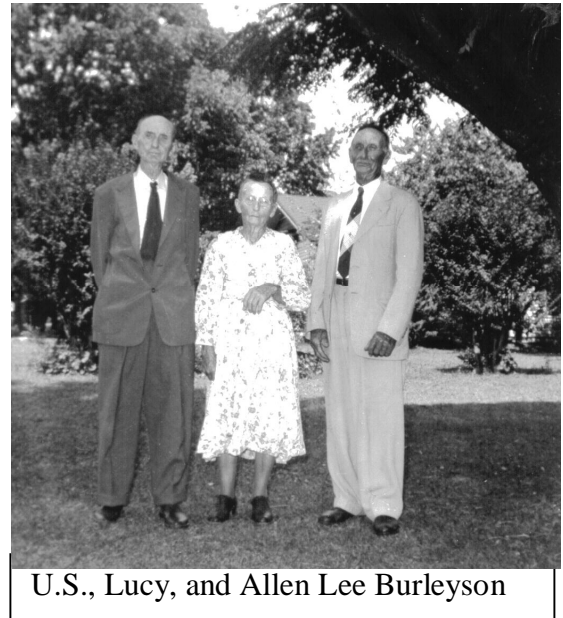


## Progress on the World War II DVD

While working on the World War II DVD, I discovered just how much this war affected the local families of a small farming community like Stanly County. One family that was very interesting is the family of U.S. Burleyson. U.S. made a habit of doing a birthday writing each year. I have copies of the ones he did August 8, 1942, and August 8, 1945.

These writings told that he had two sons fighting in the war. Edward Macon Burleson who was in the Pacific and U.S. Jr. A quote from his writing says, "US Jr. who is named after me was 20 years old yesterday. He is in the Navy at Norfolk Va. He volunteered June 7, 1942. He came home on short leave today." He had four grandsons in the war, and another quote from his writing says, "Roxie, the second by birth, lives on Spring Street in east Albemarle and works in the Lillian Hosiery Mill. Both her sons – Everette and Quentin are in the war. Virginia – her daughter – is with her mother. Dellie, the 3<sup>rd</sup> child, lives in Endy. Her husband, Ienn Efird, bought our farm. They have two sons in service – Junior and Price. Their other child, Geraldine, is at home." I just learned about Everette and I need to find a picture and an article about him if possible.



U.S., Lucy, and Allen Lee Burleyson

### Lowder, Quentin E.

U.S. Army

Deceased



During war



After war

Quentin Elwood Lowder was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Stanly County to Roxie Burleson and Jess Richard Lowder.

Lowder enlisted April 16, 1942, in the U.S. Army and served in 302nd Ordnance Regiment 9, 3269th Ordnance Base Depot Company. He received the EAMET Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Lowder was discharged Nov., 1945, at Fort Bragg.

Lowder died Oct. 17, 1983, in Stanly County and was buried in Stanly County.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Crowell Lowder. Their children are Phillip Edwin Lowder of Albemarle and Sally Lowder Pope of Clinton. There is one grandchild.



Edward Macon Burleson  
March 9, 1911 – April 2, 1983

Headquarters 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
APO #77, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.

GO #190, 8 June 1945

#### BRONZE STAR

#### CITATION

Sergeant EDWARD M. BURLESON, (34256546), (Tank), United States Army. For meritorious services in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 April 1945 on Ie Shima, R.I. The amphibious tractor commanded by sergeant Burleson was carrying a load of ammunition and water to the assault elements of infantry troops. As he moved forward, Sergeant Burleson encountered heavy mine fields covered by enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Realizing the urgency of his mission, he dismounted from his tractor and, disregarding all enemy fire, led his vehicle through the minefields to the front lines. He unloaded his tractor and was ordered to bring up more supplies, as they were urgently needed. Sergeant Burleson returned to the beach, picked up another load, and again led his tractor back to the front lines over his previously established route. This courageous action established a mine free supply route for all following vehicles.

Edwin H. Randle  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
Commanding.



US and Minnie Burleson Jr.



GLENN AND PRICE A. EFIRD—These two sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Efird, Sr., of route 4, Albemarle, represent the navy. Seaman First Class Glenn Efird, Jr., was inducted on November 17, 1942, and received training at Norfolk, Va. He is now aboard the USS Decker. He has served 14 months on a Destroyer Escort. Seaman First Class Price A. Efird was inducted on January 17, 1944, and received boot training at Bainbridge, Md. He has recently graduated from Gunners' Mate school. 11-4-44

Another quote from U.S.'s writing says *"We are in a great war. It will take the lives of many of our sons and then it might be possible that we will not win. But I feel we shall win as right wins in the end."* Thankfully, he did not lose any sons or grandsons. This had to have been hard times not knowing what would happen and who would prevail.

On June 6, 2005 I visited Minnie Burleson and she gave me pictures of US Burleson Jr. during his navy days of WWII. She said she did not know him then and didn't know much about his military experience. He was stationed on the USS Cleveland. She told how he was a quiet man and how he loved to fish. US Jr. built a boat and would take it to the ocean to fish. She was afraid

to go out with him so he built the sides up about waist high so she would go with him.

In the picture on the previous page are two brothers and a sister; three families. U.S. is listed above. Lucy, the sister, married William Bangle (Billy) Almond. They had five sons who saw action in World War II. Four were in the Navy and one in the Army. Irene Almond, Delmar's wife, came to our meeting last month and provided several pictures of the Almond Family. Their son, David Almond, is in the NC House of Representatives from Stanly County. He is doing a great job and he has been very supportive of the Burleson Family Research Group activities.

To have five sons serving in the military at one time must have been incredibly hard on a mother and family. It is difficult to try to imagine the hardships they had to endure during that trying time.



William Jay, Judson Jefferson, Carroll Howell, David Delmar, Charles Barrett Almond

Children Pictured Below  
 Front Row –Aria Myrtle Almond Caudle, Ocha Bertie Almond Hewett, Thelma Blalock Almond – Thelma is the wife of Charles Barrett Almond, Bethie Almond Morton, and Victoria Almond Lowder.  
 2nd Row L/R David Delmar Almond, Judson Jefferson Almond, Charles Barrett Almond, William Jay Almond, and Carroll Howell Almond. August 16, 1981



William Bangle (Billy) and Lucy Burseson Almond



This is another family who was affected by the War.  
Odell and Emma Dan Burluson



Thank you to Dwight Burluson, a grandson of Odell and Emma Burluson, for writing a very interesting story about this family. Surely more of you have family stories that have been passed down that you could share with the rest of the Burluson Family. So now is the time if you would like them documented on the WWII DVD we are currently working on. Dwight wrote "Wattie never married. When he came home he rarely left the farm unless he was almost forced to do so. He was listed in the 90th INFANTRY DIVISION'S OFFICAL HISTORY as a cannoneer; however due to his age ( 36 / 37) he was assigned as a driver to officers. These were usually lieutenants and captains. Once in a while a major."

"Julius ( Jule ) and Clifford ( Cliff ) were both wounded gravely at separate times. Jule had a mine go off near his jeep that burst his ear drum plus other injuries. Cliff was either shot or struck in the eye by a piece of shrapmal. My grandmother Emma had a vision of each son walking from the Canton Road to the house with a group of nurses. She told Odell that Jule was hurt and his head was wrapped but he would recover. Even though I don't know who got hurt first she said the same vision appeared when Cliff was hurt. She told grandpa that Cliff had a bloody bandage over his eye. It would be bad. About 1960 I asked different members of the family what they thought of Grandma's visions. Some didn't want to talk about it. Many verified it but told me to leave it alone. The only one who didn't shy away from questions was Grandma Emma. She said it was the Lord way to comfort her when the telegrams with the news finally arrived days after the injuries."



WOUNDED IN GERMANY— Pvt. Milas C. Burluson, serving with the infantry in Germany, lost an eye in enemy action, according to a letter recently received by his wife.

12/8/44  
**Milas C. Burluson**  
Received Wound  
In German Action

Stanly Infantryman Writes  
He Lost Eye In  
Battle.

Milas Clifford (Cliff) Burluson



WINS BRONZE STAR — Pfc. Wattie J. Burluson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Burluson, Albe-marle, route 4, who was recently awarded the decoration and citation for meritorious service in the Italian campaign.

July 17, 1945  
**Wattie Burluson**  
Decorated With  
The Bronze Star

Stanly Man Receives Award  
For Meritorious Ser-

**Burluson, Amos Cletus**  
U.S. Army Deceased



During war After war



Clarence Adam Burluson



Julius - Jule - Burluson

"Raymond Sylvester Burluson served in the Army during WWII; however he was medically discharged after basic and advanced training from Camp Blanding, Fla. due to bleeding ulcers."

Dwight told that Odell and Emma had a son-in-law, Mac Lambert, in service during WWII. Mac is the husband of Anna Bell Burluson. Hopefully Mac and Anna Bell's children will provide some pictures and information for later use.



Raymond S. and Boots Burluson