

ended. There were rolling fields ahead and the sound of heavy rifle, machine gun, and incoming artillery and mortar fire assaulted our ears. Just inside the last patch of trees, two jeeps were parked off the road and two Lt. Colonels were studying a map spread out on the hood of one of the jeeps. Several staff members were standing around at a respectful distance. Small arms fire crackled overhead. I had Steele park close enough so I could see and hear what was happening. It became obvious that the column of vehicles had caught up to the rifle companies and could go no further. One of the Colonels was a 7th Infantry, Battalion commander agonizing over the fact that his attacking battalion was being chewed up by the Krauts because he had no artillery support. The other colonel was the 10th Field Artillery Battalion commander who could offer no help because all of his guns had bogged down in the traffic jam, while attempting to move up within firing distance.

I walked over to the two Colonels, a lowly 2nd Lieutenant with a single tarnished gold bar, and said, "Sir, I'm Lt. Cloer, 7th Infantry Recon Platoon. If you tell me which artillery unit you want, I'll pull it out of that traffic jam and get it up here." They looked doubtfully at me and each other but their demeanor said, "What have we got to lose?" The artillery Colonel said, "I need any vehicles from the 10th Field Artillery. The guns are being towed by 1 1/2 ton trucks with gun crews and ammo aboard."

Steele and I hurried back down the column. We knew, of course, that the Army used a uniform marking system on its vehicles which made it easy to identify the unit to which they belonged. On the front and rear bumpers, the unit designation was stenciled in white on an olive drab background, in this case, "3-10FA," Third Division, 10th Field Artillery Battalion. We hurried back down the column, slowing only when we identified a 10th Field truck. I yelled, "10th Field only, pull out and move to the head of the column!"

Response from the drivers was magnificent! In the first mile and one half, we sent four trucks forward, towing their 105mm howitzers, complete with gun crews and ammo. We then went forward

again, but this time I got no dirty looks from the drivers still waiting in line.

When we returned to the edge of the woods, the first two guns were firing. The Artillery Colonel had marked out positions for the remaining two and they too were firing within a few minutes. I felt really good about what I had done. Not only was it essential to continuing our advance on Rome, but it almost certainly saved American lives as well. And nobody else had thought of it! Or perhaps they had, but their training, discipline and the old adage, "Never volunteer," were too ingrained for them to act. It takes a certain amount of guts for a 2nd Lieutenant to walk up to two Lt.

Colonels in a critical situation and tell them what they should do next.

The word "Thanks" is not one you hear very often in the Army, and never by a Lt. Colonel to a 2nd Lieutenant. And I didn't hear it this time. It just wasn't done. If you did something right, it was considered nothing more than what you had been trained to do. But the Artillery Lt. Colonel walked over to me after the fourth gun was firing and his words still ring in my ears, "Lieutenant, you sure earned your pay today!"

*Russ Cloer, WWII Capt.,
7th Inf., 3rd Inf. Div.
(81 years old last month!)*

First at the Eagle's Nest

"It was May 4, 1945, and the 3rd Infantry Division was moving forward into the mountainous area of Southern Germany where it was thought the die-hard Nazis might try to establish a National Redoubt. My driver, Sgt. Jack Brettel, and I were in my 3rd Signal Co. jeep, prowling around for some purpose I cannot now remember; perhaps looking for a good radio site for intelligence monitoring. Or maybe we were just plain lost! But we did end up on a fairly narrow path up a mountainside, which we followed to its end at Hitler's hideaway.

"Nary a soul was there. No attempt at destruction had been made by the Nazis, as some Germans later claimed. It was deserted; everything still intact; furniture, table settings, glassware, linens, wall photos, etc. Brettel and I stayed there only long enough to load our jeep trailer with about 100 bottles of Tthree Star Hennessy Cognac from Hitler's wine cellar, and to pick up a few small personal souvenirs. These included a photo of Adolf I took off the wall, an SS dagger, and what I thought were 3 cigarette lighters in leather pouches, all in nicely wrapped boxes. Later, after the wrapping was removed, I discovered these "lighters" were actually Minox spy cameras.

"We assumed that the 3rd Division would take over the Eagle's Nest, and elements of the 7th Infantry RCT did just that. Weeks after the armistice, Div HQ and 3rd Sig Co moved to Bad Wildungen for the

occupation of Germany. There we heard that the 3rd Division had been ordered out of the Eagle's Nest so that French troops could move in, hoping to retrieve art objects and other property which the Germans had confiscated in France.

"A few weeks after that move, Stars and Stripes reported that six inches below the concrete floor that Jack and I had been tromping on, a cache of millions of dollars in gold bullion was dug up by the CIC. Never did I hear of any occupancy of Eagle's Nest by the 101st Airborne.

"I am no stranger to the 101st Airborne. Many years after WW II, I commanded its 501st Signal Battalion, a fine unit in a fine division. I learned much of its airborne tradition, its heroism at Bastogne and other places; but never was a word said about "capturing the Eagle's Nest". Whatever would have been the reason for sending one small company of the 101st from 200 miles away, when the 3rd Infantry Division had already secured the area?

"There are WW II vets in my small community, not to mention civilians, who actually believe what they saw in the "Brothers in Arms" TV sequence. After living through the events described above, I ask myself whether there is any way the Army's Historical Division can set straight Hollywood's perversion of American military history. What can we do?"

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MEMOIRS OF WORLD WAR I

by

Sgt. James J. Webster

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Medical Detachment

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Fourth Infantry

Third Division

American Expeditionary Forces

May 9, 1917 to August 29, 1919

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INTRODUCTION

*by Jack Conway
(Nephew of Sgt. Webster)*

I retyped this memoir into my computer from a carbon copy of the original that was typed by Sgt. Webster in 1924. The carbon copy is fragile because of its age and difficult to read. The carbon copy is in the possession of Jimmy Webster of Philadelphia, PA the son of Sgt. Webster. I have a photocopy. This edition is the same as the original except for the removal of typos, crossed out words, etc. The words are those of Sgt. Webster. Any clarifying notes are shown as my notes.

The reference to the 3rd Division History by Sgt. Webster was printed in 1919. Missy Webster Koszyk, the daughter of Sgt. Webster, has the history. Missy also has the 1919 copy of the 3rd Division Citations which lists the members of the Division that were decorated for bravery and other official army documents which lists medals awarded. I have a photocopy of the complete History and excerpts of the Citations that relate to Sgt. Webster.

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

It has been long reported that Sgt. Webster was awarded the Silver Star medal three times which is an extraordinary achievement. In 1918, and still today, the Silver Star is the third highest U.S. Army decoration for heroism. It ranks below the Distinguished Service Cross and the Medal of Honor.

An Act of Congress authorized the wearing of a silver star award on the World War I Victory Medal. This was originally known in the Army as the citation star but was established as The Silver Star Medal in 1932. Holders of the citation star(s) were issued the new medal. Jimmy Webster, the son of Sgt. Webster, has the three medals.

In the memoir is the tersely worded official citations and additional details by Sgt. Webster. Sgt. Webster mentions that he had been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross but was awarded the Silver Star instead. The rea-

son is probably because the DSC is "awarded for extraordinary heroism in action involving actual combat with an opposing armed force" and Sgt. Webster at the time of his heroism was perhaps not considered in "actual combat" as he was an unarmed Medic even though machine gun bullets, poison gas and shells did not make that distinction.

Holders of the Silver Star Medal, the DSC or Medal of Honor are eligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

COMPOSITION OF THE 3RD DIVISION

There were about 28,000 officers and enlisted men in the 3rd Division commanded by Major General Dickman. It consisted of two Infantry Brigades and one Artillery Brigade. Each brigade was commanded by a Brigadier General. In addition there were numerous support units.

The 5th Infantry Brigade consisted of the 4th and 7th Infantry Regiments and the 8th Machine Gun Battalion. Each infantry regiment had three battalions. Sgt. Webster was in the 1st Battalion of the 4th Infantry Regiment which was commanded by Major Roy Smyth who was decorated for bravery and was later killed by a sniper. Sgt. Webster mentions Major Smyth several times and considered him one of the finest men he ever met.

The 6th Infantry Brigade consisted of the 30th and 38th Infantry Regiments and the 9th Machine Gun Battalion. Each infantry regiment had three battalions.

The 3rd Field Artillery Brigade consisted of the 10th and 76th Field Light (75mm) Artillery Regiments and the 18th Field Heavy (155mm) Artillery Regiment.

The Division also included: The 6th Engineer Regiment; Signal Corp Battalion, 7th Motorized Machine Gun Battalion; 3rd Supply Train, Military Police, Ordnance, Ammunition, Commissary, Clothing, Railhead, Veterinary, Machine Shop, Laundry, Sanitary (Ambulances & Field Hospitals) and Salvage units.

The 3rd Division was born November 23, 1917 at Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina. It is still an active unit.

It is identified by a square shoulder patch with a blue background and three white triangular lines. Sgt. Webster was an officer and very active in The Society of The Third Division most of his life. The Society is for former members of the Division and is still an active organization in 1999.

WORLD WAR I

World War I began as a local war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia on July 28, 1914; was transformed into a general European struggle and eventually became a global war involving 32 nations.

The underlying causes of the war were the spirit of intense nationalism that permeated Europe throughout the 19th century, the political and economic rivalry among the nations, the establishment and maintenance in Europe of large armies, two hostile military alliances and the emergence of Germany as a world power.

The American and French Revolution spread throughout Europe the idea of political democracy, with the resulting idea that people of the same ethnic origin, language and political ideals had the right to be independent. The principal of national self-determination, however, was largely ignored. Several peoples who desired national autonomy were subject to other nations. Notable examples were the German people divided into numerous duchies, principalities and kingdoms; Italy was left divided into many parts, some of which were under foreign control; and the Flemish and French speaking Belgians of the Austrian Netherlands under Dutch rule!

Revolutions and strong nationalistic movements had some successes. Belgian won its independence from the Netherlands in 1830, the unification of Italy was accomplished in 1861 and that of Germany in 1871. However the problem of nationalism was still unresolved in other areas of Europe. Kings, Emperors, Czars, Kaisers and other rulers were not inclined to give up their power voluntarily.

The spirit of nationalism was also manifest in economic conflict. Several times between 1898 and 1914 the economic rivalry between France and Great Britain; between Germany on one side

and France and Great Britain on the other, almost precipitated a European war.

As a result of these tensions the nations of Europe adopted domestic measures and foreign policies that in turn increased the danger of war. They maintained large standing armies which they constantly replenished and augmented. The European nations not only armed themselves for "self-defense" but also in order not to find themselves standing alone if war did break out, sought alliances with other powers.

With Europe divided into two hostile camps, any disturbances of the existing political or military situation provoked international "incidents". Between 1905 and 1914 there were several such "incidents" and two local wars. One involved Bosnia and Herzegovina, the same ethnic groups that are at war in 1998 for the same reasons they were killing each other ninety year earlier! On a Europe thus heavily armed and torn by national rivalries, the assassination of the Austrian archduke in 1914 by a Serbian had a catastrophic effect. July 28, 1914 Austria declared war on Serbia..... Russia mobilized against Austria..... Germany declared war on Russia..... France mobilized..... Germany declared war on France..... England declared war on Germany a day later because the Germans had violated the neutrality of Belgium..... Within a week Europe was at war! As the war progressed other countries were drawn into the conflict. The United States declared war on Germany three years later on April 6, 1917. A month later James Webster enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Germany's strategy for its western front focused on having its forces sweep through Belgium and then quickly outflank and destroy French forces. After faltering initially, France stopped the Germans and the fight degenerated into trench warfare. Between 1915 and 1918 German and French forces built a massive network of trenches which extended 500 miles. Those lines remained virtually stationary throughout that three year period.

The trenches were 6-8 feet deep. Supplies, food and fresh troops moved to the front through a network of trenches. Between the trenches of opposing forces

lay no-mans land. Crossing no-mans land mostly resulted in death because it was strewn with barbed wire and open to the enemy's artillery and the newly invented machine guns. In many areas no-mans land was only 300-500 feet wide and the enemy soldiers could yell at each other! At Christmas time the soldiers would sometimes declare their own truce, celebrate the holiday and a few days later go back to killing each other. And kill they did.

In a single battle (The Somme) which gained only 7 miles of ground, the British had 400,000 casualties, the French 200,000 and the Germans 600,000! The tank had yet to be invented and airplanes were in their infancy. Military losses (not including civilians) for all participants was 8,500,000 killed and 21,200,000 wounded! For the six months the United States troops were in combat they had 126,000 killed and 234,000 wounded. This is more than twice as many casualties the US had during the entire Vietnam War.

POISON GAS AND MACHINE GUNS

The Germans first introduced poison gas on a large scale in 1915 and the other countries soon did the same. The gases of choice were chlorine, mustard, blister and phosgene. The most "popular" was phosgene which is colorless and extremely toxic. If inhaled it causes severe and fatal edema of the lungs within a few hours. It is almost 3 « times heavier than air which was ideal for troops restricted to trenches! The other gases were also deadly in different ways; some simply caused blindness. The Geneva Treaty signed by most countries in 1928 governing the conduct of war, outlawed the use of poison gas and it has not been used since 1918 although there is some evidence it has been used in the 1990's by Iraq.

The perfection of the Machine Gun changed forever the rules of war. Both sides had dozens on top of their trenches waiting for an attack across no-mans land. If their bullets did not get you exploding shells would.

Now begins the Memoirs as written by James Webster:

My Fond Recollection of the World War

FROM BILLINGSPOET, N.J.
(Camp Camhawk C.C.)

TO

UNITED STATES ARMY

Sunday, May 6, 1917 at Billingsport, N.J. several members of the Camhawk Country Club were making repairs for the coming summer. War had been declared a month previous. With other topics the war possibilities were discussed. I had never bothered about the war. Whether it was the German propaganda, which at that time prevailed throughout the country or not is a question. Nevertheless I was always antagonistic toward England and voiced my opinion on those lines. I later changed my opinion.

Some of the boys had been to a recruiting station and signified their intentions of going away therefore were talking of the advancements in the service that the enlisted men would get in preference to those who had to be drafted into the service. In this they were wrong, in fact I believe it was to the reverse as the records will show. Regardless of the inducements and talk I determined the next day to enlist, as I felt it my duty and obligation to go. The United States was at war, whether I thought it was right or not, the war had to be won by the Allies and AMERICA was to be the backbone.

Monday May 7, 1917 I was turned down on account of poor eyesight in one eye. That noon I tried again but was refused. Coming out of the Recruiting Station I met some of the Camhawk C.C. members and friends and told them I was turned down twice but they did not believe me so I went back again and met with the same results —TURNED DOWN. I asked the man if there was any branch I could join and he said "perhaps the medical". I didn't know the first thing about medical work but I jumped at it for it would get me into the army. (The Medical Branch of the U.S. Army is not as strict about the eyes as are the other branches). "Sign me up" was my reply.

After dinner the same day I was talk-

LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD

This Pamphlet was arranged and written for the convenience and pleasure of my folks, relatives, and friends, who were desirous of knowing what part I played in the WORLD WAR, and

LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD

That this pamphlet was arranged and written with the help of extracts taken from the weekly letters I wrote home to my folks and the 4th Infantry, 3rd Division (Regular) History, with an open mind without MALICE, PREJUDICE, JEALOUSY or EXAGGERATION, and

LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD

Should there be an honor, praise, or glory attached to my actions it is only just to give it to those to whom it rightfully belongs, those who were ever before in my many trying moments.

MY DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER

and

It affords me a most wonderful pleasure to dedicate the pamphlet to the greatest soldier I ever knew

MY MOTHER

May she have eternal rest.

ing to my mother regarding my going away to see how she would feel as I had not told yet I was going away the next day. My mother said that while she did not wish her son to be cowardly or a slacker, mother felt that I should wait and her countenance dropped when I told her my mind was already set. My father seemed proud that his boy was amongst the first to go when I told him. I slept soundly that night and was awakened by being kissed and someone crying over me. It was my sister Rose. She left the room immediately. My mother told me

she did not have the heart to call me. They both thought they would never see me again.

Bidding my mother, father and folks goodbye I left Tuesday May 8, 1917 for Fort Slocum, near New Rochelle, New York. I thought as all the men did I would be shipped across seas at once. Leaving everything of value at home as my conception of the regular army was not the best (I got this impression from the type of young men who enlisted in peace time in the army from my neighborhood, the type that would never work). I entered the army life enthusiastic and determined to do good, taking things as I found them. Recruitment had been brisk so Fort Slocum was crowded. After being assigned to the Medical Detachment I met a number of good fellows.. so I sent for my valuables.

May 9, 1917 I was enlisted into the service.

My stay at Fort Slocum was brief but I learned some of the rudiments of army life. Arise at 4:45 AM, breakfast at 6:00, drill all morning, lunch at 11:00 and the afternoon to ourselves. My friends, men and women sent me cakes, candy, etc. as a token of their friendship. This continued throughout my stay in the states.

On leaving Fort Slocum for Fort Howard, Maryland we sailed down the Hudson River to Jersey City.

May 28, 1917 Letter Home from Fort Howard, Maryland:

When we came down the Hudson River to Jersey City for the train that was to take us to Fort Howard, every mill, boat, trolley, etc. blew their whistles as we passed. The government boat answered them. What a wonderful feeling came over us all!... Fort Howard is a coast artillery fort on the Chesapeake Bay near Baltimore, Maryland, with barracks, hospital, residential house for the officers, also high ranking enlisted men.

I was ambitious and anxious to succeed in the army and took advantage of every opportunity to learn, but my stay at Fort Howard was not long enough although I learned more here than any other place due to the lieutenant in

charge. I was transferred to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where I was assigned to the Medical Detachment, 4th Infantry along with Joseph Bosalvage, Clarence Aiken and Harry Ball. Bosalvage was killed in the ARGONNE (BATTLE), Aiken transferred to the aviation and Ball broke down under the strain at the (battle) of the MARNE and was sent back shell-shock. Up to that time Ball did excellent work.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

The 4th and 7th U.S. (Regular) Infantries had come up from the Mexican border and settled in Gettysburg on the old battlefields of the Civil War. The 4th Infantry was split to make the 58th and 69th Infantry which was later assigned to the 4th (Regular) Division as a brigade and made a good record for themselves in the war. The 7th Infantry was split to make up the 60th and 61st Infantry which was assigned to the 5th (Regular) Division as a Brigade and did not make very good mates to the 6th and 11th Infantries. The other half of the 5th Division were excellent soldiers. They could and did fight gallantly. Other battalions and machine gun companies were also formed from the regiments stationed at Gettysburg and sent across quickly.

While at Fort Howard, Maryland I had my first fight with a soldier. He thought that he could ride me and get away with it. I realized I had to look out for myself although I did not want any bad marks against my record (the thoughts of bad marks should have never annoyed me when I consider some of the stunts that were done in the army that I witnessed). He was agitating for a fight. He would take things from my place to another table. I told him to stop but he seemed intent on finding out who was the better, he or I for what reason I do not know. We came to blows he being on the receiving end. He quit. Three blows were struck. He got them all. He said he would meet me again that night but it never took place for he was not around.

I left Fort Howard, Maryland in charge of twenty men June 25, 1917.

Up to this time to my mind the majority of soldiers in the Army before the war were shiftless and did not care to

advance but when the new men came in and were showing some ambition they woke up and naturally were promoted although they did not make as good soldiers, generally speaking, as those who enlisted to serve their country after war was declared.

Shortly after I was assigned to the 4th Infantry I was asked to give a show with my ventriloquist doll in Gettysburg. This happened three times with great results. I met a chap named Raymond Elwood from Ocala, Florida who was with Company "A" 4th Infantry, a professional roller skater and a clog dancer. We put on a sketch together (the same sketch we played together in Germany) and were arranging to have a minstrel show for a charitable organization when we were compelled to call it off as the regiment was to move out of Gettysburg. Lieutenant Barry K. Loew, who was my officer in charge of my outfit, later becoming a Major, and I for some reason or another could not hit it off. I worked earnestly in the dispensary but my efforts were of no avail, while the other fellows spent their time horseback riding and idling around. Lieutenant Loew was a narrow minded man who never gave his men any credit or encouragement, even to those who were with him on the Mexican border. He took pleasure in belittling his men when his office was crowded. He knew what he was doing for he knew he could he could get away with it in the army, but he couldn't do it in civilian life. He showed how yellow he was for after a little premedication he had himself sent back to the S.O.S. (Service of Supply) in France along with Lieutenants Edward and Carroll, when we were ordered to the front. Perhaps he thought that one of his men would get him. I don't doubt it. After we were in Germany he tried to rejoin the 4th Infantry but the Senior Medical Officer knew what kind of a man he was and stopped him.

While stationed at Gettysburg, Penna. my mother and father came to see me. I was home from Fort Howard and Gettysburg, 48 hours each.

It was June when I came from Fort Howard to Gettysburg and all summer we were put through the process of hardening up, and we were plenty. Drills of

all kinds to say nothing of the hikes. On one hike we (4th Inf.) had been on a ten mile hike in the hot sun and when we got back to the parade grounds, Colonel Hatch called the men to Attention! The men stood for a few minutes and were collapsing right and left. The strain was too much. When about sixty men had fallen out Colonel Hatch seeing what he had done countermanded his order to Best (Jack's Note: Best apparently is a more relaxed stance than the more rigid form of standing at Attention) Then the medical men had to revive the fallen men. We, the medical men were more fortunate as we DID OUR HIKING ON HORSE BACK. This did not last long as our horses were taken from us. When returned from my first days horse back riding I did not care to sit down for a while.

Colonel Hatch thought nothing of having the men out for a parade. After standing at Attention for a while we would Pass In Review then give the order double time (a fast run) around the field again. The Medical men were the last of the regiment and suffered most in this. This was happening in July and August. Nice warm weather. It was pleasantNOT!

A Sample of an article that appeared in Gettysburg:

SOLDIERS VAUDEVILLE

XAVIER HALL TO HAVE ANOTHER GOOD SHOW TONIGHT

A Special vaudeville performance has been arranged for Xavier Hall this evening by Clarence Manion K of C Camp representative. James Webster, ventriloquist and Elwood the BOY WONDER of the South will both be on the program.

Both of these gentlemen who are in the Medical Department of the 4th Infantry, left the vaudeville stage and a paying profession to answer the call of Uncle Sam. Other features will also be presented and the public is invited to attend.

On October 23, 1917 I was made Private 1st Class. The 25th we left Gettysburg, Penna. for Camp Greene, N.C. (Charlotte).

...to be continued in future issues of *The Watch on the Rhine*

The Final Inspection

Author Unknown

The soldier stood and faced God
Which must always come to pass
He hoped his shoes were shining
Just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?”

The soldier squared his shoulders
and said, “No, Lord, I guess I ain’t
Because those of us who carry guns
Can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work most Sundays
And at times my talk was tough,
And sometimes I’ve been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny
That wasn’t mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep,

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear,
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I’ve wept unmanly tears.

I know I don’t deserve a place
Among the people here,
They never wanted me around
Except to calm their fears.

If you’ve a place for me here, Lord,
It needn’t be so grand,
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don’t, I’ll understand.”

There was a silence around the throne
Where the saints had often trod
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God,

“Step forward now, you soldier,
You’ve borne your burdens well,
Walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets,
You’ve done your time in Hell.”

To all that serve!

Courtesy of W. E. Barley
Outpost 35

AHF Board Member GEN Walter T. Kerwin, Jr., Honored at Fort Sill

Reprinted, courtesy “On Point” the Newsletter of the Army Historical Foundation.

On 26 April the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, honored former Army Vice Chief of Staff and current AHF Board member GEN Walter T. (Dutch) Kerwin, Jr., USA-Ret., by renaming the school’s auditorium in Snow Hall after him. The dedication ceremony was held during the Army’s Senior Fire Support Conference and most of the Army’s senior leadership was present to honor GEN Kerwin.

Originally from Pennsylvania, GEN Kerwin graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1939 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery. During World War II, GEN Kerwin saw combat with the 3d Infantry Division in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France. While serving as the S-3 of the 3d Infantry Division Artillery during the fighting in the Anzio beachhead, then MAJ Kerwin was called on by MG Lucian K. Truscott, the newly appointed commanding general of VI Corps, to coordinate the corps’ artillery. MAJ Kerwin centralized fire direction at Anzio to enable VI Corps to mass its fires. Largely through his efforts, VI Corps was soon able to mass over 1,000 tubes at any given moment on any single target in the beachhead. This technique came to be known as time-on-target and allowed fire direction centers to compute data for each gun so that the shells landed on the target almost simultaneously. As a result, American artillery decimated several German counterattacks and allowed the Allies to maintain their tenuous hold at Anzio and eventually break out from the beachhead.

During the fighting in France, GEN Kerwin was seriously wounded. After the war, in December 1945, he was given the assignment of escorting Mrs. George S.



General Walter T. Kerwin, Jr.

Patton from Washington, D.C., to Frankfurt, Germany, after GEN Patton had been critically injured in an automobile accident.

After World War II, GEN Kerwin served in a variety of assignments, including commander of the 56th Field Artillery Group, XVIII Airborne Corps; commander, 3d Armored Division Artillery; and commanding general, 3d Armored Division.

During the Vietnam War, GEN Kerwin served as GEN William C. Westmoreland’s chief of staff at MACV Headquarters. He later commanded II Field Force, Vietnam which exercised operational control over U.S. and allied units in the III Corps Tactical Zone, and served in that capacity from August 1968 to April 1969.

After Vietnam, GEN Kerwin became the first commander of U.S. Army Forces Command. In 1974, he became the 15th Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, a position he held until his retirement in 1978.

Editor’s note: GEN Kerwin is an active member of Outpost 7 in our Society.

Reminder:

Hereafter, send new member applications, dues, address changes, requests for newsletters, and all inquiries regarding membership in the Society to:

The Society of the Third Infantry Division, PO Box 70291, Beaufort, SC 29902.

My Hero Abel F. Ortega

By Abel Ortega, Jr.
11/28/00

Forwarded by our Historian, Ed Dojutrek

This is the story of a young man from Austin, TX who dreamed of one day going to a foreign country to see how other people lived. In 1941, he got his chance. He joined the Army and was assigned to the 753rd Tank Battalion Co. A. While they were on maneuvers at Camp Polk, LA, another unit, the 192nd Tank Battalion Co. A, received orders to go to the Philippines and help train their army. When they asked for volunteers to go, he was one of the first to step forward. So at the young age of 22, he was off to a foreign country.

He arrived at Clark Field in the Philippines on Thanksgiving Day 1941. His adventure was cut short when on December 8th, 1941 a ruthless and inhumane enemy, the Japanese Army, attacked them. For the next 4 months, he and his fellow soldiers fought and died. This was just the beginning of what was to be 3 1/2 years of living hell. On April 9th, 1942 they were surrendered. For more than a week and 90 miles, they were marched with little to no food or water on what would become known as "The Bataan Death March." He watched his fellow soldiers be bayoneted, shot, burned, decapitated and left for dead on the side of the road. For the next 2 1/2 years in various prison camps in the Philippines, he was beaten, starved and treated in ways that are unimaginable. On October 1, 1944 he along with over 1000 other men were

He watched his fellow soldiers be bayoneted, shot, burned, decapitated and left for dead on the side of the road.

packed like sardines into two 45'X45' cargo holds (500 in each) of a Japanese freighter called the Benjo Maru, or as they would call it, the "Horror Maru" and shipped to Japan. For the next 38 days they would be at sea. He again would suffer disease and starvation and experience living conditions worse than any other he would experience as a prisoner. He would witness men die by literally going out of their minds. Since they were packed like sardines, when someone died, they died standing because there was no room to fall. Your burial was to be thrown overboard. Food was 1/2 cup of rice and a 1/4 cup of water if you were lucky enough to receive it. The restroom was a 5-gallon bucket shared by all the men. Once they arrived in Japan, he was sent to various prison camps and work details. His beatings and tortures would last for another year. Finally in September 1945, his freedom was returned and the war was finally over.

For the next five years he would enjoy life, get married and have 2 kids. In 1950, his country called upon him once again to serve. This time it would be the bitter cold of Korea. So at the age of 31, he was off to war again. He was assigned to the 3rd Div. 15th Inf. Reg. Co. G. He was sent to help defend a foreign country and flag for over a year and in 1951 he came home.

In all he would receive 3 Presidential Unit Citations, Bronze Star, 3 Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badge, POW Medal and numerous other ribbons and medals.

If you were to look up the word hero in the dictionary, you should find this man's name. For someone to go through what he went through, raise 7 kids in a warm loving Christian home, celebrate 52 years of marriage, and still would defend his country and flag, he has to be the definition of the word "Hero." So not only is he my hero, he is my father, and I love him!

Thanks Dad for all that you have done and continue to do! If I could be a 1/4 of the man that you are, I would be honored.

A Short Biography

Carlos Betances-Ramirez

by Bart Sotos

Here is a short biography I put together on my dear friend, Carlos Betances-Ramirez. As I complete the longer article I am writing on the 65th, you will get to know more about this fine man and good soldier.

Carlos Betances-Ramirez was born 8 Jul 1910 in Barrio Las Delicias, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. His father died when Carlos was a young boy and he, one of seven children, was raised by his mother, his grandfather, and his uncles. His mother went to work as a seamstress to support the family. He proudly told me that they were Jibaros; (poor Puerto Rican subsistence farmers) and he considered himself a Jibaro also. Carlos grew up to be tall, slim, and white with red hair and freckles.

He started his career in the U.S. Army in 1928 when he joined the Puerto Rico National Guard as a Private. The Puerto Rico National Guard eventually became the 296th Infantry Regiment; Alerta Esta; "Always Alert"). He served from 1928-1935, took a break, and then returned to the National Guard and served from 1938-1939. His total time in the National Guard was about 8 years in what was then called inactive duty.

Carlos joined the Regular Army and entered active duty on 11 Nov 1942. He served as an enlisted man through 13 July 1943. The highest rank he obtained during the period of his enlisted service was Platoon Sergeant.

On 14 July 1943, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant (Infantry) from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. During WWII he served as a Platoon

Leader in Company I, 3rd Battalion, 295th Infantry Regiment; Todo Por La Patria; "Everything for the Country"), mainly in the Panama Canal Zone. He reached the rank of Captain before the war ended in 1945. It should be noted that, during this period time and on up to the time of the Korean War, the U. S. Army was racially segregated. The 295th, 296th, and 65th

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SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION ★★ ★ 83rd ANNUAL REUNION

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Swatske receives service award

It began as just another day, an Outpost 17 quarterly meeting on Sept. 22. I had just made a motion that we purchase two flagpoles and a three-by-five double-sided flag with the Society insignia. This was to augment our memorial to the division's war dead that was dedicated on May 20, 2000. The motion was seconded and approved. So much for that.

As I was about to sit down, Pres. Roger Lochmann asked that I remain standing whereupon he read the citation that went along with the beautiful plaque that he then presented to me from the Society for "Dedicated and Outstanding Service. Surprised? Yes! Appreciative? You damn betcha. To be singled out for such an award is indeed an honor.

I just wish I could've been at the reunion to personally receive it. I tried, Lord how I tried, but I couldn't get a flight out of St. Louis. Friday night, Sept. 14, was my last best chance, and guess what? They couldn't scrape up enough flight attendants to comply with

the law.

Again, many, many thanks for considering my small efforts for the Society and Outpost 17. I shall never forget this great honor.

Rock of the Marne,

Jack Swatske ,
Activities Chairman

P.S. The flagpoles are now in place, slightly to the rear of the 3rd Infantry Division monument in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Old Glory and the Society colors flying are a beautiful sight to see!



If you plan to move before the next *Watch* is due or if there is a mistake in your name or address, please enter the correct information below and send to **Society of the Third Infantry Division, PO Box 70291, Beaufort, SC 29902**. By doing this, you will receive your next *Watch* on time. Remember, the USPS will not forward Standard mail (3rd Class) and the Society must pay for each piece returned.

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PT

Photo file...



Above, a little chow, and on the right, back to work. Anybody recognize the time, place or men? Contact Editor Jim Drury.

BETANCES from page 23

Infantry regiments were all formations consisting mostly of Puerto Rican enlisted men and Continental American officers.

Carlos was appointed a Regular Army Captain in 1946 and assigned as Company

Commander, Training Company, 65th Infantry Regiment. Then, he served in various positions of command and staff in different units including the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In June of 1952, he arrived in Korea as a Lieutenant Colonel and volunteered to take command of the 2nd Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment in July of 1952. The previous Battalion Commander had recently had his leg blown off. Taking a command of a unit while it is in combat is extremely difficult and hard. Carlos wrote about how he went for long periods of time without sleep or rest while commanding his soldiers and trying to prevent the Chinese from destroying his men and breaking through his lines. It was an extremely stressful time requiring intelligence and artful leadership of the approximately 850 men in his Battalion for whose lives he was responsible.

Two of his subordinate commanders were West Point graduates: George Jackson and Willis (Bud) Cronkhite. They considered him 100% soldier - tough, demanding, fair, a perfect leader, and the best Battalion Commander they ever served under. The three of them have kept in contact through the last 50 years. They are truly, a "Band of Brothers."

At one point, Betances's Regimental Commander, Colonel Juan Cordero, wanted to visit the men on Outpost Kelly, the most forward position of the 2nd Battalion. So, while under enemy observation and small arms fire, LTC Betances and Colonel Cordero ran out to Outpost Kelly along a "safe lane" from the MLR (Main Line of Resistance) to the isolated outpost. There, they visited and talked with the men and their officers to raise their morale and cheer them up; then, they ran back to the MLR while they were again under enemy fire. It was a harrowing experience for Carlos and, for us, an example of his courage.

On another day, while Carlos and his Operations Officer, Major Gilberto

Gonzalez-Julia, were observing Chinese who had just seized Outpost Kelly, they themselves came under intense enemy artillery fire. Taking cover in a trench saved their lives, although LTC Betances was wounded by shrapnel. Maj Gonzalez was so mad he ran, under fire, over to a nearby tank and had them place canon fire on Chinese soldiers who were serving on Outpost Kelly as artillery observers. The tank succeeded in scoring a direct hit which killed the enemy soldiers.

LTC Betances served as Battalion Commander from July to October of 1952. It is believed he was the first and only Puerto Rican officer to command an infantry battalion in the Korean War. From Nov 1952 to Sep 1953, LTC Betances served as the Operations and Training Officer and the Military Advisor to General Min Ki Sik, who commanded the 21st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Korea. Carlos was instrumental in organizing and training four Republic of Korea infantry divisions.

After the war, LTC Betances served in various command and staff positions in the U. S. Army. Among the positions he held were: Staff and Faculty of the U.S. Army Caribbean School, Fort Gulick, Panama; Editor, Military Review, Spanish Edition, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and, Staff and Faculty, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Carlos retired in 1962. He never lost his love for the Army and his favorite regiment - the 65th Infantry Regiment "Borinqueneers." He had a large military library at home and loved to keep in touch with his friends with email and letters.

On 24 Oct 2001, while in the hospital, LTC Betances received the Bronze Star he had earned 49 years before. That was thanks to the untiring, relentless efforts of Willis (Tripper) Cronkhite, the son Willis (Bud) Cronkhite, one of the Company Commanders serving under Carlos in the 2nd Battalion of the 65th.

Carlos Betances-Ramirez passed away of liver and heart failure on 28 Oct 2001 at 7 PM. Ironically, he died exactly forty-nine years after the battle of Jackson Heights (28 Oct 1952) in which he heroically participat-

One Memory of Anzio

I remember Carl Wyatt and a good friend, Wilson. Both were Platoon Sgts. in Co. G, 2nd Btn., 30th Inf. Regt.,

I personally felt honored and proud to have been assigned to the 3rd

Infantry Division, a regular Army division.

3rd Infantry Division, when I joined G Co. on Anzio. Both ultimately received Battlefield promotions to Officer rank and well deserved the advancement.

Then platoon Sgt Wilson, was my right arm to say the least, and helped educate me, which helped me survive. Though luck and

fate played a great part, (3 Purple Hearts). These men should have been given even greater responsibility in my opinion, rather than the influx of ROTC company commanders that were taking over.

I personally felt honored and proud to have been assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, a regular Army division. Another great, in my opinion, was our then Bn. Commander, Col. Stromberg. I never heard or experienced a greater "five paragraph" field order than he gave for the breakout of Anzio. I could go on. . .

This is just a word of praise for the above and other 3rd Division men.

Respectfully,

Douglas W. Chambers

Editor's note: Col (R) Chambers also was present at the 40,000 # explosive detonation that breached Fort Mutzig in France and he is credited with taking the German surrender of that garrison.

A sign of service - and sacrifice



California recognizes their heroes as well as our Society of the Third Infantry Division. This plate is on Martin Markley's vehicle.



Quartermaster

Partial list of 3rd. Infantry Division items available.

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\$2.00 of the sales price of this pin will be sent to the WWII Memorial Fund for the memorial to be built in Washington, DC with reference that the donation was made by members of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

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Ph/FAX 818-343-3370
E-Mail: nanman@earthlink.net



Sick Call

Drop a card to a buddy and wish him well.

Nurse and OP #13 member June Wandrey, from Portage Michigan, was a graduate of the "Kahler School of Nursing" in 1944. She is one of the two remaining nurses who helped open the hospital at Ft. Custer Michigan early in 1942.

Sometime later when the 3rd. Infantry Division started fighting in Europe, she and her buddy (Rosemary) left Ft. Custer and joined the 3rd. Division at the 10th Field Hospital, to take care of our injured troops. There she finished out the war.

Lately, she and her husband have had some health problems, spending a lot of time keeping doctor appointments, etc. Perhaps some of her old patients will remember her after reading this, and want to drop her a card at: June Wandrey, 5240 Mapleridge Dr., Portage, MI 49024-5740

Terry L Tennant

Chaplains Corner

Jerry Sapiro

We are now well into the year 2002. I hope and pray that the year holds all good things for our United States, for all of our Armed Forces, and for you and your families.

Certainly we pray for peace for our Country and the World.

As an older Third Divisioner of WW2 vintage, I look back on countries visited in war and peace and also on our own United States. In spite of intervening and continuing conflicts, we must conclude that there is much good in the world. There are good people all over, but, of course, there are also the bad driven by lust for power, greed and evil motives. Recognizing this we must strive to make goodness and morality predominant.

In our Armed Forces, – even in times of war, – our Chaplains of all religions have proven to be great sources of goodness and morality, as well as morale builders for troops. Not surprisingly, in such crises our soldiers find strength and help in prayer and in various supports to morale afforded by Chaplains. This was very true in WW2 within our Third Infantry Division, and, I am sure within our other units and branches of service.

Knowing all of this while we still engage in the War on Terrorism, face a world with its trouble spots, and live in a period of economic down-turn with all of its consequences, let all of us keep our chins up, pray for better things, and have confidence that goodness and morality will prevail. Continued support of our Country and its Armed Forces and the urging of adequate preparedness should be a prime objective.

God bless all of you.

ROCK OF THE MARNE.

Jerry Jerome Sapiro

jeromesapiro@worldnet.att.net

415-731-4235

Websites that may be of interest to 3rd Divisioners:

- <https://www.stewart.army.mil/homepage.htm> (Active 3d Inf. Div.)
- <https://www.tfeagle.army.mil/> (This will be the website of the division in Bosnia.)
- <http://members.aol.com/vaysmeer/3rdsociety6.htm> #Watch (Society of the Third Website)
- <http://www.warfoto.com> (Rich Heller's Website.)
- <http://www.warfoto.com/3rdsociety6.htm> (Watch on the Rhine)
- Walter.Meeks@stewart.army.mil (The 3ID museum address.)
- <http://www.koreanwar.org/> (Korean War Project.)
- <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/default.htm>
- <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/documents/eto-ob/3ID-eto.htm>
- <http://www.cottonbalers.com>
- <http://korea50.army.mil>
- <http://www.nara.gov/regional/>
- <http://www.SwiftSite.com/2IDA> (2nd Infantry Division.)
- <http://www.prsoldier.com>



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.

Beall, Lynn O. Col. USA (Ret.) LM
OP 35 G Co., 15th Inf. Regt.,
3rd Infantry Division WWII
318 Country Lane
San Antonio, TX 78209-2319
DOD Dec., 2000
Reported by Morris Kirk

Beck, James R. OP 12
Cpl C Bat. 41st FA
3rd Infantry Division WWII
2214 Kelly Ave.
Cloquet, MN 55720-2224
DOD Oct. 14 2001
Reported by Jack Swatske.

Coats, Wendell M/Gen OP 7
Bn CO 39th FA,
3rd Infantry Division WWII
2623 Veteran Hts.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904-5115
DOD Nov. 12, 2001
General Coats served 33 years in the
US Army. His decorations include
The Silver Star, The Bronze Star for
Valor, and the Distinguished Service
Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.
Reported by John D. Byrne

Faults, Marilyn AM OP 77
Widow of deceased member Russell
Faults.
Passed away early Oct. 2001
Reported by Ray Anderson

Glassner, Kenneth LM OP 1
7th. Inf. Regt.,
3rd Infantry Division WW2
4206 N. Goss Ave.
Shiller Pk., IL
Reported by John Triphahn

Gunderson, Orville M. OP 12
T/Sgt 39th FA HQ, 3rd Infantry
Division WWII
715 Victor St. Apt.108
Alexandria, MN 556308
DOD 18 October 2001.
Reported by "Howitzer Hotline"
Harold Unger

Guseff, Oleg OP 5
1st Lt. 10th FA
3rd Infantry Division WWII
35 Somerset Dr. Woodcliff Lake, NJ
07675-7648
Oleg was a former Eastern District
Committeeman and until recently 1st
Vice President of Outpost 5.
DOD November 12, 2001
Reported by Grace Zurawski to Earl
Killen

Hollon, Troy B. OP 63
Cpl Cannon Co. 7th Infantry Regt.,
3rd Infantry Division
5200 Conley Ave.
Odessa, TX 79762
DOD June 28th, 2001.
Reported by his wife, Mrs. T.B
Hollon & Morris Krepyk

Kane, Hayden W. LM
President OP 88
1st Lt. C Co. 30th Inf. Regt. 3rd
Infantry Division WWII
1 Mesa Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Hayden served in the 3rd ID from
1940 to 1945 and had been award-
ed a Bronze Star and two Silver
Stars.
Reported by Andy Maffucci

Lewis, Russell L. OP 4
B Bat. 39th FA and Div. Sig. 3rd
Infantry Division WWII and US
Airforce in Korea.
4225 4th Ave. N.
Great Falls, MT 59405-1223
Reported by George H. Goldstone

McCarthy, Gerard A. OP 5
3rd Inf, 7th Regt. WWII
101 Squantum St.
Milton, MA 02186
DOD 8/27/01...
He served with tremendous pride in
Recipient of the Bronze Star. He was
an avid reader of Watch on the
Rhine, attended numerous reunions,
and was the best father in the world.
Reported by Kathleen McCarthy
(Daughter)

Menker, Bernard H. OP 2
Sgt. 9th FA
3rd Infantry Division WWII
9672 Horizon Dr.
Spring Hill, FL 34608-6320
DOD Oct. 17 2001 at 80 years.
Bernie was a charter member of OP
17.
Reported by Jack Swatske.

Ohlson, Wendell B. LM OP 54
SSgt. E Co. 15th Inf. Regt. 3rd
Infantry Division WWII
13617 Highway 86
Kiowa, CO 80117-9206
Wendell was a Purple Heart recipi-
ent. DOD Nov. 27, 2001
Reported by his son, Robert &
Wayne Jens.

Ottolini, Felix R. OP 2
30th Inf. Regt. 1st Bn. Hq, 3rd
Infantry Division WWII
611 Easy St.
Daytona Beach, FL 32117-4002
DOD October 18, 2001
Reported by wife to Jim Tiezzi

Sanford, Leland F. OP 11
Maj. Div/Qm.,
3rd Infantry Division WWII
260 S Main St.
Attleboro, MA 02703-5019
Reported by Fred Moehle.

Strand, Donald A. OP12
39th FA & DIVARTY WWII
1709 SW 5th St. #202
Wilmar, MN 56201
DOD June 11, 2001
Reported by Harold Unger

Wallace, Robert E. LTC OP 2
Div/HQ 3d Infantry Division Korea
Judge Advocate Dept.
DOD 21 November 2001
950 Torchwood Dr
Deland, FL 32724

He was a man of many talents. He
was involved with the restructure of
the Korean railroad system after its
destruction by the Chinese forces.
He was also a member of Korean
Veterans Association & was retired
with 30 years of Army service. He
is survived by his wife Elizabeth.
Reported by Ed Pfeiffer to Walt
Campbell, VP, OP2

Non-Members

Brownfield, Robert C.
M Co. 30th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry
Division WWII
Arvada, CO
Robert was a recipient of The Purple
Heart.
DOD Nov. 30, 2001
Reported by Robert W. Weins

Eimen, Loren E.
A Co., 30th Inf. Regt. Third Inf.
Division WW II
St. Paul HealthCare Center

3800 N. California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60618-3606
DOD December 10, 2001
Reported by his nephew Milo M.
Moyano

Ethen, Mary
1036 Seimnary Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104
Wife of O/P 12 member, John
Reported by Jerry Manley

Getz, Elias
1957-59 in H & H Co., 1st Bn, 68th
Armor, 3d ID,
Ft. Benning and Harvey Barracks,
Kitzingen, Germany.
DOD November 8th, 1995
Reported by Joe Roberts

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DOD November 19, 2001.
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with V.
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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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