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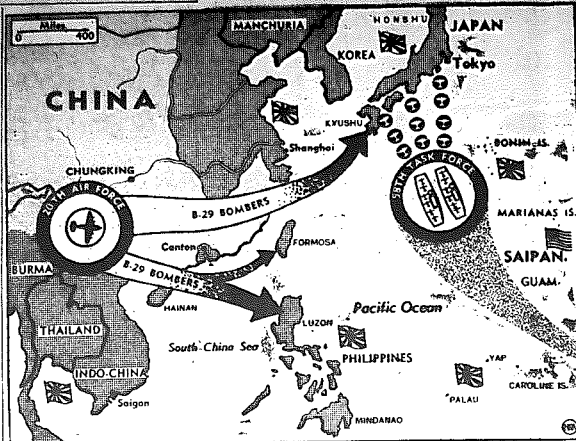
The publicity of small apartment buildings as investments was indicated here again today by the announcement made by H. Morris, Charlotte real estate man, of the sale of several apartments to investors. The transactions involving in the aggregate approximately \$132,500.

The sales announced included the purchase by J. A. Jenkins of a four-unit apartment building at 24 Louise Ave. from T. C. McNeil for approximately \$30,000.

W. R. Hollingsworth has purchased from L. H. Cherry an apartment at 820-214 E. Kingston Ave. for approximately \$31,500 and J. Tom Huntley has sold to T. C. McNeil an apartment on Louise Ave. for approximately \$30,000, Mr. Morris said.

In addition, the purchase of a home at 1349 Harding Place by Mrs. Willie J. Boyce from C. M. DeWitt for about \$10,000 and the purchase of an apartment in the Piney section of the city by Mr. McNeil in a \$30,000 transaction was announced.

Mr. Morris said he felt these sales indicated strongly that Charlotte real estate was in demand and that investors considered this type of property of high value.



**AIRPL. PINNERS THREATEN JAP HOMELAND**—Map above shows how with Saipan liquidated as threat to their flank, U. S. naval forces can move close enough to Japan to bombard the enemy home-land from carrier-based planes, while the 24th Air Force, based in Burma and China, can complete the strategic pincers by attacking enemy strongholds and Japan itself with its long-range B-29 Superfortresses.

### Executions In Germany

MADRID, (AP)—Travelers arriving from the Reich declare that the number of persons refusing to work in bombed areas of Germany are being executed in considerable numbers.

One person whose position made official Nazi records available to him, said that between May 8 and June 15 a total of 74 Germans and foreign workers were put to death in the Munich region, about 150 in the Essen area and about 100 in the Cologne District.

Other informants, although unable to give accurate estimates, said these figures did not appear to be exaggerated. All agreed that only a fraction of those executed were reported in the German press.

The travelers said employees throughout Germany complained they were unable to be skilled German labor at work because of the fear of bombing and that many have deserted into the German Army as volunteers, considering that safer than remaining in the bombed areas.

Since the Allied invasion of Normandy sabotaging in German factories employing foreign labor was said to have increased one hundred fold.

### South Carolinian Tells Of Early Scrapping In Battle For Saipan

The following story, distributed by the Associated Press, was written by Tech Sgt. Mason Brunson of 720 South Coll Street, Florence, S. C., a Marine corps combat correspondent.

Prior to his embarkment in the Marines, Brunson was news editor of the Baltimore Associated Press bureau.

By TECH. SGT. MASON BRUNSON, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent (Reprinted by The Associated Press)

SAIPAN, Marianas Islands, June 12—(Delayed)—The past 36 hours on Saipan have been one long nightmare of dodging Jap shells, strafing and sniping, and simply trying to survive. That hasn't been too simple, but we've managed so far.

As long as I live, I'll never forget my first two days and nights on this island.

Ever since I landed here on D-Day, two hours behind the assault troops, I have been ducking from holes to foxholes, cringing from the devilish Jap mortars that have been firing all around and dodging at the sound of our own gunfire.

Things are fairly quiet here on the western beach by the airstrip this morning and I have been trying to remember some of the highlights of what I have been through.

When our landing craft hit the beach, I ducked down the ramp and waded a few yards to shore, hitting on my belly. An officer called to us to move forward, over a low sand dune, and I scrambled over, to find myself on our second line of defense by the airstrip.

I hit the sand on my face, finding myself between two casualties. One of them landed wounded in the back by shrapnel, the other hit in the leg.

I took my head cautiously and heard someone yell, "grenade!"

I ducked, and the grenade burst on the dune in front of me. Sand splattered in my face, but it was not hot, nor was a Marine private first class beside me.

A Marine on the dune ahead raised up by a pine tree and fired half a dozen shots into the Jap who threw the grenade.

We moved to the right, toward the spot where our command post was to be set up. Jap mortar shells, ranging from the landing craft on the beach, were falling thickly.

I ducked ahead until I found a place to hide under a pine tree and scouted a hole in a dune. There I was joined by Marine Sgt. Jack W. Combs, 2d of Portland, Ore., combat photographer.

Throughout the morning we crouched in our shallow holes, while the Jap mortars went over our heads and hit in the water.

Our command post was set up in a dune just behind us and a few yards from the airstrip. Also set up there was a medical aid station, where army wounded were being cared for.

I saw two medical men move in light in the face of Jap fire and began sniping on the wounded men on the beach. Later, at the aid station, I saw them still working.

In fact, all the doctors and hospital equipment I saw worked for 12 hours steadily without rest.

The afternoon Combs and I, together with Marine Sgt. Herbert L. Shultz of Albany, N. Y., and other correspondents, moved up to our forward combat post, beyond the airstrip, and dug in in trenches which the Japs had abandoned.

There we spent an interminable night, hugging the dirt walls of the inevitable Jap mortar salivator and our warships off shore resounding with lightning force.

The following morning one of our snipers shot a Jap sniper who had been hiding out in a dugout only 20 yards from our trenches.

Combs, Shultz and I moved down to the aid station and there I had the greatest shock I had yet had on this island. That was a drink of good American whisky, given to me by a quartermaster sergeant.

There we ran into many friends, Don Senick, Fox Movietone cameraman who knew Combs, joined us and asked to be taken to the Command Post. We took him and instantly registered it.

We had no trouble crossing the airstrip, but almost as soon as we had reached the Command Post, Jap mortars fell right in the midst of it. The first one sent me sprawling to the ground and before the next hit I was face down in a trench.

I found myself facing a radio operator. Face down, he was trying to keep his equipment in operation. Just as a mortar shell hit a few yards from us, hitting two of our men, I heard him say into the microphone, "Hold it, there's a little interference here."

A little interference?

Combs and I checked things were all right at the Command Post, so we took off, bringing a tank loaded with ammunition. It had been full and was humming and the ammo was exploding, but we made it without being hit.

We crouched in a hole in a dune along the beach until we caught our breath and things became more quiet. Later we went to the aid station and talked with two Navy doctors.

There we saw three Japanese women and several small children whom the Marines had brought out of the fighting area beyond the strip.

About mid-afternoon, Combs, Shultz and I started to move north along the beach, looking for a likely place to dig in for the night.

After going north about half a mile, we changed our minds and went back south. It was a lucky change of mind, for that night the Japs counter-attacked on the north end of the airstrip.

We had dug in in an old Jap emplacement. For half the night we endured the shelling, crouching low as shrapnel whined and hummed around us.

Then word was passed about the beach for us to move still farther south, as the Japs were attacking to the north. We took off, wanting our way through a gully, while our warships pounded a terrific barrage and the Japs replied with their piercers.

Combs dug in in an abandoned Jap dugout and was safely covered during the remainder of the long night.

As this is written, Combs, Shultz and I are preparing to go in search of someone to take our copy and pictures. Combs, who was taking pictures even while he was dodging grenades and mortars right after the landing, has just discovered a piece of shrapnel in his camera.

All of us were a little surprised to find we had no shrapnel in our skins.

Capital Stock-Holders Paid

Holders of capital stock of banks in Charlotte and of paid-up and savings shares of this city's building and loan associations will have tomorrow an aggregate increase of approximately \$350,000 in their cash assets.

These financial institutions here were mailing out today checks for this total in payment of capital stock dividends or in distribution on savings shares. Mortgages on more than 20 homes in this city also were paid off with matured savings shares.

Representative bankers reported that the first half of this year was satisfactory from the earnings standpoint.

The rate paid from a whole hog is only twice as large as that which produces a mouze.

### Father Of Local Minister Passes

R. T. Stone, father of Rev. R. H. Stone of Charlotte, executive secretary of the Mechanics' Guild, died last night at his home in Stoneville, and will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 2 in that town.

Mr. Stone is survived by his wife and five sons, the Rev. Mr. Stone, T. C. Stone, C. S. Stone, and W. S. Stone, all of Stoneville; and W. P. Stone of Matthews. You may recall that in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The deceased was president of the Stoneville Bank, and head of the Stoneville Wholesale Grocery Co.

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### Pvt. Harvey Dead In War

RUTHERFORDTON—Pvt. Arthur J. Harvey of Rutherfordton has died of wounds received May 20, 1944 in action in Italy, according to a telegram from Washington, D. C. to his mother here, Mrs. Lillie Harvey of the Clegburn Mills Village.

Camels are called "ships of the desert" yet they are among the few animals that cannot swim.

### Auto Owners Will Be Summoned For Failure To Buy Use Stamps

The sale of Federal Automobile Use Stamps, at \$5 each, increased today, on the eve of the deadline, Post Office officials said, and Collectors of Internal Revenue announced that efforts soon would be made to check automobiles and summon owners who had failed to purchase the stamp.

"At the Post Office officials said there had been a notable increase during the past 24 hours, but the total sale was far below the known number of automobiles owned in Charlotte."

J. S. Atkinson, head of the district office of the Revenue Collector, said agents of the bureau would make a check of cars this week as they did last year.

"We found scores of automobiles whose owners had failed to purchase the stamps. Under the law there is a \$25 fine for failure to purchase them. There were no

indefinite last year, but those summoned offered a compromise and paid \$5 in addition to the cost of the stamp," said Mr. Atkinson.

"The regulations imposing the tax is a war-time measure. Stamps are sold at the stamp windows of Post Offices or may be purchased through the Collector of Internal Revenue. Under regulations the stamps must be displayed on the windshield of the car."



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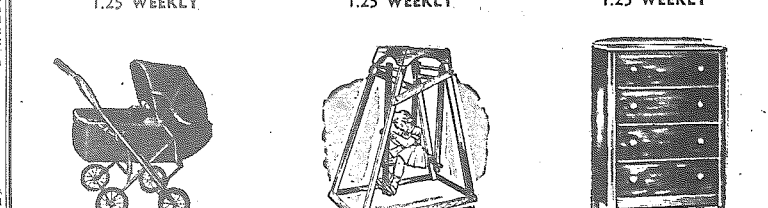
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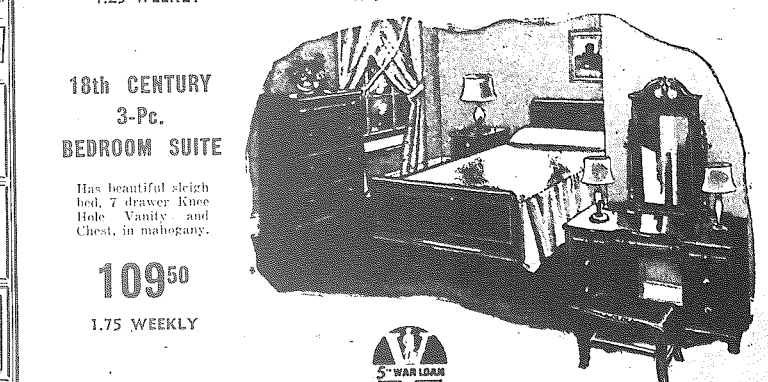
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