside for law enforcement. During the fiscal year ending last June 30, the board paid the State of North Carolina \$59,706.78.

Net profits were reported by stores for the second quarter in 1945 and 1946, as follows:

	1945	1946
Williamston	\$13,910.52	\$19,720.38
Robertsville	6,069.71	8,093.55
Oak City	2,760.12	3,990.54
Jamesville	2,642.66	3,600.12
Total	\$25,374.01	\$34,415.39

Sales for the same periods under consideration were reported by stores, as follows:

	1945	1946
Williamston	\$55,304.10	\$82,810.00
Rville	25,010.95	37,482.70
Oak City	11,468.25	18,507.30
Jamesville	11,203.56	16,824.20
Total	\$102,806.86	\$155,624.20

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Former Resident Will Hold Meeting In Bertie

Beginning Sunday, Rev. Cyrus W. Bazemore, pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, will conduct a series of religious services in Green's Cross Baptist Church in Bertie County. The minister, former head of the district U. S. Employment office, made his home in Williamston several years, and his friends here are invited to hear him.

A graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Louisville, Rev. Mr. Bazemore held a pastorate in Virginia several years before going to Elizabeth City.

Funeral Held For Thomas Hardison

Funeral services were held in the Christian church here Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Thomas Hardison, 10-year old local youth, who died suddenly early last Tuesday morning.

Rev. John L. Goff, the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington and Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, Baptist ministers, and Elder P. E. Getsinger, officiated. Interment was in the family plot in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township, not so far from the lad's early childhood home.

Cub scouts and playmates at school and in the community who cherished his company during the six years he had made his home in Williamston, handled the unusually large floral offering. His cousins, all young men, served as pallbearers.

The church was filled and many others waited outside for the service. Traffic was stopped on the main street while the long procession moved from the church to the highway.

in very good health, his death came unexpectedly and as a shock to the community where he enjoyed a friendship circle unusually large for one so young and where he held the respect of both young and old.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardison, and two brothers, James and Samuel Hardison.

Home-Coming At Vernon Sunday

Home-coming day will be observed at the Vernon Methodist Church Sunday, the special event to mark the closing of a revival now in progress there, the pastor, Rev. Sidney Boone, announced.

Beginning at 9:45 o'clock that morning, the church school will be followed by a special program to be presented by the several classes and members of the school. A picnic lunch will be served at 12:30, and a worship service and church conference will complete the program for the day, the pastor announced.

Rev. Mr. Boone is extending a cordial invitation to all members and former members and friends of the church who lived in the community before moving to other centers to attend the program.

Legion Announces Barbecue Dinner

R. Mayme Albright, World War II veteran and chairman of the department membership committee for 1946-47, will address a barbecue meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion in the legion hut on Watts Street here next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced today by the post commander, Rev. John W. Hardy.

Veterans of World War I and II, including members of the Women's divisions of the armed forces, are being invited and Adjutant Bob Taylor is looking for several hundred to attend the meeting.

New Drug Offers Hay Fever Victim Hope For Relief

Anthallan Effective In Most Cases of Hay Fever Regardless of Cause

(The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—ed.)

About five million Americans have taken new hope over the prospect of a cure for their common ailment—hay fever. These and other members of the handkerchief brigade whose allergies to pollen, dusts and foods cause them to suffer from hay fever, hives, eczema and certain kinds of asthma have found little relief in treatment—up to now. Treatments that were available were uncertain, inconvenient, expensive.

But allergy sufferers are apt to have one trait in common—they will try anything to relieve them of the sneezes, the burning throat, the running nose, the weeping eyes or whatever symptoms their own peculiar allergy chooses.

The promised relief lies in a new drug called anthallan. Careful tests indicate that anthallan is effective in most allergy cases regardless of cause. The drug is easy for the doctor to administer and is said to be entirely safe in reasonable doses.

The cause of most hay fever sufferers' misery is ragweed—a plant that seems to thrive in many sections of the country with no encouragement whatever. Its pollen floats in the air almost everywhere from the middle of August until frost comes.

The annoying symptoms of hay fever result from the sensitiveness of the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and upper respiratory tract to this pollen. Besides the well known and uncontrollable sneeze, itching, redness and swelling of the eyes and nose result from this sensitiveness.

Unfortunately, hay fever victims can be sensitive to more than one substance. Sometimes hay fever is complicated by sinusitis or asthma. Nor is all hay fever confined to the fall months. What is known as perennial hay fever may occur at any time and can be due to an allergy to any one or more of a long list of things including milk, eggs, house dust or your wife's dandruff.

New Sugar Stamp Declared Valid

Spare Stamp No. 49, good for five pounds of sugar and scheduled to expire last Saturday night, continues good throughout September because of the shortage of sugar in some areas due to maldistribution, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson explained in Raleigh today.

At the same time, he announced that Spare Stamp No. 51 became valid last Sunday, also for five pounds, in line with the regular ration pattern followed for the past several months. "This stamp continues good for the balance of this year, he said, adding that uncertainty about the extent of the coming Cuban crop makes it impossible to increase the present sugar ration.

Johnson also announced that OPA District Offices now have authority to close the ration bank accounts of wholesalers and retailers who overdraw their sugar accounts and thus temporarily obtain more than their fair share of this scarce commodity. This closing of a seller's ration bank account will not prevent OPA from taking necessary enforcement action against any violator of ration regulations, Johnson said.

Minor Street Wreck Reported Wednesday

No one was hurt and no great damage resulted when a Ford car, driven by Miss Garnette Crocker crashed into the rear of a pick-up truck driven by Bud Cherry on North Houghton Street here Wednesday afternoon about 1:00 o'clock.

Tobacco Sales Are Resumed; Report Stronger Price Trend

Thousands Of Dollars In Excess Penalties Collected

More than \$12,000 in penalties placed on excess tobacco plantings have been collected in this county so far from farmers marketing their 1946 crop, it was learned from the office of the county agent this week. The penalties range from a few dollars to as much as \$578 on individual farms, and where combined operations were figured, the penalty ranged right up to \$1,000 in one case.

Approximately 167 of the nearly 1,500 farms in the county had excess acreage, it was learned. Nearly fifty marketing cards are yet to be delivered, the office explaining that in most of those cases the penalties are yet to be collected. The penalty collections, based on an excess of 121,760 pounds, are estimated and are subject to correction when the excess planters have sold all of their crop.

Capetown Citizen Thrilled By U. S.

"We could never quite understand the attitude of the Americans who came to Capetown," remarked Miss Helen Godfrey of Capetown, South Africa, during a brief call on friends here recently. "They exhibited endless confidence in themselves and what we thought was exaggerated pride in their country."

But having come to America to undergo an operation which was dangerous and expensive, she remained for a while to see something of the country aside from New York where the operation was done.

"To say that I am impressed with the greatness that is America and with the vastness of it, is to put it mildly," she said. "For my part I can understand now why there was never an expression of States to make their home in any other part of the world. Their pride and self-assurance is well supported by what the traveler finds here."

Few Cases Heard In Mayor's Court

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Freezer Locker Here Now Nearing Completion

The freezer locker plant, under construction here for months, is almost ready for operation, it was unofficially learned today.

Equipment, delayed in shipment for months, was delivered last week-end and workers are installing it this week. The electricians are expected to wire it next week, removing the last obstacle for the opening which will be announced soon.

A few remaining lockers are being placed on sale this week.

Right At 300,000 Pounds Sold For 52-Cent Average

Two-Day Block On Market And Tobacco Continues To Pour In

Reopening following a one-week declared holiday, the local tobacco market Thursday reported a stronger price trend for a number of grades and a general price average several cents higher than the one recorded on Wednesday of last week when sales were suspended to help relieve congestion in the tobacco factories and redrying plants.

According to conservative estimates, the Williamston market Thursday sold some over 300,000 pounds for an unofficial average of \$52.00 per hundred. Observers were of the opinion that the quality of the leaf was better Thursday than that reported when the markets closed for the one-week holiday on Wednesday of last week. However, there were many tips fitting into those grades for which there is apparently no big demand. A conservative buyer during the first eight days of the current season, the Export Company pushed forward Thursday and made fairly heavy purchases, offering strong competition for some grades.

INCREASE

According to unofficial reports heard here this week, a general increase of 15 percent in building material costs is to be expected within a short time. No details on the proposed price increase could be had, but observers expressed the opinion that much contemplated construction by those earning nominal salaries would be abandoned. It was also pointed out that a general price rise will hardly increase the supply of building materials.

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Vehicle Thieves Caught In County

John Henry King, 23, and Jerry White, 30, both colored of Virginia, were arrested near Gold Point in this county Monday by Cpl. W. T. Simpson for the alleged theft of a truck near Lawrenceville, Va., last Saturday night. They had toured parts of Virginia and several sections in eastern Carolina before the highway patrol corporal picked them up.

Placed in the county jail over night, the two men were turned over to Virginia State Trooper Hedgepeth Tuesday afternoon, and the truck was returned to the owner.

Judge J. C. Smith Has Twenty Cases In County's Court

Fines Amounting To \$480, Collected In Long Session Monday

Judge J. Calvin Smith held another long session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when he handled twenty cases, imposed several road sentences and collected fines in the sum of \$480. The road sentences ranged up to one year in length and one fine amounted to \$200.

The judge and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson worked until 4:20 o'clock clearing the docket. For the first time in some time, there were about as many white patrons and spectators in the court as there were colored.

Proceedings: Reappearing in court for further judgment in the case charging him with non-support, George Thomas Edwards was directed to continue the payment of \$7 a month to Effie Edwards. He is to return for a still further judgment on the first Monday in December.

David R. Harrell, charging with speeding, was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs. He pleaded guilty in the case.

The case charging Clyde Moore and Leslie Godard with an assault was not pressed. According to the court minute entry, the case is subject to be reopened.

In the case charging Abraham Pierce and Gladys Pierce with violating the liquor laws, a nol proas was taken as to the second defendant. Abraham pleaded guilty of possessing seventeen and one-half gallons of illicit liquor. He was sentenced to the roads for two years, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$200 fine and costs. The defendant is to have no intoxicating liquors in his possession or have materials for the purpose of manufacturing illegal liquor and he is not to violate any of the criminal laws during the next two years.

Charged with non-support, Golder Ormond was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The road term was suspended on condition that he pay \$9 a week for minor children, Alma and Alfred Ormond, and his wife, Carrie Ormond. Notice of appeal to the higher courts was given and bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Papers were issued for his arrest when John A. Eberhart failed to appear and answer in the case charging him with drunken driving. The defendant was under \$100 bond, but the bond was not immediately ordered forfeited.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with cruelty to animals, Francis Carson was directed to pay the costs after he agreed to pay Henry Dickens \$25 for the dog he killed.

Entering a plea of nolo contendere, Aulander James and William Edward Shivers were adjudged guilty of assaults with deadly weapons and each was fined \$25 and directed to pay one-half the costs.

A continuance was allowed until next Monday in the case charging Charles H. Bagley, Jr., with drunken driving.

Marvin Woolard was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs for speeding.

Coy Woolard was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs in the case (Continued on page six)

County Young Man Is Improving In Hospital

Critically ill for several days following an appendicitis operation in a Washington hospital on August 25, Russell P. Martin, county young man, is showing some improvement. However, he'll likely continue in the hospital for several more days.

Planning to return to the teaching profession after spending several years in the armed forces, Mr. Martin was to have opened school in Windsor this week. Unable to report he got his brother, Mr. C. B. Martin, to take over the duties temporarily.

Swarm Of Locusts Reported Locally

Swarms of locusts were reported to have ascended on the town this week. Mrs. J. D. Thrower, walking in her yard, saw so many shells that she made a count and within a few minutes she had 158.

Turning to a pear tree in the yard, Mrs. Thrower picked a goodly number of large pears and then broke a few limbs crowded with blossoms from the same tree.