

Paul Green Foundation



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More about Green and WWI

This 1949 *News & Observer* shows a picture of the 105th Engineers, 30th Division Regimental Band in France, as they appeared in 1919. The flute player in the front row on the far left is **Lamar Stringfield** (1897-1959), a soldier from Charlotte. Paul Green was also in the 105th Engineers and the two men met in France – the beginning of their long friendship. Stringfield was the first director of the North Carolina Symphony and winner of the 1928 Pulitzer Prize in Music for his Symphonic Suite, *From the Southern Mountains*. During Stringfield's accomplished career, conducting symphonies around the country and on the radio, he wrote music for Paul Green's *Tread the*



Lamar Stringfield, far left, with the 105th Engineers, 30th Division Regimental Band, Marseilles, France in 1919.

Green Grass, Shroud My Body Down and several songs and background music for *The Lost Colony*.

Johnny Johnson around the World

Germany



Continuing with the WWI theme, Paul Green and Kurt Weill's anti-war play with music, *Johnny Johnson* will be staged again this spring as **Braver Soldat Johnny** in Dessau, Germany with international soloists and the MDR Symphony Orchestra.



Italy

Through the Kurt Weill Foundation, we have received a request from **The Bernstein School of Musical Theater in Bologna, Italy**, to mount a student production of *Johnny Johnson* in 2018. They requested that they perform the music with Green's original English lyrics, translated into Italian.



Johnny jumping out of bed upon hearing that there will be a great battle the next day. "Tomorrow! And here I lie. And there will be thousands killed – thousands of boys killed." (He begins fingering the cylinder of laughing gas.)

Other Paul Green Foundation Activities

Marsha Warren will do PowerPoint presentations on Paul Green at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro on April 10th and on May 16th for the Buies Creek Book Review and their other invited Harnett County book clubs. While in Harnett County, she'll meet with Brian Haney, Harnett County official regarding up-coming programming on Paul Green, and meet with Bert Wallace of the Campbell University Drama Department about his play on Green's *This Body the Earth*.

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