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## Return to Anzio



Bob Deal on the left and Alfred (Dutch) Schultz after placing wreath honoring the fallen at the Allied Cemetery at Anzio. Bob commanded Hq. Battery, 9th FA and Dutch flew a spotter plane, “Janey,” with the 3rd Infantry Division during WWII. (Courtesy Dutch Schultz.)

by Alfred W. (Dutch) Schultz

Our first stop on May 19th 2000 was the Allied Cemetery at Anzio. It is beautiful and well maintained with a small Museum in a colonnade wing of the rotunda. The photo is of Bob Deal, who was the commander of the Hq Battery of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion, and myself after placing a wreath at the Monument to the Anzio Fallen.

After this ceremony we boarded a mini-bus and went to Cassino. Just imagine driving that from the German side. They were very sheltered from our

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## 3rd Division, Postal Service immortalizes Audie Murphy



“Iron Mike” O’Daniel presenting citation to Lt. Audie Murphy. (File photo)

by Pfc. Teresa Heist  
(Editor’s note: Pfc. Teresa Heist is Life and Times Editor of the Fort Stewart Frontline)

**FORT STEWART, Ga.** — Thanks to celebrated 3rd Infantry Division soldier 2nd Lt. Audie L. Murphy, the Marne shoulder sleeve insignia can now be found on a postage stamp. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield and the United States Postal Service honored Murphy and three other distinguished soldiers during a dedication

and retreat ceremony Tuesday (May 16) at Mame Garden here, where commemorative postage stamps of their images were unveiled.

“The 3rd Inf. Div. has a rich history of American heroes,” said Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, commanding general, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.). “We are delighted that the postal service is recognizing four American soldiers. It helps us recall our

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As we move into this new century and reflect on the past 81 years, we, as an elite veterans organization, can be very proud of the manner in which the Society has grown and kept pace with the many changes that have taken place in the world the past more than four score years.

Time has not stood still for the Society. The operating techniques of the first members gave way to the advancements brought forth by each succeeding group of members. Each era had its unique challenges, hardships and rewards. Throughout the years the Marne Division has stood tall and proud. Today, the division is still in the forefront to protect our country and maintain stability around the world.

From the beginning of a society formed by Marne Men of World War One, we have experienced the sacrifices of Marne Men during World War Two, Korean War, Gulf War, Cold War and Peacetime. We are fortunate that Harvel Edwards, WWI

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veteran, and Medal of Honor recipients Russell Dunham, Charles Murray, Hiroshi Miymura and Ola Mize are among our active members. Although the division colors were not in Viet Nam, division units and many members of the Society fought gallantly there.

To sustain the continued success of the Society, it is imperative that everyone be involved in Society activities to the utmost of their capabilities. The more effort that each member puts into the organization,

the more benefit everyone will receive. Not everyone is able to participate in all activities to the same degree, but everyone can participate, whether by active involvement or by supporting the efforts of Outposts and National.

National and outposts need members to step forward and assume leadership duties. Those who are able to attend outpost meetings should make a special effort to be there as often as possible and support outpost activities. Anyone who cannot take a personal part in the activities can still help the Society achieve its objectives by supplying news articles for the *Watch on the Rhine*, supporting the raffle, paying dues and making financial contributions.

Recommendations and comments to enhance and improve the Society are always welcome and are given priority consideration. It is crucial that the Society continues to keep pace with the rapidly changing world. Positive criticism with positive solutions is always encouraged. I urge all members to share their ideas with Society officers.

As my term in office ends, I thank the general membership for their participation, the Society officers and staff for their continuous support and excellent performance of all tasks. Every one of them has contributed greatly to the manner in which the Society has operated and to the achievement of our goals these past two years. I thank those past Society officers and staff who have shared their knowledge with me and provided valuable guidance. I thank all the Marne ladies for their generosity and participation.

And I have special thanks for the support and involvement of the active division soldiers as evidenced by their hosting the outstanding 1999 national reunion and formation of the two outposts at Ft. Benning and Ft. Stewart. Under the guidance of Major General Sharp, the two outposts are certain to grow and take an even more active role in Society affairs.

I urge newer members to step forward into leadership positions.

Rock of the Marne,

Martin

## Combat Photo file...



Outpost Harry, looking east through Heavy 30 Cal. Machine gun position. Boomerang is over there somewhere. Photo courtesy of Ernest Page.

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proud heritage," said Sharp during the ceremony. Murphy commanded Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Inf. Div., during World War II and received the Medal of Honor for saving his troops and single-handedly breaking up a German attack near Hotzwehr, France, Jan. 26, 1945. One of the most decorated American combat soldiers in history, Murphy went on to become a Hollywood movie star and author, playing himself in the movie adapted from his book, "To Hell And Back," published in 1949.

Also honored for their heroism and leadership in World War I and World War II were Sgt. Alvin C. York, Gen. John L. Hines and Gen. Omar N. Bradley. "It's great that Audie Murphy will be recognized forever with a stamp," said Division Command Sergeant Major George J. Ruo. "Also, the soldiers out here today are learning about division history."

One soldier actually portrayed Audie Murphy Tuesday afternoon. Staff Sgt. Jimmy Caldwell, cadre member, NCO Academy, dressed up in a WWII uniform, closely resembled Murphy as he appears on the stamp. "It's always a special day when I wear the uniform," said Caldwell. He also wears it at the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club meetings every quarter, sponsored by the NCO Academy. "I am very proud to wear this uniform," he added. Caldwell was selected to wear the uniform because he is the only soldier at the NCO Academy

small enough to wear it.

Also recognized at the ceremony were members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, distinguishable by the blue ribbons worn around their necks. One member, Sgt. 1st Class Felix Linzan, combat engineer, Company D, 10th Engineer Battalion, said that recognizing Audie Murphy with a stamp will help motivate 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers to do their best. "The stamps will also influence the patriotism of civilians," added Linzan.

Jerry Cunningham, a retired 15th Infantry Regiment soldier, who fought in the Korean War, attended the ceremony. "I was proud to be a member of the 15th Infantry," said Cunningham who is now the Honorary Sergeant Major of the 15th Inf. Reg. Association. "I try to follow in his footsteps," said Cunningham of the influence Murphy had on him.

The Audie Murphy stamp had its beginnings in 1996 with a newspaper editorial. After the collection of several thousand signatures, a petition was sent to the USPS last October. The stamp was soon approved and the Postal Service decided to publish Murphy in the series of distinguished military service member stamps debuted Tuesday.

According to Ruo, the unveiling was held at Fort Stewart because it is home to the 3rd Inf. Div., but another ceremony honoring the four American heroes also took place at the Pentagon May 3.

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**Headin' for the high ground...**

Stan Cahill, 7th Inf. Regt. Counterfire took this picture of a 3rd Inf. Div. tank heading north near the 38th Parallel in Korea, 1952-53

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## Dates set for Murphy Day celebration

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By Carol Ferguson  
Herald Banner Staff

The annual Audie Murphy Day celebration was held June 23-25 in Greenville.

The organizing committee is asking for contributions from area citizens to help cover expenses involved in the celebration.

Plans also include placing a life-size bronze bust of Murphy in the Hunt County Courthouse. Cost of the statue will be approximately \$7,500.

Murphy, a Hunt County native, was the most decorated soldier of World War II. He went on to a successful film career, and died in a plane crash in 1971 at the age of 47.

Anyone wishing to make donations may send them to the Audie Murphy Day Committee account at Bank One, 5906 Wesley, Greenville, Texas 75402, or to the Audie Murphy Day Committee, in care of the American Legion Post 17, P.O. Box 717, Greenville 75403, Attention: Diane Thomason, treasurer of the Audie Murphy Day Committee.

**Many 3rd  
Divisioners put  
pressure on  
authorities  
toward the com-  
memorative  
stamp in the  
concerted  
effort. — Ed.**

The Audie Murphy U.S. commemorative postage stamp went on sale throughout the nation May 3. Issuance of the stamp came as a result of a Greenville-based, global petition drive launched in 1996 by Thomason.

Petitions containing a total of 101,448 signatures were mailed to postal authorities requesting that Murphy be honored with a stamp. The design of the stamp was unveiled at a ceremony in the main Dallas Post Office in October 1999.

# Anzio Revisited

by James H. Lee

James H. Lee who was in the Third Signal Company throughout WWII returned to Italy this Spring and visited his son Scott Lee who taught for five months at the Italian branch of Texas A&M at Castiglione Fiorentino in Tuscany. He was accompanied on the trip by another son, Larry, from Bloomington, MN.

While there they were graciously guided around Rome and Anzio by Alfonso Felici, a resident of Rome. Felici, an American by birth, had gone to Italy as a small child and grew up in the Anzio/Nettuno area. Returning to the United States just before WWII, he was drafted and served with the OSS in Italy while the Third Division was in Sicily and then later served in the Third Division while it was on Anzio.

The group visited the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial at Nettuno. Three Third Signal members, T/5 John P. Comer, Pvt. Fred E. Lawson and Pvt. Samuel G. Little, Jr. are buried here.

Alfonso did a wonderful job of showing us the area and added greatly to the pleasure of our trip. He enjoys meeting old Third Division comrades when they come to Italy and his address is:



Alfonso Felici on the left and James Lee at the grave of Fred E. Lawson at the Anzio/Nettuno cemetery.

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I wish to commend everyone who works on *The Watch on the Rhine*. It is an unusually fine publication, both editorially and typographically.

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**When the Italians shake your hand, they place their hand on top and look you straight in the eyes and say, "Thank you for relieving us of the yoke of German occupation."**

prying eyes, so it's no wonder they stayed well supplied.

As in Anzio, God and Mother Nature have joined forces to eliminate any scars we left behind. The trees are now fifty years old, the hedges lush, and the homes single story, two thousand sq. ft. with red tile roofs. The farmland that Mussolini devoured is now lush with crops, most of which are vineyards where the grapevines spread horizontally six ft. above the ground. It is beautiful to see.

We spent two nights in Cassino, where we joined forces with the International Restored Military Vehicle participants. I was the only bonafide combat soldier representing the International Liaison Pilot's Association.

At the evening meal I met Fritz Willie of the German Army, who had been an observer in a German Storch, while we were both fighting below Cassino. Thank goodness neither of us remembered seeing each other.

We returned to Rome after spending the last day partially climbing the winding restored road to the Abby.

The Anzio part of our trip was complete.

My daughter, Sarah Schultz Nelson, and I stayed an additional nine days and

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took part in the Memorial Day ceremony. Wearing my Captain bars, I was seated ahead of the Italian and Allied notables with full generals.

The most moving part of the Memorial Day service was after the Italian band played their National Anthem and our Army band played The Star Spangled Banner. Taps were sounded by three excellent trumpeters, the American leading off joined by the British in their sector. After a couple of bars, the Allied joined. They all finished on the same painful note. There was hardly a dry eye in the audience, which numbered several hundred spectators and Italian dignitaries plus our Ambassador to the Vatican.

When the Italians shake your hand, they place their hand on top and look you straight in the eyes and say, "Thank you for relieving us of the yoke of German occupation."

Our efforts built lasting friendship with the joyful Italian people, and thankfully the scars of what he did are being erased by God, Mother Nature, and Time.

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# News From The Outposts



## Sol Lehmann

Miami, FL

The Florida Outpost reunion was held at the Travelodge Hotel in Kissimmee, FL on the 10th, 11th and 12th of April, 2000 with 38 people in attendance, which was the largest group we have had in a couple of years. This was due to the fact we were near the gateway of Disney World and many of our attendees did go to the various Disney Parks as well as other attractions in the area.

Many of our folks arrived around noontime on Monday and spent part of the afternoon in the hospitality suite renewing friendships and telling war stories. In the evening we all attended a dinner show called "The Arabian Nights". The show was very fast moving with an excellent display of horsemanship by riders on beautiful looking horses.

Tuesday was an open day and many of us visited Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios or Disney's Animal Kingdom while others visited the Space Museum at Cape Kennedy on Florida's east coast.

Wednesday morning and afternoon were for shopping, re-visiting the Disney Parks or spending time talking with old and new friends in the hospitality room. In the evening we had the banquet and meeting. We started off with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the group singing the National Anthem and then a short prayer was given by Bill Griswold. We thanked Angelo Boncore and Ellen Boyd for doing the spade work in locating this hotel that gave us a favorable room rate as well as arranging the details of the reunion. President Jim Tiezzi introduced himself and his wife Janet. Secretary-Treasurer, Len Janicki introduced himself and his wife Marion. We then went around the room and each member introduced himself and his wife and made a brief statement as to the unit of the Third Division that he served with.

We were happy and pleased to have Ed Hamel, President of Outpost #12, Minneapolis, MN and his wife Mary Jane in attendance at our meeting. They were here on vacation enjoying the Florida sun and beaches.. Also in our presence was OP#2 member and Treasurer of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association, Dick Guimond. In addition we had a Marne man from the Boston area and a gentleman from Cailada, who as a child in Italy, greeted the American troops as they can ashore during the invasion of Sicily.

After a roast beer dinner we conducted the usual order of business and then covered several other items or importance to the Outpost. Dave Oglesby offered to chair a committee to research the placing or a 3rd Infantry Division Memorial Stone in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Angelo

Boncore and Gerald Papin are also on the committee.

The membership approved the automatic associate member status of all the wives of living members of Outpost 2 without the payment of dues. At the death of the member, the wife will have the option to continue her associate membership by paying dues of \$3 per year. It was also approved, effective this year, to present to the wife of a member who passes away, the new blue and white ribbon pin that she can wear in memory of her spouse who served with the 3rd Division. The Outpost has purchased one dozen of these pins and the first one was presented to Marie Marshall, whose husband Doug passed away on 27 Febuary 2000. This presentation was made by newly elected 2nd Vice-President Walter Campbell.

All previous officers were re-elected for another term.

The site for the April 2001 reunion will be co-chaired by George and Maria Teresa Boyd and will be in Tampa, FL.

Officers for the next year are the same, except as follows:

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## Fort George Wright

Spokane, WA

Outpost 4 met for a brunch meeting in Spokane, WA on March 11, 2000. The turnout was small but we always enjoy each other when we gather.

It was reported that Karin Streeter, wife of LM Charles Streeter passed away Sunday March 5, 2000. OP 4 is still working to recruit members and find it difficult, and we will continue the effort.

The present Officers were re-elected for two years. It was reported that Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA, has recently received it's first MOH recipient, Raymond Jensen, Civil War Veteran. It was decided that OP 4 would meet only twice annually and the next meeting will be Oct. 14, 2000. Notice of location will be forth coming in time for the meeting.

Those attending the meeting were; Glain Cook, Lyle and

Marine Kerns, Ralph Reid, John Wiess, Jerry Vincent and Lloyd (new member), Dale and Evelyn McGraw. We missed those that were absent and hope to see them at the next meeting.

All for now,

Yours in the Third  
Dale McGraw, Pres., OP 4

## **7** Washington, DC

Washington, DC

Outpost 7 paid tribute to our fallen comrades in very memorable wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknowns and at the Third Infantry Division Memorial on our traditional Memorial Day, May 30, 2000.

In the absence of our Outpost President, Sam Smithers, who recently suffered a mild stroke, John Insani officiated assisted by George Otis and Walt Tardy. Bud Nelms and George Otis, marching through a cordon of Outpost 7 members, laid the first wreath, with blue and white flowers and a blue banner, at the Tomb of the Unknowns. That ceremony, which was also observed by over 200 tourists, ended with the sounding of TAPS by an Army Band bugler.

Following that impressive ceremony, Outpost 7 assembled at the Third Division Memorial to remember and honor all Marnemen who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to renew the ideals for which they died. A large wreath, similar to that placed at the Tomb of the Unknowns, was then placed at the Memorial. John Insani welcomed all those present and paid tribute to the long line of Marnemen who fought from Fedela to Anzio, in the Colmar Pocket to Bergesgarten, to the Frosen Chosen, Hamhung, to Uijongbu, Hill 717 and other war torn places.

In addition to the numerous tourists at the scene, the following Marnemen and Ladies attended the wreath laying ceremonies: Arthur & Mrs. Cox, George Cox, Henry & Mrs. Bodson, George Lampert, Ken Young Dennis Hannan, Dennis Mull (Desert Storm Vet), Leonard and Hedy Werth, Bud Nelms, George Otis, John Hudson, Carl Schwickerath, Walt Tardy, & John Insani.

For advance planning purposes, our Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled for November 11, 2000 at 4:35 PM. Following that ceremony we will have a fellowship and business meeting.

It should be noted that the annual notices do help the Local Outpost and the National Hq., to keep rosters current. Additionally, this year's notice resulted in several of our Life and Honorary Members making voluntary contributions to the WWII Memorial Fund and to our local Outpost 7 Fund.

Once a Marneman, always a Marneman!

John L. Insani  
Sec/Treas, OP 7

### The "Watch" on the Web

<http://members.aol.com/vaysmeer/3rdsociety6.htm#Watch>

## **22** Albert Miceli

Southern California

The Southern California Albert Miceli Outpost held their annual picnic and meeting on May 20, 2000 at the Yorba Regional Park. Bob and Ramona Main having hosted this annual event for several years ensured that everyone had all they could eat. Over 60 members and guests enjoyed the abundant food and camaraderie. The weather was the best in several years. During the meeting, outpost members approved placing an ad in the National Reunion souvenir program. It was also agreed that the outpost would continue its efforts to place a monument at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

Martin Markley

## **54** Golden Gate

San Francisco, CA

Outpost 54 held their Summer meeting on June 17 in San Ramon, California. The program was our annual award of a scholarship for the top cadet in the San Francisco Jr. ROTC Department. This award is given in memory of the veterans of the 30th Infantry, "San Francisco's Own". This year we added a similar award for the top student in the Oakland Jr. ROTC Department and this award is given in memory of all Third Infantry Division veterans. The students were accompanied by members of the ROTC staff. (see photograph) CSM Robert Windham from San Francisco and CSM John Malone of Oakland each gave an account of his department and expressed their appreciation of our support to their students. Each student received a check for \$300 and a nice plaque. Cadet Colonels Shamarriah Jointer, Oakland, and Alexander Chun, San Francisco, expressed their appreciation and told us how much Jr ROTC meant to them and how they developed leadership skills and confidence in their rolls as Brigade Commanders.



(L to R: Alexander Chun, John Shirley, and CSM Robert Windham.)

Bill Strobridge and CSM Windham reported on plans to have a commemoration at the City Hall for veterans of the division attending the reunion during our city tour. Jr. ROTC units, scouts, the Mayor, members of the Board of Supervisors, and



(L to R): Shamarriah Jointer, John Shirley, and CSM John Malone.

members of the City's congressional delegation all plan to participate. MOH recipient Hiroshi Miyamora and veterans of the Korean War will be honored at the ceremony.

Our Spring meeting, March 18th, was well attended. Col. (ret.) Barney White, WW II commander of the 41st FA Bn., gave an excellent program on his service in the Korean War. Barney commanded the 47th FA in support of the 17th Infantry Regt., 7th Inf. Division. He landed with the 7th Inf. Division at Inchon, fought with them north to the Yalu River on the far east side of North Korea. When the Chinese made their offensive in the Fall of 50, Barney and his battalion covered the withdrawal of the 7th Inf. Division and the 1st Marine Division as they moved back to Hungnam and evacuation December, 1950. His talk was carefully prepared and illustrated with maps and slides. It was very informative about the Korean War. OP 54 committee chairpersons gave reports. The OP is looking forward to hosting the reunion. Our next OP meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, CA.

Respectfully submitted

John Shirley, President.

## **60 Fort Benning** Columbus, GA

Outpost 60 had their regular 1/4 meeting today in Phenix City, AL with 19 members present with their wives. Photo albums (3) starting from 1983 when the outpost was formed up thru today, were laid out for all the members and guest present to reminisce over. This was also our annual nomination and election meeting. The outpost had it's first change of president in 13 years. Bill Schlitz informed the members that he was stepping aside and turning it over to somebody else. Outpost 60 will miss the leadership of Bill Schlitz as its president. We have gained a lot of ground and recognition in our community as well as the Society under his leadership. The members of Outpost 60 wish Bill and his bride Susanne the best of everything now that he is retired from office. Bill you and your wife, deserve this much needed rest.

Our new President is Cecil R. French, 49 Greenview Lane Dadeville, Ala. 36853, Tel. 256-825-7579 email <CFrench@lakemartin.net>. Our Vice-President is John T. Burke, 5704 Hastings Square, Columbus, Ga. 31909, tele. 706-563-8909. The Sec./Treas. is yours truly (Bob Bailey)

I was nominated and elected for OP President but there was nobody to fill the Sec./Treas. position. I resigned the president and was elected again sec./treas. for my 6th year. I told the members that I didn't mind not serving as the OP president, I was happy doing just what I was as I thought that I could better serve the Outpost in this job.

### **First to Berchtesgaden? Yes**

I would like to put the controversy in/re to What Outfit got to Berchtesgaden First, to bed. I was a member of Co L, 7th Infantry Commanded by Captain Sherman

Pratt, and he had been, I believed, in charge of a Task force from Nuremburg to our final destination, Berchtesgaten. I found out many years later that the Task force was named not for Pratt, but for the Battalion Commander, even though Pratt's Co L was in the forefront all the way, and Cap't Pratt did all the figuring on our movement.... I can attest that The 7th Regiment was first into Berchtesgaden. We came into the town I believe in the afternoon, and we were on a high road overlooking the streets of the town. I was riding on a tank commanded by Lt. Lebo of 601 TD Battalion. Riding along one of the streets was a civilian vehicle, about a half mile away from our vantage point. Lt. Lebo had his machine gunner fire at the vehicle, and we could see the tracers hitting the hooded motor area. The vehicle stopped and out jumped a G I probably scared to death, but he wasn't physically injured. He ran back to where the vehicle had come from. We learned very soon after that the 2nd Battalion had preceded us into the Town and the 3rd Battalion was right on their heels in entering. Later that night I was walking guard in the town proper and about 2 A.M. the following morning the First French troops arrived, a day or so later the 101st Airborne, and immediately the credits for the occupation were given first to the French and then to the 101. Believe me, and also Capt. Pratt, the 7th Regiment was first into the Town.

As regards Captain Pratt, in Feb. of 45 I returned to Co L after being hit and about the same time 2nd Lt. Pratt joined the Co. as a Platoon leader, having received a Battlefield Commission. The following May due to his command abilities, he was promoted to Captain. This made him, according to the Stars and Stripes, the fastest accelerated Officer in the ETO and while this is not the time nor place to laud him with praise, I believe he should have received at the very least the Distinguished Service Cross.

While I could not write a book about him, I could write a very good pamphlet.

For your info, and if you like you may publish. Thank You  
James Tubman  
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**Society of the Third Infantry Division ❖❖❖❖ Election of National Officers**

Due to an oversight of your editor, this ballot to elect national officers was not included in the June Watch. All regular members in good standing may vote. Please note that there are not any contested offices. The election will be conducted in accordance with Section 6.4.2 of the Society by-laws. "During the business meeting at the annual reunion the Chairman will announce the nominees on the ballot and after vote by members, will announce the results. When there is more than one nominee for an office the ballot will be secret. Only the names on the published ballot will be deemed to be the Society's nominees. If nominations were not made for an office, or unusual circumstance determined by the Judge Advocate and there is not a published nominee for an office, nominations may be made from the floor."

**ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

In the event you are unable to attend the 81st National Reunion of the society of the Third Infantry Division Burlingame, California, this ballot is for you to execute, mark and return to the address on the reverse side of these instructions. Seeing that our previous two-page ballot was well-received last year, we are going to stay with the same type of ballot in order to help the Society to save unnecessary expense.

*Before you mark your ballots, please read the following article carefully.*

**ARTICLE V SECTION 5.2.a; ELECTIVE OFFICERS:**

Elective officers of the Society are: President, Secretary/Treasurer, One Regional Vice President and two Executive Committee Persons from each of the three (3) Regions. Members assigned to outposts will nominate and vote for regional officers only within the region of their outpost. Members At Large will nominate and vote for regional officers in the region they reside.

Now that you've read Article V Section 5.2.a, start marking your ballot. I would suggest that you start at the top with your two (2) National Officers first. Then go to your respective Region to finish your voting. If you are not sure of what Region your Outpost is in, look at the end of these instructions to find your Outpost number listed next to your Region. You should have only (5) marks on your ballot. All ballots with more than the required (5) five marks WILL NOT BE COUNTED. Any Regional votes outside of your Region WILL NOT BE COUNTED. After marking your ballot, carefully remove it from the Watch, fold and stuff into an envelope with a 33-cent stamp and mail to the Nominations/Election Committee.

The Chairman, after receiving all ballots will count, record and validate all ballots. He in turn will deliver all ballots to the National Secretary/Treasurer prior to the general membership meeting and election at the 2000 Reunion. The National Secretary/ Treasurer will also validate all ballots and cast the vote in your behalf in the election.

**EASTERN REGION OUTPOSTS: 2, 3, 5, 7, 52, 60, 333, and Marne Association**

**CENTRAL REGION OUTPOST: 1, 12, 13, 17, 18, 33, 35, 57, and 601**

**WESTERN REGION OUTPOST: 4, 15, 22, 54, 63, 77, and 88**

MAIL ALL BALLOTS TO:

NOMINATION/ELECTION COMMITTEE  
ROBERT D. BAILEY, CHAIRMAN  
160 HUGULEY ROAD  
OPELIKA, AL 36804-1891

**VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE**

**BALLOT ON REVERSE SIDE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**NATIONAL NOMINATIONS, ALL VOTE**

**PRESIDENT;**

JERRY CUNNINGHAM OP 22

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

RAYMOND C. ANDERSON OP 5

**EASTERN REGION MEMBERS ONLY VOTE HERE:**

**VICE PRESIDENT EASTERN REGION ONLY:**

JOSEPH M. POGGI OP 5

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS EASTERN REGION ONLY (2):**

CLYDE E. EASTER OP 3

EGAN M. FEHNEL OP 5

**CENTRAL REGION MEMBERS ONLY VOTE HERE:**

**VICE PRESIDENT CENTRAL REGION ONLY:**

JEROME A. MANLEY OP 12

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS CENTRAL REGION ONLY (2):**

WAYNE C. ERICKSON OP 12

RICHARD L. MARTINET OP 57

**WESTERN REGION MEMBERS ONLY VOTE HERE:**

**VICE PRESIDENT WESTERN REGION ONLY:**

CARL R. DUNCAN OP 15

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WESTERN REGION ONLY (2)**

ROBERT W. COOK OP 63

JOHN B. SHIRLEY OP 54

**FOR VALIDATION:**

I certify that I am a member in good standing of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S.Army. I further certify that this ballot is an original, found in *The Watch on the Rhine*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature (and please print name clearly)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Outpost # or At-Large*

Double check your ballot before mailing to:

**Robert D. Bailey, Elections Chairman  
160 Huguley Road  
Opelika, Ala. 36804-1891**

National Secretary/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

John W. Sneddon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Nomination/Elections Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Robert D. Bailey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Letters to the Editor

Sometime ago someone, I can't recall who, asked about the derivation of term "Doughboys."

From Lawrence Stallings epic stories of the First World War, an answer is found as follows:

"The raw American recruits who were rushed to Europe, were called the Doughboys. There can be little dispute as to the derivation of the name. In Texas, US Infantry along the Rio Grande were powdered white with the dust of adobe soil, and hence were called "adobes," by mounted troops. It was a short step to "dobies", and then by metathesis, the word was Doughboys."

[From: Lawrence Stallings: *The Doughboys*, Harper & Row 1963. He also wrote *What Price Glory* with Maxwell Anderson]

Now...Will someone tell me how Marines became known as "Jar Heads?"

John Markon

Wayne Jens, Davenport, IA remembers counting cadence to the following, while in Truck Driver School, Fort Benning in 1942. It was never sung within hearing of officers. Does anyone else remember?

*High above the Chattahoochee  
Just below the Upatoyis  
Stands our glorious Alma Matter  
Benning School for Boys*

Douglas A. Heimstead, LtCol USAF Ret.  
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Dear Colonel,

You sure brought back the memories through your article in the May/June issue of the *Watch on the Rhine*!

My service in the 3rd Inf Div started in 1937 and was transferred to the Army Air Corps in the spring of 1941. My outfit was H, Co 7th, Regiment at Vancouver Barracks, WA. I remember the 4th Regt along with the 30th and 38th. I would say you made the landing at Monterey Bay in 1940? I was on the USAT St Mihiel. Also remember when the 45th Regt. came back from China. Never will forget the annual marches from Fort Lewis to Vancouver Barracks!

You mentioned the old squad drill; 'right by squads, squad right, march', etc. When this changed to extended order drill each platoon Sgt and Cpl had a copy of the new manual, it was like teaching an old dog new tricks! (lets make that dogfaces!)

The wrap leggins? What a bummer! The 7th had a huge stable for all the horses and mules. Stable detail was assigned from the Heavy Weapons Companies, you would catch it about once a month.

In the early 50's I was stationed at Fairchild AFB, our lower grade enlisted were housed in the barracks at good old Fort George Wright! Interesting during an alert as they were 15 miles from the base!

As Bob Hope would say; 'thanks for the memories'!

Robert L. Pierce, MSgt USAF Ret.  
(Formerly Pfc, 6th CI Spcl)  
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I have known of the Society of the 3rd Inf. Div. for quite a while, but did not know of the web page. What a wonderful surprise. I have spent the past hour reading everything in it. Thanks and congratulations to the people who worked so hard to create it for all of us who served in the Marne Division. I served in the 123rd Sig. Bn. at Hindenburg, Kaserne, Wurzburg in '58 and '59. I would be happy to hear from anyone who served in the 123rd.

James A. Satryan  
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Thank you for such a wonderful website. My dad, Harold James Rawls served with the 7th INF. 3rd DIV. in Korea. He was a POW from November 1950 to August 1953. If anyone remembers him please email me at the above address. He passed away Jan. 1998. Thank you so much in advance.

Darla (Rawls) Ertwine  
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Comments: Great site. I am just starting to look for info on the 3rd Division. My father, Richard L. Warren was a Sgt. in the 15th Co. M. Anyone with info on him or Co. M please e-mail me. I met a man that served with him once. His name was Hal Rapert. Again a wonderful site! I'll check back often.

Curtis Warren  
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We had a nice time at the Ground Breaking for the Korean War Veterans memorial in Tuscola.. Ron and Em Stewart and of course Geo. and Charlene Pilkington were there. An informative meeting was held in the AM.

Went to lunch with Dean and Joan Mulligan. They kinda stepped in and took over because they live there. Real nice people. Dean was also "G" Co trooper.

In the PM we went out and broke ground at the site. We had our shovels & started digging. We didn't go quite as deep as we did in Korea — Ha ha. The evening program consisted of several dignitaries: Vince Krepps and some from Korea. A very nice buffet was offered.

Stay well and God Bless. "CAN DO"

Bob Larson  
Vice President, OP 18

## Part II

Continued from the May/June issue of *The Watch on the Rhine*.

**W**e receive machine gun fire from a big high hill to our right, little holes appear in the mud, like someone invisible has stuck a sharpened pencil into it, there is no sound, the bullet has come so far there is no kerrack. It has slowed down, come on Singleton, we dig in on the banks of the Imjin River and are in reserve while B Company take the hill wherein the machine gun fire comes from. The following day, we have a heavy water cooled machine gun firing and a larger recoilless rifle, and down in the valley below us are tanks. They fire at the bunkers on the hill and the gun goes boom, the shell goes kerroug, it literally screams into the bunkers. The heavy thirty is shooting as the enemy runs to a bigger bunker. Several are seen to fall and not get up. The tank again puts one in the front door, and the fighting is over.

While I am writing a letter home, four men in a group come to where I am and say, lets take a walk Singleton, I said no I want to finish this letter. I think very little of it then, but these men are asking me to join them. One is a Buck Sgt., three are PFCs. They had nothing in common before now; they did not associate together. The Buck Sgt. is aloof and mostly always around the Officers. Some how today, thirty odd years later, I am convinced they knew, and they were telling me, how close it would be for me. The CO, Captain Montgomery points to the rocky hill to our left and says, the word comes down, there is where we will go tomorrow, that is our hill. I go to sleep with foreboding thoughts. We awake early and the chow Jeep has come to us, we have a hot breakfast, and we are off, wading the Imjim River. The water is cold and swift but only knee deep in places. Someone makes jokes. "We will have a Platoon formation tomorrow in Tokyo General Hospital". We move at the base of the hill, one 105 is lobbing HE into the hill, a steady shell, one after the other, we are in some scraggly rocks, in which men could be concealed behind, there is a Quad 50 anti-air craft gun in the valley, the Captain requests it to fire in front of our orange panel. One of our men has been discovered to be only 17, his rifle is taken away, he is given a death warrant to carry.

There are numbers of officers like Boyd Banittle. I think he was a native of Baltimore, and a fine officer, only he suffered from the same thing as I – (SWR) **Serving While Reserve!**

# TWO WARS

by Herbert H. Singleton

The orange florescent panel for plane spotting and to always let the Battalion know where the point is, in relation to the hill. He is standing on the highest rock, beside Sgt. Perkins, just for a brief minute he looks down hill, and a sniper has put a bullet in his back, blowing his heart out of his front. He turns to Sgt. Perkins and says, help me Perk, I'm hit, and topples off the rock. Nearly a hundred feet to the bottom. The ack-ack has found the panel. They fire into our positions, rocks busting all around. Cease fire, cease fire, screams Captain Montgomery, they finally stop, we are safe.

For awhile, no more of that thing. We walk on, plodding farther up the hill. We can now see the whole hill is rocks, every where

we look, we are not goats who chose this route. The artillery lifts, say some, what do they expect, Captain Montgomery says I did. We are on our own. Bullets are zipping, spitting past. We are on more rocks. Big cliffs are 100 feet to our front, but some one is up there, we can hear the shooting, a machine gun way off to our right is firing across us. Someone says, Turner is down. He is my foxhole buddy. Don't look around, we move on, the Medic announces, he is dead. I feel lonely. Sgt. Perkins says make some racket, shoot. Soldiers shoot; at what we ask, just shoot to your front. We empty a full clip into that big cliff, we think we see a figure near the base of the cliff. Someone says look there, shoot. We think we see the figure topple. We shoot another direction. That could not be the enemy, he had his back to us! We shinny up a tree onto the cliff, there is a large rock on top of this cliff about the size of a sedan. It is high in the middle and low on both ends. There is a scraggly bush growing on top of it. Mike is at the upper end, tossing fragmentation grenades over it, the Chinese are throwing potato mashers back, usually one for one. Mike sticks his helmet on the end of a stick, and pokes it around the upper end of the sedan size rock, a sniper shoots a clean hole all the way through it. He looks funny as he put it back on his helmet liner. Mike kicks another one off, and then he screams, Singleton, there is one behind you. I look at it debating whether to kick it or not to kick it. There is a little puff of blue smoke, I elect not to loose a leg & throw myself against the rock, all in one blurred motion. I recall G. E. Boyea in Europe, saying, pull your helmet down over the lower back of your head, open your mouth, to prevent your brains coming out your ears. This all in one motion, it goes B0000M, and I scream like Tarzan as the air is forced out of my lungs, I feel the shrapnel go deep in my legs, my hips, shoot off the rock into my face.

**ABOVE ON THE ROCK THERE IS A CRY MEDIC, MEDIC. HE RUSHES OFF AND IN A FEW MINUTES RETURNS MORE BLOODY THAN BEFORE. ONE OF OUR MEN HAS BEEN SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD, THERE IS NO HOPE. HE IS GROANING BUT WILL NOT LAST LONG.**

Hershel Bates US19501257, Pvt-1 gets a piece in his hip. I am blasted. Buck. Sgt. Thomas M. Lesperance RA 11145794, orders us off the rock. Go see the Medic. The Medic cuts my trousers off me, he has me lay down and he dresses me. I look into the eyes of Lt. Wanittle, Boyd T. The medic and Lt. Wanittle tell me to get off the hill while I can still walk, they say you will stiffen up, the Lt. has been shot, he has a bullet through his right calf. I look into his eyes, there is no need for communication, we know we have the million dollar wounds we have heard about. I ask him to go off as I do (he says, no I have to stay).

Above on the rock there is a cry Medic, Medic. He rushes off and in a few minutes returns more bloody than before. One of our men has been shot through the head, there is no hope, he is groaning but will not last long. He climbed the rock to look to where the Chinese were, a sniper was waiting for that. I had once considered it my self. We feel saddened. The machine gun on the far right is firing, the alarm is out, all duck, except one. Another of our men is killed in the moments we duck. He has not heard the warning or chose to ignore it. I walk down the hill a ways, back to where my foxhole buddy, is still lying on his stomach, his face away from me. I say a prayer, and again the pesky machine gun shoots & again we all duck. We can see the dust kicked up in front of his bunker. That is how we know to duck, he is so far away we have some seconds to scamper to cover. The artillery has been shooting at his position for over an hour. There is smoke in front of his bunker from smoke shells, but he can see through it as we can see him, I ask for a machine gun, but don't get one. Two I think, can play that game, I lay down my rifle on a rock and go to a machine gun of ours & bum some tracers, my rifle is sighted in at 6 clics elevation for 200 yards, when I finally shoot the 5 tracers I have its new setting as 32 clics. I ask Perkins, can you see when he leaves the front of the bunker? Just then he says, he is now, he walks about 4 steps to the turn in the trench and about 5 or 6 to the lip where the machine gun is. He goes back in the bunker when the artillery is trying to target him. Perkins, says he is coming out. I empty a full clip at him, slow deliberate fire, my gunner instructor would be proud to see I have finally listened. As he gets to the gun, bullets are kicking dust into his face. Perkins says it

looks like you are on target, Jordean the BAR man says how high is your rear sight set, I say 32. He elevates his, and he and I both shoot when the N. Korean pokes his snout out the bunker door. Eventually we get his attention. Sgt. William G. Perkins RA 13257514 is shot in the rear, he laughs, he said first it went through his canteen, and the hot blood comes down his leg and then the cool water, he laughs. Another soldier and I and Sgt. Perkins start hobbling off the hill a little more angled than where we come up. We are shown the Battalion Aid tent and align our selves to it. Perkins asks, how many bullets you got, Singleton? 1, I reply. We expect to be fired on any minute. There were several people shooting at the machine gun when we quit the hill. They have succeeded where the artillery failed. They at least showed him people were getting tired of him, some times it would be 15 minutes he would not fire at us. There was just too much dirt being kicked up in his face by rifles, against a machine gun. He killed two of our people and wounded 15 or more. We hobble into the Aid station, my dressing is removed & a new one applied. I am offered morphine & decline. An ambulance is called. Glory be! Johnny Pruet is driving it. He was G. E. Boyeas', driver in Europe. We talk of a small world & I get him to stop at the MP tents, going in with blood all over me and my trousers cut off. In First Sgt. Hoags' office, I blurt out, Burton Leppinger was killed this morning up there where you can see the smoke. Hoag does not reply, he looks up, there is no expression on his face, it is blank. He, I think, thinks I am blaming him. I see Sgt. Bob Wells of the MPs when I am back in the ambulance and moving again. I wave, he waves back.

Refer to "The Watch on the Rhine" volume 76 No. 6, June 1995. It is the same Bob Wells; he and I left Hamhung together, the last out, the Chinese coming in one side as we unlocked the jail & left for Hungnam.

I arrive at a MASH unit, I am there until late, and MG Soule comes into my tent to ask if he can do anything for me. I say, no. There is another officer with them, I wonder are they here because of me? I was put on a Hospital Train to Pusan, where I was put on the Hospital ship, Jutlandia, from Denmark, with the best of everything. After one week I was flown by Hospital Plane to Osaka where I would be for 10 weeks.

I eventually got back to my outfit in time

for the attack near White Horse, Mt. on July 3rd 1951. They got their hill. I spent the day with another returnee in a communications bunker where we were when a runner told one of us to take a radio to the CO. We tossed pebbles at a rock, the closest stayed, the other went. The other went. Bullets kept shooting over so the Chinese knew where we were. The hill was won about 5 in the evening. I was straddling a shallow trench, and a Chinese soldier lifted his arms toward me asking for my help, his left leg was off at the knee. Before I could respond, another soldier from Baker Company fired his M1 Garrand between my legs. I still to this day can see the little puffs of dust, fluffing on the Chinese chest where the bullets were entering. I turn and give the soldier a blessing out, we argue, and then Captain Farris, the new Company CO shows up and I stop my scolding. That would be the last sunset Captain Farris would ever see. He was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor for calling in artillery on his own position that night in hopes of routing the Chinese who had over run his company.

**N**ext day, the fourth, 1st platoon was to route out the Chinese and secure the survivors of B Company. I am not to go. I have not been assigned a position yet. We stand around on the hill watching the show. There are two shallow holes there just large enough for two men each. Believe it or not, it was proven, when we saw a Chinese soldier come out of a bunker down in B Company area and empty a full drum at us, two on the left, two in the right, fellows scoot over, they laughed at me. I heard all those bullets spif, spifing, by my head and ears. Not once did I consider shooting back. I let him off and I shouted, you missed me.

The Turks had a hill on the left side of us. They had routed the Chinese out and were pushing them to our left front, they were repeatedly told to disengage. That is not in the Turks alphabet, so the forward observer called for an Air Strike, laid out our Florescent orange panel and most of us squatted close to it. Four F86 Saber Jets came down out of the clouds, to markings on the smoke flare shot for them. The next pass they and the Chinese are shooting at each other, the Jets are diving over our shoulder of the hill and down to our left front so close we could hit them with a rock.

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# Looking for...

Would like to hear from anyone on the life story of **Footsie Britt**.

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Author seeks to make contact with former World War II 7th Infantry Regiment 'Cotton Bailers' who served with **Jim Arness** (Matt Dillon of TV 'Gunsmoke' fame).

Please contact

James E. Wise, Jr.  
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I'm doing some research on the combat use of the M1 Garand rifle during WW2 and the Korean war.

I'd be interested in getting in contact with any veterans who carried the **M1 rifle** during the war. I'll give you my name, address and e-mail address and anyone who would be interested in talking to me could send me a post card with a phone number or e-mail me. Then I'd be happy to call them.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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I would be most grateful for any information, especially recollections, about the role of the Third Infantry Division in the **occupation of Berchtesgaden** at the end of the war in Europe. I am writing a history about Berchtesgaden and the Obersalzberg from the time of Hitler's first visit there in the early 1920s through the war and on to the U.S. Army occupation of Berchtesgadener Land. I have been there for a few days for the past five summers and find the whole business of Hitler's Mountain to have a continuing grip on my imagination. What was it like

to be in the 3rd Division? What about Iron Mike, John Heintges and others? I plan to be in Paris this July to hear veterans of the French 2nd Armored Division give their version of the events of 4—6 May 1945!

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Jack Sneesby, 1200 Link St. #5, Brookfield, WI 53005 Phone 262-827 0047 wants to find **William Westerfield**, a T/Sgt. from the Third Infantry Division who shared bunks at Stalag 3B and 3A. Westerfield was captured in France in Nov. 44.



My Grandfather, **Thomas Howard Manasco** was in C Co., 30th Inf Regt of the 3rd Inf. Div. I know that he left the U.S. for duty in North Africa on Oct 24, 1942. He arrived in Morocco on Nov. 8, 1942, left North Africa for Italy on July 7, 1943, from Sicily he went to Anzio Beach Head. He was sent to Memphis, TN to recuperate from gunshot wound to his lower back and was released from service in Jan. 1944. I am trying to read this stuff off his discharge papers and it is quite difficult. I believe he was a PVT. and I know he was a foot soldier. I also know that his Sgt was Sgt Hopkins and his Capt. was Capt. Abbott. I would really appreciate your efforts. My Grandfather is now 79 years old and I would like to share this info with him. Also if you can tell me how I can get the magazine that this might be published in, I would also appreciate that.

Thank you very much,

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Proud Granddaughter of a WWII "Anzio" survivor.



My name is Matthew Phillips. My

father's step-father, **David C. Collinworth**, was a member of Easy Company, 15th, 3rd Infantry Div. in WWII. He was severely wounded around Colmar in January, 1945 after serving 16 days on the line as a replacement. He never said much, save that he made a river crossing under fire and in full gear. (My father found out about the wounding at Colmar somehow—I was present when Pepaw mentioned the river crossing.) I am at present seeking anyone who knew David Collinworth during those 16 days or before, when he went through the replacement system. I can be reached at:

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Thank you.



Looking for anyone captured with him and Company G of the 7th Inf. Regt. in France.

**Henry W. Duerkes**  
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I received your e-mail address from Z. Frank Hanner at the National Infantry Museum, he informed me you might be able to assist me with a search for a WWII infantryman.

In 1987 I found the wartime pocket diary of **Buck N. King** in a trash pile on a construction site in Charlotte, NC. The diary has moved with me three times in the past thirteen years, and I have begun an attempt to find Mr. King, or a member of his family, to return the diary to him/her.

King was in the 3rd Inf. Div., Co. H, 15th infantry. His watch case # was 42844. I do not know his rank or serial number, but King was wounded after his unit broke through the Siegfried (sp?) line - on 3/27/45. He was taken to the 51st evac hosp, and was awarded the Purple

Heart per general order #75 on 3/30/45. On 5/6/45 King registered for an ED Officer Course at The University of Paris. On 5/25/45 King writes of orienting personnel on the ed. program...he had 97 points for discharge. On 5/29/45 King transferred to regiment HQ as an Assistant S-3. On 6/30/45 King transferred to 103 infantry division. On 7/24/45 King transferred to the 275th Inf, 70th div as the regiment's I&E officer. On 8/13/45 transferred to Limberg Germany to operate an I&E school. On 8/26/45 King was made executive officer of H Company. King came home on the Queen Elizabeth.

This all I have that would be considered "vital" to where this guy is from. If you can provide me any information regarding the hometown of this man (Or even where he is today) I would be forever in your debt. If you need additional information please let me know.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Tom Steele  
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864-653-3627



Would like to obtain comments, from anyone having knowledge of an action on March 13, 1944 @ Anzio. According to Nathan White's Regt History, A company 7th Inf Rgt. conducted a patrol on that date resulting in the death of Lt. Chauncey L. White Jr., five men of the patrol missing and one wounded. Can anyone provide information on that patrol, or confirm who the wounded survivor might have been? A War Dept telegram recently found, lists a relative, **John R. (Ray) Weingarden**, a member of that unit, as wounded on that date and wonder if he might have been a part of that ill fated action.

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My thanks to all.



George Battani, 53761 Briarcliff Ct., Shelby Township, Michigan 48315-1632, is looking for information re **Company F, 15th**. He was wounded November 8, 1943

in Southern Italy, was told in hospital that there were only 3 men left in the Co. but was never able to find out what happened to the others, eg KIA, MIA or what.



Request: I'd like to find Timothy Tumulty from San Antonio, TX, who I served w/ in Co I 15th Inf Reg 3rd Division. Or any of my fellow army buddies who served in France, Anzio, Italy. Thank you.

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Request: My stepfather, Private **David C. Collinworth**, Serial No. 38525325, was a rifleman in Co. E, 15th Infantry Regiment in January 1945. He was in combat from about January 14, 1945 until he was wounded on January 30. He spoke very little about his experience.

The few times he did talk he told about crossing a river under fire. He did not know how to swim and said that he never knew how he got from one side to the

other. He only remembers that he did. He also spoke of wading in snow knee to waist deep. He said that on one occasion they came upon some Americans the Germans had taken prisoner, tied to trees, and killed.

Does anyone remember him or know of the actions or incidents of which he spoke? I never pressed him to talk of his memories, but wish I had. Now that he is gone I have no more opportunity to learn. Can anyone help me?

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Dear Sir:

By way of introduction I am researcher for the WWII Orphans Network. We are a group that came together to honor our lost fathers of WWII and to assist one another in learning their fate.

I am currently researching 2LT **Charles F. Durkee**, Co C, 1st Bn, 7th Inf, who earned the Silver Star (Posthumously) on 1 March 1944 during



Would like to know if someone can identify this vehicle, year photo may have been taken, place, and importantly, identity of the men shown. Submitted by Melissa Saylor, PO Box 113, Toulumne, CA 95379

the Battle of Anzio. Lt Durkee's performance is described on page 94 of the 7th Infantry Regiment History, From Fedala to Berchsgaden by Nathan W. White. According to White, Durkee was awarded the Silver Star per General Order 212, HQ, 3d Inf Div, 6 Oct '44. I checked the 3d Division Files at the National Archives today and regrettably GO 212 is missing from the file! Most of the others are there, but not that one!

I would appreciate any help you could give me in locating a copy of the GO 212 or any other information about Lt. Durkee.

In their memory,

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I am trying to help my Mother in Law, the Stepmother of Pvt **John D. Meikle**, 7th Inf Regt., 3rd Inf Div. He was changed from MIA to KIA on 12/15/50 at the Chosen Resivoir. She would like to locate and correspond with anyone who knew him or might have any further knowledge of his death.

Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated.

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Dear Sir:

I have a request to make of you if it is in your power to furnish such information.

I need the following information in my endeavor to more accurately complete my autobiography: **15th Inf. Regt., A company roster** for Sept 1951, Nov 1951 and May 1952. Also order of battle for the operation on Bloody Ridge involving Able Co. and casualty information on both sides. I know this is asking so much but I need any available information on Able Co from Sept 1951 to July 1952. One special point of interest is information on our assignment at Prisoner of War Compound # 19 near Pusan. I'm almost embarassed to ask so much but any help

you can be will be forever so appreciated.

Sincerely

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Here is my father's Citation:

Sergeant **James Clark**, RA53085859, Infantry, Company "F", 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army. During the early morning hours of 15 June 1953, in the vicinity of Chat-Kol, Korea, Company "F", of which Sergeant CLARK was a squad leader had the mission of counterattacking and regaining control of positions overrun by the enemy in earlier action. The enemy, detecting the position of his squad, layed in heavy artillery and mortar fire, inflicting friendly casualties and forcing the squad to temporarily seek cover. Sergeant CLARK, with complete disregard for his personal safety, searched the area for the wounded. Upon finding one man seriously wounded, he quickly administered first aid and carried him to safety. He then returned to the impact area and formed a defensive perimeter from which he directed intense and accurate fire, forcing the enemy to retreat with numerous casualties. Sergeant CLARK'S outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered Federal Service from Mississippi.

Well, that is it in a nutshell I have read Medal of Honor citations that don't read like this. How many is numerous casualties? You know the Chinese attacked in waves and like I said there were over 1255 KIA 865 WIA and 3 prisoners taken that was a serious battle.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew my father or of this battle.

Jeff Clark  
319 Head Water Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23323



I would like to hear from anyone who knew and/or served with S/Sgt. **James A. Rosi**. He served with Co. G., 30th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. from April 1944 until October 1944 when he was KIA in the Vosges Mountain Sector near St. Die, France. He was first listed as MIA and then about one year later he was declared

KIA after his body was located in a military cemetery in Belgium. His remains were later returned to the USA and he was buried in the family plot in Meriden, CN.

Please call me at (860) 665 9105 or write me with any details you remember about him or the circumstances of his death. Thank You.

Angelo "Jim" Tiezzi  
President, OP # 2  
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This request is for a connection with **Korean War vets**. I would like to observe, remember, and pass on to today's Soldiers the legacy of Marne Soldiers during that war during this 50th anniversary stretch of the next few years. Who/where is the best point of contact for me to begin?

Thank you for any assistance.

Sincerely,

Colonel Tony Cucol  
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I am trying to find out info on my father, **Grover Cleveland Brewer** . He was in the 3rd Infantry Division in WWII. He did training in Alabama or GA. I believe he also did some at Ft. Meade, MD. He was in light armor? I know he had a water cooled? machine gun that he had to use/care for. He was in France, in the Alps?? where he had frostbite on both feet (almost lost both). was flown to England over the channel, back to the states where he went to a hospital in CO where he was discharged. I tried talking with him again, but at 75 after several strokes, he can't remember much now. He says he did some of his training at Camp Shelby, MS..I guess that was basic at that time????, I know Ft. Meade was armor, Charleston, NC?, he mentioned but no camp/fort name or what training that was for. Thanks for all your help!

*Any* help would be greatly appreciated as his records were destroyed in St. Louis.

Grover Brewer  
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*I Need your help!!!!* I am trying to locate some info on my Grandfather who belonged to the 3rd Division. The info