

Sergeant Who Hoodwinked Recruiters Went To War At 13 And Was Hero At 15

Fort Ord, Calif.—George A. May, now a mature 20 and a sergeant in the 51st Field Artillery Battalion, is a six-year Army veteran who earned the Silver Star with the First Cavalry Division in Korea when he was 15 years old.

Not that the Army knew his age at the time. His story begins in 1948. A 13-year-old youngster of (32244 Occoda St.), Norwayne, Mich., had gathered recruiting officers all over the state trying to enlist. Turned down 20 times, he "borrowed" his older brother Leslie's birth certificate and name and headed for Dayton, Ohio—far enough away not to be recognized by Michigan recruiters.

Puzzled Dayton recruiters signed him up after a bit of head-scratching; somehow his appearance and the birth date on the certificate did not quite fit. But they went along with the evidence.

An even five feet tall, the new soldier's gear weighed more than he did.

"Everyone kidded me about my size but I enjoyed it," May says. "I didn't know from nothing and it was like a full-time game of playing soldier."

Two years later, in 1950, Corporal May was in Korea—a seasoned soldier who could never be recommended for needing a shave.

In early October, the First Cavalry was having a rough time with the Chinese Reds in the rocky, gutted terrain near the 38th Parallel. Serving with a rifle company, May found himself pinned down one day by the deadly concentration of fire. The company's objective was to move in and knock out the automatic weapons and secure a hill for the advance of the division.

The assistant squad leader pointed to a good firing position 50 yards to the left but was cut down trying to reach it. George moved in. Slithering from his protective pocket, he slung to the left, dived, crawled and made the position—with a bullet in his chest. Returning the enemy fire until his rifle jammed, May threw hand grenades and broke the enemy position. Then he blacked out—a Silver Star winner.

When his brother heard of the hospitalization he started procedure to discharge George. The youngster's commanding officer had a few choice words to say to

him. "He sure was mad. If I had been captured, the Communists could have made a big propaganda splash about the U. S. having a 15-year-old fighting in Korea."

A month past 16, he went to work in a Plymouth, Mich., factory as a welder until he turned 17. Once he did, May reenlisted, applied for airborne training and went back to Korea. He is now an Army physical training instructor.

May and his young wife, Margie, are looking forward to a life-long career in the Army. "I love it," he says. "It's the only life for me. I've never been sorry for a minute that I enlisted when I did. It's just great."

State Farm Income Increased In 1954

Farmers in North Carolina received a total cash income of \$927,823,000 for agricultural commodities in 1954, the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service has announced. This exceeded by almost 23 million dollars the income from this source in 1953, a relative increase of about two and one-half per cent.

Tobacco, as usual, led all commodities in value of sales, making up \$497,287,000, or 53.6 per cent, of the total and represented about 70 per cent of the income from all crops. Next in importance was cotton and cottonseed which contributed \$76,820,000, or 8.3 per cent, to total receipts. This second place income, however, was dwarfed by that from tobacco which was about six and a half times greater.

If all poultry and poultry products are considered together, they really would take second place, because they amounted to \$90,910,000 and made up 10 per cent of the total. Third greatest income was from dairy products amounting to \$55,528,000 and making up six per cent of all cash farm income. Following dairy products closely was the income of \$52,270,000 from the sale of hogs, 5.6 per cent of the total.

Receipts from sales of all crops accounted for \$705,849,000, or 76.1 per cent of all sales, and livestock brought in \$221,974,000, a contribution of 23.9 per cent. In come from



Mrs. Alexas Stephen Perry, who prior to her marriage Sunday in ceremonies in the Woodland Methodist Church, was Miss Myrtle Gordon Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams of Route three, Hertford.

crops increased three per cent over that for 1953 while income from livestock increased one per cent.

For the United States, total cash receipts from farming declined around three per cent from 1953 to 1954. Cash receipts, excluding government payments, amounted to \$31.2 billion in 1953 and \$30.2 billion in 1954.

Winfall News

Mrs. J. P. Ball of Jonesboro, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ball of Johnson City, Tenn., spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ball.

T. H. White is spending this week at Nags Head.

Bobby and Bill Armstrong and Miss Alice Gray Elliott spent the week-end at Pocomoke City, Md.

Miss Evelyn Ann Stanton of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stanton.

Miss Geraldine Gregory of Hampton, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gregory.

Mrs. Pearl Chalk is spending several days this week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Chalk at Moyock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris and son have moved from Hertford into their new home here.

Mrs. J. W. Nowell, Sr., Mrs. Minnie Corpew have returned home from visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Tommy Temple and children, June and Johnnie Martin and Mrs. Bailey Temple and children, Earlene and Willie of Newland spent Saturday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hollowell.

Mrs. J. L. Nixon is some better after being very ill with a cold.

Heap Silly

Two Indians watched the building of a lighthouse. When it was finally completed they sat and watched it every night. A thick fog came rolling in one night and the siren blew continuously.

"Ugh," grunted one Indian to the other, "light shine—bell ring—horn blow—but fog come in just the same."

Good Neighbor Day Plans Announced By Virginia Cities

If a young lady stops you on the street and tries to give you a \$5 bill don't send for a psychiatrist, just take it.

The young lady is not crazy. She's from Norfolk and Portsmouth and she is scheduled to slip into town some time in the next few days to give away some of the \$3,000 in Good Neighbor Cash that the retail merchants of Norfolk and Portsmouth are using as a promotional stunt in connection with the Good Neighbor Days of Norfolk and Portsmouth, scheduled Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8.

Good Neighbor Days is a retail promotion being held for the third consecutive year in which Norfolk and Portsmouth merchants offer bargains and savings of many types and varieties. The promotion is held primarily to acquaint the shoppers of this area with the scope of the retail shopping facilities in Norfolk and Portsmouth. The promoters say that it is not their intention to have the customers pass up their home stores in favor of Norfolk and Portsmouth, but rather to have them use the Norfolk-Portsmouth area as their major out-of-town shopping center rather than Richmond or Raleigh.

To prove this their slogan is, "If you can't find it at home you can find it in Norfolk and Portsmouth." The \$5 bills which are to be given away here are specially printed coupons which will be honored at face value in any retail store in Norfolk or Portsmouth. The holder can use them to buy anything he wants with the exception of liquors. There are no strings attached and he need make no other purchases or add any money of his own to it.

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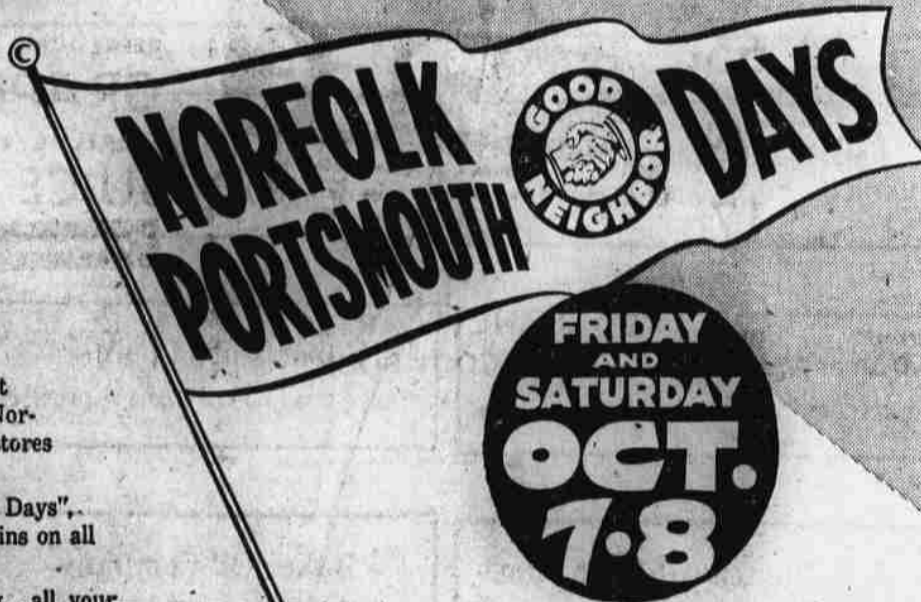
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