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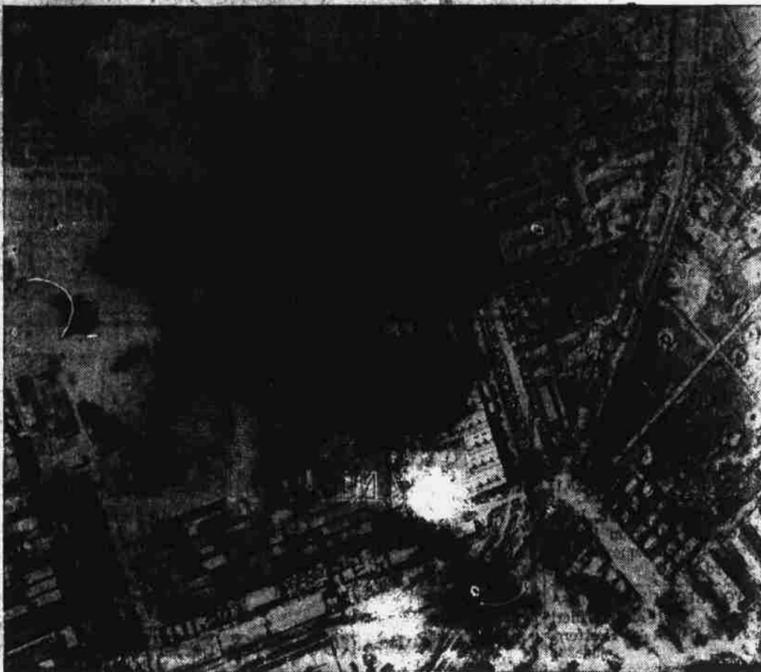
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Bombs Over Tokyo



Navy bombing planes have just scored direct hits in an attack on an aircraft engine plant during a strike on the Tokyo area. Help keep the bombs falling with greater purchases of War Bonds during the Mighty Seventh. Official U. S. Navy Photo. From U. S. Treasury

Hertford Soldier Freed After Being Prisoner Of Nazis

Germans Not Supermen Says Braxton Godfrey on Release

With the Fifth Army, Italy—How does it feel to be on the receiving end of constant American aerial bombardment and artillery fire?

Private First Class Braxton Y. Godfrey, 25, of Hertford, North Carolina, one of three Yanks captured by a German infantry unit on the Fifth Army front, shortly after the fall of Bologna, said "it was a wild and harrowing experience, to say the least."

Godfrey, a rifleman in the 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th "Red Bull" Division, spent 20 hours as a prisoner of the Germans, during which time his captors were pushed back 25 miles under constant air bombardment and artillery fire.

"Don't let anybody kid you about the so-called superman," Godfrey said. "They really were scared to death of our planes, artillery and tanks. I've had a sample of both kinds of medicine, and we definitely pour it on thicker and with more accuracy. While we were with the Krauts they had no time to do anything but retreat and retreat some more. Our guns knocked out their guns and vehicles. I saw no organized resistance. I saw no real leadership. They all backtracked as fast as they could. It was a hellish 20 hours, and I'll never forget it."

Godfrey, who was stripped of all personal belongings and \$15 in cash when captured, was rescued by a spearhead unit of the First Armored Division when his captors—2,000 strong—were clamped into a small cluster of buildings south of the Po River and forced to surrender after a brief but blistering firefight.

Godfrey joined the 34th Division on April 6, just in time for the whirlwind offensive that forced the Germans to their knees in Italy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Godfrey, live in Hertford.

Lt. Wood Completes Military Training

2nd Lt. Hulda V. Wood, daughter of Mrs. B. T. Wood of Hertford, N. C., has successfully completed her basic military training and was recently graduated from the Basic Training Center for Army Nurses, an Army Service Force facility, at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

The four weeks course just completed was designated to supplement her professional civilian nurse's training with specialized Army study and practice. It familiarized her with Army hospital methods and taught her how to take care of herself and her patients in the field.

Lt. Wood is a graduate of University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. She enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps on May 5, 1945.

As a graduate of the Military Training Center, she is eligible for assignment to an Army general or station hospital in this country or to an organization slated for overseas duty.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Reports from Okinawa indicate that the fighting for that bloodsoaked island is in the final stages, with Japs being confined to small pockets near the cliffs on the island, from which they will likely jump into the sea rather than surrender to United States Marines and Army troops. The Tenth Army lost its commander early this week, when it was reported that General Buckner had been killed by shell fire while watching the retreat of the Japs. The Japs are reported to be resisting stubbornly the advance of the American forces.

American airmen set the torch to four more Jap cities this week with heavy bombs which hit the towns listed as small industrial areas. More than 400 Superforts were reported in the raid. A statement by General Arnold this week said that by the end of 1946 there would be nothing left in Japan for bombers to hit. This bombing of Japan is following the same pattern used on Germany, to knock out the manufacturing and oil refineries of the enemy and thus strangling the supply line serving enemy troops.

General MacArthur's headquarters in the Philippines report American forces are accelerating the mopping up on Luzon, and also report the Japs in that section are now surrendering in larger numbers than ever before. Meanwhile Tokyo radio says that the Japs are not seeking peace and calls upon the Japanese for defense of their homeland against imminent invasion.

American troops in Europe have uncovered a vast Nazi treasure, estimated at five billion dollars. The loot included securities, currency and valuables believed to have been owned by many of the victims of the Nazi death camps. The cache also included the national wealth owned by Austria and Bavaria.

America welcomed General Eisenhower this week when he returned from Europe for the first time since assuming the leadership of the Allied armies in Europe. The General was given a tremendous reception in Washington and New York. He told a press conference that the men of the armed forces are expecting "the United Nations to keep the peace now that the war in Europe has been won."

Reports from San Francisco indicate that the conference there will wind up with a foundation for establishing a world organization to maintain peace; the conference is still hitting snags but is expected to come to a close shortly. This week the United Nations denied admittance to Spain and indicated it would be a long time before Germany and Japan would be admitted to the group.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

A Children's Day program will be presented at the Bagley Swamp Church at 8:45 o'clock Sunday, June 25; it was announced today. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

County Health King And Queen Selected

Dr. William Bailey, County Health Officer, selected the Health King and Queen of 4-H clubs in Perquimans County this week, after giving each club winner a thorough examination. Claire Hunter of the Winfall Senior Club was selected Queen of Health, and John Chappell of the Winfall Junior Club won the honors as being the King of Health. Crowning of the King and Queen will take place at a program to be announced later, Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, said today.

Selection of the King and Queen was a follow-up of health examinations given to each 4-H Club member in the county by Miss Audrey Umphlett, County Nurse, and N. C. Extension workers during the month of May. Club winners were selected according to a score card. These winners were contestants in the contest this week, resulting in the final selection of the healthiest boy and girl in the county.

Runners-up in the contest were Katie Belle Gray, Harold Colson, Pat Phillips, Bill Hall, Mary Beth Perry, Willis Proctor, Francis Onley and Nonie Lou Lane.

State College Club Hears Prof. Ruffner

Members of the Perquimans County State College Club were hosts at a chicken dinner last Thursday evening for the students of G. C. Buck's agricultural and vocational classes at Perquimans High School. Several fathers of the boys also attended.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Professor C. F. Ruffner, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry at State College. "Pop" Taylor, alumni secretary of the college, also spoke to the group.

Members of the club attending the dinner were E. Leigh Winslow, E. M. Perry, L. W. Anderson, A. R. Winslow and A. H. Edwards.

Ray White Home With Discharge From Army

Ray White, husband of Mrs. Hazel White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake T. White, arrived home Saturday after having received a disability discharge from the armed forces.

He was discharged after having served 38 months in the army, during which time he saw action in the battle for France and Germany. He was attached to Patton's Third Army.

Mr. White was injured in November, 1944, and since that time has been in nine hospitals in France, England and this country. He was discharged at Fort Story, Va.

W. G. Hollowell Named Winfall Postmaster

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner this week announced the appointment of W. H. Hollowell as Postmaster of the third class Post Office at Winfall.

Mr. Hollowell has been serving in the capacity for several years and it is presumed this is a re-appointment to the post.

Operational Group Given USO Report, Volunteers Needed

Club Seeks Information On Rooms For Navy Personnel

Members of the Operating Committee for the Hertford USO Club were given a report of club activities for the past month at a meeting of the group held Monday night. The report was made by Edgar J. Hill, director.

Mr. Hill pointed out that after several months of little activity, the club has suddenly become rushed with business due to the increased number of men stationed at Harvey Point, and that there was a need for renewed interest on the part of volunteer workers, needed at the club to help provide entertainment for the service men. This is especially true regarding the group of men hosts who serve at the club each night from 8:30 to 11:30.

The committee recommended a reshuffling of the men hosts and the adding of several new names to this group in order to solve the problem. The operating committee also voted that the USO would open Sunday mornings from 9:30 and 10:30 A. M., at which time the director would form a Java Club and free coffee and doughnuts would be served all service personnel attending this club. During the hour a short religious service would be conducted, Mr. Hill stated.

The committee named Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Miss Mary Sumner and Miss Frances Maness as a committee to pass on the applications of all GSO girls.

Mr. Hill reported to the committee that the club also seeks information pertaining to available rooms in order to help service men locate housing facilities for themselves and their wives during their stay here. It was stated that the task of finding out about available rooms is almost impossible as the public has not cooperated by reporting vacancies. At the present time the Harvey Point base has a large number of men stationed there, many of whom are just back from duty overseas and the people of Hertford are asked to help make their stay here as comfortable as possible by renting rooms to men stationed at Harvey Point before renting them out to men stationed at other nearby bases.

Mr. Hill told the operating committee if local people would notify the USO of room vacancies the club would be in position to give this information to prospective tenants and thus be helping both landlords and the service men seeking rooms.

Recorder's Court In Short Session

Little time was consumed by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning in disposing of three cases docketed for hearing.

Miles Jones, Negro, was fined \$25 and ordered to pay the costs of court after being found guilty of possessing non-tax paid whiskey.

Mrs. V. L. Proctor entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license and was taxed with court costs.

Henderson Bond, Negro from Chowan County, was found guilty of destroying personal property. Judge Johnson ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of court, twenty five dollars of the fine to be remitted George Bonner for damages. Bond cut the tires from the car owned by Bonner, after the latter had successfully wooed Bond's girl away from him. Patrolman Charles Payne testified that in making the arrest Bond put up some resistance in being taken into custody.

Baptist Vacation Bible School Ends

A commencement program which climaxes the two weeks Vacation Bible School conducted here by the Hertford Baptist Church, will be held at the church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor, announced today.

All of the children who have attended the Bible School will have a part on the program that is being planned. It was stated that the average attendance at the school was 90.

The public is invited to attend the service and a special invitation is extended to parents of the children taking part in the program.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

The cottage prayer meeting of the Baptist Church will be with Mrs. J. P. Perry at her home on Front street Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. All ladies are cordially invited.

PERQUIMANS FIRST COUNTY TO REACH OVER-ALL GOAL SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

1800 Club Members

With the Seventh War Loan "over the top" in Perquimans County, here is an additional list of persons who helped make the drive a success by the purchase of a \$100 E bond, and thus entitled to membership in the 1800 Club.

Mrs. Joel Hollowell, W. C. Chappell, Margaret Chappell, Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. Laura Roberson, Edna J. Nixon, Mrs. B. E. Dawson, Mrs. W. H. Oakey, Jr., Mrs. Lloyd Horton, Delia Winslow, Maude Mathews, Jesse Harrell, R. E. Vickers, Mrs. R. E. Vickers, Jesse Rountree, J. E. Winslow, Cassie Winslow, M. T. Griffin, Joyce Harrell, Mrs. Ellen McCallum, A. R. Winslow, Jr., Wayland L. White, Jocelyn Applewhite, Kenneth Bateman, Robert Hall, Mrs. W. H. Barber, H. C. Stokes, Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Mrs. C. R. White, Clarence Phillips, Mattie Phillips, W. C. Morgan, W. C. Morgan, Jr., Billie Burke Morgan, Lisle Mathews, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Kate W. Hudson, Mary Tudor Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Cannon, Ida Lee White, Mrs. L. C. Winslow, Mrs. M. J. Gregory, Mattie Shannonhouse, Lizzie Brown Thach, L. N. Hollowell, Milton Dail, Jr., Mrs. Milton Dail, Mrs. Trim Wilson, Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. T. S. White, Mrs. W. F. Madre, Z. A. Harris, Eva Brinkley Harris, L. A. Smith, D. H. Eure, Mrs. D. H. Eure, Walter Pivott, Eva V. Cooper and Martha Knight.

Two Soldiers 86th Division In County

Two members of the 86th Division, which landed in New York on Sunday after having taken part in the closing battles for Germany, arrived in Hertford this week to visit relatives.

The men, First Sergeant Charles Campbell, brother of Max Campbell, and Edward Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barber, arrived at Fort Bragg Monday from Camp Kilmer, N. J., where they were taken after disembarking from the ships which brought them from Europe. They received furlough papers at Fort Bragg and after a thirty-day leave will report to Camp Gruber, Okla., and probably will be assigned duty in the Pacific war zone.

Following the collapse of the Nazis the commanding officer of the 86th Division, Maj. Gen. Melasky, commended the men for the excellent job they did in the closing days of the European war. He stated, "As part of the Third Army in the American drive to crush Nazi resistance in the vaunted redoubt the 86th Division played an enviable part. Starting the engagement south of Ansbach, the Division thrust through 120 miles of enemy held territory in 12 days; captured 100 villages; released 15,000 Allied prisoners from under the Nazi yoke; captured 14,000 enemy forces, and reduced his natural water barriers in the Altmuhl, Danube and Isar rivers with a speed which left his defense hopelessly broken."

"I can think of no more fitting tribute to the valiant deeds of the men of this division than to say that you accomplished what I expected and had faith you would do; that you accomplished no more was because there was nothing else to be done. I am indeed honored to have commanded the Blackhawk Division."

Two Draft Calls For White Men Received

Two contingents of white selectees will be called up to fill draft calls during the next two weeks, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local Board, stated today. Ten selectees will leave here next Wednesday, June 27, for induction and ten more will follow on July 5 to receive pre-induction examinations.

The registrants who have been ordered to report for induction next week are David Nixon, Joseph Nowell, Dennis Eure, Jr., Roland Copeland, Jr., Horace Boyce, Carl Winslow, Leroy Overton, Johnnie Harrell and Jacob L. White, Jr.

A group of twenty Negro registrants left here Tuesday of this week for Fort Bragg to undergo pre-induction examinations. The local Board has been notified there will be no induction call for Negroes during July.

Curb Market To Open Here On Saturday

A curb market, offering fresh produce from local farms, will open here on Saturday and continue each week thereafter for the summer months, Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, announced today.

The market will be operated by the ladies of the various Home Demonstration Clubs and will be located at the building on the grounds of the Hertford Grammar School.

RED CROSS CHAPTER GIVEN NEW QUOTA

Perquimans County's Red Cross Chapter has been given a new quota for articles to be made by the sewing project, officials of the chapter announced this week. The quota includes 300 pairs of socks, 25 pairs of bedroom slippers and 100 bedside bags.

Materials for these items will be available shortly and volunteers are asked to contact their block leaders for instructions on making the articles.