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81st Annual Reunion a success!

I am pleased to report OP 54 received many nice compliments on the reunion and Battlefield tour. We had 470 register for the various reunion events and 97 go on the Korean tour.

The Korean Veterans Tour to Travis AFB was very interesting. We were the honored guests while the Travis AFB commander cut the ribbon on a special Korean War exhibit at their highly acclaimed air museum. Our division received special recognition in the exhibit. A panel discussion on medical evacuation was offered by several nurses and air-

men who served in the Korean War, followed by a nice lunch at the officer's club.

Of special interest on the City Tour was a commemoration for the Korean War veterans held in the Rotunda of the San Francisco City Hall hosted by Llyand Yee, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

We were welcomed by a drum and bugle corps from the San Francisco Jr. ROTC Brigade. The Colors of six Jr. ROTC battalions of the brigade were in position in the rotunda. The 3rd Infantry Division Color guard led in the distinguished guests and took a position behind

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the podium. Col and Mrs. Michael Parker, Division COS represented The Third Inf. Div. Also honored were Hiriohi and Mrs. Miyamura, CMH, 7th Inf. Regt., Korean War, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markley retiring and future president of the society.

Following the city hall reception we held a memorial service at the 30th Inf. Regt. Monument at the Presidio and heard talks by park officials on the history of the Presidio and the 30th Infantry at the Presidio and a talk about the future of the Presidio. Lunch on the Bay was enjoyed by all. We cruised under the Golden Gate Bridge exactly 50 years and 12 hours after the last ship carrying the division to Japan and Korea passed under the bridge on Sept. 2, 1950.

The Welcome Party, banquet, ladies brunch, Memorial Breakfast and unit dinners were all well attended and enjoyable. Of special interest was the Marne Ladies Boutique. Carmine Marinelli secured two round trip tickets to Rome from Merano Tours and these were raffled with the proceeds supporting several special funds.

We had wonderful support from the 3rd Inf. Div. Delegation led by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Walter Sharp. We are grateful for their participation and support.

As reunion Chairman, I thank all who attended. I am especially grateful to the

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A quiet luncheon with Ike...



From our Combat Photo File, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower and Society member Sgt. Virgil Hutcherson, squad leader of Co. B, 15th Inf Regt., 3rd US Inf Div, eating dinner in early November, 1950 at Chorwan Valley. Photo courtesy of US Military History Institute, Randy Hackenburg, Ass't Curator.



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President's Message

Jerry Cunningham

This new millennium, we have witnessed one of the most enjoyable Society annual reunions of the Third Infantry Division.

It is a great honor to be elected as your 81st President. I give a special thanks to those who placed their trust and confidence in me to carry on the responsibility and duties as President of this great Society of ours. I will do my utmost to maintain the integrity, dignity, and pride in which this Society was built on.

Martin Markley, has done an outstanding job as Society President for the past two years, and we all are grateful for the hard work that he did in keeping this society of ours cohered with consistent results.

I salute you Martin, for a job well done.

I am especially appreciative of Maj. General Sharp and his delegation for taking the time from their regular duties to participate with us at this special time. Thank you SIR.

Outpost #54, we all thank you for another excellent reunion. Especially Mr. John Shirley and Mr. Bill Strobridge. And the rest of his committee. "A SUPER JOB"

Please let us not forget our troops, wh will be deploying to Bosnia soon for Stabilization 8.

"ROCK OF THE MARNE".

Jerry Cunningham
Society President

3d ID - Germany 66-69

Reunion of Ready Forces

From July 7-9, 2000, six members of the 3rd infantry Division, 1st Bn. 15th Inf. from Harvey Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany during the years of 1966-69, met in St. Louis, Mo for their 2nd Annual Army Reunion. Those participating in this reunion were Don Carlson of Joliet, IL, Joe Curalli and his wife Cindy of Lockport, IL, Paul Vanderbush of Cheektowaga, NY, Gene Chaubonneau of Concordia, KS, Mike Lynch and his wife Nancy of Heyward, IL and Tom Heitzer and his wife Susan of St. Louis, MO. The festivities started with a Howdy Party at the motel on Friday evening, Saturday was spent at the Heitzer's house on Lake Carmel and ended with dinner at a German Gashaus in Waterloo, IL.

Each brought photos and memorabilia to help relive those days when we played in the mud of Grafenwohr, visited the castles of Wurzburg, drank at the Lapaloma Bar in Kitzingen, and ate fine meals at the Mess Hall at Harvey Barracks. There was German Beer and Strawberry Wine available for those who wanted to relive those days with a taste of the past. This historic meeting was preserved by photo and video to go along with all the memories. Saturday night was topped off with a visit to an authentic German Restaurant for Schnitzel.

Not present at this reunion was Herbert Pichler of Kempner, TX, James Mathwig of Oshkosh, WI, Kimberlain Gillman of Luray, TN, Raymond Tewes of Temple City, CA, Russell Daines of Laforge, WI, Frank Costa of Melrose Park, IL, George Krhounek of Downers Grove, IL, Ronald Helsel of Johnstown, PA, Richard Rozlosnik of Louisville, OH and Tom Hiatt of Battle Creek, MI. A third meeting is in the works for 2001 in the Chicago, Illinois area around the third weekend of July. If anyone was with the 1st Bn 15th Inf during 1966-69 and would like information on our reunions, please contact Tom Heitzer, 231 Normandie Drive, Bonne Terre, MO 63628, 573-358-1830, ttheitz@marz.com or Joe Curalli, 16909 S Gougar Road, Lockport, IL 60441-8279, 815-838-6326. Can Do

Tom Heitzer

New York seeks Nations Day Parade participants

New York City's Korean War Veterans 50th Anniversary Commemorative Commission and the city's United War Veterans Council, are inviting military units (active duty, Guard & Reserve), high school bands, ROTC groups, Color Guard units, drill teams, veterans organizations and their auxiliaries from across the country to the Big Apple this fall.

- ◆ What: Korean War Veterans' Nations Parade
- ◆ When: Veterans Day, November 11 at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Where: Up Fifth Ave. in Manhattan from 42nd St. to 79th St.
- ◆ Why: To honor the veterans of all conflicts, salute the more than 1.5 million men and women who served in the Korean War, and recognize the contributions of 22 United Nations member states who sacrificed on behalf of South Korea.

"The Nations Parade is intended to be the largest Veterans Day parade in the country," states parade coordinator Pat Gualtieri. "We're eager to have veterans groups from around the world, as well as marching bands, floats, military vehicles and active duty troops all take part in this commemoration."

To be a part of this historic event, provide your organization's name, a brief description, point of contact, number of participants, mailing address, phone/fax numbers and e-mail address to parade planners as soon as possible.

Participants will receive marshalling instructions as their applications are processed.

Mail, fax, or e-mail information to: Patrick Gualtieri, Nations Parade Coordinator, United War Veterans' Council, 346 Broadway, Suite 807, New York City, NY 10013, Telephone: (212) 693-1476, Fax: (212) 693-1475, E-mail: Pat@unitedwarvets.org

You may also register on line at the Council's parade website:
www.nationsparade.com

For more information about Veterans Day activities in New York City, visit the Nations Parade website, or the following United War Veterans Council websites: www.unitedwarveterans.org or www.unitedwarveterans.com

The above courtesy of Arthur Bonenfant



From the Editor

Jim Drury

As memories of our September Reunion in San Francisco are still foremost in my mind, I find myself thinking of our Society and all the wonderful folks who are part of this organization. OP 54 and John Shirley outdid themselves for this one.

It is hard to believe but our get-togeth-

ers get better each year. Seeing old friends has a deep meaning and reaffirms the honor of being a member our Society of the Third Infantry Division. Carl Duncan is promising another grand event next September in Phoenix and I hope to see you all there.

3rd Division (Active) Website

<http://www.stewart.army.mil/homepage.htm>

Gen. Sharp requests that the Ft. Stewart, 3ID website be listed in the *Watch*. When they deploy to Bosnia, they will have another site.

This is copied from mail sent by Col Schwartzman.

The CG and he had a membership drive today, Martin - Thanks for your great help. Believe we succeeded in our mission today to mark and commemorate the division's return to Europe as an important part of it's rich history and to say good luck and god speed to the Mighty Third on behalf of the Society while it is in Bosnia. (We pitched the Society membership with success too.)

CG is very interested in the reunion

and will arrive on the 1st of September as it sits right now. CG was very interested also in better ties between the active division and the society. Would like to start a monthly piece in the *Watch* to tell veterans what is happening in the active division. He also said that he would like to add the Ft. Stewart / 3ID Website to your list of Society Web sites listed in the *Watch*. He states that when they get to Bosnia, we will have another site for members to use too to keep track of the division there.

We will prepare an article for you for the watch based on the rally - may be a *Frontline* article which you can reprint as was done before *Frontline* was present.

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many OP 54 and OP 22 members that worked on the various reunion committees.

For those that could not attend the reunion, we produced a six hour video tape that covers much of the reunion. I know you will enjoy watching it. You will receive a letter about the tape.

*John Shirley,
Reunion Chairman*



Displaying awards recieved at 81st Annual Reunion are (left to right) Sherman Pratt (Audie Murphy Award), Spc. Corey Oliver (Soldier of the Year), Sgt. Jody Volz (NCO of the Year), Carl Topie (Service Award), Martin Markley (Special Service award), Anita Sneddon (Special Recognition Award); Jack Sneddon (President's Honorary Award), Jim Drury (Service Award), and Jim Jarboe, presenter.

Ninety seven members and friends enjoy Korea battlefield tour

The tour to Korea was enjoyed by all. The weather was nice, and hotels, meals, buses, guides were way above expectation. We spent two days in the Iron Triangle area and did our best to see areas where the division fought, much of which is in the DMZ.

Our visit to Panmunjom and Incheon were of special interest. We did see many interesting cultural sites. California Pacific Tours is a fine organization and plan to organized future tours for the members of our division in the coming next three years.

Herbert B. Siperstein honored by NJ Department of Jewish War Veterans

Bricktown, NJ - Herbert B. Siperstein will be honored with the Humanitarian Award from the New Jersey Department of Jewish War Veterans of the United States (JWV) at a Testimonial Dinner to be held later this year. Siperstein is recognized for his outstanding commitment to supporting local communities over the last 50 years.

Siperstein is recognized for his outstanding commitment to supporting local communities over the last 50 years. Siperstein, President of Siperstein's Paint & Wallpaper, served in the 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry Division during World War II and has been awarded numerous military accolades including the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, two Bronze Arrowheads, six Campaign Stars, Presidential Citation, Combat Infantry Badge and French Fourragere. He has been a member of good standing of the New Jersey Department of JWV, Lieutenant Robert P. Grover Post #10 of Jersey City, for almost 50 years.

The New Jersey Department of JWV, based in Bricktown, is part of the larger national organization, whose mission is to combat anti-Semitism, bigotry and injustice of all kinds and to uphold America's democratic traditions.

The Last Battle of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Infantry

I joined the 15th Infantry in June 1953, in an overseas transfer from Panama. My assignment was the 3rd Battalion, to replace Major Frank Guillan, who had been assigned to Panmunjon. With his unexpected return, I was shifted to the 2nd Battalion.

The battalion had been on the line since 29 December having fought during the Chinese assault on Outpost Harry. They were now occupying a defensive position on the Chorwon front of the western sector of the United Nations line.

On 13 July we were relieved by a battalion of the 2nd U.S. Infantry Division. The relief was accomplished at night in an excellent manner: quietly and efficiently. Crew served weapons were left in position, with the 2nd Division's weapons exchanged for ours.

As Executive Officer, I was the last to leave our position and I led the last troops by truck to Camp Casey. With dawn breaking, we had barely settled into our assigned tents, when the C.O. Major Richard Dennison informed me that the CHICOMS (Chinese Communist forces) had broken through the lines of a ROK (Republic of Korea) division. The battalion was alerted to move into a blocking position, north of the critical highway 6. Major Dennison and the Bn S-3, Captain Toby Rizzo, left for Regimental

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Headquarters and I called the Sergeant Major, George Welsh, and issued a march order for the battalion to move to whatever position we would be ordered to occupy.

We loaded the troops on trucks, waiting for orders. We noticed unusually heavy helicopter medical evacuation traffic to the 44th MASH, to our rear. George remarked, "somebody up there is catching hell", and I agreed. I received a call from Regimental Headquarters, to report at once, and when I arrived, Colonel Russell F. Akers, the Regimental Commander, briefed us on the crisis. The Chinese had massed two divisions on a narrow front and had broken through the ROK's crack Capitol Division, although at great cost. They had two additional divisions poised to exploit the breakthrough.

The South Koreans fought valiantly but had run out of ammunition, and they did not ask for help for they would "lose face". To Asians it was better to lose your butt than "face." The 555th Field Artillery Battalion, which was supporting the ROK division was overrun and their 105mm howitzers captured. They had cut their fuses to fire at point blank range, directly at their attackers, but they were overwhelmed by sheer numbers.

Colonel Akers asked the 1st Battalion Executive Officer, Major Tommy Mandina (a fine officer, later KIA), how long it would take for his battalion to assemble and move out. The 1st battalion had been relieved from the lines before the 2nd, and had been assigned to various separated points. The 3rd battalion had left for guard duty at the POW camp at Chojedo Island.

Major Mandina estimated that it would take about three hours to assemble his battalion. Colonel Akers turned to me and asked, "How soon can the 2nd Battalion move out?" I told him, "right now", and he pointed to the map and indicated our position at the junction of Highway 6 and the Goat Trail. Outside the tent I stood on the hood of my jeep and waved my handkerchief as a signal for the 2nd battalion to

roll. Our telephone line had been severed and the radios were out. However, Sergeant Major Welsh saw my signal and as the first truck appeared, my jeep moved in front and led the convoy to our first objective. We de-trucked and I met Major Dennison and Captain Rizzo, S-3, who had just come down the Goat Trail after a hurried reconnaissance. I told them that the battalion's order of march was Company E, Company F, Headquarters Company, Company H, and Company G. Company G was lowest in strength and I assumed that they would be in a reserve position. Major Dennison agreed that it was the logical order of march.

We moved up the trail and occupied a classic defensive position on dominant terrain of the ridgeline. On two high points on each side of the trail a rifle company dug in, along with the supporting machine guns of Company H. On the reverse slope, Company G dug in on both sides of the Trail, enabling them to fire down the trail as well as protecting the flanks of the battalion.

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On the way up the Trail I noticed field artillery batteries almost hub to hub, ready to fire direct support. At one time there were seventeen battalions zeroed in to fire support for our lonely battalion. The battalion S-2, Lieutenant John Mitchell, also informed me that we had first priority on air support.

The seriousness of the situation was further impressed upon me when I passed a Chaplain's jeep and trailer. It was loaded and headed south. I asked the Chaplain, "don't you want to stay and join the party?" He informed me that he would like to stay, but he was ordered south of Highway 6. He blessed me, then left. Highway 6 was a critical highway running east and west. If the Chinese forces could reach it, they would be in the rear of the defensive main line of resistance of IX

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News From The Outposts

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Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MN

The Spring meeting of O.P. #12 was held at the Americinn Inn, Kasson, MN on April 30th. Twenty eight people were in attendance. Our guest, Tom Jordan, spoke on the battle for Anzio on which he has done extensive research since his brother died there.

It was reported that a plaque has been presented by the O.P. to the Hastings, MN Veterans Home to honor Bob Michels, a deceased long time member of O.P. #12 and a twenty year volunteer at the home.

Don Jurg's told the gathering that because of continuing ill-health he must step down as our newsletter editor. A request for a volunteer replacement went unanswered.

The Summer picnic of O.P. #12 was held at Moore Lake Park, Fridley, MN on August 5th. Twenty people showed up. Threatening weather all morning and the previous night held down attendance. There was considerable discussion on the amount of O.P. funds that should be spent each year on charitable donations to various veterans facilities. The following were nominated for office (2 yr. Term) Pres./Harold Hibbing, Vice Pres./Forrest Claussen, Sec./Treas./Jerry Manley, SGT. Arms/Luvern Solien, Chaplain/John Ethen, Newsletter Editor/Vacant. Another request for a newsletter editor brought forth no volunteers so the newsletter will be discontinued until someone steps forward to take over.

The Fall 2000 meeting will be held at Mystic Lake Casino, Prior Lake, MN on October 1st and the Spring 2001 meeting will be at the Country Inn & Suites, Albert Lea, MN on April 28.

Jerry Manley, O.P. #12 Sec./Treas.

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Russell Dunham

St. Lewis, MO

Another dinner and meeting of Outpost #17 has come and gone. A very good turnout. The following were present. Jim Beckman, Howard & Louise Crowell, Russell Dunham and Daughter Annette Wilson, Ray Feltmeyer, Emil Gast, Billiy & Ursula Gray, Nolan & Ann Gray, (Billy's brother and sister-in-law) Ralph & Emma Hall, Wimpy Kenner & Marilyn Wallace, Bill & Jayne Libich, Bob Meeker, Matt and Becky Riester, John & Helen Schneider & Son Dave, Jack Swatske & daughter Cindy Stobie, Jerry & Maxine Tonies, Neil & Maryann Van Bermeulen, Jack & JoAnn Wells, Ken & Julie Whitteaker, Paul Ambro, and our beloved President and his wife, Roger and Pearl Lochmann.

Those who attended the Picnic at the Woodland Park in Collinsville, IL were: Jim Beckman, Ray & Susan Feltmeyer,

and daughter Mindy, Billy & Ursula Gray, Ralph & Emma Hall, Wimpy Kenner & Marilyn Wallace, Roger & Pearl Lochmann, Matt & Becky Riester, Jack Swatske and daughter Cindy Stobie, John & Barbara, (Last Name was not listed. Perhaps Barbara was not correct. For this we beg forgiveness.)

Jack sent me a note saying Comrade Robert Appel, 7th. Inf. Co. B. WWII had open heart surgery (Five way by pass) Understand he is home.

Get well quick Comrade. You are on our prayer list. May God bless you real good.

Paul Ambro, Editor

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Albert Miceli

Southern California

The Southern California Albert Miceli Outpost 22 held a quarterly meeting on Saturday August 5 at the home of Outpost President, Andrew Scullion. Due in part to the unusually hot weather, fewer than 40 members attended. Andy's wife, Peggy, provided snacks and beverages for the members and their spouses. During the meeting, members re-elected Andy Scullion, John Markon and Martin Markley for another term. Efforts will continue to find an appropriate, affordable monument to place in the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Following the meeting and socializing, the group adjourned to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Those who stayed overnight, met for breakfast before returning home. Jack and Anita Sneddon will host the November meeting on Armistice/Veterans Day, November 11. All Society members are welcome to attend.

Martin Markley, Sec./Treas.

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Western Reserve

Ohio

Meeting at the Dutchman Restaurant, Bellville, OH was called to order by President Don Wingerberg. Invocation was given by Chaplain Don Grant.

Vice President Jim Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of October 20, 1999 meeting and current roster were distributed to all in attendance. Motion was made and passed that minutes be accepted. Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

The following members and guests were present:

Harold & Betty Deane, Richard & Janice Wettig, Leon & Viola Mican, James & Eleanore Schneider, Robert & Pat Adelhardt, William & Daisy McKenzie, Albert & Jane Dunn, John Rohrig, Richard & Betty McCall, Don & Lois Wingeberg, Walter & Joyce Bartlett, Bernard & Mary Lou Babal, Ken Sevits, James & Mary Ann Kolenz, Don Grant, Wilfred Metz, Bill &

Marguerite Pinter & Granddaughter Maggie Weaver, Bill Tackett.

Old Business

All split the pot winnings were donated to the Post - thanks to the 4 winners. Five remaining 3rd Infantry Division hats were given at random.

New Business

President reminded members to please pay their dues. Statements were sent out by Dick Martinet.

Bernie Babal suggested that raffle tickets sent to members by the National be purchased because it helps to keep dues reasonable.

President asked for suggestions for location of next meeting. He mentioned possibly Ohio Historical Society in Columbus or Der Dutchman again.

Four members plus wives are planning to attend 81st National Reunion in San Francisco August 31-September 4, 2000. President will give report at the October meeting.

Wilfred Metz brought a tape by the Third Infantry Band, which was played during lunch. The tape and a recorder were donated to the Post by Richard Welsh, who was a bugler while in the service.

Harold Deane, one of our new members, shared some of his combat experience in Europe. Bill Pinter shared an experience with a fellow soldier aboard a ship in Africa.

Leon Mican, another of our new members, talked about his experience in finding 3rd Infantry Division soldiers from WW II and Korea. His positive results came from the Legion magazine.

Dick McCall shared story of Audie Murphy. Jim Schneider had a display of very interesting and informative Korean War posters.

Jim Kolenz motioned for adjournment. Dick McCali seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Wingerberg for Dick Martinet

Let's go to the show...



Ernie Pile Theater, Tokyo, Japan, 1946. Photo courtesy of Owen Bailey, Camanche, IA.

Memories of Post-War Korea

by Grady Griggs, Norris TN

I have wondered about the effectiveness of the Armed Forces Assistance to Korea Program in which we engaged early in 1954. The 64th Tank Battalion was assigned a schoolhouse at Pochon, but the First Platoon of the 10th Engineers was given the task of construction with some help from the tankers.

After we had prepared the site, a design package was delivered that included all the materials for construction. We were told that the materials we got were all that was available for the project. Talking to others who had been working on such projects, I was warned that I had better be sure that the materiel was closely guarded because they had lost some of theirs. I told my interpreter I wanted to talk to the village headman, but my luck was good that day and I got not only the local honcho, but also the Prefecture Governor and some of his functionaries. I showed them what we were planning to build and explained that the materiel we had was all we'd get. I then told them that if a board was missing, there would be a corresponding hole in the schoolhouse, and explained further that we would set up a saw yard where we would have scrap wood at the end of the day and that the people could come and get what we designated as scraps.

During the grading of the site, we excavated a fair sized tree. One of the local guys got his axe and chopped it up and every household in the community got part of the wood. We not only got rid of the scrap wood, but also got some free labor.

We were given timbers something like 6 x 10s to make the roof trusses. The building was 34 feet wide and 215 feet long. We sawed these timbers back in the company area to take advantage of the power equipment available, so I told my platoon sergeant to make sure the timbers were measured correctly before they were cut. When some were delivered onsite, to my dismay, every piece was two inches short. After I had cooled down a bit, Sarge told me, "I measured every piece myself, so I know they were measured right." I asked him for the tape he had used, and he handed it over and noted that it was brand new. We stretched it out and found that the length between the 14th and 15th foot on the tape measured only 10 inches instead of 12. We had to cut two 2-inch blocks to fill the space in every truss.

The building was completed on time, and the Engineers received a belated invitation to the dedication ceremonies. The area was nicely dolled up and the entrance had a big sign that showed we had built the Charles Canham School and told that the 64th Tank Battalion had built the school with the assistance of the 10th Engineer Battalion.

With everyone lined up and ready for the festivities, the helicopter landed and Max Taylor stepped out. He looked around, and the first thing he said was, "Canham, get that damned sign down."

Ed. Note: Grady was a 1st Lt. in A & D Companies of the 10th Engineers in Korea.

After Dec. 7, 1941:

A Teenage Civilian's Involvement During WWII

By Marnelady Arlene Johnson Jens

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's voice boomed through the public address system and electrified our high school government class. Was my relative—on a ship in the Pacific—near Pearl Harbor? Was my cousin, an army nurse, still on the west coast?

In Jefferson County, Iowa, everyone knew everyone, and we kept current about boys entering service. Then the newspaper began its tidy lists regarding whereabouts, being killed, injured, or missing-in-action. My father enjoyed writing letters and had begun his list of servicemen and women. He'd end up with 30 and wrote at least to one or two a day.

For some time, we had been collecting aluminum foil; especially gum wrappers, and rolling it into "tin" foil balls. During the previous year, my family had burned wood off old machinery to salvage scrap iron. A rural neighbor, mother of a dear friend and classmate, carpooled six or seven days a week, to work in an Army Munitions plant 50 miles east. Soon, the high school typing class reported daily to a grade school, where, for weeks, we typed information from applicants for ration books.

On the farm, winter and spring meant contending with snow packed as deep as glaciers, rain, mud, and tire chains. Rationed gas and tires riveted our family decision to have me rent a room in town. For two dollars a week each, two girlfriends and I shared a room in a 10-room house near shopping, church, and high school. The landlady accommodated us 15-year-olds by disappearing when we whisked through cleaning our room, doing laundry, and preparing individual meals.

In a lady's store, we often inquired about nylon hosiery but were always informed that parachutes had priority. So, we tanned our legs with "Liquid Stockings." In home-room, I moved that we should wear slacks. It passed, and I was elected to lobby the principal. He agreed!

To save paper in the high school "Trojan Tattler," we reduced the printed monthly issues and produced a semimonthly "Tattler Broadcast" over the public address system. In editorials, we focused on the war effort,



Arlene Jens, wife of Wayne Jens in nurses' uniform during WWII. Arlene is one of many Marne Ladies who served their country on the home front during the War.

buying bonds, and supporting servicemen and women.

During my last semester, my parents moved to town; so that it was easier to work afternoons in an insurance office, write policies, and chauffeur the lady owner around town. With money earned, I bought a nurse's wristwatch. At the end of August, I entered a combination five-year nursing-college course at a college in Rock Island, Illinois.

Many former faculty members, seminar-ians, and traditional students were in the armed forces, leaving fewer civilians on campus to be joined by Air Force Cadets. Enveloping cadences and patriotic ads heralding, "Serve your country!" deepened my impatience with college textbooks and increased anticipation for nursing skills books and care of patients. I pestered the Director of the Nursing School 14 blocks away. At last! A class for the Cadet Nurses' Corps would start March 1, 1944.

At home, February allowed a hurried Welcome! "One-third of you will never graduate," predicted the Director of Nursing to our group of 18 newcomers. She was on target.

completion of lagging preliminaries: small-pox vaccination, throat culture, sending for cloth nametags, and obtaining the school's required garments and linens. For unavailable items, we bought materials and sewed patterns my mother designed. We finished them by securing a nametag to each.

Frances Payne Bolton spearheaded the Bolton Act on Nursing to encourage single women, at least 18 years old, to enter nursing and nursing schools to educate them. Enlisted nurses had left vacancies in civilian hospitals, and more staff nurses were needed in Veterans' hospitals. Therefore, the Cadet Nurses Corps was created for and would exist only for the duration of World War II.

Nursing schools agreed to provide room and board, instructors, and classrooms for a 42-course curriculum. Through the Surgeon General of Public Health, the school received sums for tuition, textbooks, and uniforms. If the student signed for the Corps, she was furnished the Cadet Nurses' Corps uniform, insignia, and a monthly stipend: \$15 for 9 months; \$20 for 15-21 months; \$30 for the last 6 months. Students who did not sign into the program paid their expenses and did not have Cadet privileges. The Cadet Nurse agreed to serve the last four-to-six months of her senior year in a Veterans Administration Hospital where she was considered a temporary civil service employee. Senior students not assigned to VA Hospitals became supervisors or clinical instructors in the school.

Welcome! "One-third of you will never graduate," predicted the Director of Nursing to our group of 18 newcomers. She was on target. Over the forthcoming 36 months, dropouts would occur that dwindled our class to 11 graduates by March, 1947. Two students eloped with their fiancées four months before graduation. The Director found out and dismissed them.

We were each handed a stack of 15 books, half the total number we'd receive. Five, were a thousand pages each, the remainder averaged 600. As we advanced, we'd receive appropriate books preceding the study and area of practice, tapering off by the senior year. After 19 months, we affiliated for four months with Cook

County Hospital, Chicago; and on arrival, we were informed that we were eligible to attend the USO, but rules of conduct had to be followed.

We began with classes for 10 hours a day with Sundays free. After our first patient assignments in May, hospital duty-time increased, classes reduced to afternoons and after 7 p.m.; and we were given half-days off on weekends. While we gave patient care, clinical instructors and supervisors eyed us closely. Evenings and weekends, senior students became our watchdogs, and tough ones, often calling us from our rooms to complete or correct a task. "When I become a senior," I'd announce, "I'm not going to forget I'd been a student!" Half my senior year, I was a clinical instructor—and I did not forget!

We relied upon few technologies and more on skills of nursing arts. Metal and rubber items were used over and over.

Central Supply nurses autoclaved bedpans, basins, catheters, and surgical sponges. We sterilized needles and syringes. We signed out safety pins from the Hospital Superintendent, and fastened the pins to the uniform.

Simple medications were aspirin, codeine, and morphine. We mixed morphine powder in sterile water and measured the fraction to match the ordered dosage. In giving beeswax penicillin, we had to have the needle, syringe, and beeswax at an exact temperature for injection or the beeswax penicillin hardened. Keeping a polio patient alive challenged our strength and endurance in hand-pumping the "iron lung."

Minimal paper work didn't complicate documentation. The floor supervisor wrote her "Orders of Patient Care" on a legal-sized yellow pad, where a line or two per patient was adequate. Charting defined anything unusual and medications adminis-

tered. But we were mandated to inventory medications every eight hours.

We always carried flashlights after dark. Often, the city issued orders for blackouts when we'd maintain minimum light and darken windows so that any enemy flying overhead could not see a building. The Rock Island Arsenal was a couple of miles away, and we were categorized a danger zone. Volunteers routinely stood guard on hospital roofs to observe the sky for enemy aircraft.

When the war ended, simultaneously, the Cadet Nurse program ended; and assignments stayed within the school's hospital. Influence of the program continued, though, as standards for nursing were elevated and nursing became recognized as a profession.

Editor's note: Arlene is the wife of Wayne Jens, C Co., 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. WWII, Davenport, IA.

Society of the Third Infantry Division ❖❖❖❖ Executive Committee Meeting

Burlingame, CA 9/3/2000

Executive Committee members

Present:

- ❖ President Jerry Cunningham
- ❖ Immediate Past President Martin Markley
- ❖ Secretary/Treasurer Ray Anderson
- ❖ Central Region Vice President. Jerome Manley
- ❖ Eastern Region Committeeman Edgan Fehnel
- ❖ Central Region Committeeman Richard Martinet
- ❖ Western Region Committeeman John Shirley
- ❖ Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt

Others present:

- ❖ Chaplain Jerry Sapiro
- ❖ Public Relations Chairman Carl Topie
- ❖ Editor James Drury
- ❖ Historian Edward Dojutrek
- ❖ Sergeant-at-Arms Regnard Burgess
- ❖ Immediate Past Secretary/Treasurer Jack Sneddon



President Jerry Cunningham opened the meeting at 5 PM and referred to Immediate Past President Martin Markley to address the following outstanding issues:

- ❖ Army Chief of Staff Honorary membership.
- ❖ Charters for individuals like OP 52.
- ❖ Review Honorary membership for dropping from roster each year.
- ❖ Chateau Thierry memorial and Colmar area museum contributions.

Determined:

Honorary membership to the Army Chief of Staff

- ❖ New chapters like Outpost 52
- ❖ Purchase of 3rd. Division flag for the Korean War Museum in Korea.

Other Items:

There was a general discussion about Honorary Memberships and the fact that they should be reviewed every year. There are total of 7 honorary memberships

John Shirley announced that the WWI monument at Chateau Thierry was badly in need of repair and the cost to complete the work was estimated to be \$1500-\$2000. The support of the Society backing for the additions to the museum was not approved. Sherman Pratt, Carl Topie & John Shirley led the discussion.

President, Jerry Cunningham, instructed Regional vice presidents. to coordinate problems within their respective regions under the umbrella of their responsibility.

Outpost secretaries are to report new memberships and changes by the "Personnel Activities & Action Report form". Jack Sneddon reported that new members don't always submit their membership to their respective O/P.

Concerning expenses, funds must be budgeted and approved by The Executive Committee.

It was agreed to approve \$100/yr. For the Historian expense.

Historian Ed Dojutrek wanted to know if he should pursue questions raised by members and member families concerning 3rd. Div. Members. It was agreed that all officers assist on a voluntary basis.

New business:

John Shirley announced that not all Unit Assn. organize individual unit dinners at the annual reunion. He suggested that a liaison person be appointed to each Unit Assn. The Unit president should appoint that person. Carl Topie suggested that each Regiment president should have that responsibility. John Shirley made a motion that the Regiment president appoints a liaison person to coordinate with the annual reunion committee. That motion was carried.

Dick Martinet announced that O/P 57 was not interested in hosting a national reunion.

There was some general discussion about some region stepping up to the plate to volunteer to hosts the 2003 annual reunion but there were no takers. Issue tabled.

Executive Committee meeting adjourned 3:05 PM

Ray Anderson Secty/Treas.



Letters to the Editor

When my wife bought both books by Tom Brokaw, "The Greatest Generation" and "The Greatest Generation Speaks", I enjoyed them in his own words. I can relate to much of the research and work he put into them. In my own words, many times I have said, "This is a good generation, surviving a depression and WWII, and missing a heart-breaking civil war, for a couple for instances".

Another thing came to mind. In a paragraph in his second book, Military Reunions, (Excluding them what don't go to them), he mentions a bond, from their common experiences in WWII. This brought to my mind how the women stood by for so many during the separation caused by war and now how they have taken up the step and pitched in to make our reunions so nice, not only WWII but all war veterans. I believe an outward sign of appreciation should be shown towards our wives, mates, and good friends. It is a very small thing, but I think a new product our Quartermaster came up with, a small blue and white striped memorial ribbon pin. OP # 2 President, Jim Tiezzi has put it in effect for our deceased member's survivors. Bruce Monkman's ad is in "The Watch". I hope to see a snowball effect with other outposts of the Marne Division.

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Dear Jim,

I don't know if you remember me, but I am the producer making a documentary about the history of the 65th Infantry Regiment. We spoke some time ago and you were very kind and helpful in directing to some of your 65th Infantry members to interview for the project. We are still working on the project and have advanced considerably in our efforts (although we are not done yet). In fact, I will include your e-mail address to receive our periodic newsletter informing interested parties about our progress.

I was checking out your excellent website and was wondering why I don't see anywhere mentioned the two Army Tributes to the 65th Infantry scheduled for September 20th at the Arlington Cemetery (with Secretary of the Army Caldera as a keynote speaker) and the October 15th event scheduled for El Morro Castle in Puerto Rico. I think that these two events would be of interest to your membership as the 65th Infantry formed an important part of the Third Infantry Division during Korea.

Maybe you have already posted it somewhere or announced it. If so, please forgive this reminder.

Regards,

Noemi Figueroa
Executive Producer
El Pozo Productions

I am looking for information from all Veterans from the 7th, 15th, and 30th Regiments and other units from the Third Infantry Division who fought January and February 1945 in the "Colmar Pocket" WWII.

After the battle someone found a soldier identification tag near Houssen in a wooded area named "Brunnwald". (Indeed at this time, January 24, 1945, the 3d battalion, 7th Infantry Regt. fought in that wood).

The name on the tag is:

Lawrence D. Chappell
14010972 T42

If someone knows what happened with this soldier, from which unit he was with, was he wounded, dead in the fight? Or if he lost his tag and he made it through the battle. Where does he live today?

I will appreciate any information that is possible.

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Sir;

The showing of the picture of Iron Mike O'Daniel on the latest cover of The Watch on the Rhine reminds me of the last time I saw him. We were on Anzio Beach Head trying to cross a bridge over the Canal Mussolini and encountering heavy resistance. I was getting as deep underground as I could. Unfortunately my buttons were getting in the way. Here was Iron Mike standing upright waving his 45. He was swearing at a bunch of tanks to get up in front of his beloved infantry. That is the only time I ever saw a general up where the bullets were flying. Needless to say I would follow Iron Mike anywhere. Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. President,

I am a Second University of Naples student. Since 1996 my interest is the Second World War military history. I live in a small town, Pietravairano, now in the Country of Caserta (during the WWII in the Country of Naples), in Campania Region (south Italy). My town is distance 20 miles from Cassino. During the Allied Military Government's administration my town was inside "Region III". During October and November 1943 around my town the U. S. 3rd Infantry Division (7th, 15th and 30th

Regiments) fought for the liberation of the Volturno River's area. In my town was killed:

- ★ OLSON, Arlo R., 0-383969, Capt, 15th Inf., Monte San Nicola (Pietravairano), 27 Oct. 1943. (MEDAL OF HONOR)
- ★ CAMPAGNA Robert A., S/Sgt., Co. E 15th Inf., San Felice (near Pietravairano), Italy, 26 Oct. 1943 (DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS)
- ★ HENDON Max R., 2nd Lt. 15th Inf., Pietravairano, Italy, 11 Nov. 1943. (DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS)
- ★ MANGELS Darrel J., Sgt., Co. F 15th Inf., Italy, 28 Oct. 1943. (POSTHUMOUS AWARDS OF SILVER STAR)
- ★ BRITT Maurice L., 1st Lt., Co. L 30th Inf., Pietravairano, 29 Oct. 1943. (BRONZE STAR)
- ★ KINDIARSKI Joseph, Cpl. Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 15th Inf, Monte Cesima (near Pietravairano), 8 Nov. 1943. (BRONZE STAR)

I'd be very happy if I can make contact with their families. I wrote a little book of that period. I'll very happy to send you a copy of my book. But now I want to continue my researches and I'd need others documents, newspapers, photos and videos. It's impossible for me come to U.S. for my researches. I'd be very happy and grateful if you'll send me documents, newspapers, photos and videos because I want to write another book of that period. In Italy it's very difficult to find U.S newspapers and documents.

For my researches, I used the Center of Military History's publications, but now I want to deepen my researches and I'd want a testimonies of Volturno battle's veterans. The Mayor of my town is very happy for this and he wants to reward the American soldiers who fought for the liberation of Pietravairano in October 1943. Pietravairano's citizens remember with love and are grateful for the American soldier' aid. I hope is possible to have testimonies, photos. Those testimonies are very, very important for me and for my studies.

Mr. President, I hope that you'll help me. I'm grateful for your aid.

I'm waiting for your news. I hope good news!

Gratefully

Giuseppe Angelone

Pietravairano, August 25, 2000

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Sir - I was the liaison officer from 3d Infantry Division to the 12th Panzer Division from 1984 to 1987. I have received a letter from the president of the 12th Panzer Div Tradition Association soliciting my help in planning their club program for the year 2001. One of their interests is a trip to the U.S. to explore the history of our division. As you may not be aware, the 12th Pz Div has been deactivated and only one brigade remains on active duty. I do believe that they would be most happy to arrange for quarters in their kaserne should your organization wish to visit Wuerzburg.

I have recently accepted a job that will take me out of the country for most of the next year and possibly beyond. I have agreed to assist in this project to the extent that I am able between my travels. If you have any recommendations, including contact points with the active duty division staff, I would be happy to pass those along. You may establish direct contact should you desire and may correspond in English.

The president of the 12th Pz Div Association is:

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Dress Right, Dress...



Pass in review—June 16, 1945: These iron men of the 756 Tankers give no quarter to the perfectly aligned ranks of Third Division doughfeet. They held their own review and this is what it looked liked. From "The Front Line" courtesy of Frank Hupenee.

OP 17's Memorial to the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division

Jack Swatske's memorial address on Saturday, May 20, 2000



Missouri Military Funeral Honors Team fold flag at the Memorial Dedication May 20th 2000. Photocopy courtesy Jack Swatske

Today is a glorious day. On this sacred ground in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery we are here to dedicate Outpost 17's memorial to the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division — our division.

As members of Outpost 17 already know and others present are about to hear, the 3rd Infantry Division is unique in many ways. In World War I on July 15, 1918 the German army was poised for a gigantic onslaught from the other side of the Marne River in France. The French general, in panic, asked the commanding officer of the 3rd Division, Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickson, when the retreat would begin. Gen. Dickson looked at him and said, "Nous Resterons La", "We shall remain here."

Remain there they did and the 3rd Division broke the back of the German attack. In failing to smash through the 3rd Division, the Germans lost the initiative on the Western Front, never to regain it. The Germans lost more than just an important battle. As one German officer put it, "We were defeated and we knew it." For that action the 3rd Division earned the sobriquet "Rock of the Marne" which remains its motto today. In the comparatively short

time the division was committed to battle, two men earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. Strangely, in earlier action the first troops in the line were not infantry....they were the division's 6th Engineers.

In World War II the 3rd was one of four infantry divisions that on Nov, 8, 1942 opened the front against Adolph Hitler's Fortress Europe by invading North Africa. The 3rd struck near Casablanca, French Morocco. The primarily Vichy defenders were not much of a problem militarily but they were a pain in the diplomatic negotiations that followed. It was a much different story for American troops when it came to German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. To be honest, we got to Tunisia late in the game. To sum up World War II, the 3rd Infantry Division was the only division to fight the Nazis on every front — North Africa, Sicily, Italy (including the four month bloody ordeal on the Anzio Beachhead), France, Alsace, Germany and Austria with the Division's 7th Infantry Regiment capturing Hitler's hideaway in Berchtesgaden. The 3rd sustained the most casualties of any division in the war and had the most days in combat - 531. The

Division garnered 37 Congressional Medals of Honor which represented more than one-fifth of all Congressional Medals awarded to the Army Ground Forces. One of the recipients, Russell Dunham, sits before you today. When Outpost 17 of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division was chartered in 1974, the members almost unanimously voted to name it after Russ Dunham. Almost, because Russ was the lone dissenter, saying, "You name something after someone after he's dead. Co-founder Russell Claypool said sweetly, "That can be arranged it that's the way you want it."

The Korean War — by Sept, 23, 1950 the first of the 3rd Infantry Division's combat elements had closed on the port of Pusan, and by Sept. 25 these leading elements had already undergone a baptism of fire. The entire division was concentrated in the Wonju area during the middle of November. I'll briefly describe a couple of actions in which it participated. One was the evacuation of UN troops through the Port of Hungnam after the Chinese Communists entered the war. Back from the frozen north country came the remnants of the 1st Marine Division and the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division. Their only hope of survival lay in the evacuation through the U.S. held, but Communist-menaced, Port of Hungnam. No less an authority than Gen. Matthew Ridgeway declared: "The 3rd Infantry Division was committed to combat in Korea at a most crucial and precarious point in the campaign. In the bitter cold December of 1950 the encircled U.S. X Corps fell back upon the evacuation Port of Hungnam, while the fresh armies of the Chinese Communist Forces attempted to break through its defenses and destroy it. To the 3rd Division was assigned the mission of holding the Communists back from the beachhead and allowing the safe and orderly evacuation by sea, of many thousands of weary United Nations Command soldiers and civilian evacuees. Staving off countless attacks upon their gradually contracting defensive perimeter, the rear-guard of the 3rd Division held the line and were the last to leave the beaches." Another is when the division was ordered into action in the I Corps sector on the right flank of the 25th Infantry Division. In conjunction with the 25th, the 3rd Division helped launch the



Joan and Jack Swatske at Memorial Dedication, Jefferson Barracks, MO.

first major counterattack following the Chinese Communist intervention. The offensive carried north to the Han River, where the Division made a great stand as the Chinese counterattacked. Valentine's Day, 1951, was marked by an all-out enemy attack featuring an attempted infiltration of the Division Command Post by a regimental size force. The Marne men intercepted and wiped out the enemy force and thereby were called the "Rock of the Han." However, the division maintained its official motto, "The Rock of the Marne. In the Korean War, eleven men were recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1996 the 3rd Infantry Division returned to the United States after serving 38 years in Germany as part of NATO. The

division is now stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

While in Germany, a brigade of the 3rd spearheaded the 1st Armored Division in the Desert Storm operation.

A division consists of many components: Recon, artillery, engineers, quartermaster, ordnance, medics, tank destroyers, tank battalion, anti-aircraft. Did I miss any?...Of course! The infantry. The late, great World War II war correspondent, Ernie Pyle, referred to them as "The infantry, the damned infantry who consistently sustain 80 percent of the casualties in any war,"

Casualties bring us to the purpose of this program — our memorial to honor our comrades killed in action in the three major wars in which the 3rd Infantry Division fought.

Listen carefully to the numbers as they are called:

World War I	3,401 killed
World War II	5,558 "
Korean War	2,161 "
Total killed in action	11,120

We now dedicate this memorial in memory of these men who sacrificed their lives for their country. It is well to remember also the survivors of those wars and all who served in the division at any time. Ladies and gentlemen, I now present to you our Memorial to the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

I Watched the Flag

(Passed along by Lou Alessio, Seabee WWII)

I watched the flag pass by one day. It fluttered in the breeze.

A young Marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud...

with hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years?

How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?

How many foxhole graves were found?

I heard the sound of taps one night, when everything was still.

I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times that taps had meant "Amen",

When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,

of fathers, sons and husbands, with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,
of unmarked graves in Arlington, NO... FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!!!

God bless America.

RED SKELTON'S PLEDGE

As a schoolboy, one of Red Skelton's teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down, and eventually recorded, his recollection of this lecture. It is followed by an observation of his own.

"I – Me; an individual; a committee of one.

PLEDGE – Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

ALLEGIANCE – My love and my devotion.

TO THE FLAG – Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

OF THE UNITED – That means that we have all come together.

STATES OF AMERICA – Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS – Republic-a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

ONE NATION – One Nation-meaning, so blessed by God.

INDIVISIBLE – Incapable of being divided.

WITH LIBERTY – Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE – The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL – For All-which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words "under God" have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said the Pledge of Allegiance is a prayer and it would be eliminated from schools, too?

Red Skelton

From OP #18 Newsletter
Editor: Dan Kellet



Looking for...

Jim Drury, Editor *Watch on the Rhine* magazine – I got your name from John Battaglia through the Graybeards; I am hoping to find others who may remember my father, **William H. Baker**, assistant field director of the American Red Cross, killed in action in Korea on September 2, 1952. Can you help me? Thank you.

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I was a **medic** in the Third Division 1970-71, would like info on this society, also would like to find out if any of us can join. Is it only for combat vets or any one who was in the Div.? I was in 1-4-3 in Aschaffenburg, Germany

Bob Elwell
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I am seeking information for a Korean war Buddy of mine.

Name: **William 'Bill' Webber**, "C" Company, 15th. Infantry Regt., 3rd Infantry Division. Bill was a Medic. Bill was wounded in the head and had to be evacuated back to the States. He was in Walter Reed Hospital about 12 to 15 months. Bill has lost a lot of memory of his Korean experiences. He was with the 3rd. Division, in the spring of 1953 to the summer 1953. Bill only knows that he was wounded early in the year of 1953.

I am looking for anyone, from the 3rd., 15th Regt., Company "C" who might have some recollection of Bill and the battle that he was in. Bill and I am working to obtain his records of the battle that he was in. He needs as much information as possible. He is seeking the information, so that he can be awarded his "due" Purple Heart and or any other medals that he might be entitled to.

Thanks for reading my message.

Arthur J. Bonenfant
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Looking for information regarding

Company F, 15th Inf. Regt. I was wounded November 8, 1943 in southern Italy and was told in the 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.

George Battani
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My nephew, **Lester J. Nunley**, was in the Korean war. He was in the 15 Infantry regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. He was killed on June 11, 1953. I would like to know if you knew him? His nickname was J.D. We all still love and miss him

Thank you,

Frankie Beck
franbck@netscape.net.



I just joined the 3rd Div Association as associate member. My uncle was **John W. Pitts**. He was in 3rd Inf Div., 15th Inf Regt., Co B. He was in in 1950 and was first sent to Japan. Then sent to Korea, was MIA on 23 of Nov 1950 last seen the 1st. of Dec 1950. This is what one paper says, we got from the Army. Another paper issued by the Army states he was near the town of Majonni. Was sent out on patrol along the Pyongyang-Wonsan road. He was shot in the stomach on or about the 1st of Dec 1950 and last seen on the 17th of Dec. Pfc Vincent L. Fasci, and a Eugene Roush was questioned. We were told he was taken behind enemy lines for treatment.

Thank you for any information.

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Trying to locate one **Lt. Sims** who was assigned to the 3rd MP Co., 3rd ID in Korea around 1951-52. Anyone that knows of him, I would appreciate any information that would help put me in contact with him. You can contact me:

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706-865-4878.



My dad's name is **John Earl Martin**, born July 2nd 1922, from Oklahoma.

He was in the 7th army. 6th corp. the 3rd , 36th, and 45th Divisions. He served under Gen. Alexander Patch. he is 78 years old, does not talk about the war at all. would like to find out any info about him before he passes.

Thanks.

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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 this 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.

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Still looking for **Heavy Mortar Co 7th Reg.** 3rd Div. US ARMY

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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, Alabama
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During 1979 to 1981, I served within the **493d Service & Supply Co.**, 3ID Wurzburg (Faulenberg), I would like to organize a reunion, of the soldier's who served with me during that time. If anyone has any knowledge of any soldier who served in the 493rd please contact me.

Othello Marshall, New Jersey
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Comments: Great Site!! Good to see the 3D again. I served in Kitzengen 65-66 with B Co 3 av. Anyone know what happened to Sgt Perry or Spec 5 Kiel? Thanks again.

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Any one know **Johnny Crawford**. He was Staff Sgt with H company 2nd Bn 30th during WWII Came back on temporary rotation and visited with me on Staten Island before going home to Florida Any info on Johnny would be welcome



Request: my father **Henry W. Diem**, served with the 3rd Div 15 Regt. during ww2. If any of his old buddies would like to contact him e-mail me and I will see that he receives it.

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I am looking for anyone who knew my Dad, **Sgt. Levi D. Feltz**, Serial No. 37628297. He joined the 3rd Inf on the 10th of November, 1944 and was assigned to Company G of the 30th infantry, 2nd Battalion. He was on patrol just South of Sigolsheim France when he was wounded by a HE shell burst at 9 PM on the 1st of January, 1945. He died the next day and was buried in Epinal France. My Mother brought him home after the war was over and reburied him in Perryville, MO. If anyone knows 2nd **Lt. Marcell Szymanski**,

please let him know that I am looking for him. He was my Dad's platoon leader and was wounded at the same time as my Dad. I am also looking for Sgt. Leonard Wallace who was appointed to that position the day after my Dad died. I would like copies of any letters, notebooks or diaries that refer to my Dad and the owner. I am especially interested any information that would prove that my Dad was promoted to S/Sgt before he died. We have letters from him that state he was promoted.

Thank you very much.

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Comments: My dad was wounded in the Colmar Pocket in January, '45. His address is **Joseph R. Vallero**, 9428 Brokenstone,

Sun City, AZ 85315-2416, 623-875-0474. He is reluctant to talk about his experience. Do you have any info on him? Sincerely,
Greg Vallero

Gregory A. Vallero
(son of Joseph R.)
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Comments: I served with the 3rd in **C Co. 2/64AR** (Schweinfurt, Germany), from April/85-Jan/92. I had the pleasure of serving under the best first sergeant in the world, First Sergeant William Brooks. Is there anybody out there from C Co or 2/64? Feel free to e-mail me, I'd love to hear from anybody who served in 2/64 during this time. Tankers, mechanics, scouts...don't matter...*Roll the Rogue!!!!*

Mark Allen Holt, Rocklin, Ca.
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Active Duty Artillery

Dear Mr. Drury.

I enjoyed reading the recent publication of *The Watch on the Rhine*. We very much appreciate the Society of the Third Infantry Division and the great work you do in furthering the traditions and heritage of the Marne Division.

As the new Division Artillery Commander, I wanted to introduce myself and give you a brief update on what the DIVARTY is currently doing:

The Battlekings, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, have the responsibility of training more than 3,900 soldiers for the Division's deployment to Bosnia (SFOR 8/9 rotations). The Battlekings provided the best home station training possible for the soldiers and units of SFOR9 and will continue to do so far the SFOR9 mission.

The Rock Support Battalion, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, is coming off a demanding rotation at the National Training Center this past summer. And once again, they have distinguished themselves with accurate, timely, and well-synchronized fire support. They are currently preparing for yet another intense rotation at the NTC next summer.

Glory Guns, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, are also extremely busy. The

battalion was the first in the Army to field the new Bradley Fire Support Vehicle and will also be the first to employ it at the National Training Center this fall. Their efforts are leading the development of new tactics, techniques and procedures for providing fire support to maneuver companies.

The Speed in Action Battalion, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery (MLRS), was officially activated on 14 June 2000 and hit the ground running. After completing its first External Evaluation and Live Fire Exercise in August, this battalion stands proud and ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

That is a quick update on the units comprising "Mare Thunder." We are always interested in meeting former Redlegs from the Marne Division and encourage them to maintain contact with those of us currently serving in the Division Artillery. The DIVARTY Adjutant is Maj. Gary Quintero. He can be contacted by email at QuinteroGD@stewart.army.mil or telephone (912) 767-4402

Rock of the Marne
Colonel Kevin J Bergner
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I met Capt. Samuel R. Bird on a dusty road near An Khe, South Vietnam, one hot July day in 1966. I was an artillery forward observer with Bravo Company, 2nd/12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, and I looked it. I was filthy, sweaty, and jaded by war, and I thought "Oh, brother, get a load of this". Dressed in crisply starched fatigues, Captain Bird was what we called "squared away" – ramrod straight, eyes on the horizon. Hell, you could still see the shine on his boot tips beneath the road dust.

After graduation from Officer Candidate School, I had sought adventure by volunteering for Vietnam. But by that hot and dangerous July, I was overdosed on "adventure," keenly interested in survival and very fond of large rocks and deep holes. Bird was my fourth company commander, and my expectations were somewhat cynical when he called all his officers and sergeants together. "I understand this company has been in Vietnam almost a year and has never had a party," he said. Now we officers and sergeants had our little clubs to which we repaired. So we stole bewildered looks at one another, cleared our throats and wondered what this wiry newcomer was talking about. "The men are going to have a party," he announced, "and they're not going to pay for it. Do I make myself clear?" A party for the "grunts" was the first order of business! Sam Bird had indeed made himself clear.

We all chipped in to get food and beer for about 160 men. The troops were surprised almost to the point of suspicion – who, after all, had ever done anything for them? But that little beer and bull session was exactly what those war-weary men needed. Its effect on morale was profound.

I began to watch our new captain more closely. Bird and I were the same age, 26, but eons apart in everything else. He was from the sunny heartland of Kansas, I from the suburbs of New York City. He prayed every day and was close to his God. My faith had evaporated somewhere this side of altar boy. I was a college dropout who had wandered into the Army with the words "discipline problem" close on my heels. He had graduated from The

THE COURAGE OF SAM BIRD

By B. T. Collins

Forwarded by: James E. Kennedy via John Thompson

Citadel, South Carolina's proud old military school. If ever a man looked like a leader, it was Sam Bird. He was tall and lean, with penetrating blue eyes. But the tedium and terror of a combat zone take far sterner qualities than mere appearance.

Our outfit was helicoptered to a mountain outpost one day for the thankless task of preparing a position for others to occupy. We dug trenches, filled sandbags, strung wire under a blistering sun. It was hard work, and Sam was everywhere, pitching in with the men. A colonel who was supposed to oversee the operation remained at a shelter, doing paper work. Sam looked at what his troops had accomplished, then, red-faced, strode over to the colonel's sanctuary. We couldn't hear what he was saying to his superior, but we had the unmistakable sense that Sam was uncoiling a bit. The colonel suddenly found time to inspect the fortifications and thank the men for a job well done.

Another day, this time on the front lines after weeks of awful show, we were given something called "coffee cake" that had the look and texture of asphalt paving. Furious, Sam got on the radio-phone to

Half in wonder, an officer once told me, "Sam can dress a man down till his ears burn, and the next minute that same guy is eager to follow him into hell."

headquarters. He reached the colonel and said, "Sir, you and the supply officer need to come out here and taste the food, because this rifle company is not taking one step further." "Not a good way to move up in the Army," I thought. But the colonel came out, and the food improved from that moment. Such incidents were not lost on the men of Bravo Company.

During the monsoon season we had to occupy a landing zone. The torrential, wind-driven rains had been falling for weeks. Like everyone else I sat under my poncho in a stupor, wondering how much of the wetness was rainwater and how much was sweat. Nobody cared that the position was becoming flooded. We had all just crawled inside ourselves. Then we saw Sam, Mr. Spit and Polish, with

nothing on but his olive-drab undershorts and his boots. He was digging a drainage ditch down the center of the camp. He didn't say anything, just dug away, mud splattering his chest, steam rising from his back and shoulders. Slowly and sheepishly we emerged from under our ponchos, and shovels in hand, we began helping "the old man" get the ditch dug. We got the camp tolerably dried out and with that one simple act transformed our morale.

Sam deeply loved the U.S. Army and traditions. Few of the men knew it, but he had been in charge of a special honors unit of the Old Guard, which serves as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and participates in the Army's most solemn ceremonies. He was the kind of guy whose eyes would mist during the singing of the National Anthem. Sam figured patriotism was just a natural part of being an American. But he knew that morale was a function not so much of inspiration as of good boots, dry socks, extra ammo and hot meals.

Sam's philosophy was to put his troops