

POPULATION	
(1940 Census)	
Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96
Denver	354

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American Troops Headed For Paris

Tentative Figures On 5th War Loan Drive Here Given

Leader of Plot



Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck has been identified as the arch conspirator of the group that planned the assassination of Adolf Hitler in the bombing attack. According to a German radio broadcast, General Beck is "no longer alive."

STATE REACHES E BOND GOAL

Chairman Reports Last-Minute Sales Attain Quota, Maintaining Record.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 3.—State War Finance Chairman C. T. Leinbach said tonight North Carolina had won its battle to reach its \$839,000,000 E bond goal in the Fifth War Loan.

He said latest tabulations of last-minute sales in the campaign, which closed last week end, pushed the state's E bond total to \$39,021,800 and that some additional credits might be given North Carolina before final tabulations are made August 5, but that today's totals are not expected to be greatly increased.

Leinbach noted that today's report enabled North Carolina to maintain its record of meeting every goal set for it in war loan drives.

The overall quota of \$1,800,000,000 for all classes of securities was exceeded several weeks ago and today's report boosted the grand total to \$235,200,000, or 159 per cent of the objective. The sales to individuals, including E bond sales, totaled \$82,221,000, or 115 per cent of the assignment.

Reynolds Sees German Defeat By October But Fears 'Slump'

Washington, Aug. 3.—A few Southern congressmen foresee a quick end to the war, but most agree that long, hard battles lie ahead.

Even those expecting early victory, however, joined today in warning against overoptimism and cautioned that war production must be maintained at full speed.

They stressed that congressional work on post war legislation does not imply that defeat for the Axis is just around the corner.

Senator Reynolds (D-NC) commented "we are all hoping and praying the European war is going to end by October 1, but if home front production lags or anything goes wrong the conflict will be extended."

"The war events are breaking, everything could crack up in a hurry in Europe," said Rep. Hendricks (D-Fla.). "However, the enemy could fool us if we start fooling around. The people should calm down and keep working."

Other comments:

Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.): "Many people are being misled by German propaganda about an early collapse. The Nazis would like to lull us into giving them a little breathing space so they could make a comeback."

Senator Barkley (D-Ky.): "Much harm has already resulted from unwisdom and unjustified opti-

Chairman Gordon L. Goodson Thanks Public And Committees For Cooperation.

With an overall quota of \$510,000 Lincoln county sales for Fifth War Loan totaled \$737,292.50, or approximately 145 per cent of the quota assigned by the Treasury Department. With an "E" bond quota of \$250,000, the total sales amounted to \$264,859.50. Final figures will be published as soon as received from Federal Reserve Bank.

The credit for a successful campaign belongs to the volunteer workers of Lincoln and Lincoln county. We cannot call each by name, but we can say that the Women's Division in Lincoln did an excellent job from the beginning of the drive until the last day. The workers of North Brook and Howard's Creek Township did fine jobs in their respective townships. May we say that it seemed that we were doomed for failure until the cause was presented before several of our organizations and civic clubs. These men immediately went to work and put us "over the top." Too much credit cannot be given the American Legion, Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club. Sales were credited to these organizations as follows during the last week of the campaign:

Cash Value	Rotary Club	\$14,355.00
Kiwanis Club	14,333.75	
American Legion	6,500.00	

Every citizen of Lincoln county should appreciate the fact that we have such organizations in our town and county.

Again, thanks to each and every person that had a part in a successful campaign.

GORDON L. GOODSON, Campaign Chairman Fifth War Loan Drive, Lincoln county.

DR. MORRISON TO AID WHIMS

Newton, Aug. 3.—Dr. Reid R. Morrison, of Raleigh, is joining the staff of the Iredele county health department as assistant health officer, Dr. H. C. Whims, of Newton, chief health officer for the Iredele department as well as the Catawba-Lincoln department announced today.

Dr. Morrison will assist in the routine work of the department and aid Dr. Whims as health officer, it is said. He was formerly connected with the U. S. Department of Labor, Raleigh.

Jack Wildely, follow-up-worker for the Catawba-Lincoln department, will carry on general disease follow-up work in Iredele, it was announced, and Julian R. Taylor, sanitarian for the Catawba-Lincoln department, will have the capacity of consultant sanitarian in the Iredele department, J. H. Ceichrist is the active sanitarian in the Iredele department.

German Doctors Are Under Fire

Moscow, Aug. 3.—The Ukraine States Atrocities Committee charges that 150,000 patients died in a German hospital in Russia during the two years of Nazi occupation. The committee says the hospital was situated in the town of Slavuta, about 100 miles west of Kiev.

German doctors are charged with intentionally spreading disease by herding new patients into a room where 1,800 already were dying of infectious ailments. And it is claimed that patients were starved to death on a meager diet of gratz flour.

Crew of Liberator Saved in Crash



Ground crewmen rushed up to this burning B-24 Liberator bomber of the 15th air force after it had crashed in southern Italy, and pulled the plane's crew to safety. The result of their swift action saved the entire crew before the plane's gas tanks exploded. The bomber was completely destroyed.

Pvt. Wilson Byers Killed In France

Pvt. Marshall Wilson Byers was killed in action in France on July 14, according to a message received Saturday morning from the War Department by his wife, Mrs. Wilma Shuford Byers, who has been making her home in Cherryville. No details of his death were given in the message.

Pvt. Byers celebrated his 30th birthday last October 3. When the United States entered the war in December, 1941, he held an honorable discharge after four years service in the U. S. Navy. The urge to get back in uniform was strong, and after several attempts to volunteer had failed he finally was accepted last January and placed in an infantry division.

Before going overseas the latter part of April he trained at Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

In addition to his wife, Pvt. Byers is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mattie Kizer Byers; two sisters, Mrs. Albert Fox and Mrs. E. C. Smith; and one brother, A. C. Byers, all of this city.

He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal church and the first member of that congregation to make the supreme sacrifice in the present war.

He was one of the community's finest young men and since news of his death reached Lincolnton many expressions of regret have been heard.

Seven Big Firms To Seek Labor In N. C.

Seven big firms which are engaged in producing equipment and materials which are used up every day by the armed forces on land, sea and in the air, are coming to North Carolina to recruit workers to man the war plants which are on the national "must" list, it is announced by Dr. J. S. Dorton, state WMC director.

These firms, all nationally known, are Kaiser, Dupont, Carlson & Carbide, Atlas Powder, Consolidated Vultee (California), Tero Machine and Hanford Engineering, all of whose products are expendable and are being expended in huge quantities daily, as the armed forces storm and take beachheads, strafe the enemy, sink their ships or shoot down their airplanes, Dr. Dorton points out.

"While we in North Carolina are struggling to keep our high priority plants in full operation, these industries have a much higher priority rating and their products are more vital and more timely, and they are being used up in such vast quantities each day that it is absolutely essential that we help supply the workers to produce them."

"North Carolina's quota for the month of August is 816 workers for these plants," said Mr. Dorton. "We in this state are not being singled out, but our quota is very reasonable, when compared with the quotas of other states and other regions. The Region IV quota is 5,419 for August, and only four of the twelve regions have lower quotas, including Region XII, the Pacific Coast states."

"We in this state might as well make up our minds to accept the inevitable and to figure to get along after sending to these vital plants the workers they need. This is only the beginning. As our boys go further into France, up Italy's bootleg, into the Pacific islands, and as our ships lanchast nearby islands and our planes pave the way for our ground forces, more and more of the material these plants produce is going to be used up, and more and more workers will be needed to produce it."

"When one of our ships limps into a repair dock, with parts shot off and scarred from sea battles," said Dr. Dorton, "and when the sailors pile off

HOME-COMING SUNDAY AT GAINESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual homecoming will be held at Gainesville Baptist church next Sunday, August 13. Rev. R. G. Black will deliver the 11 o'clock sermon and other former pastors will speak during the day. There will also be special music.

The pastor, Rev. Bruce Littleton, announced that the revival meeting will also begin on that date and that the music for the services will be in charge of Mrs. Laura Adams.

RED CROSS NEWS

The new knitting quota is here. Come for the yarn at any time. The quota this time is only for the army and the color is olive drab.

We have the notice of a shipment of our new quota of surgical dressings. This will be a big one and the need is great. Make your plans now to come to the Red Cross work room when you read the notice in this paper that the quota has arrived.

Four hundred kit bags are in the process of being made. The army needs these, and we need you. Please come here to sew or take them home with you for completion. This is an urgent need that must not be neglected even while working on our knitting and surgical dressings.

The work room is open every day from 9 to 6 and several nights a

U. S. CASUALTY TOTALS RAISED

Washington, Aug. 3.—Army casualties of 11,190 for the week of July 6 to 13 were announced today by Secretary of War Stimson.

This brings the total of army casualties which have been reported to the next of kin to 218,473. At the same time the officially announced navy, marines and coast guard was given as 51,817, with an overall total for all service branches of 270,344.

The navy's latest official total of 51,871 casualties as of today consisted of 21,816 killed, 15,883 wounded, 9,702 missing and 4,469 prisoners. The casualties were distributed as follows: Navy, 33,673; marines, 17,446, and coast guard, 751.

The July 27 navy overall total of 50,496 embraced 21,433 killed, 14,939 wounded, 9,655 missing and 4,469 prisoners.

U. S. NAVY TWICE SIZE OF OTHERS

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Joseph H. Liston, special assistant to Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, said the American Navy has fourteen thousand ships, "more than double the size of all the navies in the world," and declared that after the war "it must be dispensed with by a round table discussion."

In an address before the International Association of Lions Clubs, Liston gave the following war production figures:

Ships: Three and one-half daily in 1942; five and one-half daily in 1943; eleven and one-half today.

Eighty thousand landing craft for the invasion of France;

1,100,000,000 rounds of artillery ammunition in the last two years.

One rifle every thirty-two seconds.

\$250,000,000 monthly for radio and radar; more radios produced in one month today than were produced in one year at peace production peak.

148,000 tanks in the last two years; 1,200,000 military trucks in the last year;

185,000 airplanes since Pearl Harbor, with 1944 schedule calling for 100,000.

Total 1944 war production schedule, \$69,000,000,000, twenty per cent above 1943 schedule.

SOVIETS STORM GREAT POLISH PETROL CENTER

Stalin's Legions Comprise 11 Armies On 1,200-Mile Front, More In Balkans.

London, Aug. 6.—Russian troops dealt another severe blow to Germany's dwindling oil supplies today by capturing Drobobez, prewar Poland's largest petroleum center and fortress city guarding the approaches to the Carpathian mountain passes leading into Czechoslovakia.

Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin's order of the day announcing the successful storming of Drobobez, in the portion of Galicia annexed by Russia in the 1939 partition of Poland, disclosed the emergence of a new Soviet army in the summer offensive—the Fourth Ukraine—led by Col. Gen. Ivan Petrov, defender of Sevastopol in the 1941-43 German siege.

There are now 11 Soviet armies hitting the enemy on a 1,200-mile front from Finland down to the Carpathian mountains. Other Russian armies still are poised in Romania for a possible resumption soon of the drive on the Ploesti oil fields in that country. German broadcasts again told of Nazi attacks on Odessa, important Soviet Black Sea supply port in the south.

PLACES CAPTURED

The Soviet daily communicate said the Russians had captured 30 more localities west of the Dabusia river, northwest of Kanas, and Berlin broadcasts acknowledged that German lines had been hurled back several miles in that area, where the Russians were aiming toward the East Prussian rail center of Tilsit.

Russian troops in the San Vistula triangle below besieged Warsaw in Poland also cleared the enemy from a 14-mile stretch of the Vistula's east bank between the mouth of the San river and Tarnobrzeg, the bulletin said. The Soviets hitting in this area also captured Mielec, rail junction 26 miles northeast of Tarnow, crossed the nearby Wisloka river and captured localities on the west bank of the Wisloka, a tributary of the Vistula.

Roaring Allied Drive Smash Nazi Lines In Mighty Armor Battle

Leads Guam Marines



Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, U. S. marine corps, commanding general of the Third Amphibious corps, who led the U. S. forces that landed on the Jap-held former U. S. possession of Guam. This was the first thrust at former American territory.

Great New Arc, Unchecked By Enemy, Bulges Into Interior Of France.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Monday, Aug. 7.—American armor and infantry, having overrun the Brittany peninsula, roared toward Paris today in a full-force attack which captured the towns of Mayenne, Laval and Chateau Gontier, 180 miles inland from the embattled peninsula port of Brest.

The great new arc of the unchecked assault was bulging into the interior of France a full 50 miles west of Rennes and within 140 miles of Paris, at a speed which, a spokesman said, has brought the invasion virtually up to its time table after seven weeks of hard stogging during vile weather in Normandy.

The line of the American advance ran from Barentan through Mayenne and towns along and across the Mayenne river to within 25 miles of Angers, which is 75 miles up the Loire river.

Consolidated.

Swift capture of the towns was being consolidated by infantry which sped up in trucks as fast as the armored spearheads shot forward.

The whole American grip on and around the sliced-off Brittany peninsula was regarded as firm.

The Americans were fighting their way in the outlying streets of Brest, where on the approaches of by-passed St. Malo, had dug into the last crusts of resistance at the suburbs of Lorient and St. Nazaire, and were thrusting down the last 14 miles toward Nantes for the cleanup of those five most important ports of Brittany.

The Germans were believed to be putting up desperate back-to-the-sea resistance at those points if nowhere else in the peninsula. Their first attempt at a miniature "Dunkerque" flight by sea was smashed when the British and Canadian warships sank all seven ships of one German convoy attempting to flee from St. Nazaire and shelled a second convoy back into the isolated port.

The Americans completed the mop-up of La Glacilly, eight miles north of Redon and 34 miles north of St. Nazaire, captured Gourin, 44 miles south east of Brest; crushed fierce German resistance south of St. Sever forest by capturing St. Michel de Montjoie on their left flank in Normandy, and enveloped Ambriers le Grand, three and one-half miles north of Mayenne, in broadening their eastward salient.

PLAN REVIEW OF 18-25 4-FS

Local Draft Board Ordered To Re-Examine Men Under New Test Program.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Selective service today instructed local draft boards to review the cases of all registrants 18 through 25 found unfit for military service prior to June 1 because of educational or mental deficiencies.

The review was ordered because army induction centers for the last two months have been using new tests designed to determine more accurately the educational and mental qualifications of registrants.

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey, in a memorandum to local boards, said that previous tests had been "least accurate in borderline cases."

Under the new tests, it was understood registrants are accepted for service if they are found to have deficiencies which may be eliminated in training.

As of June 1, selective service records showed 582,100 registrants in 4-F because of educational or mental deficiencies.

Rev. George S. Bowden, Of Gastonia, Suffers Stroke Of Paralysis In Local Church

Rev. George S. Bowden, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church in Gastonia, suffered a stroke of paralysis yesterday morning while serving as guest minister in the Emmanuel Lutheran church in this city.

Rev. Mr. Bowden had just announced his text and launched into his sermon when he was seen to slump forward in the pulpit. Mrs. Bowden and their daughter, Miss Katherine Bowden, who were in the church and several members of the congregation reached his side immediately and he

was removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Corriher, next door to the church, where it was seen that his left arm and leg were almost completely paralyzed. His speech organs were also affected. Later in the day the stricken minister was removed to the City Hospital in Gastonia.

Dr. L. A. Thomas, pastor of the local church, was at the time filling the pulpit at Holy Trinity church as guest minister, it being the custom for the two ministers to exchange pulpits on occasion.

To Hold Memorial Service For Pvt. Clyde Abernethy

A memorial service for Pvt. Thomas Clyde Abernethy, who was killed in action in Italy on June 3, will be held next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Wayside Christian church on the Buffalo Shoals road.

The pastor, Rev. T. J. Morris, will be assisted in the service by Chaplain Scott, of Morris Field, Charlotte, and Rev. A. B. McCure, H. E. Stimson and H. B. Jones.

Pvt. Abernethy lacked but 12 days of reaching his 29th birthday when he was killed. He was inducted into the army Sept. 3, 1943, and took his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He was in an infantry division.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Abernethy and his widow is Mrs. Pauline Ewing Abernethy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ewing, of East Lincoln.

Harold Houser Sends Home German Rifle

Harold Houser, Cox, U. S. Navy, has sent his father, M. A. Houser, a German rifle which he recently captured. In a letter to his father he told him that he prized the rifle greatly and asked him to take care of it for him until he returned home, when he intended to use it to shoot deer.

As far as is known this is the first German rifle to be sent from "over there" to this country. Those who have seen the rifle say it is not as good or modern a weapon as American boys have to fight with.