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7th US Army



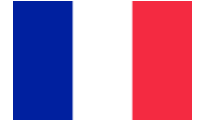
3rd Inf. Div.



36th Inf. Div.



45th Inf. Div.



FRANCE

French-American Commemorations Part VII

From Besançon to Vosges Mountains

On the trail of the Soldiers of the 7th US Army

Epinal American Cemetery

September 19th, 2011



Curvin, Halik, Gusler families at the Epinal American Cemetery ! A visit to the fallen comrades in arms... Mrs Virginie Benoit and Eric Barker, from the Cemetery, received them and they gave them quite the information onto this site... 5255 American soldiers rest there...



The grave of Frank Taverni, 3rd Inf. Div.



The grave of 3 members of the crew of the B 26 Marauder "The Yankee Guerrilla"



Before decorating the grave of Hachiro Mukai (442nd Regimental Combat Team), Claude Deltieure

explained the Battle of Bruyère, the story of the Lost Battalion. He explained who were these famous Nisei, and what they did during World War Two, for the USA, their Country, and for freedom ! 9 Nisei rest at Epinal American Cemetery. They are not forgotten...



The grave of Arthur L. McCurdy, USAAF



...an American soldier, known but to God...



The grave of Victor Kandle, 3rd Inf. Div., Medal of Honor



The Duty of Memory !



A the grave of Dominic Giovinazzo, Tiffany (Curvin family) read the poem “World War II, Hill 351” created by Mrs Phyllis Alrikas, daughter of Dominic Giovinazzo, B Company, 15th Inf., 3rd Inf.Div. Although she never knew her father, he is a hero in her eyes... He was killed in Action at Sigolsheim, Colmar Pochet, December 26th, 1944, a week before she was born... There were tears on some eyes.

During this visit of the Epinal American Cemetery, several graves of soldiers of the 7th US Army (3rd, 36th, 45th Infantry Divisions) and of the USAAF were decorated by these American families and the French guides of the Memorial Days by Children of France... Each time, poppies made with paper by French Children and fresh red roses were deposited on these graves...

François Lefai, French Flag bearer and representative of French Patriotic Ass. took part in this event.



Grave of Melvin Clemens, 36th Inf. Div.



The visit of the fallen comrades

Pictures courtesy of Murielle Vandroux

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