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Squad Captures 19 Germans

WITH THE 35TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY.—After a miniature, close range fire fight that occurred intermittently all during the night, a squad of doughboys from Company I, 320th Infantry Regiment finally rounded up and captured 19 German soldiers, as dawn was breaking the next morning.

"It was an eerie situation," squad members said. "We were billeted in a old house and 20 feet across the alley was a barn which we had just previously checked and found OK. One of our boys had to report to the CP, and stepping out the door he was greeted with a volley of shots. He dashed back in again unharmed. It was pitch dark and we couldn't tell what was what."

"From the cover of our building we fired a few rounds in the direction of the barn. The fire was returned and this kept up spasmodically all night."

"Finally, we sent a man for help. With the aid of the first platoon and a TD we routed the Jerries out. They were equipped with all types of arms including bazookas. Apparently they had sneaked in on the other side of the barn shortly after we had checked it."

Among members of the squad were: Pfc. Kenneth Haire of Raeford; Pfc. Henry Heigh, Lumberton; and Pfc. Clyde W. Huggins of Fairmont.

Sgt. William M. Davis With Bombardment Group

WITH A 12TH AAF B-25 MITCHELL BOMB GROUP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.—(Delayed)—Sgt. William M. Davis, 22, of Raeford, N. C., has been assigned as a radio operator gunner with the 340th Bombardment group of the 12th Air Force.

The Raeford radio operator is taking his place in a Mitchell unit now engaged in aiding the American 5th and British 8th armies batter the last Nazi strongholds in northern Italy. This bomb group has a two-year combat history of close support operations for three major Allied armies in the Mediterranean theater. Mrs. E. T. Davis, mother of Sgt. Davis, lives at Raeford. Before his induction into the army in January, 1943, Sgt. Davis was a student at Lenoir College.

Raymond Bottoms, MOMM 2-c, who has been stationed at Norfolk, Va., for some time, returned to his base Sunday, after spending a ten day leave at home.

Mrs. D. J. Dalton has received word that her brother, Col. Delmar Spivey, who has been a prisoner in Germany since August 12, 1943, was liberated last week and is now on his way home. Col. Spivey was senior officer and spokesman for about ten thousand American and British officers at Stalag III A.

Ensign Walter Barrington left Sunday morning enroute to the Pacific. His wife accompanied him as far as Washington, D. C., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barrington, D. E. Barrington and Mr. and Mrs. LaFar Barrington for a few days. Mrs. Barrington will return to Raeford within a few days.

Major Graham G. Dickson is now hospitalized at Denver Colorado. His address is C-2 Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver 8, Colorado.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library schedule is, Monday through Saturday, open 10:30 to 6:00. Closed from 12:00 until 1:00 for lunch. May 6-13 is National Music Week. We have on display in the library the following books pertaining to music:

Music For Millions, by Ewen; Your Career in Music, Johnson; Storylines of American Composers, Bakelless; Curtain Calls for Franz Schubert, Wheeler; Stormy Victory Story of Tchaikovsky, Purdy; Lead a Song, Wilson; Great Musicians As Children, Schwimmer; Victor Book of the Opera, and Victor Book of Symphony.

The library has recently received three timely pamphlets concerning the Dumbarton Oaks conference. A chart of the United Nations as proposed at Dumbarton Oaks is also on display in the library.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Culbreth for dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Fairley Ray and Miss Flora Ray of Wagram and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Culbreth and son, Tom, of Hamlet.

Carl Morris Gets Most "Mark-In" Votes For Board

Thirty-Five Voters Interested Enough In Town Politics To Go To Polls.

Thirty-five voters went to the polls in Raeford Monday, despite the early radio reports of Victory in Europe, and cast ballots for Mayor and Commissioners in the town election.

Carl Morris, former mayor, was "marked-in" for the fifth place in the commission for which no one had qualified in the primary last month. N. B. Sinclair, a member of the present board who did not offer for reelection, received 3 mark-ins, and M. C. Dow and H. A. Greene each received one vote.

Mayor N. L. McFadyen and Commissioners Milton Campbell, N. A. McDonald, A. V. Sanders, and L. W. Stanton, each received 35 votes. There were no scratches and all voters cast ballots for a fifth commissioner whose names they wrote-in.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

"In ten years, the world will of know Germany," so said Adolph Hitler in 1938. From the news we read, Hitler was right, for once. Berlin, once one of the most beautiful cities in the world, lies in rubble. It is said the Russians have dynamited the city, building by building.

It takes sensible people to stand prosperity. Prosperity is a greater trial than most persons know. We have lived in a get-rich period, and we know the harm wealth brings to simple people. However, wealth exists in several forms. The greatest riches are the riches of the soul—benevolence.

I still feel vexed when I remember I spent the earning period of my life during times in which it took all a man could do to make enough to keep soul and body together. Had I had the chance the average day laborer gets for a short time today, I might have spent most of my life on easy street. I did not accumulate wealth, but I was strong, healthy and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Germany's Nazism is about as good as Russia's brand of Communism. There is little difference in the doctrine. It is in the administration of the anti-democracy the trouble comes. Neither brand of this Fascism can ever be separated from organized and enforced greed.

Democracy cares for the rights of others when it considers its own. I am puzzled as to how to separate and distinguish between Socialism, Communism, Facism and Nazism. The writer of "Out of the Night" was once a Communist, and had so lived and poisoned other minds. But the Nazis strapped him to a table, stood it on end and whipped him across the face with a heavy water-soaked rawhide whip until they thought he was dead, then tossed him on a trash-pile. But he rallied, left Germany and came to America to expose their brutalities.

A writer in the Fayetteville Observer open forum said a few days ago that German prisoners working several miles from their lodging, were sent hot lunches, beef steak and etc. That may be an exaggeration, but I am glad the United States War Department does not retaliate. As they receive their dues. As they have sown they are now reaping.

I did not think England appreciated the help our country gave that country in World War I. And I question whether either England or Russia appreciate the help Lend-Lease has been to them. From the news we have read, neither England nor France have done what they should have done since this invasion was started. This country has furnished all of them much food stuff. I think that was right. If they had the good judgment they should have, they would see that soundness of American Democracy. No other form of government could have enabled our country to be such a friend.

People used to assist the poor and sick more than they do now, it seems to me. While I worked turpentine for a living, I had little to do in winter time. One winter I repaired the roof on an invalid's barn, then cleared two acres of land, cut and split a thousand rails in three weeks.

It is apparent that had not the United States assisted both England and Russia, Germany would have conquered both countries, and then attacked this country. It is evident Hitler dreamed of being a world

FMC Commencement Program Announced

President H. G. Bedinger has announced the commencement program for 1945 at Flora Macdonald college as follows: Rev. John McSween, D. D., of Montreal former president of Presbyterian College, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, May 27, at 11:15. Dr. McSween will also conduct the commencement vespers dedication service, sponsored by the student Christian Association, at 8:15 Sunday evening.

Monday evening, May 28, students of the conservatory of music will be presented in the annual commencement concert, and on Tuesday morning, May 29, the Hon. Gregg Cherry, governor of North Carolina, will deliver the address to the graduating class, when fifty-five seniors will receive diplomas.

First Surrender Story Authentic Detail Account

Though barred of news privileges, Edward Kennedy, European AP chief, broke the story of Germany's surrender in authentic detail and the story America heard over its radios Monday morning and soon read in special editions of its papers was true.

The Kennedy account of the signing of the surrender papers in the big red school house at Reims, France, which was phoned from Paris to London and cabled to America, was as follows:

BY EDWARD KENNEDY
REIMS, France, May 7.—Germany surrendered unconditionally to the western Allies and Russia at 2:41 a. m. French time. (This was 8:41 p. m. eastern war time Sunday.)

The surrender took place at a little red school house which is the headquarters of General Eisenhower.

The surrender which brought war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months, and six days of bloodshed and destruction was signed for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl.

Jodl is the new chief of staff of the German Army. It was signed for the supreme Allied command by Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower.

It was also signed by Gen. Ivan Susloparoff for Russia and by Gen. Francois Sevez for France.

General Eisenhower was not present at the signing, but immediately afterward Jodl and his fellow delegate Gen. Admiral Hans Georg Friedeburg, were received by the supreme commander.

They were asked sternly if they understood the surrender terms imposed upon Germany and if they would be carried out by Germany. They answered yes.

Germany, which began the war with a ruthless attack upon Poland, followed by successive aggressions and brutality in internment camps surrendered with an appeal to the victors for mercy toward the German people and armed forces.

After signing the full surrender, Jodl said he wanted to speak and was given leave to do so.

"With this signature," he said in soft-spoken German, "the German people and armed forces are for better or worse delivered into the victors' hands."

"In this war, which has lasted more than five year, both have achieved and suffered more than perhaps any other people in the world."

The story above was not confirmed by SHAEF nor any official Allied sources for some hours, and the AP and Edward Kennedy were deprived of their filing privileges almost immediately after the story was released in America. No further explanations or details could be obtained. Details released Tuesday confirmed Kennedy's story completely.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—OPA today banned the retail of loose cigarettes, putting distribution on a full package or nothing basis.

Since the beginning of the current shortage some retailers have curtailed package sales, offering instead individual cigarettes, usually at 1 cent each.

This OPA, has resulted in "unnecessarily high" prices. ruler, and had a cruel tyrant with it. But Hitler, no longer a dreamer, I fear is in hiding somewhere.

I can see a great improvement in the farming in Hoke, and the manufacturing, except lumber has made progress. Raeford Cotton Mills, now Edinburg Mills, was in operation, but Hoke Oil and its attendant branch businesses, Upchurch Milling and Storage company, have been built. And, the stores now have no resemblance of those I found here.

President Truman Proclaims May 13 Day Of Prayer

War Declared At End In Brief Radio Address Tuesday; Churchill Speaks But Stalin Silent.

In a brief radio address Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, President Harry S. Truman declared the war in Europe to have ended with complete and unconditional surrender of Germany's forces.

The President did not name Tuesday as V-E Day, but instead called upon the people of the nation to join together on Sunday, May 13, in a day of prayer and thanksgiving. Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and its observance will have been given an even deeper meaning by its also being designated as the official day of prayer for those mothers' sons who have made the supreme sacrifice during the last five years of war.

The text of the proclamation follows:

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation
The Allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have won from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The western world has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions upon millions of freeborn men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children, and murdered their loved ones. Our armies of liberation have restored freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

Much remains to be done. The victory won in the west must now be won in the east. The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed. United, the peace loving nations have demonstrated in the west that their arms are stronger by far than the might of dictators or the tyranny of military cliques that once called us soft and weak. The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific as it has been proved in Europe.

For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promise to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us the victory.

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, president of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday, May 13, 1945, to be a day of prayer.

I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1945, and of the independence of the United States of America the 169th.

Harry S. Truman.

Personals

Mrs. Mary Helton, who has been very ill, is improving and is in Black Mountain with her sister, Mrs. Howard Stinchcomb.

Miss Mary Grey Helton of Mars Hill college is a member of the Girls Choir there. She is a junior and is majoring in music. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Helton of Raeford.

Mrs. W. L. Poole spent Saturday in Greensboro. Mrs. Alfred Cole and Mrs. Neill A. McDonald, Jr., went with Mrs. Poole to Greensboro and stayed until Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Cole visited her daughter at WCUNC and Mrs. McDonald spent the time with her sister, Mrs. Bishop.

Mrs. Jack Morris and Miss Bobby Mayfield of the school faculty spent the week end at Meredith college. They went especially to attend May Day exercises at Meredith which were given Saturday afternoon. Miss Mayfield is an alumna of Meredith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and little daughter, Frances Ward, are spending this week in Swansboro. Mr. Greene will be in Wilmington part of the time on business.

Over Germany Proclaimed By Leaders Of United Nations Tuesday

Mrs. P. P. McCain North Carolina Mother For 1945

Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, has been selected the ideal, typical Mother of North Carolina for 1945. The announcement was made by John Harden, secretary to Governor R. Gregg Cherry. The committee making the selection was designated by the governor and worked in cooperation with the American Mothers committee of the Golden Rule foundation.

Mrs. McCain, aged 52, was born at Asheville and educated at Asheville Women's college, holding a B. S. degree. She is the mother of five sons "of the Air corps, who has been reported missing in action: Sarah, age 26, married; Irene, 21, who is in Medical school; John, age 18, who volunteered for the navy; and Jane, age 16, a high school student, living at home and enjoying her horse and other of the McCain pets.

She is the wife of Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent and medical director of the North Carolina Sanatorium for Tuberculosis. Mrs. McCain is a teacher and deaconess of the Presbyterian church, regent of a D.A.R. chapter, treasurer of the North Carolina Garden club, member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina, county chairman of USO and district director for War bonds and stamps, member of the State Federation of Women's clubs, and active in many other organizations. She lives the busy life of a doctor's wife and her home is one of the happiest spots in North Carolina according to her friends.

Mrs. McCain will receive the citation award and title, "North Carolina Mother for 1945." Presentation will be made during ceremonies in connection with Mother's day activities.

Principal Dates In European War

The European war ended after 2,076 days. Principal dates in the conflict included:

- Sept. 1 1938—Germans invade Poland.
- Sept. 3.—Britain and France declare war.
- April 9, 1940—Germans invade Norway, Denmark.
- May 10—Hitler invades low countries.
- May 31—British rescued from Dunkerque.
- June 10—Italy declares war on France.
- June 22—Petain government signs armistice with Germany.
- August 8—Lufwaffe begins air "blitz" on England.
- June 22, 1941—Germans invade Russia.
- Dec. 7—Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.
- Dec. 11—Germany, Italy, declare war on United States.
- Nov. 2, 1942—British shatter German line at El Alamein in Egypt.
- Nov. 8—Allied Armies under Eisenhower landed in North Africa.
- Feb. 2, 1943—Russians win at Stalingrad, in war-turning point.
- May 13—Tunisian campaign ends.
- July 10—Allies invade Sicily.
- Sept. 3—Italy surrenders unconditionally. Invasion begins.
- June 6, 1944—Allies land in Normandy.
- Aug. 15—Allied armies invade southern France.
- Aug. 25—Paris liberated.
- Sept. 12—U. S. 1st army crosses German border.
- Dec. 16—Germans launch great counter-offensive.
- March 7, 1945—Rhine crossed at Remagen.
- March 24—British-American forces drive over Rhine.
- April 25—U.S.-Soviet troops link at Torgau.
- May 2—Berlin falls.
- May 7—German capitulates unconditionally, after surrenders in northern Italy, part of Austria, Denmark, Holland, and north-west Germany.

Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stevens attended the funeral of Mr. Christopher Monroe at Mt. Horeb church in Bladen county Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Monroe was a brother-in-law of Mr. Stevens.

Mrs. J. O. Veazey of Timberland, who has been critically ill since Saturday, is improving.

Three Million Troops To Leave Europe For Home Or For Pacific War Areas Within Coming Year.

The war with Germany was proclaimed at an end at 6:01 p. m. EWT Tuesday (12:01 Berlin time) when the surrender was formally signed by Nazi military leaders and witnessed by high ranking officers of the forces of the United Nations.

Yesterday General Grooms of the US Army transportation corps outlined a plan for the return of some three million American troops to this country during the coming year. Some of these men will be discharged and others will be given training for the battle against Japan. An occupation force of about 400,000 will remain in Europe until such time as the United Nations consider the security of the liberated and conquered nations can be maintained by their own governments.

Wounded men and those who have been liberated from the prison camps of the Germans will be given top priority on travel towards home the army has stated, and these will be arriving by the first available air and sea ships. It is expected that men from the European and Mediterranean areas will move at the rate of about 300,000 per month and that those from the two Carolinas will be brought to the re-distribution center at Fort Bragg, to be given furloughs or their permanent releases. Furloughed men will spend their leaves at home and then return to Fort Bragg for re-assignment and special training.

Big Army In Pacific Soon

ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Pacific Ocean Areas, May 7.—The United States will have "a sizeable force" of army troops in the Pacific within three to four months after V-E day to speed realization of V-J day, says Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., troops will be shifted into the Pacific Ocean areas.

In an interview the general declined to say specifically how many troops will be shifted into the Pacific by next fall for use by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, chief of the army's "on to Tokyo" forces."

However house military committee members in Washington have disclosed that tentative army plans are to send 6,000,000 picked troops against Nippon, indicating the tremendous scope of operations to come.

"It is the policy of the war department," said the general, "to prosecute the war against Japan with utmost celerity," implying there will be no letdown whatever in the Pacific as a consequence of victory over Germany.

"With the end of the war in Europe we hope to have enough shipping, although we will never have sufficient," the general added. "Our power is growing all the time while theirs (Japan) is weakening. "Japan must see the inevitability of defeat."

The Allies in the Pacific probably will not need as many troops as were thrown against Germany, Richardson said, and those coming over from Europe won't require any special indoctrination for fighting the Japanese.

"Japan is like Europe," General Richardson observed, "in that it is civilized and not full of jungles. It has roads, telephones and cities just as Europe has."

New Names For Hoke Honor Roll

- WHITE
Currie, Robert W.
Davidson, James Roland
Watson, George Floyd.
- INDIAN
Locklear, Willie Foster
- COLORED
Jones, Mallie Thomas
McDonald, John Wesley
Newton, Frank
McGougan, Johnnie B.
Johnson, Alphonzo
Deberry, Alton Winseylow
Petterkin, Syrus
Thomas, Robert
Steele, Richard Murray
McGougan, Lacy T.
McDonald, Paul

Breeding trials have shown that through the use of inbreeding, the rate of attaining genetic purity in farm animals can be increased 8 to 10 times, without unfavorable effects from the inbreeding, when selections are carefully made.