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Name

Culbreth, Henry B.

Branch of Service and Serial/Service Number(s)

Army-0-205167

Dates of Service

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Officer-September 16, 1940 to October 26, 1943

Duty Status

Died In Service

Rank/Grade

Major

Salary

N/A

Source of Commission

appointed

Promotion Sequence Number

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Transcript of Court-Martial Trial

N/A

Photograph

N/A

Place of Entry

North Carolina

Place of Separation

Camp Myles Standish, NA.

FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY

Place of Birth

North Carolina

Date of Death

October 26, 1943

Location of Death

Station Hospital, Camp Myles Standish, MA.

Place of Burial

N/A

NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION



MAJOR HENRY B. CULBRETH, of Wilson, who died in the service of his country, was in the service 18 months. In the first world war he was in four major battles and was in the Army of Occupation in Germany. Entering the service in this war in April, 1941, he was acting provost marshal in the Transportation Corps and was a former Captain of Company M of the National Guard here. He died October 26, 1943 at Camp Miles Standish, Mass. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Culbreth of Parkton, N. C. He was married to the former Gray Deans, who resides here with their daughter.

September 28, 2005

Henry Bascom Culbreth was born in Parkton, N.C. in 1899. At age 18, he enlisted in the AEF, and after training was sent to France near the end of World War I. He remained in Europe in 1919 before returning to the USA and home. He attended business school and came to Wilson in 1923 and was a life insurance agent. On October 28, 1926, he married Aylmer Gray Deans of Wilson. He had one daughter, Gray Deans Culbreth, born March 26, 1929. From the early 1920's he was a member of Company M of North Carolina National Guard based in Wilson. In the early 1930's he became a Captain and was company commander of Company M. He took the company to Camp Glenn at Morehead City for two weeks of training every summer. Company M was an infantry weapons company armed with 30 cal. water cooled WWI vintage machine guns, which were fired on the range at Camp Glenn from the North side of the N & S RR. across the area where the Carteret General Hospital stands today. They used the National Guard Armory building on East Gold Street built in the 1930's by the W. P. A. They moved loads of men and equipment by way of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Station on Barnes Street in Wilson to Morehead City and set up camp next to the sound in Morehead City about where the Carteret County Community College stands today. Captain Culbreth was an avid horseman and attended several officer training schools by the U.S. Army, during the 1930's. When Company M was called to active duty on September 16, 1940, Captain Culbreth was 41 years old, over age for the regular Army as an infantry company commander. He was promoted to major, separated from his old company and sent to Fort Benning, GA., to train as a staff officer and then to Camp Miles Standish in Boston Mass. to train soldiers to be military policemen. He remained at Camp Miles Standish doing this after the start of World War II. He died there of a heart attack on October 26, 1943. He was one of only a few Wilsonians who served active duty in both World Wars. The attached photo was taken at Fort Benning, Georgia in the late 1940 during one of his training sessions. Artifacts from his service were given to the North Carolina Museum of History at the direction of his daughter Gray Deans Culbreth Maddry, list attached

This history prepared by his nephew-in-law, (John N. Hackney, Jr.)

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY



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3. *White House certificate honors memory of Henry B. Culbreth.*
4. *White House certificate signed by F. D. Roosevelt, President honoring memory of Henry B. Culbreth.*
5. *Thirty-four letters written by Henry B. Culbreth, dated 1942-43.*
6. *One letter written by Henry B. Culbreth, AEF WW I, dated Jan 26, 1919.*
7. *Two letters from Ambassador Daniels dated July 4, 1940 and July 23, 1942.*
8. *One letter from Aunt Sissie to Henry B. Culbreth, post mark, April, 1942.*
9. *Typed paper titled, "Remarks to the New Men", initialed HBC.*
10. *Leatherette pouch with WW II ration books.*
11. *V A letter, dated Feb. 2, 19945, re. Certificate of Service death of Henry B. Culbreth.*
12. *Copy of VA letter, dated Oct, 9, 1944, signed by F. M. Sasser.*
13. *Ltr., American Legion, dtd Dec. 10, 1946, re. Mrs. Culbreth's claims.*
14. *Small box containing miscellaneous uniform buttons and brass.*
15. *Total: Fourteen items.*

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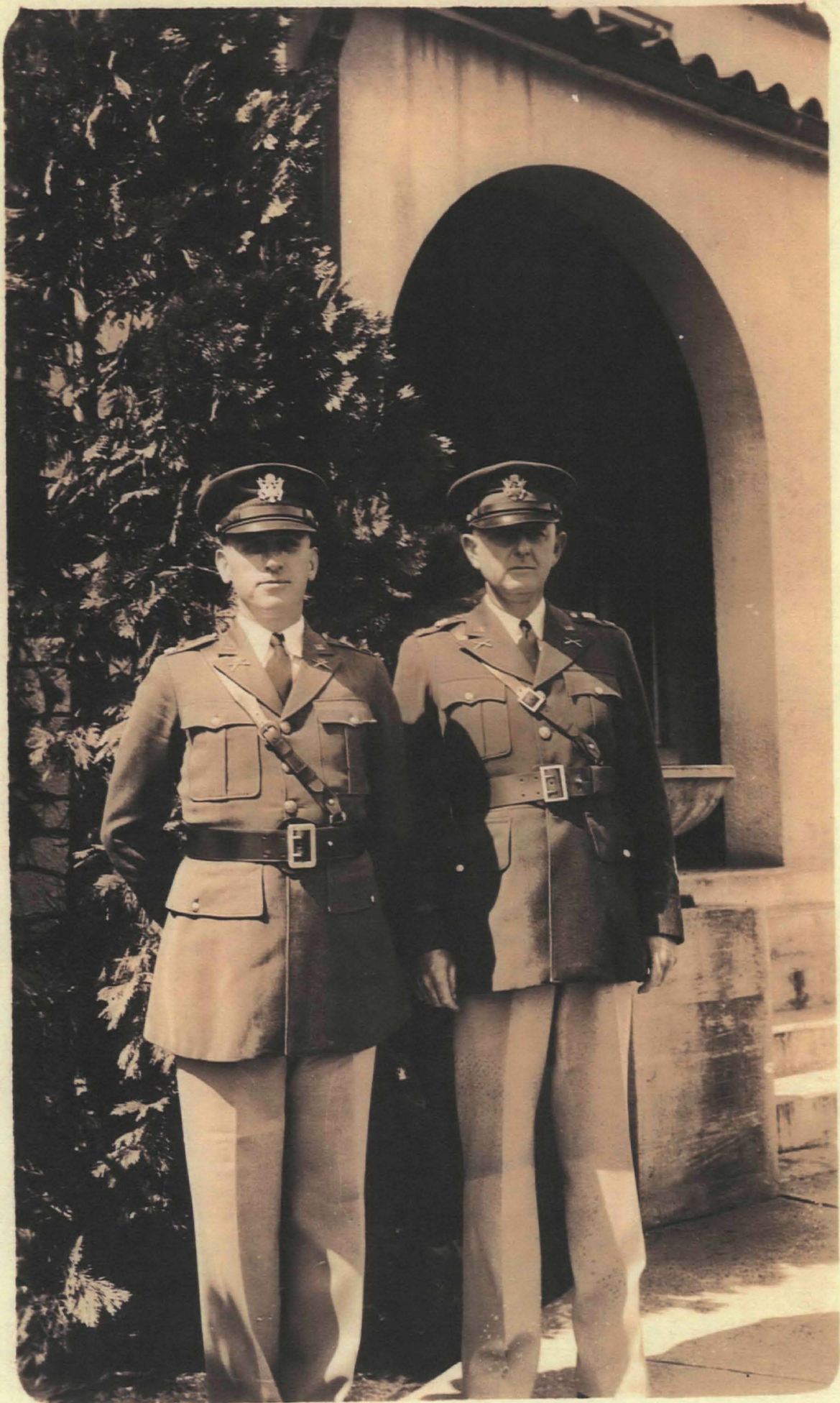
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CAPT. H. B. CULBRETH
FORT BENNING, GA. 1940

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June 20, 2007

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SSN/SN: 0-205167
Request Number: 1-2829624594

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