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Presidential Visit

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On February 12, 2001, President George W. Bush visited the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. “Our nation can never fully repay our debt to you, but we can give you our full support and my administration will,” President Bush told over 5,000 soldiers and family members



Sgt. Donald Osborn dined with President Bush during the recent visit by the President to Fort Stewart. Photo courtesy of Capt. Douglas LeVien.

Following the President’s speech where he announced his initiatives for better benefits for the men and women of the Armed Forces he ate lunch with over 100 of the Division’s Soldiers. SGT Donald Osborn, assigned to Echo Company, 703d Main Support Battalion was selected to be one of the lucky soldiers to eat with the President in the Dining Facility.

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Memorial Day in Italy

by Clyde E. Easter

On Monday May 29, 2000 I attended the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremonies at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. The Ceremony was well attended by both civilian and military personnel. It was a beautiful sunny day. The military bands were great. The United States National Anthem was played by the Allied Forces Southern Europe Band. There was an invocation, remarks by the speakers, presentation of the memorial wreaths, honors rendered by the Italian firing detail and taps.

Again, it was an honor placing the memorial wreaths for the Society of the Third Infantry Division, and the Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World WarII. I assure each of you that the memorial wreaths were laid with pride and a deep feeling of gratitude for those who gave their lives in defense of our Nation and to preserve the freedom that we enjoy today. Memorial Day is a sacred day to all Veterans. We need not be reminded of the purpose of Memorial Day.

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There were very few American Veterans attending the ceremonies this year. The Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial is the final resting place for 7,862 U.S. Military personnel. Nearly 500 graves contain the



Clyde Easter after presenting 3d Infantry Division floral arrangement at National Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy. Photo courtesy of Clyde Easter.

remains of unknowns. The names of more than 3,000 service personnel missing in action or buried at sea are engraved on the walls of the chapel. The cemetery is located in the area of the US Third Infantry Division’s northern advance during the Italian campaign. After WWII the Sicily-Rome cemetery became permanent. The Memorial was completed in 1956.

We each know that freedom is never free, but is always purchased at great cost.

May we each remember the cost of freedom and that Memorial day symbol-

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Jerry Cunningham,
President
Society of the 3rd Inf.Div.

Once again, our Marne Division is leading the way. President of the United States, George W. Bush and Secretary of Defense, Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, chose Fort Stewart, Georgia and Hunter Army Airfield, Home of the Third Infantry Division

(Mechanized) to be their first visit of a Military Installation and local Community. February 12, 2001, Fort Stewart Georgia was a reality of their visit. For me, it was a moment of pride, to have served three different tours as a Dogface Soldier, and a great Honor to receive a personal invitation to attend the ceremony and represent the Society of the Third Infantry Division. How enchanted I was to shake President Bush's hand and be seated in the VIP section of the viewing stand to witness a great performance lead by Major General Walter L. Sharp and his Troops. "Wow! What a show." The Third Infantry Division has a rich history of hosting Presidents of the United States. General Sharp. Sir, you and your Troops did an excellent job in hosting President Bush and his delegations. "ROCK OF THE MARNE"

The Society Membership dues campaign is well under way. I am sending an urgent appeal to all delinquent dues members. The Society cannot afford to lose you, because each one of you is so special to this great Society of ours. Please take the time and send in your dues and help to keep the Marne Spirit Alive. Thank you very much.

It is so impressive to read about it in the "News from the Outposts" section in the *Watch*. So many Outposts, Separate Regiments, and Associations are carrying on the "Marne Spirit," conducting Social functions and Outpost meetings through the year and still support and attend the Society National Annual reunion. What a great bunch! "Two Thumbs-Up" To all. That section is very interesting to read. I

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wish it were possible for me and my wife to visit each event. Since we cant, I ask every Outpost to send in their activity report to the editor, so we can, at least read about the wonderful things in your outpost area.

A reminder: May 30, 2001, at 12:05 PM. Outpost 7, the Washington, DC area is scheduled for the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony At Arlington National Cemetery. Please make plans on attending the ceremony. Outpost seven members are doing a superb job in honoring our dead. They need your support to sustain this great honor.

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Warning: The 2001 Raffles Tickets are about ready to be mailed and you should be receiving them soon. Please rush the stubs back with a check or money, so your winning ticket will be on the top. The proceeds from the raffle tickets help to keep the membership cost down to a minimum, and support your society and outpost.

To our comrades and families on the sick list. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Moreover, we hope for a speedy recovery. God Bless you all.

Please, let us not forget our troops in Bosnia- Herzegovina.

"ROCK OF THE MARNE"

Jerry Cunningham

The 703d in Savannah



Over 20 Echo Company, 703d Main Support Battalion, 3d ID soldiers enjoyed the city of Savannah's cultural and historical sites on January 9, 2001. The Road Dawgs of Echo Company toured the Ralph Mark Gilber Civil Rights Museum and then the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in order to learn about the many sacrifices and service provided to America.

Douglas A. LeVien, CPT



Jim Drury

Thoughts from (one) tired old? Man. As I attend the Memorial Day Services in my city in May, I will be thinking of fallen comrades, in War and in Peace. I will remember the question I asked myself for years after the Korean War ended. Why was my life spared while others perished? I will ask God if he will

give me the strength to, today, do something to help others and continue to help while I still can. There are so many opportunities awaiting us to discover and act upon, I will pray that I not miss one.

This is the least I can do to honor those who are no longer with us.

Nominations for Annual Awards

The Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the Annual Awards Program. The Awards Program recognizes and honors those members of The Society of the Third Infantry Division, who have contributed their labor and creativity to the furtherance of the Society's objectives. Nominations will be accepted until June 30, 2000.

The awards will be presented at the Annual National Reunion in Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday September 15th 2001 during the banquet.

In submitting your nominee please provide detailed information about his or her achievements toward the betterment of the Society, the Outpost, their community or for the benefit of all veterans. Precise information about your nominee's qualifications for an award will assist the Awards Committee in selecting those most worthy to receive an award based upon the Society By-laws and the estab-

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lished protocol. Only nominees who meet qualifications established under the By-laws and awards protocol will be considered for an award.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

- ◆ Audie Murphy Achievement Award.
- ◆ Society Service Award
- ◆ Associate Service Award

Other awards and certificates may be presented as directed by the President.

Please send all nominations to:

James F. Jarboe
Awards Chairman
903 Crestfield Drive
Duarte, CA 91010-2131

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izes a time Americans take a clear look at both our past and our future. One day each year when we acknowledge the debt we owe to those who because they so cherished peace, chose to live as warriors. We know that sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance.

Today I say to our departed comrades, those who died in the defense of our Country, "The freedom for which you sacrificed your lives still shines brightly on our Nations flag, and you will continue to be honored and remembered by your Country.

You will always have a special place

in the hearts and minds of each of us who struggled alongside you in the fields of battle. We shall treasure your memory forever."

I am looking forward to a return trip to Italy this year.

May God richly bless each of you.

Clyde E. Easter
299 Panorama Drive
Fancy Gap, VA 24328

Editor's note: Although the above is an account of Clyde's last year visit, it is timely as we approach Memorial Day Services this Year, 2001.

Call for Nominations

Last Call For Nominations 2001 This is your last call for all nominations for the following offices, your National President, your National Secretary/ Treasurer, the three Regional Vice presidents and the two regional Executive Committeeman from each region.

All letters of nomination are required to have a letter of acceptance from your nominee. There are no exceptions. All letters of nomination and letters of acceptance are due in to the Nominating Committee with a postmark **no later than April 23, 2001.** (This is in accordance with the Society By-Laws Section V1 6.4.a) All letters of nomination and letters of acceptance with a postmark after April 23,2001 will not be accepted by the Nomination Committee.

I will accept any nominations and letters of acceptance by email with the same rules according to our Constitution.

You can email me at:
Maybob56@aol.com.

Mail all nominations and letters of acceptance to:

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Four the past four years SGT Osborn has been one of the Top soldiers and Non Commissioned Officers in the Division Support Command. Under his leadership and mentorship his warehouse has established and then maintained the best performance standards in the 3rd Infantry Division. SGT Osborn is a resident of Moss-Point, Mississippi and graduated from Live Oak Academy in 1983.

He is the proud son of Wayne and Lanell Osborn of Orange Grove, Mississippi.

Douglas A. LeVien
CPT, OD
Commanding
(912)767-1781

Continued progress in Multinational Division (North)

by Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp
Commander, Multinational Division (North)



Hello again from Multinational Division (North), Bosnia-Herzegovina! The Marne Division continues to proudly conduct our mission of providing a safe and secure environment for the people of

Bosnia-Herzegovina. We are committed to our duties and are proud to share with you some of the key events of this past month as our soldiers, in partnership with joint and coalition forces, provide this needed service to the Balkans. As with my subsequent articles, I am happy to report that our soldiers continue the proud tradition of service to their country and the mission in the Balkans.

Since I wrote to you in February 2001 our soldiers have participated in numerous missions to assist in the development of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Marne peacekeepers have conducted over 4,800 mounted patrols in and around local towns; flew over 180 air reconnaissance and lift missions; conducted over 60 Armed Forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina weapons storage site inspections; conducted over 150 direct-support level ground maintenance work orders; and completed over 1,000 aviation maintenance work orders; cared for 350 soldier's injuries and ailments. We also have continued our coordination with the international community to assure their work is conducted in a peaceful environment. These many missions were only accomplished through the tireless duty-ethic of the Marne soldier.

As with prior years, the ongoing Operation Harvest program to rid Bosnia-Herzegovina of illegal weapons and ordnance continues to make great strides. From January 1, 2001 to the present, Operation Harvest yielded over 73 direct fire weapons, over 578 hand and rifle grenades, 66 pounds of explosives, which was turned in for disposal. Although the Armed Forces' of Bosnia-Herzegovina Operation Harvest efforts continue, there remains much work to be done to make this country a safer place in which to live.

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We also continue to hone our individual and collective military skills through conducting great training while deployed. Soldiers from Task Force 1st Battalion, 64th Armor conducted a ground maneuver live fire exercise. This milestone-training event trained M1A1 and M2A2 crews on gunnery tactics, techniques and procedures. Their live fire skills were put to the test on the highly challenging Glamoc range complex which is situated southwest of the Multinational Division (North) area of operations. Many hours of planning went into preparing for the event, and I am happy to report that the training was some of the best I have ever seen. Again the Marne soldier bested the challenges presented with superlative results.

Also, soldiers from our 10th Engineer Battalion participated in sling-load training to emplace a remotely piloted mine clearing device known as a "mini-flail." This device is used to evacuate people from suspected minefield. The "miniflail" creates a 4-foot wide mine-cleared path providing a mine-cleared lane through which a soldier can be safely extracted. This device is sling-loaded to a utility helicopter to quicken response and movement times.

We also ensured the protection of our force by conducting periodic force protection exercises on our base camps. Eagle Base's mayoral battalion, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, conducted a force protection exercise to rehearse the many tasks required to ensure the security of the base camp and the protection of its residents. Soldiers acting as demonstrators tested the resolve of base camp security forces and challenged the command and control capabilities of the base defense operations cell. Our medical evacuation and treatment facilities were also exercised responding to notional medical emergencies in and around the base camp. It was a highly successful exercise demonstrating our commitment of maintaining the highest levels of force protection readiness.

Marne soldiers also participated in some great recreational activities celebrating some seasonal and special events. Artilleryman from around Multinational Division (North) took part in the annual celebration honoring artilleryman past, present and future. The evening consisted of a punch bowl ceremony, speeches from senior artillery leaders from Fort Stewart and a banquet concluding this special event for the "Red Legs" of Task Force Eagle.

On Super Bowl Sunday, members from Eagle Base were treated to many fun-filled activities to share in the excitement of the day. We were also visited by former players from the Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers. Soldiers participated in football trivia contests to test their knowledge of the game and many enjoyed showing their athleticism during the football toss and tire drill. A great time was had by all!

We also continue to be honored with visits from many high-ranking officials from an assortment of international, federal, state and local organizations. Since the last time I wrote to you, we have had the following VIPs visit our soldiers: U.S. Representative Ike Skelton, Ranking Democrat, House Armed Services Committee; General Carlton W. Fulford, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, European Command; General Richard B. Myers, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Marshal Igor Dmitrivich, Minister of Defense, Russian Federation. Their recognition of the hard work that the Marne soldiers accomplish, to sustain a lasting peace in the Balkans, is always appreciated.

I would like to close this article with a hardy welcome to the Stabilization Force 9 personnel who assumed their duties in the Balkans during the last week in March 2001. We welcome soldiers from the 48th Infantry Brigade from the Georgia National Guard as well as active component units from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. We truly are one Army who rely

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News From The Outposts

2 Sol Lehmann

Miami, FL

The next reunion of OP#2 will be at the Holiday Inn-Tampa, in Tampa, FL on April 22, 23 & 24,2001. There are all kinds of activities in the Tampa area, including Busch Gardens, University Mall (the largest mall in Tampa area), Adventure Island & many, many more attractions. All 3rd Infantry Division veterans are welcome to come & enjoy sunny Florida. Anyone interested can contact me at my email address or by phone at 1-941-466-1214 or ajimmjtiezzi@aol.com

*Rock of the Marne
Jim Tiezzi, President*

15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

Out Post 15 has been working on the 82nd Third Division Reunion for the last three years. We are certain it will be a good one. I have had a lot of help from the Embassy Suites (north) in the planning of the programs.

Be sure to bring your swimsuits as the Hotel has a pool that is only four feet deep. (You won't drown). We will have free transportation to the malls and to down town Phoenix. We have a deal with Suncity Express for transportation from the airport and return when you are ready to leave. Please send your Registration form in as early as you can. We will see you in September.

*Carl R. Duncan
Secretary Treasurer OP # 15
Western Region Vice President*

22 Albert Miceli

Southern California

Another eventful outpost meeting was held on February 24, 2001 in San Diego.

Members and guests arrived at the home of Art and Evelyn Weldon for an afternoon of camaraderie, outstanding gourmet food and lots of recollections. French Author, Educator and WWII Historian, Lise Pommis visiting from France was a guest of the Weldons.

Jim Jarboe brought a video of President Bush's visit to the 3rd Division at Ft. Stewart. Warren Booth brought an extremely interesting videotape, which was a copy of a Signal Corps movie taken in March 1945 of the Third Infantry Division walking through Zweibrucken. The 30th Infantry Regiment was featured on the tape.

Outpost members who were with the 30th at that time

recalled that they were in that area only a short time, searching prisoners etc. They then moved out through the town, up a long hill (about 2 miles) to the same area where a Sgt. from Co D and another Sgt. received the DSC. There were still several 88s active and they knocked out 2 or 3 tanks of the 6th Armored Div. The 30th set up in blocking positions until the 6th charged over the crest of the hill. It was awesome to see a whole Armored Div. move en masse. A scene they will never forget.

The group adjourned to a local restaurant for a meeting and dinner. Following the dinner, President Scullion presented certificates from Outpost 54 to Outpost 22 members who helped with the National reunion. Those recognized were Rachel Hoff, Carmine Marinelli, Martin Markley, Helen Miceli and James Threadgill.

President Scullion presented a plaque to Helen Miceli in recognition of not only here service as newsletter editor, but also for her years of contributions and support to the outpost.

Door prizes donated by Jim Jarboe, Helen Miceli and Bruce Monkman provided for an enjoyable raffle.

The next event for the outpost will be the annual picnic on Sunday, May 20 at the Yorba Regional Park. All Society members and friends are welcome.

*Rock of the Marne.
Martin Markley*



Op 22 President Andy Scullion presented a special plaque to Helen Miceli, our retiring Newsletter Editor, at the OP 22 meeting February 24th in San Diego.

The inscription reads: "Helen Miceli, Mrs. 3rd Division. For Loyalty, Friendship, Dedication and Decades of Devoted Service to OP 22." Photo Courtesy of Jim Jarboe.

Attention Outposts

We need to hear from you. Send information and photos of your recent and planned activities so that we can share them with the membership—Editor

54 Golden Gate

San Francisco, CA

On Saturday, March 17, 39 members and guests were in attendance at Outpost 54's Spring meeting. A very special program was presented by five Marne Ladies. Evelyn Chaney, Marie Saunders, Mary Sapiro, Nellie LoGiudice, and Vera Lewis gave accounts on how life was for them and what they were doing while their husbands were fighting with the 3d Inf. Div. in WW II. Our raffle netted \$160.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23 at Camp Parks, the Army's Reserve Training Center in Dublin, CA. We will present the top cadets from the San Francisco and Oakland Jr. ROTC programs with plaque and scholarship checks. The Oakland Jr. ROTC brigade will provide the Color Guard. The program will consist of a presentation about the mission of Camp Parks and LTC (Ret.) Vernon Clark will give us a talk on the direct programs locally and throughout the nation. Certificates of appreciation's will be presented to members of the San Francisco Jr. ROTC department heads for their cooperation in supporting our commemoration event at the San Francisco City Hall during the 81st Annual Reunion.

John Shirley

57 Western Reserve

Ohio

The October 17, 2000 meeting was a great success. We believe the Der Dutchman is the best location for our meetings. The next OP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2001 at the same location, Der Dutchman, Belleville, OH. A request is made of any OP 57 members to send any information of interest, news articles, publications etc. Richard Martinet reports receiving his Korean War Service Medal in January of 2001. He had made the request in August. Richard hopes someone will step forward to be Secretary of OP 57.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lois Wingerberg for Dick Martinet*

77 Biff Williams

Las Vegas, NV

No OP 77 members were reported at the San Francisco Reunion, when actually we had two present, Robert Miller and Maurice Wilson. Wilson even had to contact John Shirley, asking about the Video tape of the Reunion he had purchased.

For the information of all: OP77 was chartered in 1990 with 18 members. In 1994 our numbers had increased to 24 members. That year we purchased and placed in the Veterans cemetery in Boulder City Nevada a Monument to the 3d Infantry Division and its members living, dead, past and present. Not Nevada Veterans only, of the 3RD Division but all members where ever. The idea seems to catch on cause since 1994 some half dozen Outposts have placed Monuments and plaques in Cemeteries across the country.

Last week Dave Mofchum OP77 president and myself toured the Veterans cemetery. Where ours was the 3rd to be replaced after Pearl Harbor Survivors, and a Submarine model, there are some 20/25 monuments placed in what they call "Memory Garden". Some are much more elaborate than ours, but the Organization sponsors had much larger memberships than OP77. The purpose of Dave Mofchum and my visit to the cemetery was to arrange the purchase and placement of 2 benches for our Monument site. The bench design has been changed and the new polished granite benches cost \$550.00 each. Net result; we paid for one for immediate emplacement. I told the Cemetery Superintendent we would order the second bench and have it by Memorial Day. The first bench will be in place next week. Eventually we will have 3 benches total. As of today's date I have received a total of \$171.00 in donations and we don't have an OP News Letter out yet. The \$171.00 represents voice notice and requests only.

One little bit of information. Since 1998, OP77 has bought and paid for two (2) sets of Society colors one for OF use and one set for display in the Cemetery chapel and to decorate the Monument when the Cemetery is dressed for Memorial and Veterans Day.

Yes OP77 is small and we are scattered across the country but we feel any Monument to the Veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division, no matter where it's located, is worth supporting.

As we get older and you want an uplift; the day before Memorial Day or Veterans' day, go out to a Veterans Cemetery and help decorate the graves of deceased Veterans. It's when you come across one with a date corresponding with "YOUR WAR" that you think, "But for luck that could be ME", an experience you will not soon forget.

*Rock of the Marne
Lew Conant Secretary/Treasurer*

Special Notice to all Outpost Presidents, Secretary/Treasurers, and Members

By the time you receive this issue of the "Watch" your Outpost dues collections should be in full swing. We have one very serious problem that requires your attention.

We have a large number of members who are delinquent in paying their dues. This issue of the "Watch" has a **notice on the mailing label of each issue** that informs delinquent members that this will be their last and final copy. If their dues are not paid by end of May, they will be dropped from the membership roles. Once they have paid their current and past dues they will be eligible to be reinstated by the respective Outpost. The cost of maintaining these memberships without dues payment cannot continue nor can we afford the expense.

We will appreciate your help in getting this problem resolved. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Ray Anderson
National Secretary/Treasurer*

In the fall of 1945 I was part of the Army of Occupation in Kassel, Germany with the 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, Headquarters Company,

I had experienced the combat infantryman's dream. Transfer to rear echelon duty from a line company to Headquarters. From rifle scout to company clerk, from Private to Sergeant. My talents had been recognized a bit late. The War had been over since May, but this "dog face" had enough soldiering!

Still nursing some combat fatigue from six months War duty with the 100th Infantry Division the change was needed Rest and Recuperation for me. I was selected as part-time bartender at the Regimental NCO club. It was in the performance of this duty that I met and befriended an already famous 3rd Division legend who was destined to become a National hero. This is that story:

Early one evening while on duty, two nondescript soldiers entered the bar and asked for a beer. Apparently together, they weren't a matched pair. The youthful appearance of the short soldier led me to believe he was a recent recruit fresh from the states. His face didn't reveal past combat stress. Mild mannered, he was of slight of build and spoke quietly. His associate was the opposite. Tall, rawboned, rugged, late thirties, the "John Wayne" type. Both wore, unkempt Khaki without jackets or ties, were unshaven, caps askew, and had no visual signs of rank or outfit. One thing was for sure. They had been drinking! After a quick analysis of the visual data I informed them that they were in an NCO club and that we did not serve enlisted men. (I had just recently sewed on my Sergeant stripes after over two years as Private and had become a bit prejudice about rank, especially Privates attempting to crash an NCO club!)

This was apparent in my voice as I now informed them, using my best command tone, to *leave*. This edict caused an unusual silence at the bar. The "old" 3rd Div. NCO club patrons were perhaps expecting a reaction from the two "misfits" the brash new bartender, pulling his recently gained rank, had banished. They left quietly. M/Sgt Huntley, president of the Club Board who had been sipping a beer at the end of the bar asked, "You know who you just threw out

The MISSING ANGEL of a LEGENDARY SOLDIER

Harry B. Steingrubey

Steingrubey?" Before I could answer he continued "They were the two highest decorated soldiers in the 3rd Div. They'll be back, you'll find out!"

My wait wasn't long. In about two hours they returned. These were not the same two I had ordered out, they were now clean-shaven and in full regulation dress uniform. The smaller of the two had a chest full of ribbons; four above the Purple Heart with a French and Belgian Croix De Guerre below. He didn't bother to add the Good Conduct or Campaign awards. The two ribbons above the Bronze and Silver Stars were not familiar but their placement in the group identified them as the Distinguished Service Cross and the Medal of Honor! He wore 1st Lieutenant bars. His rugged companion's entire left sleeve was full of stripes and bars. Master Sergeant followed by seven Overseas Bars and six Hash Marks. His decorations were the same as the Lieutenant's, except the Congressional Medal, but his Purple Heart had a silver star on it designating five awards. The Lieutenant immediately introduced himself as Audie Murphy and his friend as Sergeant, "Hoppi" Roberts. Somewhat intimidated by the two "Heroes" I informed the Lieutenant that, his friend could stay but as an Officer he could still not be served! I hadn't heard of either one of them.

The other patrons of the Club had been waiting for this return engagement and were aghast at my retort to their Icon, Audie Murphy, especially M/Sgt Huntley, who

had allowed the "out-of-uniformed" Lieutenant to drink in the Club. (I later learned Murphy had been a Sergeant most of his Army career, earned a battlefield Commission late in the War, but preferred the camaraderie of his old peers.) Audie asked me to step outside with him.

Expecting the worst, I took my apron off and preceded him out the door. I felt I could probably handle this little Irishman if the big Sergeant didn't follow; perhaps! Outside, seeing me preparing to defend myself, Audie quickly informed me. "No Sergeant, I didn't ask you out here to fight. I wanted to commend you on your actions. You were correct both times. First when I appeared to be an enlisted man and now showing off my rank and decorations. I'm glad you didn't know me. Your adherence to military regulations should be rewarded. I'm asking you to be my guest at the Officers' Club. They'll overlook their restrictions for me."

That evening was not the last spent with Audie, swapping war stories and toasting the heroes of the War, in Audie's words, "The dead." When asked, he attributed his many decorations to longevity, stating that in addition to laudable qualities of courage, initiative and aggressiveness, one had to stay alive! He constantly credited the "Angel on my shoulder" for bringing him through the War. As fate would have it, years later in 1968, a working associate of mine in Atlanta, Georgia, who I had related this story to was from Ft. Worth, Texas and on occasion attended an annual social gathering at a millionaires ranch in Texas where Hollywood celebrities, especially John Wayne and Audie Murphy were usually in attendance. Ironically he was returning to attend the "Big bash" that year and told me if Audie were there he would relate my story (which I doubted he believed) to Audie and tell him where I could be reached.

Several weeks later at the office answering a call in my usual manner "Steingrubey" their was a long silence followed by; "Formerly Sgt. Steingrubey of the 3rd Division?" (It was obvious the party on the line had been drinking. I wondered who from my Army past had caught up with me now. I was from St. Louis, Mo. Few other than my family knew I was in Atlanta, my third company transfer point in five years.) As I. wondered, I replied "The

same.” Another pause, the party continued “Sergeant, I’m out-of-uniform, have no rank showing and have been drinking for two days, can I get a damn drink at your NCO Club?” then laughed and continued- “I can’t? Military regulations? Let’s you and I go outside.” Pause “This is Audie, how the hell are you Steingrubey?” After gaining my composure we relived our “after-the-War” experiences in Kassel, Germany. It was obvious he was depressed as he related that things hadn’t gone well for him in recent years; a failed marriage, a career that soured in Hollywood after his movie “To Hell and Back” and his greatest concern, the “Angel on his shoulder” was gone. He was trying to get right with God again, was planning a cross-country tour of appearances for charitable purposes.

That was his last battle. Within months after our phone conversation, Audie Murphy, most decorated soldier of WWII was dead, a plane crash on tour. The soldier I had refused to serve in an NCO Club not once but twice many years ago was now, in his own words, a true hero.

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OP 60 Needs Help

HELPPPP!! I am trying to locate 25 - 30 Korean era helmet liners. I also want to try and get (3) old M-1 rifles that are not working. The helmets I need for our special day on Washington’s Birthday while we are watching a live fire exercise in the fields at Ft. Benning, GA.

The old M-1s are needed for our special services on Memorial Day, Veterans’ Day and for the Memorial services at the funeral home when one of our members passes away. We can stack the (3) rifles in a tri-pod position and place the members Society cap or the helmet liner with the 3rd ID patch on its sides over the barrels. This is just another idea we have that we want to do for our members when they pass.

Any help in locating these items *free*, I would sure appreciate it very much. I will pay the postage if necessary.

Thanks,

Bob Bailey, OP 60
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History of the 64th Tank Bn.

The 64th Armor Regiment is descended from the 78th Tank Battalion, which was activated on January 13, 1941. The unit was redesignated the 758th Tank Battalion (Light) on May 8, 1941, and served with the 92nd Infantry in World War II. After the war, the Battalion was inactivated on September 22, 1945, at Viareggio, Italy. The 758th was the first Tank Battalion in history to be organized with black soldiers. A 758th soldier designed the regiment’s crest - a rampart head of a Black African Elephant symbolizing the soldiers’ pride in their heritage and their unit’s mission of mobile armored warfare. Today, every 64th Armor soldier wears the same crest that is prominently displayed on the unit colors along with the motto “We Pierce.”

In 1949, the 758th Tank Battalion (Light) was redesignated the 64th Heavy Tank Battalion and was assigned to the 2nd Armor Division. The 64th deployed overseas for combat operations during the Korean War and fought several campaigns during the conflict.

Following yet another inactivation in 1957, the Battalion was once again activated in 1963 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

In 1966, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment was formally desig-

nated as part of the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. The Battalion repositioned from Germany to replace the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor at Fort Stewart, Georgia in 1984. In August 1990, the Battalion deployed to defend the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, attacking into Iraq six months later to destroy elements of the 26th Commando Brigade and the Hammurabi Division of the Republican Guard Forces Command.

The unit returned to Fort Stewart in March 1991. Most recently, Task Force 4-64 Armor, already deployed in theater, was prepared to defend the Kingdom of Kuwait in support of Operation DESERT FOX in December 1998.

The 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment and the 64th Armor Regiment have served with distinction in World War II, Korea, Germany, the United States, and Southwest Asia. Each day, the soldiers and equipment of the Battalion remain ready to carry on their rich heritage. As a key unit in the United State’s Rapid Deployment Force, the “Tuskers” remain ready to deploy and win our Nation’s future battles.

The 4th Battalion, 64th Armor is commanded by LTC Thomas G. Pope

Rock of the Marne!

Scott Lopez, Maj.

Editor’s note: The above was mailed to Martin Markley earlier.

Reunions past...



The Society of the Third Infantry Division held their first post war reunion, at The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. Frank Pistone, near side in light suit, enjoyed the banquet on July 13, 1946. Were any other of our Society Members there, and/or can you identify yourself in the photograph?

Photo courtesy of Frank Pistone, 16113 East 29th Street Apt. 3602, Independence, Missouri 64055-7530. 816.373.4039



Letters to the Editor

Regarding Combat Photo on page 25, February, "The Watch on the Rhine," I have a friend who is a Marine survivor of the Chosin Reservoir, whom I showed the photo taken by David Douglas Duncan. My friend has a copy of a book by Duncan about the Chosin evacuation. My friend's picture also is in Duncan's book leading a squad from a tank to make contact with observed enemy.

He states that the photo is definitely not of Marines; he showed me photos of Marines and none were carrying a pack. The soldiers in the picture are heavily loaded. He also pointed out a photo that Duncan had taken of the group from the rear showing the heavy equipment. Al Schudel, my friend believes that they were not infantrymen (and I agree) as front line combat troops did not carry a full field pack, As he said, they only carried a sleeping bag plus their weapons. That is my experience as an infantryman in two wars.

It would appear that the group is either a medical group or an element of the 65th on its way north to act as Duncan had stated. That would explain the full field equipment. I thought that these comments would be of interest.

R. C. "Pat" O'Connor
G Co. 15th Inf.

Mr. Drury;

Regarding Combat Photo on page 25, February, "The Watch on the Rhine".I just finished reading the *Watch* and the picture on page 25 is Heavy Weapons Co "M" 3d Bat, 7inf. we are coming south from the reservoir. One of the Companies ran a road block hence the photo. This can be verified by contacting Ben Bastian at 1260 No. Randall road, Aurora, IL 60506. Phone 630-907-1257

Take care,

Ernest D Bradley
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Dear Mr. Drury,

My brother, Frank, and I are associate members of the Society of the Third Infantry Division. In 1997 we visited the French village of Quenoche, where our father, Frank Taverni, 15th Regiment, Company B, was killed in action on September 10, 1944. Prior to the trip I spoke to Mr. Albert Pyle who gave us the name of a person in the village who he had met on a trip he had made to France.

Since my trip I have been in touch with some people I had met in Quenoche. I recently received two newspaper clippings, and some photographs, from one them, Mr. Paul Longet. One article describes the situation in Quenoche, as the town was liberated by the Third Division. The other article describes the commemoration that was held in Quenoche on September 10th

of this year honoring the Third Infantry Division. In addition to a parade, there was also an unveiling of a plaque and sculpture dedicated to the American Forces.

If you would be interested in receiving copies of the newspaper articles, I would be glad to forward them to you, by mail or fax. I would also send the pictures of the ceremony to you. The articles are in French, of course, so it was with some difficulty (and a French/English dictionary) that I was able to read them. I think it is very touching that after so many years the people of Quenoche still remember the day that the Third Infantry Division fought to liberate their village. They, evidently went to a great deal of effort to make this a fitting commemoration.

Sincerely,
Robert Taverni

This is a note to let you know that 1st Lt. Francis Nester, a member of the O. P. Harry survivors group died 8 Feb. 2001. Cause of death was complications brought about by Parkinson's Disease. His wife Joan called me with the news. She also told me that he had been awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart, both medals earned within the O. P. Harry-battles time frame.

He was buried with full military honors in New York. On a personal note, Lt. Nester was my platoon leader in Korea and was highly respected by those he commanded. He was a fine officer, a real leader and always acted in ways that inspired confidence among the troops. Low key, but in command. I was severely wounded the day before the war ended and Lt. Nester was one of the men who carried me down the hillside to a medical jeep.

I have never forgotten that. We have stayed in touch over the years and got together for a couple of mini reunions, arranged by his daughter. Whenever I hear the expression, "an officer and a gentleman", Lt. Nester is the one who comes to mind.

Don Chase

James E. Drury, Editor

Joined the 3rd Div Society belatedly last year. Served as Co. Clerk with 30INF/HQ from September 1945 through April 1946 in the Army of Occupation. My previous service was with C/399 INF 100th DIV which included combat experience from November 1944 till Wars end as Rifle Scout for CO.

It was while serving as relief bartender at 30th Regt. NCO Club that I had the memorable experience of meeting: not just one legendary hero of the 3rd DIV, Lt Audie Murphy, but his drinking partner of the day I write about; Sergeant "Hoppi" Roberts who at the time was also with 30INF/HQ Co. My story of this incident is enclosed.

Audie Murphy's exploits are history but if there is not a story on Sgt. Roberts there should have been if the events related to

me years ago were true. He was a member of 30INF/HQ when I was transferred in but it was my understanding he had spent the War in a line outfit. He was a legend when I met him. Regular Army, Cherokee Indian from the N. Carolina reservation, champion "Chug-a-luger" of beer, which he preferred to drink with enlisted men and wore a pearl handled pistol strapped to his side Patton style. He was no one to trifle with especially if he had been drinking and was brandishing that pistol.

One story I shall relate is that after he had been seriously wounded (one of his numerous Purple Hearts) and was not classified, RTU, he primitively printed on wide lined yellow paper a request to "Iron Mike" O'Daniel that he had joined the Army to fight and wanted to return to his outfit. His wish was granted! I understand Gen. O'Daniel had the note framed and hung at Headquarters.

In 1962 while living in Raleigh, NC. I met a person who had known of Roberts. He informed me that after his retirement he, Roberts returned to Cherokee, married a young Cherokee woman and met his demise in a street fight over her, pearl handled pistol ablazing!

Interested to know if there is anything in the 3rdDiv archives about Roberts or perhaps someone is still around who served in combat with him who can confirm his legendary status.

Regards,

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Dear friends,

All the best from Holland, hope you are all in good health. I would like to ask your help on the following matter. Last year I became a member of the Dutch Dakota Association here in Holland. Our Assn has two C-47s in flyable condition. One of the two planes once belonged to His Royal Highness, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. During World War Two this plane had the serial number 42-100971 on the tail and belonged to the 316th Troop Carrier Group.

I also became one of the editors of the magazine. I intend to write an article about the evacuation by the Troop Carriers of walking and litter patients and the Flight Nurses, who did a great job.

Now my question to you: I am looking for stories of the men

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2001 Reunion Sep. 13 – Sep. 17, 2001 Phoenix, AZ (See Reservations – this issue)	2003 Reunion St. Louis, MO Roger Lochmann OP 17 1616 Frederick Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 345 1067
2002 Reunion Niagra Falls, NY Joe Poggi OP 5 610 Poplar Road River Vale, NJ 07675 (201) 573 0515 j.poggi@worldnet.att.net	2004 Reunion Savannah, GA Marne Association

who were wounded during the war and who were evacuated by the C-47's, stories about the Flight Nurses who took care of the wounded and I am looking for pictures of the ambulances, wounded, the planes and the nurses. I am fully aware that as being a wounded you did not have a camera with you, you had other concerns, but maybe a picture was given to you in remembrance of the evacuation.

Hope you can help. For the editors of the newsletters, hopefully you can print this request in one of the coming newsletters.

Thanks

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Holland

Dear Jim:

In the Feb 2001 issue of the "Watch" on page 12 there appeared an article written by Harold Taylor entitled "Sharing Memories." I read with interest about Taylor sharing an experience about when the 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf Div., liberated the Town of Jonquieres, France on August 23, 1944. Thereafter because of a series on incidents, Taylor eventually met Lucian Brun, who was a resident of that town when it was liberated and at age 19 joined the 1st French Army.

The article indicated that Mr. Brun was now a US citizen and living in Ft. Myers, FL. As a resident of Ft. Myers and as President of OP#2, Florida, I checked the local phone book and found his address and phone number and gave him a call and talked to him at length about the 3rd Infantry Division. I sent him a copy of the article that was in the "Watch" along with Outpost #2's newsletter and an application to become an Associate Member of the Society and OP#2. He returned the application along with a check for \$10 which has been forwarded to the Sec/Treas. of OP#2 for processing and which should hit the next issue of the "Watch."

I made a phone call to Harold Taylor in Indiana and relayed to him the entire incident and he was pleased about the whole



Presentation of 3rd Inf. Div. "Memory Pin" to Lucien Brun, (center) veteran of 1st French Army in WWII by Jim Tiezzi (right) President OP # 2, Florida and Ed Hamel (left) OP # 12, Minneapolis, MN who was visiting Florida. Photo courtesy of Jim Tiezo.

situation. Also, Mr. Brun had received a call from Ed Hamel, former President of OP#12 in Minneapolis, MN, who spends the winters in Florida, and subsequently met with Mr. Brun for a few hours. I have also met with Mr. Brun and talked to him at length about the 15th Inf. Regt and 3rd Inf. Div. and he is very upbeat about anything to do with the 3rd Inf. Div. He is a real fine gentleman and is thankful for the part that the 3rd played in the liberation of his hometown in France.

Once he starts to receive the "Watch", I'm sure he will show up at one of our National Reunions.

In going through some of my back issues of the "Watch", I found another article about Mr. Brun and Mr. Taylor entitled "Two Soldiers, two countries, 50 years" that was in the Feb 1999 issue on page 24.

So, Mr. Lucian Brun, we welcome you as an Associate Member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division and hope that at some future Outpost #2 and National Society reunions, you will meet more "Rock of the Marne" men that took part in the liberation of your home town in France.

Jim Tiezzi, President
Outpost #2, Florida

Sirs,

I allow to contact you because I just obtain your e-mail addresses.

My name is Frederic Castier, I am the (French) Project leader of an American Historical Project in France. Since two years I prepare with the French Authorities and various American Veterans' Associations and Foundations the opening for 2002 /2003 and in the French Ardennes of a museum meant to be an Historical Center and also now a Memorial Park (near the Center) where all the American Divisions engaged during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and also during WW2 will have one plot of land which will be reserved to them. Of course the 3rd Division will be represented.

The purpose of this Historical Center will be to:

- ◆ Tell the glorious history of the U.S.Divisions that used to be or are still part of the US Army (in the area during WW1 and WW2) and tell in general American History from the Independence to the present days.

- ◆ Tell the lasting and strong friendship that unites American and French people.

For more information, do not hesitate to see our website at: http://membres.tripod.fr/ASTozar_museum/

Unfortunately our website is not updated and does concern practically only the 1st Infantry Division because it is the village of Fleville which will welcome this Historical Center (Fleville was liberated in October 1918 by this Division) and also because the idea of departure came from the 16th Infantry Regiment Association. Since our project in advanced and now all the municipalities of Meuse-Argonne are concerned. It was so important for us that all the Divisions are represented.

At this subject, I was contacted by towns and villages of Meuse-Argonne which asked me to contact the Divisions which liberated them during WWI, contact do not exist for more

80 years. It is the purpose of our project of Historical Center: *Do not Forget the Sacrifice of These Soldiers.*

The first phase of our project will start in April by a meeting with the French authorities and a American representative of the U.S. Embassy to throw officially the project to find a planning department and an architect for the realization of the Center and the Park. What we wish at the level of your Association it is your opinion! For example, he would although be a person is appointed in your Association to follow our file and every time there will be a meeting in France we would send him a report. It is for it that we wish the collaboration of various Associations and Foundations. This museum and park is also yours! Our second purpose it's also to preserve the private monuments erected after the WWI and dedicated to the U.S. Divisions

Of course, we would be very happy to welcome in Argonne, a delegation of your Association or descendants of the "Marne" Division. It would be for us a great honor and a privilege to guide you on the battlefield.

I hope that this message should arrest all your attention and do not hesitate to contact me for any information,

I look forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Frederic Castier, Project Manager
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Society Contributes to WWII Memorial

By Clyde E.Easter

On November 10, 2000, John and Ann Boller, David Oglesby, my wife and I met with Senator Bob Dole in Washington, DC. We presented him a check for over \$8,000 in behalf of the Anzio Beachhead Veterans of WWII. This was to help on the construction of the WWII Memorial.

The 3rd Infantry Division had contributed over \$10,000 dollars to the construction of this Memorial.

On November 11, 2000, John Boller his wife Ann, my wife and I had the privilege of attending the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the World War II Memorial. It was a beautiful Ceremony. It was held outdoors on the National Mall in Washington, DC. It was well attended by many Veterans. There was a post-ceremony reception held near by.

We felt very proud that our Society of the 3rd Infantry Division had contributed over \$10,000 dollars to the construction of this Memorial.

I hope and pray that we will live to see this Memorial completed.

Clyde E.Easter
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Whose Field Desk or Foot Locker was it??

On September 23rd 1950, the 3rd Bn. of the 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division landed in Pusan, Korea. Walter Craig Davidson, 2nd Lt was assigned as an infantry unit commander to this 3rd Bn. He had been called to active duty, while serving as a military investigator, at Ft. Gulick, Panama Canal Zone, for immediate deployment to Korea. With the single exception of 2nd Lt. Charles H. Fleming, who was called to active duty at the same time and place, Lt. Davidson was not acquainted with any other person in the 65th Inf. Regiment, commanded by Col. Wm. W. Harris.

The 1st and 2nd Bns. of the 65th Inf. Regt. had reached Pusan, Korea three days earlier, on the 20th Sept 50, as they had traveled via ship separately from the 3rd Bn. and had left the Canal Zone earlier. The three Bns. bivouacked some 20 miles north of Pusan, just south of Taegu.

The next morning, on or about the 25th of September, Lt. Davidson was called to Hq. 65th Regt. and ordered to proceed to Seoul, Korea to retrieve a field desk or footlocker that had been left by some unit in the gymnasium of the University of Seoul. Lt Davidson-was given a roll of maps, the jeep and driver then waiting in front of the Hq. tent and told that the University buildings were on the east side of the city.

Lt. Davidson then proceeded to Seoul, some 200 miles away, via the road from Taegu to Taejon, across the Kum River then the Han River, thence into the southwest side of the city, after threading his way through several thousand refugees and a number of small fire-fights with North Korean units now cut off from the north by MacArthur's successful Inchon landing, on the coast some 25 miles west of Seoul.

Crossing Seoul from west to east, Lt. Davidson passed directly by the Capitol building, from which smoke was visible, and picked up from the street, several

pieces of granite which had "exploded" from the Capitol building due to the burning interior which heated the exterior walls. Lt Davidson continued on until he found the University campus, on which was an enormous building which could be entered by driving through a large double door in the side of the building.

In a few days, the "container" was delivered to the Hq. tent where they were told; "You will get a medal for this."

Upon entering this building with the jeep, a slow turn with the lights on, revealed an oversize footlocker or field desk against the wall, in a corner of the interior. Lt Davidson and his driver, without opening the container, loaded it in the back of the jeep and tied it down, as long since the top of the jeep had been shot away, in the firefights. Lt Davidson observed that the miracle was that the 'footlocker' was exactly where he had been told it would be.

It was now getting dark so Lt. Davidson started the return trip through Seoul by the same route through which he used to find the University campus. Up to this point, Lt Davidson had not encountered anyone, in the entire city of Seoul; no US military personnel, no Korean citizens; and no enemy personnel—the entire city seemed to be absolutely unoccupied, except for Lt. Davidson and his driver. However, upon approaching the Capitol building area of the city, a light was observed shining from a window that was located at sidewalk level. Silhouetted by the light was a figure of a water buffalo with a small Korean boy on his back, who in turn, had a basket strapped to his back. This was

too good to resist. And as Lt. Davidson was driving at this time, he turned the jeep around and parked in front of what appeared to be a stairwell leading down to the room where the water buffalo was located. Going down into that room, the Lt. found an elderly Korean who apparently had a small shop. Motioning toward the water buffalo, with a handful of Won, a trade was quickly made and Lt. Davidson and his driver continued out of the city.

At the Han River pontoon bridge by which they had crossed the river earlier, there was not anyone on the north end of the bridge; however, there was a platoon guarding the south end. The Lt did not stop but waved at the sentry at the very end of the bridge and continued on for some 5 miles where he and the driver slept in the jeep while surrounded by thousands of brass shell casings, piled up in a U shape at the edge of the road.

In a few days, the "container" was delivered to the Hq. tent where they were told; "You will get a medal for this." Of course, neither one ever heard anything more about the medal or the container, but did hear more from Hq. A day later, Davidson was called to Hdqrs and told to take the Jeep and driver then in front of the Hdqrs and proceed to Hyundai Depot in Pusan and bring up a munitions train. By this time the Bn. was N. of Taegu and very close to Taejon. Also by this time, Lt. Davidson had shipped the water buffalo and the granite rock from the Capitol, to his wife* in North Carolina. Today they are on his desk in LLano, Texas, his home state.

Who left the "container" in Seoul???

Lt. Davidson was medically evacuated in the middle of November, 1950, due to having been too close to an enemy mortar shell explosion. Thus, the dates above, while very close, may not be the exact dates on which the events actually happened. Any enlightenment by others who were there, will be appreciated.

**Doris Louise Buckner Davidson, married 1 March 1945, Amarillo, Texas*

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Looking for...

Please, any info on: **Sgt. George James Scott, #36002772, Co."C"** 30th Infantry, APO 3. WWII; May 21-31, 1944. Missing in action, no one in unit found, last letter dated 5/21/1944. Post marked: 5/27/1944. He knew he was going into a battle, because he said he can't live forever. Anzio. If you can help us on this, thank you.

Lloyd g. Voyles
Nephew to missing.
LLOYD118@YAHOO.COM



Hello Jim,

Thank you so much for kind replies. I will print off your email so my husband and boys can read it. My husband has always been a history buff. He also served in the Marines, as did his father. I will attempt to answer you as best I can. I have my father's discharge papers, but the old records are not always very clear, but will copy just as it appears. (**Dale Robert Munro**) service number was RA 7 032 824. On June 4, 1942 he transferred from "Btry "C" FA Bn A.P.O. #3 Fort Ord, CA to C.O. Hq. Co. 3rd. Inf. Div, per S.O. #114, Hq. 3rd Inf. Div."

From the Record of Appointment, he was T-5, (w/ indiscernible letter is next to it) on June 4, 1942. Authority: Hq. Co. 3rd Div, (there is something that looks like an "O" with a "#" and the number 18. From the Record of Appointment, he was T-4, (w/ indiscernible letter next to it) on Aug. 31, 1942. Authority: SO59 Hq. Co. 3rd Inf. Div

From the Record of Appointment, he was T-3 (no letter next to it) on Dec, 1, 1942. Authority: SO829 Hq. Co. 3rd Inf. Div. It appears he was reduced in rate. Knowing my father I cannot think he did anything wrong. I don't know why it appears this way. I should look up those old codes. After he re-enlisted in 1949, he retired in 1965 as a SFC. From June 4, 1942 thru May 1, 1945 he appears to have been with the 3rd Infantry. I cannot see a unit designation anywhere. From his paperwork from recommendation for advancement in 1962, he lists his Army service. 3rd Infantry duty is June 1942

thru Oct 1944, but he was a patient in the 105th Station Hospital and 45th General Hospital from Oct 1944 thru February 1945. (His duties with the 3rd Infantry are listed as Battery Clerk and Section Chief in Division AG)

From May 2, 1945 thru June 6, 1945 he was with either the 6999th or 6696th Escort Guard Company. I recalled him saying he once guarded German prisoners before being discharged. I have seen both 6999th and 6696th is his paperwork, one must be an error. His discharge papers list his organization as the 6999th Escort Guard Co., He was a TEC 3 and was officially discharged on Jul 15, 1945. His original handwritten service record says he was authorized 6 overseas Sv. Bars. His typewritten discharge papers note 5 overseas Sv. bars.

I hope I have not gotten too detailed. I don't know what is important or not and you may be more familiar with some of these things than me.

I sincerely thank you for all your help.

Pat Munro Fuller
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Hi Martin [Markley]

Its good to hear from you, thanks for your greeting card. I want to ask you some questions. Last week, I have met an old lady in Nancy (France) and during 1944, three GI's (MP) were in her house. She gave me the names but I cannot find their names in the book "History of the 3rd ID in WWII" of Taggart. No list of the MP platoon (3rd ID). Can you help me find these three MPs? – **Fraser, Georges; Dorwick, Stephen; and Tripp, Russel.** Can you give me the list of this platoon?

Thanks for your help.

Mitchy
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I am seeking information as to the location of the members of **Co. H, 15th Inf. 2nd Platoon**, 1st and 2nd squad of machine-guns section. We were together from Anzio to Rome, landing in Southern France up to Colmar Pocket (I left platoon

do to injuries, third time).
Platoon Leader- Lt. Roberts
Section Leader- Staff Sgt. Manuel Moreno
1st Sq. Leader- Sgt. Holt
No.1 (Gunner)- Dietrich
No.2 (Assist. Gunner)- Pampena
Ammo Bearer- Kardonen
Ammo Bearer- Zerrilli
Ammo Bearer- Choptun
Hospital- Scott
2nd Sq. Leader- Sgt. Farrelli
No.1 (Gunner)- *Parra
No.2 (Assist. Gunner)- Henson
Ammo Bearer- White
Ammo Bearer- Griffith
Ammo Bearer- Flowers
Ammo Bearer- Kennady
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*Note: I retired from the U.S. Army at Oakland Army Base on the 30th of May 1963 as M/Sgt, (E-8). I still have the original notebook where the names of my section including: shoe size, weapons, serial no. I also have a picture of *Justo C. Parra, P.O. Box 121, Thermal, Calif.*



Reference is made to request from **Henry Duerkes**, G Co. 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII, printed in our Feb. issue of "The Watch". His new address is Henry W. Duerkes 15 Sturdy Street, Brick, NJ (732) 836-9218. hduerkes@home.com Henry is looking for contact with anyone who served in his Company during WWII.



Bert Hands Is looking for information about his father, **Frank Hands** from New Madrid, MO. Frank retired in 1954 and was with I Co.15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. in WWII, Born in 1907. He served in Pusan, Korea 1948-50. Accomplished baseball player. (Catcher)

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(Frank Hands M/Sgt listed in 15th roster, WWII. (Jim)



If anyone knows the whereabouts of Henry Adams, a radio operator with the 10th FA in 1952 to 1953, Korea, I would appreciate their letting me know.

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HI! My name is Phillip Trevino and my father, **Isidro R. Trevino** ("Sid," "Chilo"), served in Korea. My dad never spoke of the war, so I am searching for any information, letters, photos etc. I wrote to the National Personnel Records Center and was told my father's records were burned in 1973. The only information given to me was a certified letter with his service id, rank, and dates served. I do know he was in the 3rd Infantry Division as a corporal, but that is all. My dad's service dates were May 26, 1948 to April 24, 1952.

He was stationed in Germany before going to Korea. He received the Bronze Star and an honorable discharge. If you or someone can help me, I would be eternally grateful. My father passed away in 1982 and with him, any detailed information. My father was from Beeville, Texas, hispanic, dark hair and eyes and about 5'8". Any response would be appreciated! God bless you!

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I am seeking information about or contact with **Danan H. Bonner**, who in October 1950 was: 1st Lt., 65th Inf. Asst. Adjutant to Colonel Harris, APO 468, San Francisco, California. Also, need information about or contact with the EM driver who went with me by jeep, from the Taegu area to the capitol, Seoul, Korea, to obtain a footlocker or field desk and return with it to 65th Regt HDQRS, which we did. (I was then a Lt. assigned as Liaison Officer to Hdqrs 65th Inf. Regt.)

Walter Craig Davidson
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My name is Roger Dotson. I am trying to locate any surviving members of the **15th Infantry Battle Patrol (3rd Division)**. My father, Howard Dotson, was a member of this unit at Anzio. He was wounded near Rome. He is now 80 and in failing health. He would like to know of any others who are still alive.



I understand "Watch on the Rhine" had an article on the 3rd Division's battle patrols in the December issue. Is there any way I can get a copy of this for

him? Here is the list of names I got from my father. He says he is not sure of some of the spellings. I was wrong about the Captain's name, as you can see. I had him and one of the enlisted men reversed.

Capt. (No first name) Pizelli (?)
Lt. (nfn) Dorsey (Darsey)(visited father in hospital in Naples)
Lt (nfn) Hendon
Lt. Thomas A. Larson (Larsen) (headed up my father's patrol group)

(nfn) Atkinson
(nfn) Bazerti (Bizerti)
Raymond Beck
(nfn) Carr
(nfn) Christianson (kia)
Granville Clark (kia)
(nfn) Coleman
(nfn) Dunning
(nfn) Gerber
(nfn) Gore (kia)
(nfn) Hammer
(nfn) Jones
(nfn) Kellum (kia)
(nfn) Mishook
(nfn) Myers
(nfn) Reed (kia)
(nfn) Rogers
(nfn) Showers (this is the man my father got the .38 pistol from)

Thanks for any help you can give me.

Rev. Roger E. Dotson
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Shortly after the German troops left in 1945, my hometown, Zweibruecken, was taken over by U.S. troops. The 7th Army, and within it the 45th and 3rd Infantry Divisions, punched their way through Zweibruecken around March 20, 1945. The 3rd Infantry

Division was supposed to have captured Zweibruecken. 4 U.S. soldiers were ordered to protect my father's factory. At this time we had a curfew and could leave our house only from noon to 1 p.m. We had nothing to eat anymore. Those 4 soldiers saw me many times looking out of the window, and after a few days, they called me over to the executive office of my father's company. They found out that my father and I had nothing to eat and they fed me day after day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They gave me cans of food to take home for my father

My question is: How can I now find out to which Unit those soldiers belonged? I'd like to say thank you to them even though it is very much later now. I still know the first name of each of the four soldiers: **Chris, Mike, Lawrence and Howard**. If we find the Unit in which they served we may be able to identify the four men. I would appreciate it very much if you could give me a lead and thank you again in advance.

Walter A. Beller
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Hq Co. 25th Bn. 10th Inf. Div. Looking for information on the unit stationed at **Bamberg, Germany** between 1955 - 1958.

Thanks for your help.

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Please transmit the information enclosed about 7th Reunion to all **Korean War Veterans** in your organization. We are attempting to locate everyone on active duty 1950-1953.

Since 1995 we have found over 10,328 veterans and have their addresses, phone numbers and the unit in which they served, on our database. Any veteran or family member looking for information about Korean War Veterans should contact us, and include information so we may attempt to locate the missing veteran.

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erans and family on a "need to know" basis.

The attempt to find our combat buddies requires assistance alerting everyone about the reunion's main goal; finding over 700,000 Korean War Veterans.

Please consider informing your organization and others about our lifetime labor, "finding our missing combat buddies".

Richard R. Gallmeyer
Founder-Chairman of the Board
Korean War Veterans Reunion, Inc.
800.523.4715
58th FA Bn. 3rd Inf. Div. Korea



I am a 53 years Frenchman who was born in the city of Orange in the South of France. I owe my liberty to the many young Americans who laid their lives unselfishly to liberate my country during World War II.

I have always been fascinated by the landing operation in Normandy (Operation Overlord) and the less known but as effective landing in the South of France (Operation Anvil).

My parents who lived through two World Wars always told me about these American soldiers who spent a few days at my parents house in the summer of 1944 (late summer?).

I lived in the USA for ten years mainly in Louisiana and California and bought a book "World War II Order of Battle" from Shelby L. Stanton and with the help of another one on Operation Anvil, I came to know that it was most probably a unit of the Third Infantry Division which stopped over.

My parents remember vividly that there were tanks. It was about the size of a

platoon. Going through the typical organization of the Third Division I found out that there were two Tank Battalions within the Third Division, namely the **756th Tank Battalion** and the **601st Tank Destroyer Battalion**.

I would therefore appreciate if you could let me know who to contact from the veterans of these two units to try to find out if any would have any recollection of such a stop. The soldiers stayed about 3 to 4 days.

My parents were running a Cafe named "Le Bon Coin" situated at the southern entry of the City of Orange on the national road 7. They told me that many photos were taken especially with my elder brother who was two at that time, however none were ever sent to them.

I am a legal US resident and my second son was born in New Orleans, while his older brother and sister live in Washington DC. I work for an American International Hotel Chain and will retire in the USA once I complete my tour of duty in Egypt. My father passed away ten years ago but my mother is still around at 92.

I would be forever thankful if you could help me with this search. I found your address through E-mail and was quite excited yesterday when I printed a photo showing a platoon of the 601st in Austria.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. I am sure you can imagine how keen I am to discover the faces of the heroes of my youth.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,
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(Underline the space between michel and tourniaire)



Dear Mr. Drury,

My name is Tracy Shilcutt, I am currently completing research on a dissertation on **World War II ETO combat medics**. I am in the Department of History as a graduate student at Texas Christian University but live in Abilene, Texas. I found your association/society website online and located your email address at that site.

I am examining the role of the combat medic as a component of the combat unit and hoped to locate veterans who might be willing to participate in a brief survey/questionnaire. I am interested in both the perspective of the former medic and of the former combat unit members.

I hope that you can help me contact members of the 3rd Infantry Division Society who might be willing to participate in this project. I believe that the medics' stories relate important experiences of the war, which have not as yet received adequate attention.

Thank you for your consideration.

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on all components to achieve one mission.

We also say a heartfelt goodbye to the soldiers of SFOR 8 who made this rotation a total success. We bid these professionals a fond farewell and wish them god-speed as they reunite with family and friends back at home.

We continue to invite you to learn more about our great mission here by visiting our website at <www.tfeagle.army.mil> We also hope to continue to hear from you in the forms of letters or emails. I will continue to keep you updated in future articles in the Watch on the Rhine.

Rock of the Marne!

Check your label

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