

# Mementos of War

By Harold Taylor

**O**n July 10, 1943 in the early hours of that morning before sunrise, I as a Commo. Sgt. of the 15th Infantry Headquarters Co., along with the rest of the 3d Infantry Division and other American Divisions and General Patton's Armored Division went ashore on the southern coast of the Island of Sicily at Licata.

That morning upon hitting the landing area I kicked something, an object that drew my attention and after picking up said object, continued moving inland with other members of the company. A quick examination was that it was a small pocket sized book, but I was unaware of the contents until daybreak, along with the opportunity to read it.

From that moment on that prayer book became a part of me and found a permanent place in my left shirt pocket over my heart. Being a Catholic added to it's importance to me where others may have discarded it.

It was a small pocket size Italian prayer book. I made a small notation inside the back cover, reference the fall of Licata. The prayer book had no visible marks do to weather elements so it was where found only a short time. It had some worn spots, therefore had seen some use. I had to wonder how it got into our landing area and who

put it there and why. I put it into my left shirt pocket as my partner and I moved to a more secure and secluded place with our radio equipment as we came under sniper and other small arms fire.

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With each passing day and during each campaign this memento would remain over my heart. Whether it had any spiritual significance I cannot exactly say but could have as I always felt comfortable with it. Maybe my finding it was supposed to be.

At War's end the importance remained and it wasn't until I returned home that I removed it from my pocket and placed it on top of my dresser in my bedroom.

Yes, this little book became a part of me through Hell and high water. It was a constant companion through Sicily, up the boot of Italy, through mud, rain & snow to the foothills of Casino, Anzio, through 4 months of hell before fighting our way from the shores of southern France, through France and across the Rhine into Germany and Austria.

After the war this prayer book remained with me on my journey home over land and water and touching feet on four continents before taking a troop train from Miami home to Indiana. This prayer book had been with me on the 40-48 boxcars from Salzburg, Austria to Marseille, France, from where our air flights would start.

Today, 59 years later this prayer book remains a priceless piece of my personal history. I keep it in a small box with a map of Sicily where it was found and a write up of the story behind it.



## Events and Meetings

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

### Anzio Beachhead Veterans of WWII

April 11 - 13, 2002

23rd Reunion, Jacksonville, FL. Contact John W. Hohl, 2633 Loretto Rd., Jacksonville, FL 904.268.5002. John L. Boller, Secretary, Hq Co 1st Bn 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry Division.

### OP Harry Survivors Association

June 13 - 16, 2002

Recently received OP Harry Survivors Association Newsletter from Jim Jarboe. He does an excellent job with it. The next OP Harry reunion will be held June 13 to 16, 2002 at The Four Points Sheraton Airport Hotel at New Orleans, LA. Room rates: \$69.00 plus 11.75% tax. For further information please contact, Jerry Cunningham, 803.783.4491.

### 30th Infantry Regimental Dinner

September 13, 2002

Our 11th annual regimental dinner will be held on Friday, September 13th, 2002, during the reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division at the Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY. There will be a no-host reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal dinner in the Deco restaurant at 7:00 p.m. There will be no restrictions on the menu. There will be separate checks.

A head count is needed so please make your reservations by August 15th, 2002 to:

Carl Q. Topie  
27 Apple Lane  
Milford, Ohio 45150  
Phone: (513) 831-2636  
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### Outpost 15 Dues

Members of Outpost 15 please be advised that National inadvertently sent you dues notices. Outpost 15 members are reminded to send dues and contributions directly to Carl Duncan, 14617 Shiprock Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351. All other members of the Society should submit their dues and contributions to the Membership Manager, Society of the Third Infantry Division, P.O. Box 70291, Beaufort, SC 29902.

### Feeling Lucky?

A drawing will take place at the general membership meeting in Buffalo for the first 50 reunion attendees. To be eligible please submit your registration forms for the reunion (not the hotel registration) to the Committee. Two prizes of one free night each at the hotel, with breakfast, to the winners.

Thanks, Joe Poggi

# MEMOIRS OF WORLD WAR I

by

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## CAMP GREENE

*November 1917 letter to my folks:*

This camp will accommodate 80,000 or more soldiers when completed. It is nicely laid out considering the size of it, but when it rained NUF SAID. The red clay sticks to your shoes like glue. The days are warm, the nights are cold. I nearly froze on a few mornings this week. We are in a wooden barracks without stoves which I think is colder than the tents in which the rest of the regiment sleeps. Last night we had a stove that helped a great deal.

Shortly after we were in Camp Stuart, I had my second fist fight with a Corporal Scandora, who for no reason whatsoever must have been out to get me. Why he picked on me I don't know for I gave him no trouble at all. I just finished playing my accordion, that I had sent to me from home. I was lying on my cot after Retreat when Corporal Scandora came through the room I told him that I had been made Camp Orderly by the Major and that I was to ride a horse. Corporal Scandora said I would ride the mule. I informed him Camp Orderlies do not ride pack mules and that I wouldn't. He remarked that he would punch me in the mouth and after I answered him he offered me out to fight. Here he was in the wrong for he was going against the Major's orders and secondly no Non-Commissioned Officer can order his men out to fight. I wasn't thinking of this as I told him to come ahead as that what I came in the army for.....that is, to fight. On my way out as I neared the door, he came up behind me and struck me a niggerly blow. He dropped me well enough but the blow was a trifle too high. Had it been lower I would have stretched the floor, but I managed to get to my feet and asked him did he care to go outside and finish it but he walked away. Had he gone out with me I suppose he would have slaughtered me as I was in a dazed condition.

Not being satisfied with what he had done he reported me to the Major saying I was hostile to him. The next morning those who saw the trouble (eight) testified that the Corporal was in the wrong and not me. The Major only gave him a talking. I wanted him to have a trial so he could be busted to a private like myself then I could get him on an even footing without getting into a trial.

When I asked the Major if he was going to have a trial (Court Martial) the Major remarked that he wasn't going to bother about my affairs. Here I was up against a ticklish proposition. I surely had to gain satisfaction. If I could not get it in the proper military fashion I would get it in my own way and I DID! A couple of days later I forced him to fight me just as we were to get our supper. During the fight I was beating him to every blow. He saw he was being licked and he made several attempts to get me with an axe, club and a knife. When he came at me with those things I would jump behind a guard who was watching me and when he would drop each one I would go for him again until he actually ran away from me. This Corporal was built like myself in height and perhaps he was more muscular. For my actions the Major had me court martialled. You can readily see how good I stood with the Major. But my greatest satisfaction was that all the enlisted men soon heard the true facts and backed me up but my own officers not knowing the true facts held it against me. It did not bother me for I got what I went after. I was placed in the Guard House and after five days I had my trial. I was fined \$10.00. Cheap at that price. I was justified.

I tried to be a fairly good soldier but they would not let me. If I did not redeem myself the men of my outfit would have picked one fight after another with me but with this scrap they left me alone for I suppose they saw that I would fight back. I learned afterwards in Germany that I was to be made a Sergeant but this affair stopped it and my friend the Major claimed that I would never become Sergeant. He all was wrong for I made it in spite of him and several others.

This Corporal Scandora, not having much education, seems to take great delight, to talk before us rookies, as he walks up and down the floor as how he was going to act when we got in the front line. We would all give him the laugh and this would get him sore. I had just been released from the Guard House when he offered me some candy he had received from his lady friend. I was dumfounded that he should do this. It showed that he was not of a high caliber, not only in this case but later in another one when we were on a hike (the Medical men only) with Scandora in

charge. After my fight with him one of the men did all he could to get Scandora to fight but nothing doing. Scandora was no weakling but husky and strong but he had that little stripe of yellow down his back. If he got away with me I would never had any peace with him but I called his bluff and I always believed that no one knew he was yellow until our little affair.

I spent my Thanksgiving at the rifle range, another trick of the Major, near a god forsaken hole called Mount Holly, N.C. The way they looked upon us soldiers, what few people that were in town, I don't think they knew that their was a war on. I was sent here shortly after I was released from the Mill (Jack note: This apparently is another term for the Guard House) and we stayed here for two weeks. With my week in the Guard House and two out here I felt anything but pleasant. I gave a show with my ventriloquist doll in Camp Greene. We left this place about the last of November during a snow storm for Camp Stuart, Newport News, Virginia.

### CAMP STUART

Camp Stuart, on the outskirts of Newport News, V.A., was the smallest camp that I was in and we went there to be near our supposed jumping off point for France. We had to have more men so we got a lot from Camp Upton, N.Y. And what a lot they were.....a bunch of physical derelicts, all drafted men, flat-footed, heart trouble, demented and what not. Over half of them were no good. It delayed our leaving. More men had to be secured from other camps. For example twenty of them were sent to one company and only three remained fit for service. The others were sent to the hospital or put on the list of undesirables, mainly through physical unfitness. We got a bunch of men from Camp Funston and what a splendid body of men they were. They gave an excellent account of themselves in the war. They came from the farm districts of the Middle West.

I fortunately got a 48 hour pass home for Christmas, the first time home for six months and knowing that I wouldn't get home again until the war was over, if I should come through it, I took three days extra. For which my friend Major Loew bawled me out proper and tried his hardest to have me put in the Mill for a lengthy

period. I did get time in the Mill from my trial, but the Colonel of the regiment countermanded the Mill sentence and fined me \$6.60. Lucky boy I was for I had another trial only about a month ago. They always refer to your record when you are tried for anything.

There was not much doing at Camp Stuart waiting for our orders to sail. I was to give a show at the K of C but was quarantined (Jack's Note: Quarantine used here means all troops are required to stay in camp and is a standard military practice prior to their being moved elsewhere particularly by ship) and I had my doll sent home. I showed in Newport News, Va. at the Hospitality House. Went on a visit to Norfolk, Va. This is all that transpired during my stay in the states as we got orders to sail.

### TO FRANCE

At about 7:00 PM April 15, 1918 with night coming on quickly, the good ship U.S.S. Madawaska shoved off from Newport News, Va. quietly taking with part of its cargo the First Battalion of the 4th Infantry, 3rd Division, myself included, without any cheering (we could not cheer as we had orders not to), band playing or any celebration of any kind. The trip took thirteen days which time I felt like the man who, when told the ship was going to sink said "let it sink, I'll feel better". I was between sea sickness and God knows what. In this state of condition I had to hold sick call. Sergeant Landsman was with us but I was put in charge. There were others sick worse than myself, for they would come to me and say "I am sick" and all I could do was to say "You look it". On a suggestion I ate a jar of pickles and drank the juice to cure my sea sickness. Then I tried a lemon, but after they were down a while I brought them up whole. The days I ate my meals instead of having three, I had six, three going down and three coming up! There was a crowd of colored troops on board ship and they talked as if they were scared for at night they would sing hymns and talk about being good men thereafter.

It was a glorious feeling when we sighted and landed at ST. NAZAIRE, FRANCE on April 28, 1918. We thought we would be acclaimed by the populace when we pulled in but we weren't, as they only looked upon us as another load of soldiers. (Jack's Note:

For the French the war was in its fourth year). What greeted us was "Cigarette, Cigarette", souvenir (meaning pennies) which the soldiers threw out to see them scramble for them. That night we hiked to Cantonment Camp # 1 where we rested for four days then we boarded for the first time the 8 chevales, 40 hommes meaning 8 horses or 40 men (railroad cars). They may have put in the horses but I never saw a (railroad) car over there that could pack 40 American soldiers. They were not big enough, the French side door pullmans, anyhow we got to our training station nearer to the Front. We met no submarines coming over but we had our life guard drill everyday.

Out of the goodness (?) Of Capt. Rice our Medical officer, I was placed in a ration (eats) car along with a Sergeant Higbe who wore a Marksmanship Badge, was an excellent driller and clever going through the Manual of Arms which comprises a peace time soldier. He had about fifteen years of service. I will talk of him again. The first day and night and the second days riding was steady but all serene. But on the second night about midnight (Saturday) we pulled into our destination of the side door pullmans (railroad cars) of CLAIRBAUX (France) on May 4, 1918.

We were all awakened and told that we had a hike in front of us. Again I had the good fortune to be placed in charge of the eats with a few others (and thus we "HIKED" out to our camp ON A TRUCK the next day). We didn't realize our good fortune until we came upon the outfit about 9:00 AM Sunday morning. They had hiked from 12:00 Midnight to 5:00 AM without a rest and with packs on their backs and had just flopped where they could. They were all over in stalls, hay lofts, feed bins, etc. and let there until they slept themselves out which they did near the whole day. This town or village was called COLOMBE. 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry were the only ones in this town. The other part of the regiment and Division were in other towns in a radius of ten miles.

*May 5, 1918 letter to my folks at home  
At Best Somewhere in France*

Today Sunday, we got a little deeper into this beautiful country. This country is very beautiful, going thru I had a good chance to see it. They till the ground on the sides of all steep hills and they must do it by hand

for a horse could never stand up. A little history. In ancient times each village had a castle. The people would live around these castles and farm on the outskirts. The people would look for protection from the Lords that lived in these castles. The Lords in turn would ask a piece of land from them as he paid men to be his soldiers. So France is just dotted with these little villages. They would often fight, one village against another. The roads over here are in excellent shape, good for hikes. The first thing you see when you come upon these villages is the church steeple. All villages while small have their large churches. I went to church today and it was built over three hundred years ago and is in good shape yet.

The people here are not efficient as in America when it comes to business or buildings. It looks as if there has not been anything done in line of repairs since the war began nearly four years ago. I had a French soldier riding back to his regiment on our train and he told us that his whole family had been wiped out.

*Letter to my mother on "Mothers Day"  
Somewhere over here  
May 12th, 1919*

My Dear Mother,

It is on this day, May 12th, that my thoughts of you are stronger than other times. Maybe because this day has been set aside that we may all pay our respects to the one that is dearest to our hearts, Mother, of course. I know there is not a day that I don't think of you, because I do something either in action or thought that reminds me of something that happened to me when your watchful eye was upon me when I was a bit younger. For instance, do you remember the time when I came home from work and I was very wet, you remarked how wet I was? I ignored your remarks by saying "I brought this pot of shamrocks home for you". Numerous other things like this one has been recalled to my mind. I sure do long for one glimpse of your face, but just remember that a glorious day its going to be when I come home to you marching side by side with other boys of the neighborhood.

It, no doubt, pains you to think of your son over here in the danger zone, but why worry? If I do go down I'll try to go like you would want me to go...like a man. And then again, I never think of that.

I must confess that I never knew what a jewel of a Mother I had until this present time. I always loved you, and it was with great pride that I would talk of you but now words cannot express my thoughts.

Today I will go to church and say my prayers that you taught me since I was knee-high to a grasshopper and which I never forget, the things of my childhood days.

It is peculiar how I try to learn this language here, I suppose bye and bye I will learn but I am afraid that when I learn and talk to you, you won't understand me, so you see I am between two fires.

May 12th may come and go, but remembrance of my Mother will stay forever. This letter may reach you about three weeks from this day, but it will carry just the same a thousand kisses. It is the least I can do, that is, pay respects to the one I love, my Mother.

Your Obedient Son

JAMES

James J. Webster

4th Inf. Med. Dept.

American E.F. France

We then started to train for the fight of our lives, between hikes to JESSENCOURT about five miles away, drilling and the famous Vin Elanc. We got orders to move to the Front Decoration day, May 30, 1918. We were to hike to BRICON by midnight but most of the boys were celebrating the holiday and were in no condition to finish the hike and we rested all night along the road, finishing the hike the next day.

#### **From 3rd Division History Fourth Infantry Section**

Like a bolt from the clear sky came the news, early in the morning of Memorial Day, that the Hun was making another great bid for supremacy. Sweeping outward from his entrenched positions in the Hindenburg Line, he had surged forward and enveloped SOISSINS, and was still coming. No man knew where he would be stopped. PARIS itself, even the Allies cause, was in danger.

Hard on the heels of this announcement came the order to suspend drills and prepare for an immediate move. Every doughboy's heart leaped with delight. It WAS a holiday indeed. Each one knew that the great crisis had at last arrived and that the

French Government, in its extremity, had called on the regiment which could arise to it. As they turned in their barracks bags and surplus equipment, they chatted in little groups as to the deeds of valor they were shortly to perform. Deep seated in their hearts was the American counterpart of the famous Motto "lis ne passerant pas" (they shall not pass)."Let the squareheads come".

*Letter to my Folks at home:  
"Over Here" not "Over There"  
"At Rest" 2 June 1918*

My Dear Mother and Father,

Monday, it was due traveling all day Sunday that I was unable to write you my weekly Sunday letter. Last week we were paid in French money. Every American 1.00. The boys aren't looking upon it as real money, looks like coupons, and they spend it that way.

When you travel in this man's army, you don't know one day from another as we had a couple of days riding in those famous side door pullmans (box cars). I never thought that I could stand up under the conditions that I have had. We had good food and everything considering, but we are compelled to rough it and you can bet we are doing it. One good hike after another. Besides carrying our equipment we get a couple of days ration equaling about sixty pounds, and when you hike about eight or ten miles with this load you are doing something. I don't know when I felt better in my life. Camping life appeals to the American boy. Whenever our train would stop for a short period, off the boys would jump, build a fire and have a hot meal with their "Corn Bill", "Cornbeef Hash" or "Monkey Meat" and French bread (which was dark bread) or "Hard Tack". They would buy all the eggs they could. I gave a french boy sixty Americanan money) cents to get me a dozen of eggs (this was considered big money) but before he got back the train was leaving, another boy had bought dates for another soldier but couldn't locate him and I grabbed the bag and got something for my money, the other soldier was out of luck.

We have heard that a few days ago 15,000 Germans were captured by the Americans and French. The French soldiers tells us that the Germans are good fighters when they are in a bunch but when they don't have their officers they are easy pick-

ings. The French speak highly of the American troops saying they are good fighting comrades. I am also told they are fighting open warfare. If so that is where the Americans shine as they don't "savvy" this trench fighting, laying in trenches for a period of time with a gun in their hands and nothing to shoot at.

### 3rd Division History 4th Infantry Section

As we passed "TROYES" news was received that the Boche was not content with "SOISSON'S, but had swept forward to a point along ten kilometers north of CHATEAU-THIERRY and was coming strong. We knew where we were headed for "CHATEAU-THIERRY.....glorious name in the annals of American history.

The advance battalion of the regiment arrived at MONTMIRAIL at 5 PM June 1st, to find everything in an uproar. Refugees from north of the MARNE and the CONDE VALLEY swarmed in and about the station, presenting a most picturesque sight. Rumors were rife as to the progress of the Boche. The French, war-worn and weary, expressed fearful doubts that the Boche could be stopped. A report reached us that the 7th Machine Gun Battalion (a unit of the 3rd Div.), a motorized unit, which had proceeded to CHATEAU-THIERRY to hold a bridgehead, had been routed in disorder.

The Fourth Infantry found this hard to believe, but a tightening of the lips and a squaring of the jaw betrayed the determination that, if this were so, the Fourth would redeem it by its stand when its turn came. The trains carrying the regiment were delayed some hours at this point, the railway officials fearing that if they proceeded farther they might run plump into the hands of the advancing Germans. The Boche did, indeed, attempt a crossing of the MARNE RIVER at MEZY that night but were repulsed with heavy losses. After this the trains took up their forward movement.

The First Battalion (that is the one I was with) detrained at AIGONTES, marching by the way of ROZOY-BELLEVILLE to the GRANDE-FORET, where they were held in reserve. On June 4th, under the canopy of the trees, they passed in review before Major General Dickman, the Division Commander. After the ceremony the regiment was informed that the previ-

ous rumors regarding the 7th Machine Gun Battalion were false and that this outfit had indeed distinguished itself at CHATEAU THIERRY BY HURLING BACK THE HUN TO THE NORTH OF THE MARNE literally piling up the dead around the bridgehead.

You will notice that I am gradually getting to the front line and after the above "Review" we had we were not together again as a division until we hiked to Germany, always spread out.

*June 9, 1918 letter to my folks at home (Extract)*

I have seen several air battles and it looks as if they had called off the war today on account of being Sunday, as I don't hear any cannons going off. They did things aplenty last night as the big artillery guns shook our billets a good deal. That didn't awaken me, what did wake me was a couple of soldiers who got too much of the French "VIN EL NC (French wine) in them and were giving us a serenade outside in the form of a fist fight. I am now in a position that I may see actual warfare at any time day or night. We our subject to call.

By the time you read this I will have had my first initiation in this war. The American soldiers are doing good work and the French soldiers say that we American soldiers are crazy like-a-hell, that when we fire our cannons we don't go behind a house and do it but get right out in the middle of the road and let it go. The French papers has stated that we have shown them how to fight. This bit of news ought to

make you throw your chest.

I have not seen any thing of the welfare organizations, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, K of C and any other kindred organizations, except the Y.M.C.A. They have 3 or 4 secretaries with each regiment but it doesn't mean anything, and at this rate the \$35,000,000 that they have raised for them will be shot to nothing. I personally believe it to be the biggest graft that was ever created. These secretaries got \$100.00. a month. Who wouldn't be patriotic for that amount. The soldiers get about 1/4 of the money raised, if they get that.

NOTICE: .I sincerely hope that the person reading this pamphlet does not think that I am writing this with a prejudice mind. I am stating facts as I found them about the "Y.M.C.A." Any one serving over on the other side up front could tell you the same thing.

The above letter was written in a small town called VIFFORT where we were before going to Hill #204. One night we were suddenly awakened and told to get out of the house as word came that the Germans had the range on it. We went about 50 or 75 feet away in a little woods. It was a cold damp morning. Nothing happened but it showed how "green" we were both officers and men because being 50 or 75 feet away from a target is not out of range. We should have gone about a 1/4 of a mile away to be secured on a long shot.

...to be continued in future issues of *The Watch*

# MOVING??



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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# 3rd Infantry Division Korea Tour

## ☯ 2002 Itinerary ☯

September 18 (Wednesday)

### US / Korea

Depart San Francisco for the flight to Korea. We cross the International Dateline enroute, arriving in Seoul "next day" (on the return flight, we arrive in the U.S. "same day").

September 19 (Thursday)

### Arrive Incheon, Korea

Arrive Incheon International Airport in the afternoon (Seoul's Kimpoo Airport is closed to International air traffic as of March 25, 2001). After customs formalities, we exchange US currency for Korean Won (it is a good idea to have Korean currency, especially for use outside of Seoul). Exiting the International Arrivals area, our English-speaking Korean guides assist us onto our motorcoaches. We depart the airport for the short trip to our hotel and check-in. After the long trip, the remainder of the afternoon and evening are free to rest.

(Suggestion: "jet lag" in this direction - East to West - is much less severe than going the other way; you can almost completely eliminate any jet-lag symptoms while in Korea by going to bed early tonight. Seoul's 8 PM is very early morning U.S. time, and you will probably be very sleepy by early evening tonight. Go to bed around 8 PM, and get up about 6 AM tomorrow morning - you will have gotten 10 hours of sleep, be wide-awake at 6 AM local time, and hardly notice jet-lag at all).

September 20 (Friday)

### Seoul City Tour

After breakfast we depart for a full-morning visit to Seoul's Korean War Memorial, housing the Korean War Museum. This museum is undoubtedly the best collection of Korean War-era material in the world.

The collection also includes material from other historic periods, such as the Choson, Koryo and Silla Dynasties, that cannot be seen outside of Korea. For many Veterans of the Korean War, this museum is one of the highlights of our tour.

At mid-day, we depart the Museum for Seoul's Itaewon district. Itaewon, located near the Museum and Yongsan Army Post, has been the "foreigner's quarter" in Seoul for several hundred years; since the War, it has become the home to thousands of shops selling all manner of items geared to American tastes - including hamburgers, pizza and other American food. Insadong is the antique and art district of Seoul, where high-quality paintings, traditional and modern, furniture and arts & crafts may be viewed and bought. We visit Kyongbok Palace, the beautiful traditional palace home of the Choson Dynasty kings. We also visit Chungang Atlas Company, where topographic and thematic maps of Korea may be purchased. After a day of visits, we return to our hotel, with the evening free. (B, D)

September 21 (Saturday)

### Chorwon Valley / Iron Triangle

After breakfast, we check-out of our hotel and head north through the "Uijongbu Corridor", entering the southern portion of the Chorwon Valley. Arriving at a ROK Army Observation Post, we climb a steep access road for excellent views of Alligator Jaws and the T-Bone (and it's Outposts Arsenal and Erie) can be had. Moving to the top of another hill, we gain a view of Pork Chop (may involve some walking).

We then continue north into the Chorwon Valley. Moving east along the 1953 line, we stop at the ROK Army 'White Horse' Division's Memorial to the battles at White Horse Mountain. Here we have good views of Whitehorse, which is just inside the DMZ (when the Armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, the agreement specified that both sides would pull back from existing positions a distance of 2000 meters - making the "De-Militarized Zone" 4000 meters wide; the result, of course, is that most - not all - of the 1952 - 53 positions are now in the Zone, and must be observed from a distance or by binoculars). We then visit another ROK Army OP (Iron Triangle OP) with excellent views of Jackson Heights and OP Tom. Here in the upper portion of the valley the cities of Chorwon, Kumwha and Pyonggang form the three "points" of the Iron Triangle. Pyonggang is now in North Korea, but we visit the old city of Chorwon (now a ruin) and Kumwha (the "Papasan" and "Triangle Hill" complex is just north of the city). After visiting sites in the Chorwon Valley we check-in to our hotel in the city of Kosokchong, in the Chorwon Valley. (B, D)

October 15 (Tuesday)

### The Punchbowl

After breakfast, we checkout of our hotel and travel east into the mountains; today's destination is the city of Inje, in the Province of Kangwon. Here we find the Hwachon - Yanggu - Inje line, and pass the famous Hwachon reservoir heading north into the unusual geographic formation known as the "Punchbowl". Hotly contested by the Chinese and North Koreans, the Bowl is a strategic flat area surrounded by impenetrable mountains. As we crest the last mountain peak surrounding the Bowl, it becomes obvious how this area got its name - it is an almost perfectly circular valley, surrounded on all sides by mountains.

We pass Do Sol Mountain, site of a major ROK and US Marine Corps battle, now the home of the ROK 66th Infantry Regiment's "Do Sol Battalion", a famous commando unit. Moving into the bottom of the Punchbowl, we visit the small village of Haeon and it's Punchbowl Museum. On the roof of the museum there are a series of "big eye" binoculars, and clear markings of each major battlesite surrounding the Bowl. North of the village a good view of Bloody Ridge, the 1951 2nd Division battle, can also be had (Heartbreak Ridge is located in the DMZ just north of Bloody Ridge).

On the North end of the Bowl, we climb to visit two remarkable sites: the ROK Ulchi OP, with sweeping views of North Korean military outposts, and the 4th Invasion Tunnel. This tunnel, the last to be discovered, was drilled through solid granite as much as 150 meters below the mountain.

The tunnel is fitted with a small-gauge railroad; we will be seated in the tiny traincars and be driven through the 6-foot high tunnel 100 meters below the ground to a point near the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and back. Departing the Punchbowl, we continue on to the city of Inje where we check in to our hotel, with the evening free. (B, D)

### October 16 (Wednesday)

#### Return to Seoul

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel, and drive out of the mountains in a southwesterly direction, following the Han River Valley toward the capital city of Seoul. Arriving Seoul, we take time for shopping in the famous Itaewon and Namdaemun (South Gate Market) areas, and return to our hotel. (B, D)

### October 17 (Thursday)

#### Panmunjom / Incheon

Today visit the infamous "Truce Village" at Panmunjom. Approaching "Freedom Bridge" at the Imjin River, we stop to view many monuments to United Nations military units (including the 2nd Division and 187th Airborne RCT monuments) and "Freedom Bridge" (closed to vehicle traffic in the summer of 1999, Freedom Bridge is being refurbished as a railroad bridge for service on a proposed Seoul - Pyongyang rail line). We cross the Imjin River over the new "Unification Bridge" and stop at Camp Bonifas (formerly Camp Kitty Hawk, renamed after Captain Arthur Bonifas, one of two US Army Officers killed by North Korean border guards in the infamous 1978 "Tree Trimming Incident") for a briefing on disposition of forces. After lunch at the EM Club, we enter the Joint Security Area (JSA) itself and visit the truce village of Panmunjom, including the actual conference room still used by the Military Armistice Commission. View suspicious North Korean guards and the propaganda village of Kaesong, and the Axe Murder site by the Bridge of No Return - eye-opening reminders that this last East - West frontier is still a "hot" area. Return to Incheon in the afternoon, where the 7th Division came ashore on September 18, 1950.

Farewell Dinner: Tonight's banquet is sponsored by the Korea Veterans Association (KVA). A highlight of the dinner includes the presentation of the Korean Government's Medal for American Veterans of the Korean War. (B, D)

### October 18 (Friday)

#### Departure Day

After breakfast in the hotel and a late check-out, we depart for Incheon International Airport (actual departure time depends on next destination; U.S. Departees cross International Date Line & arrive "same day"). (B)

*For further information, contact Roy Montgomery, California Pacific Tours, 1475 Huntington Ave., Ste 101, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Ph: 888-822-5258 <info@cptours.com>*

### THE BATTLE OF THE MARNE

It was near the city of Chateau Thierry in July  
Nineteen-Eighteen

That the Boche was hitting for Paris,-to get there  
he did mean;

There was many a Heinie and Herman in all of their  
motley crew

But they did not know when they started their show  
that Uncle Samuel was there, too.

They had come many many Kilos from their dear  
loved River Rhine,

Kaiser Wilhelm had said Paris was the place where  
all would dine,

As they dearly loved Wilhelm all his wishes must be  
borne,

But as this rhyme goes it clearly shows that they  
stopped near the Marne.

They tried to cross the River Marne a great many  
times that day

But our Doughboys with steel fought them heel to  
heel till their lines began to sway.

The Marne was running bloody, its banks were lined  
with dead

Many a German pushed the daisies with his body  
full of lead,

The Fritzes at last began to pull fast,-they surely  
looked forlorn.

When it all came thru that Red White and Blue was  
against them at the Marne.

Many a Doughboy true for the, Red, White and Blue  
on that gory battle-field

Gave all that he had for Mother and Dad, for he  
knew the Jerrys must yield.

The French, tho hit bad, were lighting like mad and  
shouting, "Allay, Allay!"

And we knew, one by one the battle was won on  
the eve of that frightful day,

Many a battle's been won over there, over here  
many a heart will always be torn

But in history to come there will never be one like  
the battle was fought at the Marne.

We shall never forget our nation's best bet as  
they sleep on France's hills wide,

For they were our true sons and they won from the  
Huns-it's for Liberty's cause that they died;

May they sleep peacefully across the blue sea and  
all to heaven be borne,

For like Seventy-Six they surely did mix in the battle  
that was fought at the Marne.

*By A. D. Callahan, 3rd Infantry Division in the World  
War. Presented by Member Don Ahlgren from his  
father's World War Memoirs.*

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

**Sept 11 – Sept 15, 2002 Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(please type or print)

Name(s) Member and guests \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Outpost # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit in military service \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one or more)     WW II     Korea     Cold War     Gulf War     Peace Time     Active Division

Event	Cost	No.	Total
Registration fee for each attendee .....	\$14 x	_____ =	_____
<b>Sept. 11th</b> Early registration. Golf and sightseeing tours available through hotel.			
<b>Sept. 12th</b> Registration Presidential Dinner, featuring the Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club.....	\$30 x	_____ =	_____
<b>Sept. 13th</b> Sightseeing tour of the City of Buffalo, International Peace Bridge, Canadian and New York Niagara Falls with lunch atop of Sheraton Hotel overlooking the falls.....	\$40 x	_____ =	_____
<b>Sept. 14th</b> Ladies brunch.....	\$18 x	_____ =	_____
<b>Sept. 14th</b> Reunion banquet .....	\$30 x	_____ =	_____
<b>Sept. 15th</b> Memorial Breakfast.....	\$14 x	_____ =	_____
<b>TOTAL</b> .....			\$ _____

All the above prices include all courses, gratuity and tax. Host bars will be available for the various dinner events.

Please make checks payable to **OP 5 Reunion Committee** and mail to: **Joseph M. Poggi, 610 Poplar Rd, River Vale, NJ 07675 (201)573-0515.**



Please remit as soon as possible. There will be free transportation to and from the Buffalo Airport.

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE EARLY REGISTRATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR BUSES, LUNCH, MEAL FUNCTIONS.**

**Disclaimer:** "In event of a national disaster such as the September 11, 2001 attack, Act of God, or other emergency beyond the control of the reunion committee, it may not be possible to cancel all commitments for tours, banquets or other events and obtain full refunds. In such case the reunion committee may not be able to refund all deposits made by members, but will do so to the maximum extent feasible."

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Schedule

Wednesday, September 11th

Early registration, golf and sightseeing tours available.

Thursday, September 12th

Registration, tours and free time. Executive Board meeting at 3:00PM. Presidential Dinner, 7:00PM

Featuring the Niagara Fiddle Club.

Friday, September 13th

Tour through Buffalo, NY, follow along the Niagara River to the Rainbow Bridge, across the International Border and enter Niagara Falls, Canada. Queen Victoria Park beckons you along her flower-lined streets to Table Rock located at the brink of the falls. A stop with time on your own for pictures or souvenir shopping.

Enjoy a buffet lunch in the Penthouse of the Sheraton Hotel overlooking the Falls in Canada. After lunch we

will continue our sightseeing north along the Niagara Gorge and see the Spanish Aero Car, Clifton Hill, Casino Niagara, School of Horticulture and world famous Floral Clock.

Before returning to the hotel we will visit the American side of the falls with a driving tour of the Upper Rapids and Goat

Island. This Island is part of a New York State Park and forms a natural divide for the Niagara River as it flows into the Canadian and American falls.

Friday Evening is set aside for Regimental and Unit dinners. These Unit officers are urged to make their reservations for their dinners, please contact the hotel if not made at this time.

Saturday, September 14th

9:00AM Membership meeting

9:30AM Ladies breakfast

1:00PM Executive Board meeting

7:00PM Reunion Banquet

Special guest speaker: Rear Admiral J. Robert Lunney, Judge Advocate General, NY State Naval Militia. Admiral Lunney was a staff Officer aboard "The Ship of Miracles" last ship out of Hungnam, N. Korea. His talk will be about the untold story of the heroic acts performed by the 3d Infantry division in helping the evacuaion of the Marines in December, 1950.

Sunday, September 15th

8:00AM Memorial breakfast, service will conclude the reunion.

See you all in St Louis, MO next year.

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Buffalo/Niagara Falls 2002

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River Vale, NJ 07675-6431

## Driving to Buffalo?

With the high prices in flying today and the high security at the airports where hours in delay are tacked on to your time in travel, I have enclosed a table of mileage and hours from your home town to the Buffalo reunion in September. It might be less expensive and safer to travel to the reunion by car

	Miles	Driving time (hrs)
Gassville, AR .....	1000	19
Washington, DC .....	374	9
Woodridge, IL .....	550	9 ½
Chicago, IL .....	530	9
Topeka, KS .....	1044	17
Frankfort, KY .....	518	9
Detroit, MI .....	465	4 ¾
Fridley, MN .....	946	16
Lansing, MI .....	329	6
River Vale, NJ .....	385	7
Akron, OH .....	312	4
Milford, OH .....	426	7 ¼
Oklahoma, OK .....	1240	21
Pittsburgh, PA .....	218	4
Nashville, TN .....	702	12
Charleston, SC .....	826	15
Fancy Gap, VA .....	553	10 ½
Green Lake, WI .....	1714	12
Milwaukee, WI .....	623	10 ½
Rochester, NY .....	60	1 ½

Joe Poggi

## Rental Car Rates

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<b>Compact:</b>	\$39.00 per day
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	\$229.00 per week
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Joe Poggi

# Big Easy Embraces 7th Infantry Regiment

A ceremony is to be held at the Marne Garden, Fort Stewart, Georgia at 1430 hours, Thursday, 11 April 2002 at which the City of New Orleans will present a proclamation resolving that the 7th Infantry Regiment be identified as "New Orleans' Own"

## Background

Following the 2000 reunion in New Orleans, Fred Long, then the president of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association, conceived of the idea of getting the City of New Orleans to adopt the 7th Infantry Regiment as "New Orleans' Own" regiment, and put forth the idea in The Cottonbaler. He then recruited Jim LaBlanc, a member of the NO Mayor's Military Affairs Committee, to be the Association's NO Liaison Officer. Jim thereafter prevailed upon the NO City Council to make it so, and in February 2001 the proclamation was issued.

This was the first giant step in the process. The second step occurred at the 2001 reunion in St. Louis when Jm. LeBlanc informally presented the proclamation to the Association, an event subsequently reported in The Cottonbaler. The final step takes place in April when a suitable plaque will be presented to the 7th Infantry's Color Battalion at Fort Stewart.

This is an important step in the chain of actions to build a close relationship between the City of New Orleans and the Regiment. While an of us can take pride in having the active battalions represent the Regiment in this noble event, we should all remember that the Regiment's history consists of the exploits of an Cottonbalers from the time it was constituted in 1812. Three years later the Regiment was to establish its relationship with New Orleans, and earn its

nickname the "Cottonbalers", when the officers and men of the 7th Infantry defended the city in the battle that took place at the Chalmette Plantation.

Every generation of Cottonbalers that has added battle streamers to, or carried the colors of, the 7th Infantry, is a part of this famous regiment forever. The active Second and Third Battalions represent the present, and accept this honor for the Regiment's glorious past with the confidence that its future exploits will equal or exceed those of the past.

This achievement of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association is one of which we can all be justly proud, from the veterans who became "Cottonbalers" more than fifty years ago to the officers and men who serve in the Regiment today. We shall remain Cottonbalers forever. The spirit of this event can be carried forward by future events and activities that will strengthen and deepen the ties between the 7th Infantry and the City of New Orleans.

## Participation

Since the Cottonbaler reunion for this year has been cancelled, it is hoped that the Association will be well represented at the ceremony at Fort Stewart on April 11th. The 3d Battalion will sponsor a tour of its facilities, including a static display of its vehicles and equipment, and the Association will host a reception following the ceremony to provide an opportunity to talk with the officers and NCOs of the 2d and 3d Battalions. There are plenty of hotels and motels in the area, including Hinesville, Richmond Hill and Savannah.

If you have additional questions, contact Rick Rhoades, Association President, at 540-477-3247, or on the Internet at rrhoades@shentel.net

**"Watch" Website**  
<http://www.warfoto.com/3society6.htm>

## 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.**



# Roll Call

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

## New Annual Members

5766 **BERARDI**, PASQUALE (PAT)  
OP11  
15INF/D  
113 HIGHLAND ST  
MILFORD, MA 01757  
WW2

5798 **BROPHY**, MARVIN L OP35  
7INF/G  
3268 JOY RD  
PRINCETON, TX 75407  
KOREA

5800 **DECKER**, CHARLES E OP13  
30INF/A & HQ  
21192 COUNTRY CLUB DR  
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225  
WW2

5795 **DOUGHERTY**, STANLEY E OP63  
DIV/  
15410 25TH AVE E  
TACOMA, WA 98445  
PT

5769 **HARRIS**, WILLIAM H. OP3  
DIV/MP  
504 GREEN AVE  
MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360

5767 **HILTON**, BRUCE F OP3  
7INF/  
PO BOX 2472  
LANCASTER, SC 29721  
KOREA

5764 **JORDAN**, THOMAS N. OP35  
7TH/B&G  
3248 GREEN TERRACE RD  
SHREVEPORT, LA 71118  
PT

5770 **LOSCHIAVO**, ALBERT C. OP2  
7INF/M  
2415 LAURELWOOD DR  
CLEARWATER, FL 33763  
KOREA

5796 **LOVE**, GARY M OP10  
ASSOCIATE  
11050 DEL CANO AVE  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70816

5780 **MAZY**, MICHAEL R OP15  
ASSOCIATE USN  
10409 105 DR  
SUN CITY, AZ 85351

5797 **MCBRIDE**, JACK E OP63  
7030RD  
4921 N WINNIFRED ST  
TACOMA, WA 98407  
KOREA

5801 **MCROBERTS**, JOSEPH J OP2  
39FA/  
195 RINGWOOD DR  
WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708  
KOREA

5771 **NICKOLA**, JAMES W. OP2  
15INF/A  
2524 HWY 92 W  
WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881  
KOREA

5779 **PARK**, RAY OP15  
ASSOCIATE USA  
93 SPANISH GATE DR  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89113

5791 **SALVETTI**, JOHN OP60  
DIV/3BCT  
118 CREEKSIDE CT  
FORTSON, GA 31808  
PT

5768 **SEDOR**, SR, JOSEPH A. OP5  
7INF/D  
36 WEBSTER ST  
RIVERSIDE, NJ 08075  
KOREA

5761 **WINN**, JOHN J OP5  
30INF/1BN  
35 FAIRFIELD AVE  
CRANFORD, NJ 07016  
PT

5799 **WOOD**, JUDY A OP1  
ASSOCIATE  
310 1/2 W CLARK ST  
CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820

5793 **YOUNG JR**, ALBERT J OP5  
64TK/  
135 BINSEY RD  
BUTLER, PA 16002  
WW2/KOREA

5781 **ZENE**, CARLA OP15  
ASSOCIATE  
PO BOX 1488  
GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85622

## New Life Members

5552 \* **MARKON**, JOHN J OP22  
10FA/  
1532 W NORTH AVE  
LOMPOC, CA 93436-3820  
KOREA

5794 **MCLEAN**, WILLIAM J OP35  
DIV/AAA  
114 SKIPCHA TRL  
LAMPASAS, TX 76550

5777 **PERRY**, FRANCIS S. OP11  
DIV/RECON  
76 RITA AVE  
SOUTH YARMOUTH, MA 02664  
WW2

\* Annual to Life Member conversion

## Chaplains Corner

Jerry Sapiro

In this issue I write about two special Third Divisioners and their devotion to and leadership in prayer and memorial services. Certainly most of us seek and find comfort, peace and reverence in prayer, seeking the Lord's guidance and protection for our family, friends, country and armed forces, as well as for ourselves. However, these two men devote substantial amount of time and effort in leading others in prayer and remembrance.

First, our Wallace R. Bassett is Chaplain for Post 76 of the American Legion. He was Chaplain of the Four Immortal Chaplains' Memorial Service held on Feb. 7, 2002 in North Haven, Connecticut. This Memorial honors the memory of Chaplains George L. Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington, who gave away their only means to save themselves to save others. This happened on Feb. 2, 1943 when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic. Having tried to save others, these representatives of different faiths joined arms, prayed and went down together with their ship. They were credited with saving about 200 men. There is a Memorial Chapel of Four Chaplains now located in Philadelphia. Memorials are held throughout the United States.

Our Wallie has been active in this over the years. He has communicated with me over those years and has attended our reunions.

On Feb. 18, 2002 I heard from Eric Muth, a life member of our Society. Eric reported that he is the first volunteer Catholic Eucharistic Minister appointed to the VA Chaplain Corps. He finds his work in this area most gratifying, and hopes that his example will encourage others of you to so volunteer and participate in VA Chaplain work. Certainly volunteering to serve in such capacities, in the VA, our Society, or any of its unit organizations is a way of serving and helping others. I do recommend it for those who are so minded and want to serve.

Both Wallie and Eric merit the respect and appreciation of all of us. They are Third Divisioners who give of their time, effort and devotion to serve others and remember and memorialize those who have served. Yes, they deserve special recognition in this Chaplain's Corner. Thanks to both of these dedicated Third Divisioners.

Apart from the foregoing, I have made my Reunion reservations for Buffalo, and have been in communication with our Joe Poggi concerning the Memorial Breakfast ritual. I do hope that many of you can attend. The reunion program and tour of Niagara Falls and Buffalo are good.

God Bless all of you and yours.

ROCK OF THE MARNE ,

Jerry Sapiro

### So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Jim Drury, 716 9th Street, Camanche, IA 52730-1418, (e-mail: jimd@camanche.net) for listing in the "Last Call."



## 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.

**Ahrens**, Raymond H. OP 54 (2024)  
15th Inf. Regt.,  
3rd Infantry Division Korea  
2707 Edward Ave.  
Concord, CA 94520-4727  
DOD February 20, 2002.  
Reported by his wife Debra to Jerry Sapiro.

**Barnes**, Jean LM OP 77  
Lt. 3rd Recon Co.  
3d Infantry Division Korea  
DOD, January.  
Reported by Norm MacIntyre & Lew Conant

**Boyes**, William G RM OP4  
30inf/Hq, 3d Inf. Division WWII  
1208 S Jefferson Ave  
Moses Lake, Wa 98837-2336  
DOD 09/02/01  
Reported by his wife

**Callahan**, Gerald J OP 12  
F Co., 7th Regt.  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
1630 36th Ave N.E.,  
Minneapolis, MN 55418-1427 |  
DOD, 2/01/02  
Reported by Jerry Manley

**Emery**, Harold LM OP 5 #2813  
M Co., 15th Inf. Regt.  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
50 Waterhouse Road  
Gorham, ME 04038  
Harold earned the Combat  
Infantryman Badge in campaigns in  
Rome Arno, Southern France and  
Rhineland. Reported by his wife of  
54 years, Genola

**Graeve**, Ralph E. LM OP 2 (3056)  
S/Sgt, Div. Arty. Hdq. 3d Infantry  
Division WWII  
PO BOX 1184  
Dunnellon, FL 34430-1184  
DOD October 14, 2001. Ralph was  
very proud of his service to his  
country.  
Reported by his wife Lois. A son  
passed away while serving his  
country in the US Navy.

**Grant**, Donald A. OP 57  
415 Park Pl.  
Berea, OH  
Former Chaplin of OP 57  
DOD January 5, 2002  
Reported by Dick Martinet.

**Hatfield**, Marvin RM OP17  
7inf/L, 3d Infantry Division Korea  
305 S Ridge Dr  
Stillwater, OK 74074-2834  
DOD 11/18/01  
Reported by John Inansi

**Hetzner**, Herbert RM OP1  
Div/Recon, 3d Infantry Division WWII  
1491 Ashland Ave Apt 6ne  
Des Plaines, IL 60016-6652  
DOD 11/21/01  
Reported by Wife: Kaye

**Hodgson**, Joseph M. LM OP 8  
Korea 53-54  
42443 H. Catalina Lane  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
DOD Jan. 27, 2002  
Joe and Dale McGraw served  
together in Korea and remained good  
friends.  
Reported by his wife, Barb to Dale  
McGraw

**Kincaid**, Karl K RM OP7  
756tk/, 3d Infantry Division PT  
1308 Overlook Dr  
Beckley, WV 25801-9239  
DOD 11/02/01  
Reported by Ruth Kincaid

**Ladwig**, Charles P. FBA  
C Battery, 41st FA Bn. 3d Infantry  
Division WWII  
7804 Cielo Vista Dr.  
El Paso, TX 79925  
DOD 12, 24, 2001.  
Reported by John L. Merkins

**Leaming**, Andrew Lea OP 4  
Maj. (Ret.) L & HQ Co., 15th Inf.  
Regt., 3d Infantry Division WWII  
Andrew was the recipient of The  
Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters  
and the Bronze Star. DOD @ Jan.  
22, 2002  
Reported by John A. Wiess, VP OP 4

**McCarthy**, Gerard OP 5  
Sgt. Anti-tank Co. 7th Inf. Regt., 3d  
Inf. Division WWII  
101 Squantum St.  
Milton, MA 02186-5109  
DOD August 27, 2001  
Reported by George Davis

**Mizin**, Anthony J. OP 63  
Div/Hq. 3d Infantry Division WWII  
1910 Cherry St.  
Aberdeen, WA 98520  
Reported by his wife, Pearl.

**Nelson**, Enoch OP 17 #4051  
Sgt. Co. I, 7th Inf. Regt.  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
43109 Coles Drive  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
DOD December 29 2001  
Enoch's awards include, Purple  
Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters,  
and the Combat Infantryman Badge.  
Reported by his son-in-law  
JamesAllen

**Prescott**, William E. LM OP 60  
Lt. Col (Ret.) 30th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Infantry Division PT  
121 Pheleps Street  
Shellman, GA 31786  
DOD February 23, 2002  
William was instrumental in organiz-  
ing OP 60 and was the OP first  
President.  
Reported by Bob Bailey

**Shelafoe**, Joseph F. OP 63  
SGT K Co. 15th INF Regt., 3d  
Infantry Division WW2  
23401 104th Ave. SE Apt. 97  
KENT, WA 98031-3376  
DOD January 16, 2002  
Reported by his wife Dorothy

**Sivori**, Donald F. LM FBA  
3rd Infantry Division Signal and MP.  
Korea  
4820 Antonini Dr.  
Metairie, La. 70006  
DOD February 15, 2002  
Reported by his wife, Carolyn.

**Staats**, Garrett R. OP 5 (4700)  
S/Sgt C Co., 15th Inf. Regt.,  
3rd Infantry Division WWII  
3769 Rt. 9G  
Germantown, NY 12526  
DOD February 7, 2002.  
Garrett's greatest pride in life was  
that he was a 3rd Division man.  
Reported by his wife Eliss.

**Steffan**, Thomas OP5  
1st Lt. G Co. 15th Inf. Regt. 3d  
Infantry Division Korea  
59 Willow Grove Ct.  
Tonawanda, NY 14150-4522  
DOD March 25, 2001  
Reported by "The Dragon."

**Tait**, George R. LM OP 13  
Co L, 30th Inf. Regt., 3d Infantry  
Division WWII  
438 N. Grand PO Box 33

Fowlerville, MI 48836  
George usually served as Point Man  
in his platoon and was a recipient of  
The Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster  
DOD 10 February, 2002  
Reported by his friend Murray C.  
White.

**Tolman**, Glen H. LM OP15  
G and Hq Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
406 E 426 N  
Alpine, UT 84004-1424  
DOD June 7, 2001  
Reported by "The Dragon".

**Triphahn**, Jon R. OP 1  
58th FA 3d Infantry Division Korea  
5724 North Marmora Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60646  
DOD January 25th, 2002  
Reported by his wife to Roy D.  
Lundsten

**Vaden**, Samuel A RM OP3  
Div/Om, 3d Infantry Division Korea  
2920 W Cornwallis Dr  
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Reported by Atlanta Milling

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601td/Hq, 3d Infantry Division WWII  
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DOD Unk  
Reported by Bill Harper

### Non-Members

**Axe**, Franklin  
B Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Infantry Division Korea 50 - 51  
DOD March 3, 2002  
He was a good friend of Emory  
Benett MOH, KIA June 23, 1951 on  
Hill 717 in the Iron Triangle.  
Reported by Bill Fortier

**Diabo**, Matthew  
10th Engineers,  
3rd Infantry Division WWII  
DOD January 16 2002.  
It was through your web site last  
spring that I was able to locate Carl  
Voors, an old war-time buddy of my  
Dad's. They finally got to talk on the  
phone after 50 years, this made him  
extremely happy. We buried him  
today, a full military funeral, horse  
drawn wagon, bagpipes etc, an

experience never to be forgotten. He has been honored Reported by his daughter, Donna kwaseti@axess.com

**Dumas**, Richard E.  
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DOD 11/26/99.  
Reported by Dick Martinet.

**Fortier**, Victoria  
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Red Hook, NY 12571-1021  
Wife of William Fortier LM OP 5 who reported her passing. Victoria will be sadly missed by her family and friends of B Co. 15th Inf. Regt. & The Society of the Third Infantry Division.  
DOD November 28, 2001.

**Graddy**, Benjamin  
Hq & Hq Co 15th Inf Regt., 3d Infantry Division Korea  
627 Coffeyton  
Bourbon, MO 65441  
DOD February 8, 2001

**Hales**, William  
Kings Road  
Coxsackie, NY  
T5 3d Infantry Division  
He received the Purple Heart for wounds received on Hill 561 in Italy.  
DOD February 20, 2002  
Reported by Frederick R. Miller, USN Ret.

**Kreutz**, Fred W.  
Hq, Div. Arty.  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
300 N. 4th St.  
St. Louis, MO 63102  
DOD February 14, 2002  
Reported by Jack Swatzke

**Kunde**, Evelyn  
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Reported by Jerry Manley.

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Cpl. C Btry, 41st FA Bn.  
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Wyndmere, ND 58081  
DOD Feb 1, 2002  
Reported by John L. Merkins, OP 12

**Rust**, Claude  
Cpl. B Battery, 10th FA,  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
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Lynnbrook, NY  
DOD Feb. 12, 2002  
Reported by Bob Bailey

**Whitehead**, Clair, former member  
OP 77 MP Bn.,  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
DOD 6 February 2002.  
Reported by Lew Conant.

**Zubenko**, Stephen  
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Starbane, PA  
DOD 10/26/99.  
Reported by Dick Martinet.



# Quartermaster

*Partial list of 3rd. Infantry Division items available.*

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## In Memoriam

### Anne Mazur

Many of you will remember Stan Mazur and his wife Anne. Stan's brother, Lt. Joseph J. Mazur was with K Co., 30th Infantry Regt., 3rd Infantry Division. He was KIA on Anzio. Stan was also in the Infantry albeit not in the 3rd. Still, he and Anne joined the Society in memory of the brother and in hopes of finding someone who had served with him. Stan and Anne attended many of our reunions until 1998. Stan died on November 17 of that year. Anne, already in her late 70's would not attend a reunion without Stan so we haven't seen her since.

Now we have received the sad news that Anne has followed Stan, this past November, three years to the day from his death. Those who knew her recognized in her a woman of practical intelligence, with a sharp mind, and great sense of humor. Most did not know that in her younger years she was active in city government in her hometown of Rossford, OH and for years was a champion of the local library system, giving countless hours of volunteer service to that organization. Anne is survived by a son and two daughters. We will all miss her.

*Phil Stressel, Sr*

## 15th Inf. Reg. Rendevous Cancelled

Gentlemen;

The Rendevous of the 15th Infantry Regiment has been canceled, due to the upcoming deployment of the unit.

The Business meeting of the Association will be held in Buffalo NY, on Thursday, September 12th, 2002. Thank you gentlemen for your understanding!!!!

President Leonard L.Lassor  
15th Inf.Regiment Association

## Errata:

Due to a sorting error, new Society members listed in the last "Watch" were printed with incorrect city, state, and zip codes fields. If you wish to contact these new members, the correct addresses are available through the Membership Manager, P.O. Box 70291, Beaufort, SC 29902. Ph: 843-521-1896 <Finisterre@ISLC.net>



# Society of the Third Infantry Division

U.S. Army

## Purpose

The Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, was incorporated in the State of Illinois in 1919 as a non-profit, fraternal, social, educational, patriotic, military service organization and shall always remain non-partisan and nonpolitical. Specific objectives are:

- To foster and strengthen associations and friendships formed during service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To honor the Third Infantry Division War Dead.
- To perpetuate the memory of other former comrades who shared a background of honorable military service with the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To encourage and achieve the mutual benefit and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Society and the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.
- To support the Government of the United States and to give it, in peace and in war, the same devotion and service expected of us as members of its armed forces.

## Pledge

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

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

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

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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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