

French "Certificate of Appreciation"

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This article will cover a subject of exclusive interest to those World War II veterans who had service in France between the period of June 6, 1944 through May 8, 1945, and who participated in the liberation of France. If you fit that description, the French government wants to honor you with a certificate.

This certificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the American soldiers, and other allies, who participated in the Normandy landing and the liberation of France. Honorees will be those who served in French territory, including French territorial waters or air-

space in 1944-45. The certificate is being offered only to living veterans, and none will be issued posthumously.

On behalf of the French authorities, those who qualify will be receiving the certificate through the French Consuls located here in the United States. The applicant must provide proof of service in France between 6/6/44 and 5/8/45, such as a copy of a DD214 or Certificate of Service. Applications are also available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs [800-827-1000], from your state/county veterans service office or from the French Embassy's website at www.info-franceusa.org

How to get the Embassy of France's "Thank You America" Certificate

Please follow the instructions carefully and return this form to your Veterans Association or nearest Consulate General of France.

Instructions:

1. Please complete the form in block letters and print legibly.
2. Please attach any document showing proof of service in France between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945. The documents attesting your record of service will not be returned. Please send copies.
3. Please do not telephone. The review of applications may take several weeks. Veterans or their representatives will be contacted directly if necessary.
4. The decision to honor World War II combatants applies only to living veterans who served on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace in 1944 - 1945. The certificate will not be awarded posthumously.
5. Please send the application either to your veterans association if so requested or to the nearest Consulate General of France.

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Major Combat Unit (Army, Division, Navy ship, Coast Guard vessel, Numbered Air Force) _____

World War II Serial Number _____

Duration(s) of armed service on French territory, airspace or waters during World War II and dates (year, month and day; please attach copy of military records): _____

Dates of service: from _____ until _____

Where did you serve in France? _____

If this form is prepared by a third person, please indicate that person's name, address and phone number here: _____

To be completed by the veteran:

I, _____, the undersigned, declare on my honor that the information contained on this form and on the attached copies is exact.

Done at _____ on _____, 2000/2001.

Signature of the veteran _____

From our Historian, Ed Dojutrek

Christmas Dinner 1951

From one Regiment to Another

Shortly after giving the Belgian Bn. Commander permission to pass through O.P. Nori, I went with our Mess Sgt back to a designated point to pick up our Christmas Dinner, about four miles behind our lines. On the return trip we came across an overturned 2 1/2 ton truck that had slipped in the mud.

The Mess Sgt from a company of the 65th Inf. started crying and said thank you and may God Bless you and your company and I wish you a very merry Christmas.

A hasty check revealed that no one was injured, but all were hurt and one of them, a Mess Sgt, was crying. Christmas dinner for his company was scattered in a wet rice paddy and was covered with grime. The

Able Company Mess Sgt looked at me and said he had planned on each platoon being able to take food back to their respective warm up bunkers for the evening meal as they came from guard duty to warm up. He wanted to know if I would give him permission to share our dinner with the company that had just lost theirs.

We loaded up the personnel from the other company while the two Mess Sgts divided up the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, nuts, candy and bread. We made the necessary short detour to their company and the two Mess Sgts shook hands. The Mess Sgt from a company of the 65th Inf. started crying and said thank you and may God Bless you and your company and I wish you a very merry Christmas.

Side Note: Able Co 1/15th always had food in their warmup bunkers for snacks.

The platoon Leaders and I sent the XO to a hospital in the rear to trade for canned food ie, Cheese, Bacon, cooked Beef Burgers, etc. Soldiers families and friends were always sending food to their soldiers in Korea, which was shared, so Able Company did very well for food during the winter of 1951-52.

Maj Lendon Pearson
Can Do Able Sir

Reflections on Korea, 1952

Frank J. Scarcella
3rd Div. 15th Inf. 2nd Btn. G Co.

Our transport ship, the USS *Mann*, left San Francisco the middle of September and took the northern route to the Far East, going past the Aleutian Islands where we hit the tail end of a typhoon. The swells must have been 50 or 60 feet high; they looked like they were going to swallow you. We were told to get down below, then all the hatches were buttoned down. Then came the storm, the boat was lurching, rocking and rolling. There were times when the tail end would come right out of the water, the propeller would be spinning in mid air which would make the whole ship shake. We thought sure as hell the ship was going to break in half. I can tell you one thing, there was a lot of moaning and groaning going on.

We arrived in Yokohama, Japan sixteen days later. We then were transported to Camp Drake, and were kept there for two weeks. There was a 10-foot fence around the camp with Japanese guards walking the fence with shotguns. After receiving our medical shots, we saddled up and were transported back to Yokohama where we boarded another ship, which took us to the land of enchantment. Three days later we arrived at Inchon.

After setting foot on terra firma again, (by this time it was the mid of October), the weather was starting to change and by the end of the month there was snow on the ground. I took a look around. It was a sad sight. Ragged kids running around and elders trying to hustle enough money to buy some food, it brought tears to my eyes. It made me really appreciate what I left behind. I had never ever seen such poverty, and among many other things I was about to witness, comes back to me like it happened yesterday. But there were other incidents that took place that were funny and also frightening.

Lets do a couple of funnies; as replacements we were told to check the board outside of our quarters where a list would be placed to let us know where we would be assigned. After three or four days a list was placed on the board, and we all came running out. As we looked at the top of the list, the heading read in caps "PIPELINE" and our names were listed below with the name of the company we were assigned to. As we

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stood there looking at the word "PIPELINE" everyone was trying to figure out what it was. The only thing we could figure out was, we had been assigned to the engineers, and we would be working on a pipeline. Our balloon would soon be broken when we were told that we were in the infantry and going right up to the front and the pipeline we would be working with would be the barrels of our rifles.

I believe there were about 19 of us that were going to George Company, a duce & a half picked us up and brought us to a drop off point about 2 miles from the front line. A Non-Com was there to direct us to our new home. We had been walking for a period of time when we heard what sounded like jet airplanes above us, like novices we stopped to look up and see what they looked like, then came the scream from the noncom, "HIT THE GROUND," we soon found out it was some heavy stuff coming in. After the shelling let up we got a few choice words from the Non-Com telling us we better pay attention to what is going on around us. As fate will have it, out of the 19 replacements 5 of us made it back home.

My first encounter with the enemy and seeing my first casualty was on Jackson Heights. It was my first patrol, one of many

to come. It was a day light patrol and we were all wearing white snowsuits, as we made our way over to Jackson Heights, for those of you who have been on Jackson Heights in the winter, it was a real night mare. As we made our way up the hill over icy rocks and snow covered boulders mortar rounds started coming in on us. I was an assistant BAR Man laying about 10 feet from the BAR Man, Jim Hughes, I heard a mortar round coming in, it sounded like it was right on top of us. I tried to make myself part of the ground, then I heard a thump; nothing happened, I lifted my head and looked to my left, my eye balls just about fell out when I looked at Jim Hughes. The mortar that came in was a dud and hit Jim right on his helmet, the front of his snowsuit was covered with blood and all I could see was red all over the front of him. That was my first experience with a casualty; there were more to follow but that one left a permanent mark on my mind. Jim made it back home OK; we did get a letter from him a few months later. He said he was doing fine except that he would get some bad headaches every now and then. The strange thing about it all was that Jim got hit on Jackson Heights in Korea, and he was from Jackson Heights, New York.

Combat photo file...



Tom Chilcott stands with M-40 Duster, armed with twin forties, somewhere in Chorwon Valley, Korea 1953.
Photo courtesy of Tom Chilcott.

A 1/15 Supports a Battalion of the 65th Infantry

A Bn of the 65th Inf was moved into position on the right flank of Able Co 1/15 Inf in the fall of 1951 on the cliffs of the Imjin River. There was a very steep ravine separating Able from the 65th Bn., and which Able Company had booby trapped very heavily along with massive heavy concertina wiring. Since Able Co was on the left of the 65th it was our responsibility to lay a commo. phone line from us to them. As commander of Able Co., I visited the 65th commander, a LTC Wilson and informed him of my intention to get the line in and establish commo. with his command. I also explained the ravine between the two units was very heavily booby trapped.

One night about two weeks later an unknown unit of about 10 men was reported entering the ravine, by our light machine gun section covering the ravine. I ask that if not in immediate danger that they hold fire until I could find out if there were any friendly forces in that area. On contacting the 65th and 15th Inf I found that no friendlys were in the area. I asked Sfc Oscar Jones to fire his prefired 60 mortar concentration in the area and directed the light machine gun crews to open fire. Lt Axlerod from DIVARTY brought "Moon Beam" in on the ravine and 10 bodies were observed, all apparently dead. Ceasefire was ordered. The 10 men were evidently a Chinese probing force.

About one week later the Chinese launched a massive night attack against the 65th Bn. After about one hour of heavy fighting the Chinese had control of the Bn's front lines. I immediately called LTC Wilson and ask if he had lost his front line, and he said yes. I then informed him I could bring the Able Co. reserve, a platoon sized unit over and hit the enemy on the flank to roll up their flank and drive them from the 65th trenches. The Able Co. reserve was composed of cooks, clerks, drivers and part of the Mortar platoon, which had been trained by 1SG Welcome into a good hard hitting unit. LTC Wilson said no, he had a company ready to counterattack, but if I could place his vacated line under fire as his unit moved up, it would be a great help. I replied "Can Do Sir". In the meantime the Able Co section

of Quad 50's and Twin 40's (which we had traded two cases of whiskey for) had moved in to pre planned firing position on the Able Co right flank. Also Able co had picked up (via the whiskey trade) about twenty extra light machine guns (giving us a total of 26 light machineguns) which had already been moved into preplanned positions on our right flank.

In addition to these automatic weapons and mortars I had asked for and gotten, a company of heavy tanks from the 3rd Div's 64th Tank Bn. These were also moved into pre planned positions on our right flank. As the tanks were each equipped with two light and one 50 Cal Machine Gun, plus our Divarty Forward Observer had pre planned Arty fire for that area. All opened fire on my one order. This was the greatest concentration of fire power I have ever observed and I had seen the Infantry Schools Mad Minute. After about 10 minutes of this firing LTC Wilson called and said his counterattack force was ready to move in. He said the enemy was either dead or out of there and they then occupied their original position. The next day LTC Wilson came over to our company area and expressed his thanks. He said, "Cpt Pearson, where in the hell did you get all that fire power?" That same day LTC Wilson visited the 64th Tank Bn and got a company of tanks attached to his Bn.

Able Company Reinforced

About three days after supporting the 65th, I asked the Commander of the 1st Bn 15th Inf for permission to test fire all our

Able Company weapons along with all attached and support units on our planned final protective line.

Permission was given for Able Company to conduct the test that night and all friendly forces were directed to stay out of the valley to our immediate front.

At 2400 hours, "Midnight" the tank Company, DIVARTY support along with all the Able Company weapons opened fire. Lt Axlerod our Forward Observer, brought the "Moon Beam" into the valley. The display was *awsome* and for the remainder of the time Able held that position the enemy never pulled a direct attack on our front line.

I might add that the Infantry School taught that a rifle company was only expected to defend a 400 meter front. Able Company had a 2800 meter front and that was the reason for our great collection of additional automatic weapons and justification for the company of tanks along with massive artillery support.

Furthermore we were told that we would hold our area at all cost and when attacked, pull back only on the direct order of the Commander of the 3rd Inf. Div because our line controlled the easiest most direct route to Seoul. I might further add that we constructed tall large concertina (Smith) fences to our front on the enemy side of the river. These fences were designed to funnel any enemy attack into our planned final protective fire lanes.

Lendon P. Pearson
"Sir, CAN DO HELL"
WE DID IT!

A Reminder to all Members on Paying their Annual Dues

We are requesting all members to pay their dues directly to their respective outposts. The annual dues collection campaign is the lifeline of the maintaining a healthy, well functioning Society. It enables us to promote, commemorate and endorse the things that all our membership can take pride in.

We urge the membership to please respond to the request for their dues payment and do it on a timely basis. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Ray Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer

"Hey Marne folks, don't put that dues envelope in the drawer to pay later. Do it now and you'll do yourself and the 3rd. Div. Infantry society a big favor. Your dues are the life line of our great society. We need your dues payment now ...Rock Of The Marne.

Ray



Events and Meetings

7th Regt. Association

3-6 May 2001

The 7th regimental Association will meet on 3-6 May 2001 at the Airport Hilton, St. Louis, MO. Curley Faulk is the host, and can be contacted at: csmar@aol.com or 337-824-7560

2001 Can Do Rendevous

May 16-18, 2001

The 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry is hosting the 15th Infantry Regiment Association annual Can Do Rendevous May 16-18, 2001 at Fort Stewart, GA. The headquarters hotel is the Hinesville-Fort Stewart Holiday Inn. Rooms have been reserved for \$49.00 plus tax. Call 912-368-2275 for the special rate. The general agenda is:

- ♦ May 16- Arrival at the Holiday Inn; an Icebreaker Reception at the Marne Club at 6:00 PM.
- ♦ May 17- A weapons capability exercise in the morning; lunch at the battalion dining facility; the Association general membership/business meeting in the afternoon.
- ♦ May 18- Organization Day activities for the active units' members and families, Association members and guest, with good down home southern food; and a Regimental Dinner at the Marne Club in the evening.

Registration fee is \$5.00 per attendee. For the dinner on the 18th the menu includes a choice of either Prime Rib of Beef at \$20.00, Chicken Caesar Primavera at \$18.00, or Vegetable Platter at \$12.00.

Make payment prior to May 1, 2001 by check or money order to the 3-15 Cup and Flower Fund. Mail to CPT Bryan Purdom, HQ 3-15 IN, Bldg 522, 692 William H. Wilson Ave., Ste 104, Fort Stewart, GA 31313. For further information call CPT Purdom at 912-767-7723 or John T Burke at 706-563-8909.

10th FA "Change of Command"

May 18th, 2001

The 10th FA "Change of Command" is scheduled for Friday May 18th at Fort Benning, as per the colonel's message below: Members of our association will be honored at a review at the rehearsal a day or two before.

Further details will be in the Newsletter. It will soon be time to book your flights, shine your brass, and shoes, and put on class A uniform (or your good suit).

Be ready to get that chill up your spine when you hear the command: "Pass in Review". Hope to see you then.

John Markon, Secretary, 10th FA Assn.

Folks, all good things come to an end. Please mark your calendars for those who can make it. We finally have the date set for the Battalion Change of Command. I will relinquish command to LTC Doug Harding 0900 on the 18th of May on

Essebagger Field, Kelley Hill, FT Benning GA. Hope you can join us. Invitations to follow.

LTC Ernest J. Herold

Note! If coming, please send a brief bio of your 10th fFA service to John Markon. The colonel has requested these bios for the honary presentations at the rehearsal and ceremony

OP 22 Annual Picnic

May 20, 2001

The annual picnic is Sunday May 20, 2001 at the Yorba Regional Park 11:00 AM -?.

Make Reservations before May 15 with the Markley's. 1601 W. Woodcrest Ave., Fullerton, CA 92833 (714) 871-9676 or leave a message on (714) 871-0419.

Cost: Adults \$5.00. Children under 12 Free. There is a \$4.00 park entry fee for each vehicle.

Directions

Yorba Regional Park is between Imperial Highway and Weir Canyon on La Palma Avenue in Yorba Linda. (North of Anaheim Hills)

La Palma is North of the 91 (Riverside) Freeway. Exit on either Weir Canyon or Imperial Highway.

Turn left onto La Palma from Weir Canyon. Turn right onto La Palma from Imperial Highway.

The park entrance is on the south side of La Palma.

The picnic site is #6. Turn right after entering the park (The same as last year.)

Motel

Best Western Hotel, 5710 East La Palma, Anaheim, Hills 1-800-346-6662 or (714) 693-1073. Located at intersection of La Palma and Imperial Highway

1 Bed \$69.00; 2 beds \$74.00. 10% discount with AAA or AARP membership card.

Check-in after 2: 00 PM. Checkout; Noon.

Food, gas and shopping adjacent

15th Inf. Regt. Dinnner

Sept. 14, 2001

The annual 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner will be held Friday September 14, 2001 during the Society of the Third Infantry Division Reunion at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Phoenix, AZ. The hotel provides free drinks at their Embassy Suites Bar from 5:00-7:00 PM as a courtesy to all members staying at the hotel. For the dinner there will be two entrees:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef at \$35.00

Chicken Florentine at \$34.00.

Prices include all gratuities and taxes. Each entree will include fresh garden salad, fresh seasonable vegetables, potatoes, rolls and butter, desert and beverage. Dinner will be from 7:00 to 8:00 PM and will be followed by a short program. It is not necessary to be a 15th Infantry Regiment Association

member to attend the dinner. Any Rock of the Marne veteran is welcome and invited to attend.

Please make your reservations by sending the following:

- a. Your name, and unit
- b. Guest name
- c. Choice of Entree(s)
- d. Check or money order payable to: Treasurer, 15th Infantry Regiment Association

Send your reservations and payment to Lloyd D. Whitmer, 7500 Mose Road, Navarre, and OH 44662. **Reservation and payment must be made prior to September 4, 2001.** Those who make reservations early and for some reason will be unable to attend will receive a refund providing notification is made to the Treasurer prior to September 8, 2001. The Association is obligated to submit a final number of meals by that date and the costs thereof. There can be no walk-ins at all. For additional information call Lloyd Whitmer 330-756-2803 or John Burke 706-563-8909.

30th Regt. Reunion Dinner

Sept. 14th, 2001

Our regimental dinner will be held on Friday, September 14th, 2001, during the Reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Phoenix, AZ, at 7:00 P.M. There will not be the usual No-Host Reception prior to the dinner, as the Hotel provides free drinks at their

Embassy Suites Bar, as a courtesy for all members staying at the Hotel, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

The Menu will consist of:

Chicken Florentine, Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Potato. Rolls, Dessert and Beverage. The price is \$34.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity.

Please make your reservations by sending a check or Money Order payable to the Society of the 30th Regiment, addressed to:

Arthur W. Weldon, Banquet Chairman,
6717 Ridge Manor Avenue, San Diego, CA 92120.
Phone: (619) 286-1076. evart67@aol.com if you have any questions.

Reservations are due and payable by August 31, 2001.

NOTE: Attendees who have snapshots taken while serving with the 30th Regiment are requested to bring them to the Banquet.

Baker Co., 15th Regt Meeting

November 4-8, 2001

Baker Company, 15th Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, Korean War Veterans, November 4 – 8, 2001, at Quality Inn and Suites, 251 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona/Ormand Beach, Florida. (800).227-7220. Contact John Gogliettino, (203).269-0747 or Dr. Don Sonsalla, (651).429.1634 or e-mail drsonnie@aol.com.

Honoring the Warrior, Both Living and Dead

*Beat your plowshares into swords,
And your pruning hooks into spears:
Let the weak say, "I am a warrior."*

Joel 3:10

The American citizen has often been asked to set aside the trappings of peace and take up the implements of war. What civilians now turned soldiers do during that time of service for their country is very often a matter of life and death. It is very personal but also beyond self. It involves individual concern for ones own safety and yet a bigger picture is sensed. That being a feeling one is doing what is best for others as well.

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tinctions between what is right and what is wrong, which inspire a willingness to fight to the death in order to sustain other life, are not always so clearly defined.

In those cases we place a great deal of trust in the hands of our elected leaders to determine the way for our country to go in those difficult times. Human life is far too valuable to be thrown away needlessly in an unworthy cause.

But when the call comes the citizens respond and become soldiers. Soldiers go where they are sent trusting in the wisdom of those leaders.

Many of these citizen soldiers will be honored this year during Memorial

Day commemoration ceremonies Memorial Day this year is of extra significance. This year, 2001, marks the 56th anniversary of the end of WWII and the 51st anniversary of the start of the Korean conflict.

The ranks of those who served during WWII are thinning. The ranks of the Korean vets are fast approaching that stage. Hopefully many cities this year will encourage all veterans from all wars, but especially those from these two conflicts, to put on whatever parts of their uniforms they may still have (and can still fit into) and march along in the parades which honor their fallen comrades whose ranks are forever increasing.

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A Recollection of the Defense of OP Harry

By Donald A. Chase, I Company, 15th Inf. Regt.,
Reprinted from OP Harry Newsletter.

The following story is part of a letter from Don Chase to OFHSA member Billie Burgess. Billie sent it to Martin Markley who forwarded it to the Newsletter. The narrative begins on June 10th, 1953.

Don served in Europe in WW II followed by two tours in Korea. His first tour began with the 45th Infantry Division in January of 1951. On his second tour he served with I Co. of the 15th Infantry Regiment 3d Inf. Div. During his time in Korea he was wounded three times. For his actions in support of the defense of OP Harry he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. (Ed. Of OP Harry newsletter)

As I remember it, I Company was in the MLR to the left rear of Harry. What other companies were on either side of us, I don't remember. For me, an assistant platoon Sgt. at the time, the night started like any other when we were on 100 percent alert. As soon as darkness set in I took four guys to the listening post, several hundred yards out in front of our platoon area, in no-mans-land, "Happy Valley". This listening post was connected to our platoon CP by commo wire. I then returned to the MLR and checked with the squad leaders to make sure everyone was set for the night, also see that the squad CP phone lines were working. The machine gun section of the fourth squad was in bunkers on the MLR but the 60mm mortar section was set up behind the MLR. There was a good bunch of guys in my second platoon and everything seemed to be OK, so I then went down to the platoon CP to have a cup of coffee with our platoon leader, Lt. Nestor and Platoon Sgt. Burns. I think Sgt. Burns was close to rotation, so I was to a degree, platoon Sgt.

I had a habit of continually walking up and down our sector of the trench line, making sure everyone was awake. This came about because when I had been in Korea in 1951 with the 24th Division, many guys would fall asleep in their fox-holes, even when we were on some mountain surrounded by North Koreans. The best way I knew to make sure this didn't happen here was to keep checking each bunker. After a while, some shells started coming in and this got everyone's attention because it was a continuous thing and getting heavier all the time. Some were landing in the trench, in the barbed wire in front, also behind us. They were really coming down. I stayed out in the trench, going up and down our platoon sector, stopping at each fighting position to make sure there was plenty of ammo, grenades, etc. Because the shelling was

Attention OP Harry Survivors

Author appeals for information from OPHSA members

Lt. Col. Michael Slater has contacted Jerry Cunningham asking for any reference material about the defense of OP Harry that may be available from members of the OP Harry Survivors Association.

Slater is the author of a book, published in June, 2000, entitled "Hills of Sacrifice", the story of the 5th RCT in the Korean War. He has become interested in the defense of OP Harry as the subject of his next book.

He would like to acquire personal stories, either written or recorded, command reports, photographs, sketches of the OP and its defenses, etc. In researching "Hills of Sacrifice" he acquired material about the 5th RCT's part in the battle but lacks official records from the 3rd Infantry Division, 15th Infantry Regiment and the Greek Battalion.

LTC Slater has stated that he plans to reimburse contributors for expenses of copying and mailing material they send to him.

He is an active duty Marine stationed in Okinawa. He can be reached by e-mail at:

slatermp@iimef.usmc.mil

His mailing address is:

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PSC 559 Box 6105
Fro AP 96377 -6105.

so heavy, the phone lines from squad CPs to platoon CP were often blown apart and I was constantly splicing wires together so everyone could stay in contact. It was a matter of starting where the wire came out of the bunker, letting it slide through my fingers until I found the break. Then start at the other bunker, repeating the process. If you remember, there was always plenty of slack in the commo wire so it was easy to make a splice once the break was located. I think the Platoon CP was staying in contact with the company CP at this time using the radio.

The night wore on with the shelling increasing in intensity. Some of the guys were firing out into no-mans-land and one of the machine guns jammed just as I came into the bunker. The gunner pried out a ruptured cartridge, adjusted the headspace and had that gun firing again in what seemed to be a matter of seconds. He was an expert and I know I couldn't have done what he did under the same conditions.

As I left this machine gun bunker I ran into Lt. Nestor, Sgt. Burns and Sgt. Wood. Lt. Nestor told me that there was no response from the guys in our listening post. and he was going out to bring them in, if they were still alive. I joined him and the four of us left the trench line and headed for the listening post. As I have already mentioned, the shelling was unbelievable. I never thought we would make it. We reached the listening post and found the four guys were OK but terribly scared, which was understandable. Through shell flashes we could see Chinese soldiers moving around but they were not coming in our direction so we all headed back to the MLR. That tremendous shelling continued all night and when daylight came everything was a shambles, Wire blown apart, parts of the trench caved in, some bunkers partially destroyed, etc. Only at this time did I learn that K Company had taken a beating on OP Harry, and that a couple of our guys in the 60mm mortar section had been badly wounded. As usual there were all kinds of rumors as to what was going on but all I knew for fact was what I had seen and participated in and about my platoon's sector.

It seems to me that the next two nights were about the same except the shelling was not so severe as the first night. I don't remember who was on OP Harry during these two nights. My most lasting memory of this battle is about that tremendous artillery barrage upon our positions. I believe now, our company was in a spot where they could attack the flank of the Chinese who were attacking Harry and the reason we were shelled so ferociously and heavily was to prevent this. From what I've read, during this battle, US troops mounted two attacks on the Chinese from the right side of OP Harry, which helped stop their attack on Harry itself.

Adapting to Reflect Your Life Today

By Martin Markley

In the early days of the Third Infantry Division during WWI warfare was seen as a battles from trenches. Those valiant efforts of the division earned the lasting motto, "Rock of the Marne". WWII saw the division become mobile with amphibious landings and offense action across Europe. The action in Korea changed from offensive to a trench type war. Following Korea the division had a new mission, to maintain peace during the Cold War. During the Gulf War the division adapted to a quick mobile offensive war. Now the division has adapted again as a Ready Force and peacekeeper in Bosnia.

This brief reminder of the division's history illustrates a point about wills. A will drafted only a few years ago may no longer meet your needs today.

Like missions and tactics of years past, your will and other estate plans were the best they could be for - the times. But changes in your life may have made your plans "obsolete" and in need of revision.

The first step taken

Making your estate plan and will in the first place is commendable. Often this very important step is put off until too late, leaving survivors who must pay the consequences in terms of time, heartache and unnecessary expenses.

Once your will or trust is drafted, however, you've taken only the first step. Your estate plan should be reviewed periodically to make sure it reflects changes in your life. If drafted years ago, does it reflect your current situation and interests?

Review your will if....

Your property changes. The sale or purchase of property can considerably alter your estate and affect your will. The

purchase of land, the inheritance of a sum of money, or a reduction in assets are other "property events" that probably call for a review of your will.

Your marital status changes. Marriage, the death of a spouse, etc., present major changes in one's life. Your will should be altered to reflect such a change as soon as possible.

A child or grandchild is born. An addition to the family may affect the intentions reflected in your will. Revisions can be simple and should always be made with the assistance of a qualified attorney.

Laws affecting your estate change. As laws governing estates change, the advice of a professional advisor should be sought in order to maximize available tax savings.

If your personal representative can no longer serve. Should the person you selected as your personal representative be unable or unwilling to serve, the state will have to select another to do so. Naming an alternate executor now provides another solution.

Your interests change. Over time, we may lose touch with some people. Those to whom you may have made a bequest may no longer be your first choice,

Your favorite charitable concerns can also change. You may want to add or revise charitable bequests in keeping with your interests.

What If You Outlive Your Beneficiaries? Consider the possibility of not having any beneficiaries who survive you. Selecting your final or residual beneficiary takes care of that problem. Designating a charitable residual provides an excellent way to make a gift that lives on in case others do not need your property.

Reminiscence

We climbed the hill in silence,
Just listening to the sounds of war.
And each in his own way and manner,
Tried to get ready for what's now in store.

All heartbeats started to quicken,
As we thought of what goes wrong.
When shells and bullets start to sing,
Their always deadly song.

And so we heard this song of death,
For many a night and day.
And fortunate indeed, were those of us,
Who were able to walk away.

But the sights and scenes encountered,
As the days and nights went by,
Live forever in your mind,
And at odd times, still can make you cry,

Time will erase all wounds 'tis said,
But sometimes that's not true.
For when the wounds are deep inside,
They become a part of you.

Donald Chase

Lest We Forget

While on a business trip on May 28, 1971, (Memorial Day Weekend) Audie Murphy was killed at the age of 46. A private plane flying in fog and rain crashed in the side of a mountain near Roanoke, Virginia. Five others including the pilot were also killed. Although Audie owned and flew his own plane earlier in his career at Hollywood, he was among the passengers that tragic day.

Courtesy: Richard Heller



Besancon Remembers

The citizens of Besancon will commemorate the 57th year of their liberation on Sept. 8, 2001. Veterans of the Third Infantry Division who participated in this liberation are invited to visit during this commemoration and participate in the seminars and ceremonies planned for the day. Last year the city of Besancon dedicated a large, impressive monument to the Third Infantry Division in recognition of the division's difficult two-day battle against strong German forces on Sept 8 and 9, 1944. Any Third Division veteran who can visit Besancon on Sept 8 and 9 of this year may contact John Shirley for information at 925-447-2256.



82nd National Reunion Society of the Third Infantry Division



The Embassy Suites, Phoenix, AZ ♦ ♦ 1-800-527-7715 ♦ ♦ Sept. 12 – 16, 2001

Rooms: \$79 (single & double) ♦ \$89 (3-4) ♦ Includes breakfast.

Schedule

Thursday, September 13th

Registration and trip to Sedona with lunch and a stop at the Casino. Welcome party and President's reception that evening.

Friday, September 14th – Golf

3rd Division Fun Golf Day at Sun City CC. You can play a practice round on Thursday for \$40, including cart. There will be an 8 AM Shotgun start with sign-in at 7 AM. Play will be on a handicap-Stableford basis. Attire: Shirts w/collar, shorts or slacks (no cutoffs or jeans), soft spikes or athletic shoes. Need your official handicap, or your last 5 scores plus your \$60 on or before Aug. 1st made out to 3rd Division Golf. Join us for a great fun golf day in wonderful weather.

Friday, September 14th – Luke AFB

Proposed itinerary for the 3rd Infantry Division

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| 0900 | Arrive Public Affairs Auditorium (building 1150 -block house). |
| 0905 | Welcome remarks by 56th Fighter Wing Commander (or representative). |
| 0915 | Luke mission video. |
| 0945 | Board bus. |
| 0950 | Tour of base – escorted by Luke tour guide. |
| 1000 | Fighter squadron tour. |
| 1030 | F-16 static display with pilot and crew chief. |
| 1100 | EOR (end of runway) watching F-16's takeoff and land. |
| 1115 | Visit air park (WWII aircraft) for photographs. |
| 1130 | Lunch at Officers Club. |

Friday evening has been set aside for meetings of Infantry, Artillery, Engineers and other Special groups. These unit's officers who have yet to do so, are asked to make their reservations for their banquet rooms upon reading this. Food decisions and firm numbers can be decided later.

Saturday, September 15th

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| 11 AM. | Ladies brunch. |
| 9 AM | Membership meeting. |
| 1 PM | Executive Board meeting. |
| 7 PM | The Reunion Banquet. |

Special guest will be Joe Arpaio, Maricopa Co. Sheriff. The Sheriff has been the subject of many articles as well as appearing on a recent 60 Minutes program, regarding his unique treatment of county prisoners.

Sunday, September 16th

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| 8 AM | The Memorial Breakfast will conclude the Reunion. |
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See you in Buffalo, NY next year.

Transportation

\$20 per person for round trip from the airport via Sun City Express (800) 238-1508. Indicate; Air Line, flight no., and arrival time as well as departure information.

Active Mobility (623) 972-8671, will deliver electric scooter to the Motel free. Charge is \$85 for the week. Reserve early, mention 3ID, and day you want delivery.

There will be free transportation to other parts of Phoenix for those who would like to visit the City Center.

Enterprise Rent A Car at 1-800-736-8223. Mention the 3rd ID Reunion at the Embassy Suites North at I 17-Greenway Av. \$29 + tax, a day w/unlimited miles.

Special

Free drinks at bar between 5pm and 7pm daily for Division Members and their guest.

Please, as soon as possible, make your room reservation.

Hosted by Arizona Outpost 15 ❖ Carl Duncan ❖ 623-977-2347

Registration (please type or print)

(Check one or more)

Name(s) Member and guests _____
 Address _____
 Phone number _____
 Outpost # _____ Unit in military service _____

- WW II Korea
- Cold War
- Gulf War
- Peace Time-
- Active Division

EVENT	COST	NUMBER	SUB-TOTAL
Registration fee for each attendee	\$14 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept. 13 Trip to Sedona, lunch and stop at Casino	\$35 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept. 13 Welcome Dinner, President's Reception	\$35 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept 14 Golf Fun Day: Golf Cart, Free Drink, 3rd Div. Golf Balls, Lunch	\$60 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept. 14. Trip to Luke AFB (Lunch at the Officer's mess)	\$25 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept. 15. Ladies' brunch.	\$20 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept. 15. Reunion banquet (dDinner and dancing).	\$35 x	_____	= \$ _____
Sept. 16. Memorial Breakfast.	\$11 x	_____	= \$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

All the above prices include all courses, gratuity and tax. No host bars will be available at the various dinner events. Free drinks at the Hotel Bar from 5pm to 7pm, daily. Please make checks payable to OP 15 Reunion Committee and mail to Carl R. Duncan, 14617 Shiprock Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351, (623) 977-2347 Please remit as soon as possible. There will be free transportation to other parts of Phoenix for those who would like to go to the City center.

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2000.
 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE EARLY REGISTRATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES —
 BUSES, LUNCH CRUISE, AND MEAL FUNCTIONS.**

Reunion Souvenir Program Contract

Individuals, Outposts, regimental and battalion associations, affiliate groups are invited to submit material for publication in the 82nd Society Reunion Program. Your support of the reunion is greatly appreciated.

Contract

Notices, Advertisements, Greetings, Best Wishes

The undersigned contracts to have advertisement or other material inserted in the 82nd Reunion Souvenir Program based on the following rates:

Full page\$50.00	Half page\$30.00
Quarter page\$20.00	Name listed in program.....\$3.00

Orders must be received by July 1, 2001. All material submitted must be camera ready for use by printer. Thank you
 Please print the attached as _____ page for the sum of \$ _____.

Name (Please print or type) _____
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 Phone Number _____ Unit (if applicable) _____

Please make check payable to "Outpost 15 Reunion Committee" and submit check and material to:

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 Suncity, AZ 85351



Roll Call

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327 OAKLEY LN
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Murphy's Laws of Combat

- 38. Tracers work both ways.
- 39. If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will get more than your fair share of objectives to take.
- 40. When both sides are convinced they're about to lose, they're both right.
- 41. Professional soldiers are predictable; the world is full of dangerous amateurs.
- 43. Military Intelligence is a contradiction.

History of the 3rd Inf Div

The 3rd earns reputation for excellence in Tunisia

During the latter part of January 1943 the 3rd infantry Division Headquarters was located in Rabat, Morocco, after the landing and fighting at Fedala on January 29 1943, ceremonies were held in the Cathedral in Rabat for 1st Lieut. Clement Falter, a Catholic Chaplain, who was killed on the beach at Fedala. He was believed to be the first American Chaplain killed in action during the war.

The 3rd Infantry Division was present at the making of history on Thursday, January 21, 1943. On this day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt reviewed troops of the 3rd Division on the main highway leading north from Sale. He was accompanied by many dignitaries and later met with Winston Churchill at Casablanca to discuss the 1943 offensive against the European Continent.

The Division then began a rigorous training period in preparation for future actions. On February 18, Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy, visited the Division C.P. in the Field south-east of Port Lyautey.

To make good the heavy casualties in men and materials suffered in Tunisia, the 3rd Division and 2nd Armored Division were tapped for replacements.

On February 20, General Anderson received orders re-assigning him to the United States. General Campbell assumed temporary command of the Division. About this time, the German 10th Panzer Division attacked and swept through our forces at the Kasserine Pass. Whole Infantry and artillery Battalions were swallowed up in this enemy drive; scores of tanks were lost.

To make good the heavy casualties in men and materials suffered in Tunisia, the 3rd Division and 2nd Armored Division were tapped for replacements. About 3,400 men, most of them volunteers, and all but 400 of them infantrymen, left the Division for Tunisia during the last week of February.

The 3rd sent its best men and officers, and thereby earned an enduring reputation for excellence among the units that it reinforced. Later, during preparations for the Sicilian Landing, many of these men had the chance to come back to the 3rd, and several hundred did so. Battle wise and competent, they provided valuable stiffening at a precipitous moment.

Major General Lucian K. Truscott, who had seen the fighting around Kasserine Pass as General Eisenhower's deputy, arrived March 7, to take command of the 3rd Division. His first act was to gather his officers together and tell them what had happened in Tunisia. He also told them, the Germans could be beaten by applying known principles of warfare, with aggressiveness and daring.

On March 15, the 3rd Division commenced its move to Fifth Army's Invasion Training Center at Arzew, there to begin amphibious training in preparation for the invasion of Sicily.

From our Historian, Ed Dojutrek

Soldiers of the 3rd...

Robert D. Ledford

From "The Military Order of the Purple Heart", Department of Mississippi, Tendered by Harold Huggins

- ♦ Technical Sergeant 3rd Infantry Division
- ♦ Africa, European Theater: Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno
- ♦ 2 Purple Hearts - Anzio, Italy

I was drafted into the Army in March of 1943 at 18 years of age and received 13 weeks of basic infantry training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Then was transferred to Camp Howze, Gainsville, Texas for additional infantry training before being shipped to North Africa and serving in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. I was sent to Italy and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Rifle Company B, 30th Infantry Regiment as a Rifleman First Scout. After 59 days in the mountains, B Company was relieved on Mount Rotundo on November 1943. We walked off that mountain with only 25 out of the original 180 men. B Company retrained and received replacements and new equipment only to hit the beaches again at 2 AM January 22, 1944 in the first wave assault on the Anzio Beachhead. Anzio was a seaside resort town about 40 miles south of Rome where the Germans confined us to about 80 square miles for five months. It was some of the bloodiest fighting in WWII. The allies lost 22,000 and Germany lost 25,000 killed in action. I survived, but my best friend, Sergeant Eugene Licka was killed on the Anzio Beachhead on June 1, 1944. I was

lucky to stay alive and was promoted to Squad Leader and later to Platoon Sergeant. I was 19 years old.

During the Anzio Campaign, I was wounded two times. The second time was the "million dollar" one which sent me stateside, and I was hospitalized for ten months. While recuperating, I accompanied several celebrities selling War Bonds. Upon release from the hospital, I was assigned to a German Prisoner of War Escort Guard Unit. While there, I acted as the Unit's First Sergeant until the return of all German POWs to Germany in 1946. After that, I was admitted to the Army's Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois and after three months, I was discharged.

I was proud to have served in the 3rd Infantry Division. It was the most decorated Army Infantry Division in WWII, a division that had 37 Medal of Honor recipients, one being Audie Murphy.

I am currently Commander of the Military of the Purple Heart Department of MS as well as Commander of the Hub City Memorial Chapter # 690, Hattiesburg, MS. It's an honor to be associated with these true patriots.

I live in Hattiesburg, MS with my wife, Earlene, two lovely granddaughters, Katherine Faye and Alana Ledford, and one large, fat martini-loving cat named Kliban.

Editor's note: Mr. Ledford is a member of our Society of the 3rd Inf. Division OP FBA.

Dealing With Sight loss

By Frank J. Scarcella

In the December 2000 issue of *Watch On The Rhine* I wrote an article called; "Blindness Is Not The End Of The World." Being totally blind myself I can relate to those veterans who have or are facing sight loss. Denial is one of the first barriers you must overcome, accepting the fact that you can not do some of the things you did when you had sight.

Denial is one of the first barriers you must overcome, ...

Freedom of movement is one of the difficult problems getting use to dealing with; such as not able to drive a car, catching public transportation, taking a long walk or just walking through a shopping mall. Of course you also have the problem of taking care of your personal needs, such as; living skills which include washing clothes, cooking, putting on proper attire and coordinating your colors, using a telephone with little sight or no sight at all, using a recorder to take notes or messages.

These are just a few of the skills you can learn to do to be self sufficient. I can go on and on listing items that are available to any blind veteran to improve his life style. There are adjustments that have to be made by family members and friends, you must teach them that you have limitations but you are not helpless. There is a large segment of the veteran population that is suffering from sight loss due to eye injury or diseases such as diabetes, macular degeneration, glaucoma, these are just a few of the sight problems the veterans population are facing today.

Those of us with sight loss live in a sighted world, we must learn patience, control, and learn to adapt to the sighted world. Don't let yourself be drawn into a shell, life can be wonderful even with sight loss. Get up and open the door for yourself and venture out, there is a big world out there waiting.

Contact the Visual Impairment Team [VIST] Coordinator at a VA Medical Center in your area or call the [Blinded Veterans Association at 1-800-669-7079] Located in Washington DC, The call is free and the benefits are real.

Photo file...



HQ Co., 30th Inf., Regt. softball team, taken about May 1943 in Guercif, French North Africa. We left July 6, 1943 for the invasion of Sicily. Standing left to right; Sorocco, Keeter, Cade, Jenkins, Dominiak, Sheehan, Seigler, Lynch, Hofercamp. Bottom Row, left to right; Sottile, Laskowski, Santaina, Skousen and a little Arab Bat Boy. Photo courtesy of Bill Rutledge.



Last Call

In Memoriam

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

Members

Bailey, Richard E. OP 17
 Msgt 7th Inf. Regt.
 3d Inf. Division Korea
 18009 San Mateo Ct.
 Edmond, OK 73003-4246
 Reported by USPS

Barnes, John E. M/Sgt. (Ret.) OP 60
 A Co. 3rd Medical Bn.
 3d Inf. Div. WWII
 4200 Bridgecrest U-1
 Phenix City, AL 36876
 Reported by Bob Bailey

Bonner, Vincent H. OP # 601
 601 TD 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 8063 LAKE ANDRITA AVE.
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92119-3121
 Reported by Bill Hopper

Brewer, Ulysses Ray OP 17
 K Co. Medic 15th Inf. Regt.,
 3d Inf. Division Korea 1952-53
 Box 323
 St Francisville, IL 62460
 DOD February 8, 2001
 Ray was a warrior, fine soldier, and excellent Medic. To know him was to be a better person. We will miss him. Bernie Perry and Jim Drury.
 Reported by his daughter, Sandi

Brubaker, Gayland AM OP 15
 4579 Sesame St.
 Salem, OR 97365
 Reported by his friend Carl Duncan

Cordero, Jose O. OP 11
 M Co., 65th Infantry Regt.,
 3d Inf. Division Korea
 Jose was seriously wounded by a mine on January 17, 1951 requiring hospitalization in Japan. His death was 50 years to the day, after that explosion that narrowly missed Mr. Melendez and killed their friend, Juan Rosa. He will be missed by his family and friends.
 DOD January 17, 2001
 Reported by J. A. de la Rosa Melendez

Gray, Charles E. OP 35
 H Co. 30th Inf. Regt.
 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 55429 Osborn Ave # R-6
 Elkhart, IN 46514-9408
 DOD February 10, 2000
 Reported by his wife to Ray Anderson

Hansel, Ross J. OP 4
 D Co., 10th Eng. 3rd Inf. Div. Korea
 PO Box. 425
 Red Lodge, MT 59068-0425
 DOD August 2000
 Reported by his widow to Dale L. McGraw

Kalata, Andrew J. OP 12
 41st FA, 3d Inf. Division WWII

9124 386th St.
 Pillager, MN 56473
 Passed away 2/25/01
 Reported by Marge Pesota

Knight, F.M. (Joe) OP 63
 Sgt I Co. 30th Inf. Regt.,
 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 655 Castle Pines Dr. N.
 Keizer, OR 97303-7479
 DOD 11 November 2000
 Joe was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy.
 Reported by his daughter

Kuhn, Jesse N. Jr. FBA
 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII
 PO Box 102
 Sophia, WV 25921-0102
 DOD 1998
 Reported by his daughter in-law

Lacey, Victor E. FBA
 3rd Div. Art. WWII
 2393 SW Park Pl Apt 110
 Portland, OR 97205-1049
 DOD 5 October 2000.
 Reported by his Attorney

Lacy, Ray S. OP 601
 B Co. 601 TD 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 6285 CROSS COUNTRY RD.
 MINERAL, VA 23117-2816
 Reported by Bill Harper

Laguna, Crispo OP 22
 10-Eng/Hq Co WW II
 677 East Holly Street
 Riato CA 92376
 DOD July 3, 2000
 Reported by Martin Markley

Lightcap, George A. LM OP 5
 E Co., 7th Inf. Regt.,
 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 1337 Ridge Rd.
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-9328
 DOD August 2000
 Reported by his son.

MacLean, Angus B. Col OP 7
 Hq. 30th Inf. Regt. 3d Inf. Div. WWII
 5925 Boothe Dr.
 Burke, VA 22015-3611
 DOD Jan 2001.
 He was active in The Society, and his Outpost, always supportive with the activities.
 Reported by Sherman Pratt

Nino, Frank LM OP 63
 Svc. Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,
 3d Inf. Div. WWII
 4321 90th Ave. E.
 Edgewood, WA 98371-2555
 DOD January 22, 2001
 Reported by Morris Kreply

Opperman, Nelson OP 601
 B Co. 601 TD WWII
 13004 OLD MUDBROOK RD.
 MILAN, OH 44846-9537
 Reported by Bill Harper

Pedersen, James F. OP 1
 Cpl B Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,
 3d Inf. Div. WWII
 9908 Pacific Ave.
 Franklin Park, IL 60131-1921
 DOD June 2, 2000
 Reported by "The Dragon".

Perry, Fred A. LM OP 35
 G Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,
 3d Inf. Div. Korea
 PO Box 676
 Palestine, TX 75802-0676
 DOD November 15, 2000.
 Reported by "The Dragon".

Phillips, Samuel L. OP 3
 Sgt. 39th FA Svc. 3rd Inf. Div. Korea
 1904 Swain Dr. SW
 Lenoir, NC
 DOD August 25, 2000
 Reported by R. L. Farrington

Sawyers, Glenn A. OP 601
 601 TD 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 1144 GLENDALE RD.
 GALAX, VA 24333-2506
 Reported by Bill Harper

Sipos, Arthur OP 15
 7th Inf. Regt., AT, 3d Infantry Division
 WWII
 301 E Church St.
 Homer City, PA 15748-1307
 DOD 4 Feb 2001
 Reported by Carl Duncan.

Smedley, Richard E. Lt OP 601
 601 TD 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 12 W. FRANK ST. GRN. MV.
 MITCHELL, IN 47446
 Reported by Bill Harper

Springer, Clyde W OP 63
 I Co. 30th Inf. Regt.,
 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
 415 12th Ave.
 Havre, MT 59501-3851
 DOD 13 January 2001
 Reported by his wife, Ruth & Russ Dunham

Non-Members

Boden, Carl
 3rd Sig. Co., 3d Inf. Div, WWII
 2801 Cottage Lane
 Grand Junction, CO 81506
 DOD 3 February, 2001
 Reported by George H. Goldstone

Dhamers, Thomas L.
 Sfc K Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,
 3d Inf. Div. Korea
 504 South State Street
 Annawan, IL 61234
 Member of Outpost Harry Survivors
 Reported by Martin Markley

Jurgs, Don
 3rd Inf. Division WWII
 Burnsvill, MI

Formerly from Bettendorf, IA
 Don was a POW, having been captured on Anzio.
 Reported by Wayne Jens

Overskei, Ernest
 A Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,
 3d Inf. Division WWII
 Nunda, SD
 DOD November 5, 2000
 Ernest was awarded the Silver Star for outstanding valor on the Siegfried Line near Neustadt, Germany. He also received the Bronze Star.
 Reported by his friend, Harold L. Emert

Toscani, Frank E. Col
 Maj. 3d Inf. Div. WWII
 Pearl River, NY
 Mr. Toscani's successful efforts in securing a bell for the Italian city, Licata was chronicled in John Hersey's novel "A Bell for Adano" 1945, later made into a movie of the same name.
 DOD January, 2001
 Reported by Joseph Lerner & Cliff Hall

Truscott, Lucian King III
 Redmond, WA
 Graduate of USMA 1945.
 Served in Korea and Vietnam. His decorations include The Silver Star and Legion of Merit.
 DOD March 12, 2000
 Reported by The 41st Field Artillery Association, Jack Swatske

Wilson, William H.
 1237 Greenlea Ave.
 Sacramento, CA 95833
 DOD 6 Jan 2001. William, who retired as a Major, served with Co. G prior to and during WW2 making the landing at Fedala as a squad leader. Reported by Lew Conant and Carl Wyatt.

Zegarelli, Augustine B. Lt.
 3d Inf. Div. N. Africa, Sicily WWII
 Utica, NY
 DOD June 27 2001
 Reported by Nicholas J. Sottile OP11

Active Duty

Robak, Richard M. Sgt
 3rd Brigade, 3rd Inf Div (Mechanized)
 Fort Benning, GA
 Vona, CO
 Sgt Robak was killed when he was fired on at close range by a soldier who was mistakenly given live ammunition during a training exercise, officials said. He died after a soldier fired two rounds at him during routine "blank-fire" night training, Ft. Benning spokeswoman, Elsie Jackson said Saturday. MPs ruled out criminal intent.
 DOD February 10, 2001
 Reported by Martin Markley

Chaplains Corner

Jerry Sapiro

As we approach the months of April and May, we look forward to Easter, Passover and Mother's Day all days of special remembrance.

I pray for God's blessings on all of you.

I pray for all of our mothers, those that have passed on and those that are still with us.

In prayer and remembrance we find strength and hope to help us face the recurrent problems of life. This has always been so in war and peace.

Having heard of much illness among our Third Divisioners and their families, I pray for the recovery of all of those who have been ill.

Across the nation we have faced and endured multiple problems and occurrences in life, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, extremes of cold and wet, and even shortness of supply of electricity and gas. Being Third Divisioners, lets all keep our chins up and "take that hill".

On the happier side, I continue to counsel and tutor 7th Graders at A.P. Giannini Middle School in San Francisco. I find students courteous, willing to learn, and good listeners, if we only take our time to help them and share our experience and learning with them. Presently they are studying history of Africa and I learn with them.

I have communicated with our Carl Duncan as to the needs for the Phoenix Reunion Memorial Breakfast and its ritual. My wife Mary and I look forward to attending.

Outpost 54 will hold its next meeting on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, in San Ramon, CA, and we will be there to enjoy the good fellowship and also the corn beef and cabbage.

Let all of us remember in our prayers the Third Infantry Division, its units and personnel.

ROCK OF THE MARNE

So that his brethren shall know...

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- To foster and strengthen associations and friendships formed during service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To honor the Third Infantry Division War Dead.
- To perpetuate the memory of other former comrades who shared a background of honorable military service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To encourage and achieve the mutual benefit and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Society and the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
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CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]

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

WORLD WAR II [37 Medals of Honor]

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

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

KOREAN WAR [11 Medals of Honor]

- ★ CCF Intervention
- ★ CCF Spring Offensive
- ★ Second Korean Winter
- ★ Third Korean Winter
- ★ First U.N. Counteroffensive
- ★ U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- ★ Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- ★ Korea, Summer 1953

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- ★ Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

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