

over the years is lost, as my Grandfather would not speak of his experiences in the war and due to my Grandfather passing away when I was very young. We know very little of his companies and awards. I do have one picture of him receiving the Distinguish Service Cross in California.

I myself am a vet, and very loyal to the Army and the protecting of this great country. I know the importance of the history and involvement with your Division. I again ask for everyone's help in finding all I can about the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, and the path for which my Grandfather and all the rest followed.

His name was **Edward Madison Transue** SSG. I'm sorry that is not much to go on, but please all I can get is a lot more than I have now. Thank you for the help,

Sgt. Jaime Transue, Grandson
and Michael Transue,
Great-Grandson.
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Still looking for Heavy Mortar Co 7th
Reg. 3rd Div. US Army.

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Looking for **Michael DeCicco**, born
approx. 1925. Served as a Corporal or
sergeant in the 3rd Infantry brigade, base
camp near "Bad Hersfeld and Erfurt".

Michael DeCicco
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I am looking for anyone who know
Private **Calvin W. Hayes** from the 30th
Infantry Regiment, 3d Division who was
killed on August 18, 1944 and is now
buried in Rhone American Cemetery.
Calvin's military no. was 33666740.
Anyone who can share some information
please contact me.

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My fiance, **Jack W.Griffin**, Co.A, 15th
Inf Third Division, was killed in action in
Sicily in August 1943. He was one of
"Truscott's Trotters" from Washington to
Va to the North African invasion. If any-
one out there knew Jack, I'd like to hear
from them. My name then was Mary
Wade and I was from Chicago, as was
Jack. Thanks.

Albuquerque, NM
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I am looking for information about the
capture of Rome, especially anything
about the Vatican. I would like to find out
which officer was possibly the first to
meet with the Pope. My Father **James E.
Boe** drove him in jeep after the Germans
left Would also like to hear from anyone
who know Jim Boe, He served with the
3rd Inf. Div. from 1941 until the end of the
war. I really enjoy the information that is
on this Web Site keep it up.

William Boe
From: Taopi, Mn
email: boe@clear.lakes.com



I am interested in finding out more
about my father's death in WWII.
Chaplain Mel Wertman, died February
23, 1945 in an airplane crash in
Casablanca . He was one of thirteen men
who died in the crash. The plane was a C-
47, carrying Chaplains to India and China
for reassignment.

Jan Markham
Virginia
jmarknetmail@netscape.net



Thank you for letting me find my
uncle, I just lost my dad Everett Leroy
Hansen on November 08,1999, who lost
his brother Henry E. Hansen in world war
II. My father also served as a United
States Marine in WWII and the Korean
War. I am now trying to get a **headstone
for his grave** through the Veterans. He
wanted to be buried at Leavenworth
Cemetery in Kansas. I was very sad to see
that my mom would not allow this. The
least I can do for my dad is see that he gets
a proper marker. If you have any other
information on this cemetery or how to get
a headstone for my Dad please let me
know. I have been surfing the web looking

for information. Yours is the best by far.
Thank you so much for a wonderful web-
site.

Beth Anderson
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I was stationed in **Aschaffenburg,
Germany** 1974-1976 4/64 Armor
Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Just want-
ed to see if I could hook up with someone
I know.

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Comments: Hi Trying to find anyone
who was in the **Bty B 39th FA**

Eldon H. Molzen
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My mother's birth father was **Patrick
Kessler** (Patrick Kessler Com K, 30th
Inf., 3rd Inf Div) who was killed in Italy
after receiving the Congressional Medal
of Honor. She is trying to find out all that
she can about her father she never met. If
you have access to any information or can
direct me towards any information she
would greatly appreciate it. Thank you
and God bless you.

*Mark, go to this link for information on
your grandfather
[http://www.grunts.net/army/3rdidmoh2.ht
ml](http://www.grunts.net/army/3rdidmoh2.html)*

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I'm requesting information on **John
Pershing Rowell**. He was stationed in
North Africa and Sicily. He had a massive
head injury due to stepping on a mine and
was saved by a war dog named Chips.
Any other info at all on him would be
helpful. He was my grandfather, and I'm
writing an essay about him.

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Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura, MOH honored at Fort Stewart

by Pfc. Stephanie L. Carl,
staff writer, Fort Stewart Frontline.)

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Members and guests of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) gathered here May 18 to honor Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura, as 1st Brigade dedicated the “Raider” dining facility to this former 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment soldier. Miyamura fought during both World War II and the Korean War. He retired as a staff sergeant, after proving himself to be a diligent soldier who went beyond the call of duty to support his troops. “I can think of no greater honor than to have something named after me,” said Miyamura, “especially a dining facility. When I was stateside, that was my favorite place to be.” Miyamura said he never imagined that he would receive the Medal of Honor. “When I was fighting, my thoughts were all on the enemy and what I needed to do next.”

In 1951, as a machine-gun squad leader, Miyamura killed approximately 10 of the enemy wielding only his bayonet. As his defensive position was again assaulted, Miyamura ordered his troops to withdraw. He stayed behind to render his weapon inoperative, then used his bayonet again as defense while he made his way to a second gun emplacement. Again, Miyamura ordered his troops to withdraw, fending off the enemy in the meantime. He killed more than 50 of the enemy, fighting ferociously until his position was overrun.

“You don’t really think that you’re doing anything extraordinary, you’re just doing your job, and everything comes automatic,” said Miyamura, describing his actions as something anyone in his situation would have done. According to Miyamura, he was proud to be back at the 7th Inf. Reg. for the dedication ceremony. He said he was very impressed with the regiment’s current soldiers. “I can see by looking at these soldiers that our country is in good hands,” he said. “It’s an honor to know that they thought it fit to name their DFAC after me.”

Boutique 2000

Okay ladies (and gentlemen, if you are crafty and can help us), this may be the very last time I will be *haunting* you in this magazine. I’m not a great big gambler, but I think I can safely say at this point, I have hit home and we will be *successful* in our Boutique. I’ve even had phone calls from New York informing me of items being sent to Betty Holt in San Francisco. Betty has had several boxes sent to her already, and I would presume she will be seeing a lot more in the next two months. She has also informed me of her own OP#54 ladies and of items they have made. Along with our OP#22, I think we have at least a day’s inventory!!! This is going to be lots of fun this year, so please check in once you arrive. I’m looking forward to seeing all my old friends and also meeting lots of new ones.

Just in case some of you have lost track of where to send boxes or items, here is Betty’s address one last time. Remember ladies, this is the last time you will be hearing from me before the reunion, so please refer to this newsletter for the address for mailing to the Boutique.

Mrs. Betty Holt
2 Naples St.
San Francisco, CA 94112

Guess everything has been said that

can be. The rest is up to all of us at the boutique. I want you to know this is *your* project, and only *you* can make it the success it will be by your loyalty and cooperation. I’m just a little spoke in a big wheel as the old saying goes, so in the long run, it takes all of us together as a group to make a winner. I am sure we are on our way to that. I don’t know how we can miss, for this should be the “CLASSI-EST” boutique ever!!!! I know, for I know the wares we will be handling, the ladies involved, and of course the man that always does everything in a “CLASSY WAY”. Thanks John Shirley for letting us be part of your reunion once again. I for one have always felt honored to work with you. See you in San Francisco. Can’t wait....

I personally would like to give special *thanks* to poor Jim Drury, our esteemed *Editor* of our national magazine. Jim, I know I’ve bugged you for over a solid year now, and sure you will be happy to end this arrangement. Believe me, I am eternally grateful to you for the publicity you’ve allowed me to get away with. Ha... I’m looking forward to meeting you for the first time, and also Mrs. Drury. See you both in the near future.

Gratefully, Helen.

Marne men featured in St. Louis

A nice article appeared in the May 15th issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch with Jack Swatzke pictured in living color and the 3rd Infantry Division Monument. Jack was the main speaker at the dedication of the Monument on May 20th at Jefferson Barracks, MO., attended by approximately 200+ people

The article also included stories of Roger Lochmann, Ken Whitteaker, and Russell Dunham, CMOH; all members of St. Louis OP #17, The Society of the Third Infantry Division. A picture of Jack and his war-time friend, Otis Donaldson also appeared with the article. Jack would like to know if anyone knows the whereabouts of Otis.

Naples, 1944. Jack Swatzke (left) and Otis Donaldson. Photo by Jack Swatzke.



THE SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

CASH RECEIPTS	
ANNUAL DUES	\$18,937
LIFE MEMBER DUES	4,636
RAFFLE TICKETS	20,553
ROSTER FUND	6,366
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND	755
OTHER DONATIONS	723
INTEREST INCOME	<u>493</u>
	<u>52,463</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	
WATCH – CURRENT YEAR – PRINTING & POSTAGE	27,710
WATCH - PRIOR YEAR BALANCE OWED	12,492
HEADQUARTERS EXPENSE	
STATIONERY, POSTAGE, COPIES ETC	2,986
EDITOR EXPENSE	387
ROSTER EXPENSE – PRINTING & POSTAGE	6,923
RAFFLE EXPENSE	2,836
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	168
MEMORIALS EXPENSE	210
SUPPLIES	275
DUES RETURNED TO OUTPOSTS	1,147
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND	755
AWARDS	220
OTHER GENERAL EXPENSE	<u>65</u>
	<u>56,174</u>
DISBURSEMENTS IN EXCESS OF RECEIPTS	(3,711)
FUND BALANCE – JULY 1, 1999	
CHECKING ACCOUNT	7,379
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	7,952
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	<u>20,062</u>
	<u>35,393</u>
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2000	
CHECKING ACCOUNT	1,576
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	20,106
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	10,000
	<u>\$31,682</u>

Murphy's Laws of Combat

21. **The important things are always simple; the simple are always hard.**
22. **The easy way is always mined.**
23. **Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy other people to shoot at.**
24. **Don't look conspicuous; it draws fire. For this reason, it is not at all uncommon for aircraft carriers to be known as bomb magnets.**
25. **Never draw fire; it irritates everyone around you.**
26. **If you are short of everything but the enemy, you are in the combat zone.**
27. **When you have secured the area, make sure the enemy knows it too.**

MARK W. SNEDDON
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To the President and the Executive Committee
The Society of the Third Infantry Division

I have reviewed the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Balances of The Society of the Third Infantry Division for the year ended June 30, 2000. My review consisted of reviewing, on a test basis, the cash receipts and disbursements as well as the checkbook, deposits, bank statements, bank reconciliations, general ledger, and the resulting statement.

Based on my review I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying statement in order for it to present fairly the financial activity and condition of The Society of the Third Infantry Division for the year ended June 30, 2000.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARK W. SNEDDON

National Auditor

July 11, 2000

GOODBLOOD BIOGRAPHY NOW AVAILABLE

Marty O'Brien's book about CPL Clair Goodblood, a posthumous Medal of Honor recipient who was Killed In Action in Korea on April 25, 1951, is now available.

Marty is past president of the CPL Clair Goodblood Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association, Augusta, Maine; builders of the CPL Clair Goodblood Medal of Honor Memorial in Burnham - located on Route 100, the "Corporal Clair Goodblood Memorial Highway."

Proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to cover the costs of publication. All profits from the book will be donated by Marty to the Town of Burnham for Remembrance Stones for the Memorial.

About the book

It is a story of war, heroism and love – yes love, for it takes love to lay down your life for your buddies.

The book covers, in part, the brutal Korean War of 1950-1953 and the roles that Corporal Clair Goodblood, a machine-gunner with Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, and his buddies, played in numerous battles that took place between November 21, 1950 and April 25, 1951.

It also contains the remembrances of a proud family, Clair's former comrades-in-arms, the people of a grateful town, state and nation and the men and women of the Korean War Veterans Association in Maine. The book sells for \$20 including shipping.

Martin J. O'Brien
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Soldiers earn coveted Expert Infantry Badge

From: "The Frontline"— Story and photos by Pvt. Adam Nuelken, Staff Writer

Intense training and teamwork are key to earning infantry honor of wearing badge

Marne soldiers have ventured into the desert, forests and fields to use the skills they have learned throughout their military career.

Members of the infantry; however, venture to the fields about two times a year for their chance to come out with an Expert Infantry Badge.

When trying for the EIB, soldiers go through a week of training beforehand to prepare for the testing. The soldiers are trained and tested on tasks ranging from laying mines and first aid to basic rifle marksmanship (where they have to make expert by shooting 38 out of a possible 40 targets) and land navigation.

If a soldier gets more than two "no-gos" during testing, he fails and has to try again next time. No-gos can be given for things as minor as a soldier missing one word from the field manual.

"The course is really tough, but it's good because it shows who really is an expert in infantry skills," said Staff Sgt. Art Lyons, a squad leader for Company B, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry.

Only about 10 to 20 percent of the soldiers who try for the EIB will actually make it through the testing. There is one main key to passing — relax.

"If you're relaxed and pay attention, it's all you need. Do not get all flustered," said Sgt. Amando Santos, a tester for Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7 Infantry.

Most everything the soldiers are tested for can be memorized and easily taught. Other tasks like basic rifle marksmanship and the grenade qualifications rely more on skill.

"(With the grenades) it depends on how fate wants to treat you," according to Santos. Most of the soldiers who fail return as soon as possible for another chance of shining with the EIB.

A staff sergeant with 3-15 Inf. was finally awarded his EIB after 13 tries. Motivation to be an expert proved to mean more to the soldiers who were testing than



Staff Sgt. Art Lyons, Co B, 3rd Bn, 15th Inf., helps his soldier Spc. Scott Bonney with last-minute training on reacting to a nuclear, biological and chemical attack.

anything else. After failing twice before, Spc. Jonathan Wigfall, Co. B, 2-7 Inf., said he had felt bad, but the constant support from his buddies and noncommissioned officers gave him the motivation to try again.

"This time I feel pretty confident because I have a vast knowledge on all the stations," Wigfall added. "I just want to shine like my NCOs."

The final test the soldiers undergo is a 12.4-mile road march with a 35-pound rucksack, weapon and load-bearing equipment. This final march has to be made in three hours.

"The road march is the easy part. When the soldiers get to the road march, they are highly motivated and are constantly pushing everyone else to finish and get their badge," Lyons added.

As the soldiers crossed the field and the EIBs were pinned upon the chests of the victorious soldiers, a heavy burden was lifted.

Honorary Colonel

LTG (Ret) Jared L. Bates to head "Can Do" Regiment

During the business meeting of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association, MG (Ret) James "Jim" Boatner introduced his replacement as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, LTG (Ret) Jared L. "Jerry" Bates. Jerry has over 33 years of active duty service.

He attended the Infantry School, Command & General Staff College and the Army War College. His assignments include service as a platoon leader, company commander, Advisor, Instructor, Operations Officer, Personnel Management Officer, Director of Personnel and Community Activities, Commander 1-15 INF, G-3, Brigade Commander, Chief of Staff, Assistant Division Commander, Director of Operations J-3, Division Commander and Inspector General, his last assignment.

His awards and decorations include: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit w/3 OLC, Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, CIB, Master Parachutist Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Ranger Tab. He has served in the United States, Germany and Vietnam. He is currently the Vice President and General Manager of the Defense Group.

The Society offers condolences to Gen. Bates on the passing of his father, Stanford C. Bates, age 92, of Henderson, NY, who passed away on 5-5- 2000.—Ed.

From the 6/12/2000 issue of Time Magazine

The Pentagon has just revised the number of Americans killed in the conflict, from 54,246 to 36,940. The "Primary culprit" for the error was an anonymous government clerk, the Pentagon says. The bureaucrat mistakenly added all non-battlefield U.S. Military deaths 20,617 that occurred worldwide during the three year conflict to the more than 33,000 U.S. battlefield dead in Korea. But only 3,275 of those non-battlefield deaths, largely due to accidents or disease, occurred in Korea.

“SHOOT THE WORKS”

By George “Dusty” Rhoads

A curious mixture of elation and foreboding surged through the men of every unit at Anzio. Anything would be better than spending one more day in the hell-hole of the Anzio beachhead. Yet, everyone knew the Germans would resist fiercely and that blood would flow.

Late in the evening of May 21, 44', there were shouts of “saddle up, we're movin' out!” rang through the entire Anzio area. The rustling of gear being strapped to bodies was heard and thousands of Allied troops silently headed for jumpoff positions at the front. As dusk settled in, sheep grazed in the green fields and shepherders nonchalantly gazed at the thousands of soldiers, neither sheep nor their masters mindful of the holocaust which was about to erupt.

On a mound beside the main road which skirted the forest, the 3rd Division band had taken up positions. As men of the 3rd came into view the band struck up the division's rousing theme song, “Dogface Soldier”. Immediately a chorus of voices joined in: “I would'nt give a bean, to be a fancy-assed marine, I'd rather be a dogface soldier like I am.”

They didn't realize it at the time but they were marching to their bloodiest fight of the war.

Along the Mussolini Canal, the Black Devils of Anzio - the fighting men of General Bob Frederick's First Special Service Force - were quietly preparing for their role of protecting the right flank of the 3rd Division. Faces were blackened, bayonets and knives were sharpened and patrols probed into the blackness of the night in No-Man's-Land for last minute intelligence.

Frederick's tough, confident fighters had no intention of returning to the hated Canale Mussolini where they had spent nearly four miserable months. Their eyes were on Rome - and they intended to get there. The entire Force would move out taking

However, the young soldier's luck ran out as he was sprayed by another German machine-gun with several bullets tearing into his body. Like a wounded beast, he continued firing his “heater” from the hip killing more of the enemy.

“Anzio” with them. “Anzio” was a black colt whose mother had been killed by shell-fire and the Forcemen had adopted it as a mascot. “Anzio is black” an SSF man explained. “So, he belongs with the Black Devils”.

At 5:46 on the morning of the 22nd, more than 500 American and British artillery pieces roared for about forty-five minutes pouring a deluge of death and destruction into German positions. In the sky 60 medium American bombers plastered already pulverized Cisterna, the VI Corps primary objective..

Suddenly, the roar of engines told the troops that the American tanks were on the move at which time thousands of American, Canadian and British troops climbed out of their muddy slit trenches and began advancing across bleak, open flatlands.

The startled Germans recovered quickly and, with their customary tenacity, raked the advancing Allied troops with withering automatic weapons fire from various strong points.

Then came the command “fix bayonets”! Allied troops advanced running and screaming to the holes of the enemy, bayoneting fifteen, taking 81 prisoners and the rest of the contingent of “Jerries” fled into the adjacent woods.

The 30th Infantry became pinned down with flat trajectory fire. S.Sgt. Toothman heard a voice call out “Toothman, I'm gonna get the Kraut 88 bastard with my heater.” Toothman immediately recognized

the voice of PFC John Durko, who referred to his BAR as his “heater.” Durko ran like a jack rabbit with machine gun bullets thudding all around him, diving into a shell crater. Seconds later he came out of the crater and lobbed a grenade killing both German machine gunners. Once again he leaped to his feet and headed for the Kraut 88 Milimeter gun. He let off a burst with his BAR and wiped out five Germans manning the weapon. Then, he spun around and killed the crew of another machine gun.

However, the young soldier's luck ran out as he was sprayed by another German machine-gun with several bullets tearing into his body. Like a wounded beast, he continued firing his “heater” from the hip killing more of the enemy. When Durko's company advanced, they found the BAR man sprawled across the bodies of some dead enemy machine gunners.

The Germans took a terrific beating that day. The German 362nd and 715th division were virtually annihilated by the American 3rd Division and the Canadian/American First Special Services Force. About 1,500 Germans were taken prisoner and hustled back to holding cages at Nettuno

The Germans shouted “Jabos, Jabos” (American fighter-bombers) as swarms of P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs devastated German columns who were retreating. It marked the beginning of the end of the Third Reich in Italy

Submitted by Mel Rappaport (6th Armored Div) to Jim Hanson. Forwarded by: Dave Mofchum

Reunion Planning

2000 Reunion

San Francisco, CA
Aug. 30 - Sep. 4, 2000
San Francisco Airport Marriott
Burlingame, CA
Reunion Chairman: John Shirley
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2001 Reunion

Phoenix, AZ
Carl Duncan OP 15
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Sun City, AZ 85351 (602) 977 2347

2002 Reunion

Niagra Falls, NY
Joe Poggi OP 5
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2003 Reunion

Open (*Lew Conant withdrew bid*)

3rd Inf Div and 15th Inf Rgt and the 1st Provisional Military Police Section

In early June 1946 the U.S. Army announced that special task forces would be organized to conduct winter exercises. Task Force Williaw destined for Adak, Aleutian Islands, another named Task Force Frigid at Camp (now Fort) McCoy, WI and the largest being Task Force Frigid for operations in Alaska. 1500 military personnel eventually were assigned for this task force. Both Frigid and Williaw formed at Fort Ord, CA in July while FROST assembled at Camp McCoy.

Task Force Frigid sailed from San Francisco on 7 September 1946 arriving at Whittier, AK on 11 September and arriving by rail at its home for the winter – Ladd Field (now Fort Wainwright) on the 12th.

Threat of another war spurred tests

In September 1945 relations between the United States and the Soviet Union worsened and the possibility of an armed conflict played an important role in the Army's plans to conduct winter operations in the arctic. These operations were to test the endurance of soldiers exposed to harsh winter conditions and also to test clothing, weapons, vehicles and other equipment that would be used in combat. The Soviet Union had much experience fighting in severe cold weather whereas the United States had little such experience.

A unique outfit

Task Force Frigid was termed a unique outfit comprising of "one of everything" in the Army ground forces. The winter tests were on a priority comparable to the Bikini bomb tests. This was a task force consisting of a hodgepodge of men from all the main elements of the Army Ground Forces. When Frigid first assembled at Fort Ord in July 1946, the 3d Infantry Division was not a part of the task force due to the division still being in Europe pulling occupation duty. The 5th Infantry Division organic elements and other Army units formed the nucleus of the task

The little known operations of the 3rd Inf. Divisions role during the "cold" cold war.

by Arthur Grau, Jr.

force.

Enter the 3D Infantry Division

When the task force left for Alaska in early September, its attached units were elements of the 5th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division and other smaller units of the 4th Army and the AA Command.

The 3d Infantry Division returned to the United States to take up station at Camp (now Fort) Campbell, KY in September 1946. The downsizing of the Army at that time depleted the ranks of the 3rd ID thus making it a cadre unit. On 20 September 1946 the 5th ID then at Ladd Field was inactivated and the personnel and equipment were transferred to the organic elements of the reactivated 3rd Infantry Division units, hence:

5th Infantry Division

- ◆ A, Hqs., & Service Btrys,
- ◆ 21st FA Bn
- ◆ Det., 5th Med Bn
- ◆ 2d Inf QM Truck Pltn
- ◆ 7th Eng Cbt Bn, Co A

(less 2nd & 3rd Pltns)

- ◆ Det., 10th Inf Regt
- ◆ 1st Prov HP Sec., 11th Inf Regt

3d Infantry Division

- ◆ A, Hqs., & Service Btrys,
- ◆ 9th FA Bn
- ◆ Det., 3d Med Bn
- ◆ 7th Inf QM Truck Pltn
- ◆ 10th Eng Cbt Bn, Co A
(less 2d & 3d Pltns)
- ◆ Det., 30th Inf Regt
- ◆ 1st Prov MP Sec., 15th: Inf Regt

All units listed above have Lineage and Honors Statements except the 1st Prov MP Section as it was a temporary unit and never had a previous history,

Born of necessity

On 14 August 1946 the 1st Provisional Military Police Section was redesignated as such from a QM unit, as follows:

- Organized June 1946 at Camp Campbell, KY as the 1st Pltn., QM Truck Co (Prov) as an element of the 5th Inf Div.

- 1st Pltn QM Truck Co (Prov) assigned to Task Force Williaw

- Reassigned to Task Force CE Frigid, reorganized, converted and redesignated the 1st Prov MP Section, 11th Inf. Regt., 5th Inf. Div 14 Aug 1946.

- 1st Prov MP Section inactivated along with other 5th Inf. Div. units on 20 September 1946 at Ladd Field, AK and concurrently personnel and equipment assigned to the newly organized 1st Prov



1st Provisional MP Section, 15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. Task Force Frigid at Ladd Field, Alaska. Photo courtesy Arthur Grau.



Field headquarters of Task Force Frigid (near Fairbanks). Testing of men and equipment during the winter of 1946 - 1947. Temperature to minus 58 degrees. Korean War Veterans were to see scenes like this in the winters of 1950, 1951 and 1952. Photo courtesy Arthur Grau.

MP Sec., 15th Inf Regt., 3d Inf. Div.

- 1st Prov. MP Section discontinued at Camp Campbell, KY 7 May 1947.

Ladd Field garrison had a small military police detachment and as such the post's commander was concerned about how the MP detachment would be able to efficiently handle the arrival of 1500 troops of the task force.

The military planners of Frigid were aware of this situation in August 1946 and knew additional MP's were needed to assure that the task force would be serviced by members of their organization. Thus a QM truck unit was converted to an MP unit. The 1st Prov. MP Section was hastily "trained" at Fort Ord. At that time the MP unit was not up to its strength in personnel. Vacancies were filled by the transfer of EM from other non-MP units. These late arrivals did not receive MP training in any manner whatsoever. They



Arthur Grau on duty in Alaska, 1946.

Evidently those who over indulged in drinking thought it was a good "anti-freeze" and would help prevent them from freezing to death. There were some fights at Fairbank's only tavern due to heavy drinking and some of those involved would become guests of the post stockade.

had to learn their role as a military policeman the hard way while on duty in Alaska.

Task Force MP'S in Alaska

At full strength the FRIGID military police was comprised of one officer and 27

EM. Their mission was to enforce the law, work foot and jeep patrols in town and on the post, guard duty at strategic post entrances, crowd and traffic control and accident investigations, to name a few of their respective duties. The post Provost Marshal received reports that the Frigid MP's were to lenient on the men of the task force and were "too tough" on the garrison soldiers and airmen. The PM requested the Frigid MP's be under his command which was done on 26 December 1948. The 1st Prov. MP's were put on special duty with the PM's office but were still members of Task Force Frigid.

With this change being put into effect, the CO of the 1st Prov MP Sec was transferred to another unit and the top NCO of the Frigid MP unit reported directly to the PM. Under this change, a two-man military police team was formed which consisted of one Ladd Field garrison MP and a Frigid MP.

The Arctic Cold

Being less than 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle the temperatures would at times dip to minus 50 and 70. There were many cases of frostbite, especially among the troops out on bivouac. The harsh cold hampered many of the field tests. Field pieces

would not recoil, equipment with hydraulic systems failed to operate, anti-freeze froze and small weapons malfunctioned. Military vehicles ran 24 hrs continuously to prevent freeze ups. The many vehicles that were kept running polluted the air and a heavy haze hung over the area. The Frigid soldiers were issued plenty of different type clothing and footwear. The Frigid test staff section could monitor the effects each article of clothing and footwear was best suited for use in sub-zero temperatures.

Extra heavy mittens were a plus however, they did pose a problem at times especially when it came to handling a small article. This writer learned a good lesson one day - never remove a mitten to handle a metal object in minus 50 temperature! One of the problems the MPs were faced with was trying to convince a soldier he had consumed too much alcohol on those frigid evenings in town. Evidently those who over indulged in drinking thought it was a good "anti-freeze" and would help prevent them from freezing to death. There were some fights at Fairbank's only tavern due to heavy drinking and some of those involved would become guests of the post stockade.

Mission Accomplished

Winter exercises came to an end in late March 1947. The winter tests proved the fact that should the United States become involved in a war to be fought under conditions that involved weather similar to that experienced by soldiers of the 3d Infantry Division of Task Force Frigid, that many improvements would have to be made in clothing, arms, lubricants and other vital equipment to protect the soldier. Officers and EM of the division made a substantial contribution to military science, Little did they realize that the 3d Infantry Division would be involved in another war a few years later that would be fought under similar winter climate conditions....Mission accomplished.

Korean War Double Hero Reflects on Life

By: Rudi Williams, American Forces Press Service

World War II and Korean War veteran, retired Army National Guard Master Sgt. Pedro Rodriguez, 88, a 20-year resident of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Retirement Home in Washington, D.C was viewed for this profile on Sept.23.He died Oct. 19 of a heart attack.

He was interred Oct. 28 at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his widow, Asuncion Toro Rodriguez, three sons, two daughters, 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

WASHINGTON—It took only seven days for Puerto Rican-born Pedro Rodriguez to earn two Silver Stars for bravery on the battlefield during the Korean War. From his wheelchair in the long-term care facility at the Soldiers' and Airmen's Retirement Home here, the 88-year-old Rodriguez recalled his harrowing Korea adventures, four weeks before his sudden death Oct. 19.

"Most people who receive decorations say, 'I didn't do nothing-I was soldiering,'" said Rodriguez, a resident at the home for the past 20 years. "I had to do what I had to do. You have to reach your objective, and if you don't kill them, they kill you. I'm alive because I shot first.

Rodriguez was a member of Puerto Rican National Guard's Company F, 65th Infantry Regiment, then assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. He earned his first Silver Star on March 24. A sergeant and acting platoon leader, Rodriguez was leading his unit to secure Hill 476 when a camouflaged enemy machine gun opened fire. He ordered one squad to fix bayonets and led an assault on the general area from which the gunfire had come. When the enemy gun crew opened fired again, Rodriguez charged the position, yelling and shooting his rifle. The enemy soldiers fled, taking their gun but abandoning their ammunition and rations, he said.

Seven days later, his company came under a mortar barrage while attacking heavily defended Hill 398, near Choksongmyon. The lead platoon was pinned down and suffered heavy casualties from enemy

"If I had to do it again, I would do it."

...MSgt Pedro Rodriguez

machine guns and grenades. Ordered to assist the stalled unit, Rodriguez led his platoon in an assault that routed the enemy.

Born on Jan. 31, 1912, in Jajas, Puerto Rico, Rodriguez said his father was in the transportation business. He said the "transportation business" is what "drove" him into the Army in 1934. "My father would get goods from the railroad station, load them on his ox cart and deliver them to the merchants downtown," he said. "I used to help him, and I had a wonderful time with him because he loved me. But it just happened that he died when I was 14."After his father's death, his mother, five sisters and younger brother told him he was the man of the house.

"So I had take over the ox cart-go into the transportation business. Running the ox cart business and caring for the live stock for 11 years took its toll on him. At age 25, he joined the Army." When I came in the Army, I was so happy. I needed a better job -- \$21 a month, three meals a day and everything I needed. That was great."

Rodriguez was with the 65th during World War II, but saw no combat. He said the regiment, organized in 1899, remained in Puerto Rico until it shipped to Panama in January 1943 and then to France in September 1944. The unit landed in Marseilles and marched north. He didn't recollect ever encountering a German soldier.

The 65th returned to garrison duty in Puerto Rico until the Korean War, when Rodriguez and his fellows proved their met-

tle by earning four Distinguished Service Crosses, 125 Silver Stars, Presidential and Meritorious Unit Citations, two Korean Presidential Unit Citations and the Greek Gold Medal for Bravery.

Rodriguez did well in the Army and had a good time because "I was smart," he said. "I was promoted from private to sergeant in three months. When you need a job, you're grateful when you get one you like." The Army was a good job, he said, and it was followed by a good job with the post office after he retired as a master sergeant. He turned down a postal clerk job in favor of being a letter carrier. "I dream I'm still delivering the mail in Puerto Rico," Rodriguez said. The war hero suffered a stroke and lost his left leg about two years ago.

The father of three boys and two girls and grandfather of 22 reminisced with a proud smile the times he took his sons "downtown" when they turned 17. "I took them to the recruiting office and said, 'Here's a boy! Bring a man to me-ready for living,'" he recalled. "The Army does that, takes boys and turns them into men."

His son Ariel followed in his footsteps from the Army to the U.S. Postal Service. "He's 54 years old and has more than 30 years in the postal service," Rodriguez noted. "He loves the post office, too.

"I'm 88 years old now, and I enjoyed my time in the Army, the post office and the soldiers' home," he said. "If I had to do it again, I would do it."

Submitted by Bart Soto

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December 5, 1944 - January 23, 1945

The Long Battle for the Liberation of Ostheim

In a tense diplomatic climate, the crossing of the Poland Border by the Germans on September 1, 1939, started the Second World War. The fear of a German invasion is confirmed in May, 1940. One month later Alsace was annexed to the 3rd Reich; this was the start of 4 long years of German occupation that will not spare Ostheim.

January 22, 1945, Ostheim was finally liberated by the 7th Infantry Regiment.

Fifty-five years later, Joseph M. Poggi, Past National President visited Ostheim, France and represented the Society and President Martin Markley. Poggi, with Mayor Bernard Chasseuil and Martin Geyl, President of Veterans of Ostheim laid a newer wreath at the town memorial. A tribute to the Division has been in place since 1995. A new wall plaque was added honoring the 3rd & 36th Infantry Division soldiers who helped free the town.

The plaque reads: Hard climatic conditions and supply problems slowed down the progression of the Allies who crossed the Vosges with many difficulties. The liberation of the village by the American forces is awaited in the winter of 1944/45. On December 5, 1944, troops of the 143rd Regiment of the 36th U.S. Infantry Division (36th U.S.I.D.) released Riquewihr, Beblenheim and the west bank of Ostheim. Some units of the 716th German Infantry Division (Volksgrrenadiers Division – V.G.D.) with-

draw and moved back to Schoppenwihr. The 708th V.G.D. based on the east bank of the river Fecht is forced to dynamite the bridges to block the American progression. Ostheim, separated by two fronts on the river Fecht, suffered assaults on both sides during 60 days. The Germans evacuate the populations of the east bank to Colmar on December 20, 1944. On the 25th, the Americans evacuate the civilians on the west bank, moving them to Ribeauville. Ostheim, strategic point of the “Colmar Pocket,” becomes the site of a merciless battle. Quarter after quarter, the village is bombed by the allied artillery. The Battles of the “Colmar Pocket” are among the roughest in Alsace. On January 22/23, 1945, the assault led by the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3d U.S.I.D. led by General O’Daniel finally forced the Germans to withdraw. At the liberation on January 23, 1945, Ostheim was reduced to ruins. The battle for the “Colmar Pocket” ceased on February 9, 1945. This wall is a vestige of the past. It carries the wounds of the war and pays tribute to the deceased, civilians and soldiers.

Jean-Jacques Sturm, a civilian of Ostheim and an associate member of the Society, was a young man at the time of the long battle of Ostheim. He recalled how he hid in his father’s basement with 15 other men, women and children without water to wash, not enough food to eat and taking turns in sleeping under heavy artillery fire day and night.

The Germans finally evacuated them to Colmar on the night of December 24, 1944. There were many dead and wounded in the town which was nearly destroyed. The town was liberated by the 3d Infantry Division on January 22, 1945. The civilians of Ostheim had a very sincere and warm affection for their liberators. They were treated with love and kindness. The men in the blue and white stripe patches also realized what the civilians went through and did whatever possible to help them.

Jean-Jacques Strum was instrumental in establishing a room in Town Hall honoring General Mike O’Daniel. He contacted me when I was National President to see if he could have a division Flag, portrait and autobiography of General O’Daniel sent to him. I contacted Major Kirk Frady, Public Affairs Officer located in Wurtzburg at the time, who brought the items to him.

After all these years, the French people still have a deep admiration for the Americans. A young man named Christian Burkert, Conservator, started a War Museum nearby in Turkheim relating to the “Colmar Pocket” battle. Many of the Society members who had served there revisited the Colmar region, and upon leaving the area, left with a sense of accomplishment and pride knowing they did their job well.

Submitted by Joseph M. Poggi



Joe Poggi, Mayor Bernard Chasseuil and Martin Geyl, President of Veterans of Ostheim in Wreath Placing Ceremony at plaque honoring Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division and 36th Infantry Division at Ostheim, France earlier this year. Joe represented the Society of the Third Infantry Division and Martin Markley, President of the Society. Photos courtesy of Joe Poggi.



New plaque honoring Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division and 36th Infantry Division for liberating Ostheim, France in 1945. P



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In Memoriam

All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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Charlie was dedicated to The
Society of the Third Infantry Division.
He served formerly as editor of "The
Watch on the Rhine" for 14 years,
as well as President of the Society,
and many years as President of OP
13. He was loyal and devoted to his
Outpost. He will be sadly missed.
Reported by Walter Schmidt.

Both the Society of the 3rd Infantry
Division and the 15th Infantry
Regiment Association, lost a
staunch, hardworking, and all
around great American when Charlie
died on Saturday, July 8, 2000.
Charlie's wife, Betty, preceeded him
in death on Nov 7, 1994. Now they
will be together again, in Heaven.
Charlie was a Life member of the
Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.
He served two terms as President of
the Society and worked for us as
Editor of the Watch on the Rhine for
several years. He also served for
many years as the President of OP
13, the position he held at the time
of his death. Charlie was a Charter
Member of the 15th Infantry
Regiment association having joined
in its' early stage in October 1993.
He was also, a Distinguished
Member of the 15th Infantry
Regiment. Charlie was buried at Fort
Custer, Michigan. May our Lord give
his survivors, his friends and all of
us who knew him, the strength,
courage and blessing in our sorrows
at his passing!
Can Do - Rock of the Marne!
Edd Adam

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An American Hero died today.
He wasn't a name that you would
see in the papers much or a name
bandied about on the evening news,
but he was a hero nonetheless. He
was part of the true backbone of
this country. A child of the depres-
sion, spending time in an orphanage
as a youth, entered the Army to pro-
tect this country during World War II,
and continued to serve through the
Korean War and beyond. He had a
commitment to this country and
those around him. His life was sim-
ple in its efforts. He regarded God,
family, and Country above all other.
It troubled him when anyone worked
against what any of these stood for,
even though it is what all of this
great country was built upon. He
fought to keep these standards high
in a society of declining morality.

While his physical life is over, he
will continue to live in all of those
that he has touched over the years.
His voice can and will continue to be
heard being echoed through the
voice of reason and in the lessons
that he has taught all of us. For
those lucky enough to know him, it
was easy to call him husband
(Elaine, his wife of almost 54 years),
father (sons Jim, Jerry, Glenn, Steve
and daughter Cheryl), grandpa
(Tracy, Adam, Brian, Derek, David,
Angelina, Trevor and Rosalinda) and
friend to all.

No he wasn't what society has
currently described as a hero, but he
was the real deal. He was the man
that helped make us who we are and
we are much better off for knowing
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Reported by Carl Q. Topie

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Chaplains Corner

Jerry Sapiro

“THE BE ATTITUDES” .

Be understanding to your enemies and loyal to your friends.

Be strong enough to face the world each day and weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.

Be generous to those who need your help and frugal with what you need yourself,

Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.

Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.

Be willing to share your joys, and willing to share the sorrows of others.

Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.

Be a follower when you are shrouded by the mists of uncertainty.

Be first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds and last to criticize a colleague who fails.

Be sure where your next step will fall, so that you do not stumble.

Be sure of your final destination, in case you are going the wrong way.

Be loving to those who love you.

Be loving to those who do not love you; - they may change.

See you at the San Francisco area reunion and GOD BLESS,
Jerome Sapiro

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It was nerve wracking, what if one of them crashes I thought. At last they laid down Napalm and the Chinese were all gone and then the Turks stopped.

We pulled off the hill and turned the positions over to a Platoon of 3rd Division Rangers. They were there through August and were never bothered, but they sorely bothered the Chinese as we often heard.

We dug in again on the banks of the Imjim River and dammed it for swimming and bathing. I was still there when I pointed out to Lt. George Rabideau 01332733, that I was over my ES date & I was outa there that night, giving up a few stripes to do it. I was discharged September 13, 1951. Still with one bug out too many in my memory.

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Two Dog Fight...

A Native American elder once described his own inner struggles in this manner:

“Inside of me there two dogs. One of the dogs is mean and evil. The other dog is good. The mean dog fights the good dog all the time.” When asked which dog wins, he reflected for a moment and replied, “The one I feed the most.” — unknown

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BATTER UP!



Softball team of HQ Co. 30th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div: May 1943 in Guercif, French North Africa. *Standing, L to R:* Sorocco, Keeter, Cade, Jenkins, Dominiak, Sheehan, Seigler, Lynch, Hofercamp. *Bottom row, L to R:* Sottile, Laskowski, Santaina, Skousen and a little Arab bat boy. The 3rd left July 6, 1943 for the invasion of Sicily. Bill wonders if anyone recognizes or knows whereabouts of any of the men pictured. Bill Rutledge, 556 Blue Heron Ct., Valley Springs, CA 95252 Phone: 209-772-9211. (Courtesy Bill Rutledge.)

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Specific objectives are:

To foster and strengthen associations and friendships formed during service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

To honor the Third Infantry Division War Dead.

To perpetuate the memory of other former comrades who shared a background of honorable military service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

To encourage and achieve the mutual benefit and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Society and the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

To support the Government of the United States and to give it, in peace and in war, the same devotion and service expected of us as members of its armed forces.

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I pledge to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in the achievement of the objects for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades who have fallen gave to the Division itself and to the cause for which it fought.

Through my loyalty and devotion to their memory, their loyalty and devotion shall no more be forgotten by the Country for which they died than by the comrades at whose side they fell.

To them, I pledge, in peace the dedication of myself to that Country, that cause and those ideas of right and civilization, to which they consecrated themselves in War.

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- ★ St. Mihiel
- ★ Champagne-Marne
- ★ Meuse-Argonne
- ★ Aisne-Marne
- ★ Champagne

WORLD WAR II [37 Medals of Honor]

- ★ Algeria-French Morocco
- ★ Tunisia
- ★ Sicily
- ★ Naples-Foggia
- ★ Anzio
- ★ Rome-Arno
- ★ Southern France

- ★ Ardennes-Alsace
- ★ Rhineland
- ★ Central Europe

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- ★ CCF Intervention
- ★ CCF Spring Offensive
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- ★ Third Korean Winter
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