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## 78th LIGHTNING DIVISION THIRD WAR BOND CARAVAN VISITED FARMVILLE THURSDAY

Over \$130,000 Dollars Worth of Bonds Sold During the Day; Auction Sale of Prizes Donated by Merchants Proved Attractive Feature

Implementers of modern warfare and soldiers well trained in combat tactics were seen in the 78th Lightning Division Third War Loan caravan that visited Farmville on Thursday to participate in local War Bond Sales rallies.

Approximately 100 enlisted men, four officers, 25 jeeps, armored cars and trucks, artillery cannon and virtually all weapons used by infantrymen took part in the exhibition. The caravan remained here until 2 p. m., when it left for Wilson.

Persons purchasing bonds during the visit of the soldiers were entitled to rides in the Army vehicles. Capt. Melvin F. Skinner, 78th Division Motor Officer, was in command of the caravan.

In co-operation with local War Loan Drive officials the soldiers presented a program featuring the Lightning Division band and instructive talks on the use of various weapons on display.

Eleven towns and cities were on schedule to be visited on the caravan's five day trek through Eastern North Carolina, namely: Wendell, Zebulon, Smithfield, Goldsboro, Kinston, Farmville, Wilson, Tarboro, Roanoke Rapids, Oxford and Henderson.

Major General Edwin P. Parker, Jr., Lightning Division Commanding General, approved plans for the bond-selling tour, which were prepared in co-operation with local and State campaign committees and Post Headquarters at Camp Butler.

The caravan is a complete force in that Army cooks are along to prepare food for the men, mechanics to keep the vehicles in the perfect running order for which the Division is noted, and Medical Department soldiers to look after the health of the men.

Convoy discipline is in effect at all times. The 78th Division, cited for gallantry and bravery in action in three major engagements in World War I, has been stationed at Camp Butler since its re-activation more than a year ago. During its training period, the 78th Division, as a part of XIII Corps and 2nd Army, has been cited several times for its proficiency.

Capt. Kenneth L. Fox and Corp. Bernard Pollock, of the 78th Division, were in Farmville Tuesday making last minute arrangements for the Caravan's visit.

A very large and enthusiastic crowd was on hand for the program, which opened with "God Bless America," played by the band. L. E. Walden, local chairman of the War Loan Drive, was master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by Rev. M. Y. Self.

Mayor George W. Davis gave a word of welcome to the men from Camp Butler and to the Citizens of Farmville and the community who were on hand to show that we're behind our Army 100%, that we're striving to do our bit.

Brief remarks were heard from W. H. Woodard, Chairman of Regional 1, War Finance Committee, who stated that to date \$1,400,000 has been raised toward the Pitt County quota, and from Eakine Duff, who is area Chairman of Regional 1.

Capt. Skinner, commanding officer in charge of the caravan, gave a few words of greeting, saying that the soldiers were happy to be here and to show the latest equipment in the ground forces today. He said, "You've heard a lot about the Marine Corps, the Air Corp, etc., but today you'll see and hear more about the Infantry, the men who do the dirty work on the ground." In closing, he urged that we all BACK THE ATTACK WITH BONDS to keep buying the equipment which is needed for our highly trained soldiers.

Auction Successful  
Chairman Walden and his co-workers are highly pleased with the results of the day's activities and the huge success of the Auction Sale. The list of gifts donated by the Merchants is as follows:

The Bank of Farmville—\$25 War Bond; B. E. Morgan Jewelry Store—Shelving Silver Bowl; El Ramon—\$25.00 dress in store; Hollis Cleaners & Dryers—\$5.00 trade in cleaning and pressing; Hadley Bryant Service Station—Change of oil for car; J. T. Moore's Barber Shop—\$2.50 in trade; T. T. Moore's Barber Shop—\$2.50 in trade; J. T. Moore's Barber Shop—\$2.50 in trade; J. T. Moore's Barber Shop—\$2.50 in trade.

& Machine Shop—\$5 worth of parts or labor; The Home Printer—Five year subscription to the Farmville Enterprise; Williams Grocery Store—one fourteen pound ham; Western Auto Associate Store—one set automobile Fog lamps; Bell-Tyler Co.—one silk Bed Comfort; Centre Hardware Co.—one charred keg; Vanitie Box Beauty Shop—one \$8.50 permanent; Bonnie's Cafe—one \$5.50 Meal ticket; Artis' Barber Shop—\$2.50 in trade; Vogue Beauty Salon—one \$6 permanent; Willis Fuel Co.—1-2 ton Red Ash Coal; Bullock's Shoe Shop—\$5.00 Repair work; Fields' Jewelry—one Yase; Roberts Jewelers—Electric toner; Dupree's Dept. Store—one blanket; Farmville Implement Co.—one roll of barb wire; Briley Service Station—50 gals. Kerosene; Colonial Ice and Coal Co.—1-2 ton Brickettes; Pender's Store—Basket of Groceries; Eason Bros. Service Center—\$5.00 in trade; Knott's Warehouse—\$25 War Bond; J. W. Ellis Service Station—Wash and grease job on car; Leon Crumpler—6 mos. subscription to the News & Observer; Fred C. Darden, Ayden, Rt. 1—Country Ham; A. J. Flanagan—Country Ham; The "97" Shop—30 lbs. Pure Lard; City Drug Company—Fifty Muriel Cigars; The Turnage Co.—1 barrel flour; Carr's Grocery—50 lbs. Sugar; N. Thomas—Bath Towels; City Cafe—\$5.50 Meal ticket; Blackwood's Wholesale Co.—1 box Hersheys Candy Bars; Lottie's Beauty Shop—\$5.00 Permanent; Paramount Theatre—20 passes (tax free) to picture show; Jack Freedman of the "97" Shop—100 lbs. of Sugar; Rose's 5-10-25c Store—Pottery Vase; N. Cannon's Store—Bed Spread; J. H. Harris & Son—\$5.00 Man's Hat; Farmville Laundry & Cleaners—\$5 in laundry or dry cleaning; Smith Douglas Co., Farmville—1 bag of Fertilizer; E & F. Motor Co.—Electric Auto fan; Farmville Service Station—Kem Tone Wall Paint; Farmville Pool Room—1 case of Tru Blu Beer; Modlin's Market & Produce Co.—assortment of groceries; N. Thomas' Dept. Store—Man's Sweater; K. Cannon Dept. Store—Blanket; Wholesale Drug Co.—\$5.00 in War Stamps; J. C. Corbett's Garage—\$5 worth of parts or labor; Nichols' Market—25 lb. bag of Meal; and a ham from the Caravan's dinner rations was presented for auction by Capt. Skinner and his men in appreciation for the fine reception they received here. This ham was twice sold and brought a total of \$2,500.00.

Upon their arrival, members of the Caravan were served sandwiches, cookies, home-made cake and drinks.

## 30 Per Cent Pay-roll Tax Is New Plan of Treasury

Presented To President Roosevelt by Secretary Morgenthau For His Consideration and Opinion

Washington.—A tax program that would take at least another dime out of every dollar of taxable individual income—but refund about 13 cents after the war—has been presented by the Treasury to President Roosevelt for his opinion.

To keep lower bracket taxpayers on a pay-as-they-earn basis under such a program, the 20 per cent withholding levy would have to be hiked to at least 30 per cent.

The Treasury's plan calls for individual income taxes to yield at least \$8,000,000,000 of the \$12,000,000,000 in new 1944 revenue demanded by Mr. Roosevelt. The remainder would be accounted for from equal increases in corporation and excise levies.

The income tax phase entails increases in all brackets but most notably a 10 per cent jump in the present 13 per cent first bracket surtax. However, the present three per cent (net) Victory Tax would be integrated in that levy, together with provisions for a 50 per cent postwar refund.

Thus the basic rate would be 8 per cent normal plus 26 per cent a total of 32 per cent of that amount, however 13 per cent of that would be paid back after the war.

Should Mr. Roosevelt reject the program, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau probably will offer an alternative proposal—calling for still increases in Social Security taxes.

These now are one per cent for both employer and employee but are scheduled to double January 1 unless Congress acts or it has before to post-war the increase.

## Americans Are Rescued From German Lines

Part of A Unit Over-run By German Tanks; Hid In Holes With Shells Falling All About Them

With the Fifth Army in Italy—American troops advancing Wednesday near the Bloody Triangle between the Sele and Calore rivers came upon 31 American infantrymen who had been trapped there for a week with Germans all around them.

It developed that these men were part of a unit which had been overrun by German tanks in the push which caused the Americans to withdraw and consolidate their lines during the early part of the battle for the Salerno beachhead. They had to remain hidden continually and were almost without food.

Patrols moving up after dawn Wednesday morning saw the men walking wearily out of a woods. Their helmets identified them as Americans but their general appearance was one of complete fatigue.

Worn And Weary. Their uniforms were covered with dirt and sweat. Hollow eyed peered from behind beards stiff with dust. Their knees bent as they walked and although they still clung to their rifles they carried them as though they weighed a ton.

This correspondent happened along as two of them came out of the woods and sank down to rest at the roadside. They were Sgt. Vaughn Taylor and Corporal Edward B. Gutkowski. While resting and eating the canned rations the patrols gave them, they told how they and their comrades had lain hidden in the woods along the river for a week.

Hideout In Holes. They dug holes over which they placed branches and leaves. They were out of ammunition and there was nothing else to do but try to escape detection. The Germans kept moving in and guns and tanks were set up less than 200 yards from their hiding place.

For three days they scarcely moved from their holes without anything to eat. At night they crawled to the river for water. After three foodless days they crossed the river at night. There were even more Germans on that side, but they managed to find an Italian garden with nothing in it but popcorn and onions.

They carried the onions and popcorn back to their holes and that was all they had to eat for a week. Then the American artillery offensive to drive out the Germans began. Corner Of Hell.

The 31 Americans stayed in their holes with shells falling all around them. Then came the wave of medium bombers came over. The area became like a section of hell. The bombardment finally eased and the Germans began pulling out. They left without discovering that they had been almost living with their enemies for a week.

In the early morning there was silence until the sound of American voices was heard, and the 31 crawled out from their holes on weakened legs to join their fellow soldiers.

When last seen by this correspondent they were trudging back along the dusty road to a bivouac area and rest. Each man still clung to his rifle.

## Orthopedic Clinic Greenville, Oct. 1st.

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held Friday, October 1, in Greenville from 12:30 to 4:00 p. m.

This Clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatment. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare Officer, and that the patient bring such note to the Clinic.

The Clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Currit, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrrell, though patients from other counties who desire to come may do so.



A. W. S. AWARDS—No. 1  
NEW AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Official Army Air Forces' recognition for devotion to duty in the Aircraft Warning Service in the form of attractive awards have become a reality.

Simultaneously with the arrival of the first shipments of the awards from official manufacturers, officers of the First Fighter Command have completed standards for such awards.

Under the announced system, all volunteers who have served a minimum of three months as a plotter or observer will be entitled to wear the golden AWS wings. Especially incriminated, such wings of Liaison Officers, District Directors, Area Supervisors, Chief Observers and assistant Chief Observers will be awarded without regard to number of hours served, but upon appointment to the office.

In addition, those volunteers presently active and who, in any capacity, have completed hours of duty equal to or in excess of 500 hours will receive a "500 hour merit" medal to which additional bars may be attached upon completion of 1,000, 2,000 and 4,000 hours. To receive credit for this award, service need not have been continuous, but may be computed upon the basis of total service, regardless of change of station.

Such a medal will be awarded to observers who have, in the opinion of their superiors, distinguished themselves by some outstanding service above and beyond the line of duty, and to recognition officers and observers who hold certificates of completion in aircraft recognition, plus a combined record of 250 hours of observation and classroom study of recognition. Addition of the bars on such medals will be made upon completion of the required hours.

Liaison Officers, District Directors, and Area Supervisors will be entitled to wear the "merit" badge after six months service plus specific recommendation of the Wing or Regional Ground Observer Officer, the Wing or Regional Signal Officer, or his representative.

They will be entitled to add the hourly service bars on the following basis: One year, 500 hours; two years, 1,000 hours; three years, 2,000 hours; and four years, 3,000 hours.

## TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

(Sept. 23, 1943)  
RATION REMINDER  
CASOLINE—In 17 states of eastern shortage areas A-3 coupons are now good. In states outside the eastern area A-3 coupons became good September 22.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons in old ration areas remain good through September 30. Period 3 coupons in new ration areas good through December.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October. Stamp No. 15 and 16 good for 5 pounds each for home canning through October 31.

## Final Rites Held For Charles S. Rountree, Jr.

Final rites for Charles Stanley Rountree, Jr., 26, well known young Farmville man, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Dora H. Keel, by Rev. J. R. Rountree, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Rev. C. B. Maaburn, pastor of the Christian Church.

Interment was made in the family plot in Forest Hill cemetery, beneath a large and handsome floral tribute, which evidenced the love of his home folks. Favorite hymns were rendered by a mixed quartet, composed of Miss Nellis Butler, Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt, Chas. F. Bacon and J. H. Bynum.

Young Rountree, who volunteered for military service in the United States Army a year prior to Pearl Harbor, had been in training for several months with Company A, 654th Tank Destroyer, at Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga. His death was attributed to an accidental fall from a Seaboard Railway train near Columbia, S. C., Thursday night, while en route to his mother's home in Washington, D. C., from Camp Gordon, from which he had received a medical discharge.

The body of the young man, which reached Farmville early Saturday morning, was accompanied by his brother, Air Cadet Herbert Horton Rountree, who is in pre-flight training in Columbia, at the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Rountree, a native of Farmville, spent nearly all his life here, where he was well known and universally liked for his originality, wit, friendly disposition and attractive personality.

He was graduated from the Farmville high school and attended the University of North Carolina, afterwards, holding a position with the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Department. He enlisted in the Army on January 8, 1941, and was in training at Fort Jackson, S. C., prior to being transferred to Camp Gordon, Ga.

Mr. Rountree is survived by his mother, Mrs. Madeline H. Rountree, of Washington, D. C., his father, Charles S. Rountree, of Belhaven; a sister, Mrs. Wayne A. Mitchell, Jr., of Goldsboro; a brother, Air Cadet Herbert Horton Rountree, University of North Carolina, Columbia, S. C.; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Dora H. Keel of Farmville, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Tripp, of Greenville.

Active pall-bearers were: R. L. Joyner, M. V. Horton, Jr., Sugg Askew, John D. Dixon, Jack Horton, Lath Morris, John Lewis, David Harris, Leroy Bass, Guy Cherry, Lonnie Pierce, G. E. Moore, Jr.

Honorary pall-bearers were: W. A. Allen, Cyril Askew, Seth Barrow, George Beckman, Harley Bryan, J. T. Bynum, Archie Clayton, R. C. Copenhaver, Frank Davis, Jr., G. W. Davis, M. E. Dixon, Lynn Eason, C. H. Flanagan, L. W. Godwin, J. C. Gibbs, Richard Harris, J. H. Harris, G. M. Holden, J. W. Holmes, W. G. Holston, C. S. Hotchkiss, H. N. Howard, Henry Johnson, Cecil Johnston, M. V. Jones, Dr. P. E. Jones, A. F. Joyner, C. H. Joyner, J. W. Joyner, R. A. Joyner, T. E. Joyner, W. E. Joyner, John King, R. H. Knott, R. O. Lang, T. W. Lang, James Lang, B. L. Lang, B. M. Lewis, Jack Lewis, Manly Liles, R. T. Martin, Dr. J. M. Mewborn, A. C. Monk, Jr., J. Y. Monk, R. V. Flier, J. H. Moore, J. I. Morgan, Dr. D. S. Morrill, Joel Moys, W. A. McAdams, R. R. Newton, Hal Winders, J. L. Parker, J. O. Pollard, W. A. Pollard, Jr., W. J. Rasberry, Leroy Rollins, G. A. Rouse, Robert D. Rouse, R. Lee Smith, Haywood Smith, J. M. Stansell, B. O. Taylor, Andy Martin, J. T. Thorne, Maynard Thorne, B. O. Turrage, T. C. Turnage, W. S. Royster, James Whelless, Z. M. Whitehurst, G. S. Williams, Dr. W. M. Willis, W. R. Willis, J. T. Windham, J. H. Paylor, John B. Wright, Jr.

## Congress Urged To Sustain Army On Draft Needs

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## THE ALLIES GAIN NEW VICTORIES IN NEW GUINEA

Kaiapit, Sixty Miles Above Lae Taken; Air Activity Continues

Evacuation of Tokyo And Other Cities Planned

London, Sept. 22.—The Japanese government has decided to prepare for the moving of government departments, industrial establishments and the civilian population from Tokyo as well as other important cities in the interest of improving their defense," the Tokyo radio said today.

The broadcast listed a number of drastic measures, including total mobilization of the civilian population and the abolishment of agriculture to make all persons liable for national service, which it said were announced today by Premier Hideki Tojo and the government information office "in view of the decisive phase upon which the war will enter during the coming months."

In addition to the evacuation of the Japanese capital and other important cities to strengthen "the defense of the country," the government announced these measures: Increase of anti-aircraft defense forces, especially the "air protection in industrial regions."

Special measures for the protection of government buildings and factories in Tokyo and other big cities of the country. Strengthening of government control over all industry. Centralization of traffic on land and water.

In one of the gloomiest broadcasts to come from the Japanese capital, the announcement said the aims of the measures were: "The Japanese nation in all its classes and profession must fully understand the seriousness of the present internal and external situation and must be inspired by an unbending will to victory."

The nation's entire strength must be concentrated on the armaments industry, especially on the strengthening of the Japanese air force. "Strict self-sufficiency of Japan and Manchukuo as regards food supply must under all circumstances be assured."

"Plans for a thorough-going consolidation of the defenses of the Japanese motherland must be drawn up without delay."

The mobilization of students would no longer be deferred, the broadcast continued, and the "employment of woman labor will be extended."

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"There is plenty of blame to be assigned. Possibly more of it lies

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Sept. 22.—Only two days after the fall of Lae, New Guinea, airborne troops of Gen. Douglas MacArthur seized a village 60 miles to the northwest while waves of American bombers wrecked airdromes, bridges, trucks and roads along a path of future conquest for 350 miles north.

The seizure of Kaiapit by transport-fallen Australians last Saturday night, following quickly the over-running of Lae the previous Thursday, was disclosed in a communique today.

This new stroke, which the Japanese futilely tried to erase by counterattacks, and the latest air strikes with 97 tons of bombs and 120,000 rounds of ammunition all the way from south of Madang up to Wewak, clearly indicated the determination of MacArthur that his victories at Lae and Salamaua shall yield quick dividends.

The Japanese airforce, obviously concerned by the upsurge of MacArthur on the New Guinea grand front and the hammering dealt by Adm. William F. Halsey's growing air night in the Solomons, struck back on both arms of the 750-mile battle front.

Captured Baiapit is inland on the Huon peninsula behind the Markham valley positions which airborne troops seized September 5 to set in motion a pincer movement which swallowed up Lae in less than two weeks. It is not far from Bena Bena which some time ago was raided repeatedly by Japanese planes. These raids never have been explained but indicated the presence of Allied forces at Bena Bena.

The Australians who were landed on a grassy field at Kaiapit Saturday night and Sunday now have driven Japanese out of that immediate area.

On Monday, more than 50 Mitchells and Flying Fortresses without a loss strewn 54 tons of bombs and 120,000 rounds of strafing bullets among the communication areas around Astrolabe bay, some 70 miles above Kaiapit. Four important bridges on Japan's coastal supply road were blown to bits. On the same day, fighters escorted Liberators in a 43-ton bombing of airdromes at Wewak, more than 2300 miles above Lae.

## WAR IN BRIEF

Allied Fifth Army captures three key towns in mountain ring guarding Naples; Eighth Army enters Potenza; nerve center of southern Italy; American Rangers join battle for Corcos; Nazis evacuating.

Red Army seizes Anapa, last Black Sea escape port for German armies in Kuban; close in on Kiev; drive to within five miles of Dnepier River. MacArthur's forces launch drive against Pinachafen on New Guinea; Nimitz reveals four Jap-held islands bombed in Central Pacific.

American and British bombers raid German airfields in Northern France; Berlin radio station shut down, indicating possible RAF night raid.

U. S. bombers in heavy raid on Japanese railroad installations at Wotok, 30 miles northwest of Mandalay; other American planes attack enemy positions in northern Burma; British continue pounding enemy rail and road lines.

American flew down 17 and possibly 26 raiding Japanese planes in battle over U. S. air base in China; no American planes lost; Chinese ground troops inflict heavy casualties on Japanese in clashes near Hanchow, main enemy base in eastern Chekiang province.

Fighting reported between rival Yugoslav guerrilla armies; Patriot forces claim capture of Gorizia, 25 miles inside Italian border.

with me than with anyone else. I never was able to convince Congress and the people as to the necessities of the occasion."

Baruch recently submitted a special manpower report recommending a labor budget-priorities plan to deal immediately with West Coast manpower deficiencies and serve as model for the nation. As a veteran of a key administrative post in World War I, he is regarded as the country's No. 1 labor Statesman and counselor. He returns to the field tomorrow for further questioning by Wheeler, who said after today's hearing: "I feel that I've made an impression on Baruch. I hope that he will give the matter further study. If he does I'm sure that it will be extremely helpful."