

Engineer, Isolated, Checks Flood Waters, Wins Bronze Star

WITH THE 839th ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION IN THE PHILIPPINES—Staff Sergeant Mazorne Elmore, son of Mr. Willie Elmore, 332 East Hudson Street, Shelby, North Carolina, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic and meritorious achievement. A member of the veteran 839th Engineer Aviation Battalion, he is one of the top nin-commissioned officers in the heavy equipment section.

The North Carolinian distinguished himself when, alone and in complete disregard for his own personal safety, he used a bulldozer for several hours to build a levee around engineer equipment worth many thousands of dollars and thus saved it from the violent current of flood waters caused by a dam-break farther upstream. Others were powerless to either rescue or assist Sergeant Elmore because the crossing to the island was washed out. Forced to remain on the island overnight, he kept constant vigil against the surging tide.

Sergeant Elmore entered the Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, in October 1942. He has been overseas 22 months and has seen service in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. In addition to the Bronze Star Medal, he is entitled to wear a battle star on his Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Campaign ribbons.

A brother, Carmie Elmore, also is in the Philippines.

Medical Detachment Commended For Performance in ETO

WITH THE U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE—The 1st Engineer Medical Detachment in France has been commended for efficiency and meritorious service in the fight against the Germans.

Staff Sergeant Robert Wilson, Jr., 1216 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the NCO in charge of the enlisted men of the detachment.

The unit maintained a staff of surgical technicians, medical staffers, a sick and wounded personnel staff, first aid men, ambulance drivers, vehicle operators, instructors, supply men, dental experts and malaria control teams.

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Eight Bullets and Loud Voice Routed Nazi Patrol in Italy

BATTLE CREEK, Michigan—Eight rounds of ammunition and a loud voice were all that Corporal James L. Humes of Detroit, Michigan, had to halt a Nazi patrol in Italy and save his litter squad and some wounded Yanks—but he did the job. Now a pa-

tient in Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, this veteran of the 92nd Infantry Division has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for rescuing six wounded men under fire.

Corporal Humes lost his right leg on April 6 when he set of an anti-personnel mine during the second day of the big allied push which led to the complete collapse of the German troops in Italy.



LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL!

By BILLY (Ink Spots) KENNY

WHILE relaxing between shows I glanced thru the Negro papers and suddenly realized what profound respect I hold for certain colored newspaper men. Men like Abe Hill and Tommy Watkins of the AMSTERDAM NEWS. Ralph Matthews and Levi Jolly of the AFRO-AMERICAN. These men do a service for the Negro people that would take too long to explain in this column. A service that seldom knows just appreciation. Men such as those I've just mentioned use the great power of the press to help better conditions for all people and not for their own selfish motives.

The remarkable progress of the colored American throughout the past quarter of the century has been stimulated primarily by his Press. This Press has made it possible for Negroes in different parts of America to know something of the living conditions of each other. I firmly believe that the colored Press has always been in some form, and still is, the nucleus from which the many important Negro organizations (that we have today) have come to be. In my humble opinion the Negro press is the most powerful weapon the dark American has or ever shall have to fight the many evils that confront him.

And is also a means of reaching the hard to reach individual who cause us as a race untold anxiety in our strive to better our living conditions. Thank God for our Negro Press!

During my last tour thru the South I had the opportunity to visit the lovely home of a man who held a respected position in his community, and found that something struck me as being wrong with that setup. I suddenly realized that the shacks surrounding his beautiful home afforded him no protection whatsoever, but rather showed how weak was his foundation of success. And I knew then more than ever that the Negro of America's complete success in regard to living would come to be only when we realize that only in numbers can we be strong and keep prejudice, discrimination and the many other cowardly vices of man from touching us. I want no castle on a hill that I may gaze down on the slums of the town. Rather let me have a castle among castles so that when the wind blows strong I may be selfishly protected. Or when the enemy of men and women of tanned skin may come we in our numbers may repel them and the strength of our houses keep them out.

CIVIC CENTER FACTS

The TRUTH

JUNE 22 ELECTION

These facts concerning the Civic Center plan are offered to correct distorted and inaccurate information originating from obstructionist sources opposed to this progressive measure.

CENTER OPPONENTS

A small group of property owners in the run-down area selected as the Civic Center site represent most of the opposition. For campaign purposes, operating under the assumed name, "Portland Civic Efficiency Committee," they are heard mainly through hired speakers. Because part-truths and innuendo are employed to confuse the issue, no prominent person or group condones the committee's stand against Portland's progress. That's why the so-called "efficiency" committee must resort to hired campaigners. In fairness to many other persons and organizations in the area, it should be remembered they are among the staunchest champions of the Civic Center plan.

WHY THEY OPPOSE

In the past 20 years assessed valuation of property in the area has been "beaten down" 70 per cent—a tidy tax saving to the owners. Your taxes increased to make up the difference. Now these owners balk at what would seem a welcome chance to dispose of this deteriorating property. This, despite the fact the city expects to pay a fair price, based on present assessed valuations. Possibly this section of a city council resolution which prevents "hiking prices" has a bearing: "In order to avoid inflation of values or skyrocketing damages . . . it shall be the policy of the council to seek to acquire firm options to purchase all land within the area as speedily . . . as can be consummated."

SERVICE BALLOTS

Opponents of the Civic Center plan attempt to blame those who favor it for the fact service men and women will not get a chance to vote. Here is the TRUTH: Election officials were arranging to prepare service ballots when delayed by court action filed by a property owner in the proposed area. This sought to prevent the city from submitting the proposal to the people. By the time the case was decided in the city's favor on May 26, it was too late to mail the service ballots. It is a matter of record how the Portland Area Postwar Development Committee contested this court action and WON for the people their right to vote. This is proved by endorsements from veterans' groups and labor unions.

VOTE FOR THE CIVIC CENTER

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