



Death scene

Fort Bragg Medivac personnel, Hoke Rescue workers, Raeford police and Hoke Sheriff's deputies surround the body of Lt. Colonel Dale A. Burroughs who was killed Saturday in a parachuting accident just west of the Raeford Airport. (Photo by Pam Frederick)

Jumper's death investigated

By Sherry Matthews
An Army investigation is continuing this week into the parachuting death of a Fort Bragg Lieutenant Colonel who was killed in Hoke County Saturday, a spokesman said.

Authorities with the 18th Airborne Sport Parachute Safety squad are looking into why Lt. Colonel Dale Allen Burroughs' parachute "failed to fully deploy" during a sport jump Saturday afternoon.

Burroughs, 44, was jumping with the Green Beret Parachute Club at the Raeford Airport when

the fatal accident occurred, Army records say.

Hoke County Sheriff's reports show that two fellow parachutist were jumping with the 22-year Army veteran when his parachute failed to open.

The two witnesses noted in the report that Burroughs "made every attempt...all the way in...to get the parachute open, but failed."

The Lt. Colonel, who was scheduled to retire May 1, fell in an open field approximately one-half mile west of the Raeford-Hoke County Airport runway, reports show.

Burroughs died from the injuries and impact sustained in the accident, the reports say.

Hoke County Medical Examiner Dr. R. G. Townsend pronounced Burroughs dead at the scene at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The body was transported by a military medivac unit to Womack Army Hospital.

The parachute was also sent to Fort Bragg for further investigation.

Burroughs, who recently turned over command of the 2nd Battalion Seventh Special Forces group, had been assigned to Fort Bragg since 1977.

Youth gets suspended sentence for Hoke High teacher assault

An 18-year-old Raeford youth was given a suspended sentence during district court last week on charges that he threatened a Hoke High teacher.

Lonzo Alford of Raeford received a one-year suspended sentence for the alleged threat and an additional public disturbance charge.

Records show that the defendant was "disturbing and interfering with the teaching of students" and had also threatened to strike Hoke High basketball coach Greg Killingsworth.

Although Alford plead not guilty to the charge, Hoke District Court Judge Warren Pate found the defendant responsible for his actions and handed down the suspended sentence.

In addition to the sentencing, Alford was ordered to pay a fine and to "not threaten any teacher during his probationary period."

In an unrelated case, Harold Cummings Jr., 29, of Rt. 1, Aberdeen received a two-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty to assaulting a female and causing serious injury.

Reports show that Cummings struck the victim with his fists, a candy dish, a marble ashtray and a stick, causing injuries that "required medical treatment."

Pate issued a two-year suspended sentence with 12 months of supervised probation.

The defendant was also ordered to pay a \$10 fine and \$605 in restitution to the victim.

Albert Gray Ayers Jr., 27, of Pine Bluff was ordered confined in the Hoke County Jail for four consecutive weekends after he plead guilty to possession of marijuana and driving with a revoked license.

In addition to the four weekends

in jail, the defendant was also given a two-year suspended jail term.

Ayers was also instructed to submit to an alcohol abuse assessment and participate in "any recommended treatment program."

The defendant was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine and court cost in the action.

In further action, Edward Connell Ross of Forest Street plead guilty to driving while impaired (DWI) and was also ordered to spend four weekends in the Hoke County Jail.

In addition to the active sentence, Ross was given a one-year suspended sentence with two years of supervised probation.

Pate also ordered the defendant, who had already been convicted of a previous DWI charge, to obtain a substance abuse assessment and participate in "any recommended treatment program."

Ross' driving privileges were also suspended.

James L. McRae of Rt. 1, Shannon plead guilty to allowing his hogs to run "at large," and was given a 30-day suspended sentence on the charge.

McRae was also ordered to pay \$50 and court cost in the action.

In further court happenings, Carolyn Coates Lester of College Drive plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Brett Andrew Price of Laurinburg plead guilty to speeding (69-55) and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Jacques Pon of Fayetteville plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court cost.

Willie Dutch of Laurel Hill plead guilty to exceeding a safe

speed and was ordered to pay \$10 and the court cost in the action.

Milton A. McKoy plead guilty to driving without being a licensed driver and was ordered to pay a \$20 fine and court cost in the action.

Gewell Jones Jackson of Maxwell Street plead guilty to speeding (50-35) and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court cost.

Melissa Kaye Pittman of Rt. 2 plead guilty to speeding (67-55) and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Michael Marol Bill of Carolina Drive plead guilty to careless and reckless driving and was given a 60-day suspended sentence and was ordered to pay \$50 and court cost.

Thurman Ray King of Kinston plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Lila Bishop Harrison of Fayetteville plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Mark Edward Carter of Fayetteville plead guilty to driving left of center and was given a \$50 fine and ordered to pay the court cost in the action.

William Worth McByrde of Rt. 1, plead guilty to speeding (65-55) and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Billy Joe Jacobs of Raeford plead guilty to careless and reckless driving and was ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court cost in the action.

David Russell Barefoot of Rt. 2, plead guilty to speeding (70-55) and was ordered to pay \$15 and court cost in the action.

DSS offering transportation for elderly Hoke residents

The Hoke County Department of Social Services (DSS) is beginning a transportation service for individuals who are over 60, wheelchair bound, and are in need on non-emergency medical transportation.

A recent agreement signed between the Department of Social Services and the Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled permits the use of the Association's multi-handicapped equipped van between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

All out-of-county trips must be scheduled for the morning and all trips whether out-of-county or in-county must have a termination

time of not later than 2:30 p.m. Other daily commitments for the van require this type of schedule, a DSS spokesman said.

Anne Johnson, Director of the Children's Center, Ruth Pecora, President of the Hoke County Association of the Developmentally Disabled, and Ken Witherspoon, Director of Social Services all said they were glad to have been able to work out the agreement that permits the service.

Multiple and maximum utilization of equipment is very cost effective, they said.

Funds for this service are provided under the Older American Act, Title III, contracted by the

Department of Social Services through the Lumber River Council of Governments.

Requests for transportation may now be made by calling Mrs. Missouri Oxendine, Hoke County Senior Citizens Co-ordinator, at 875-8588.

Transportation needs for non-wheel chair bound individuals is presently being met through the use of eight volunteers who are reimbursed for mileage only.

Anyone over 60 and having a transportation problem should call 875-8588.

Because of contract arrangements only Hoke County residents may be served.

... Around Town continued

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In the group and forming a foursome was Leo Schulenburg, Wyatt Upchurch, Dr. Bob Townsend and Bob Gentry.

I haven't been told who were playing partners, but it seems that Bob Gentry on the fourth hole made a friend, and last two. The fifth hole at the club is approximately 160 yards and Gentry

made a hole-in-one. He said he hit a five iron for the shot.

This was the first hole-in-one for Gentry. I do know that Dr. Townsend ace a hole in Burlington a few years ago. As for Wyatt and Leo, they will have to wait or let me know.

I expect this must be the best

feeling a golfer would ever have. Don't ask me, I never made a hole-in-one.

Congratulations Gentry!

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