

## Chinese ambush U.S. patrols on hill Italy

by Jim Caldwell (Excerpt)

■ WASHINGTON (Army News Service, April 11, 2002) - Communist troops temporarily drove U.N. forces off key hills in Korea 50 years ago this week, forcing U.S. counterattacks to regain the high ground and increased night patrols.

### April 11-13, 1952

While U.S. officials in Washington express optimism about the truce talks, absolutely no progress is made at Panmunjom. The subcommittee discussing prisoner exchange isn't even meeting.

The ROK Army announces that so far during "Operation Ratkiller," it has killed or captured 21,051 communist guerrillas operating in the south. There are still 2,000 to 3,000 to be rounded up.

U.S. F-86 pilots say they shot down at least six MiG-15s on Easter Sunday.

### April 14-17

U.N. troops in IX Corps' eastern section are driven off key hills, by communist troops April 14 and retake the positions the next day. There are increased combat patrols all along the front during the week.

One of those patrols is carried out by three platoons of Company K, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division in IX Corps' east central area on April 16. Their mission is to capture a prisoner from a reinforced Chinese rifle platoon on Italy, a hill 150 meters high and 1,500 meters north of the main line of resistance. The hill is named because its shape resembles the map of Italy. A screening team checks out the route during the day and says it's safe. The platoons have practiced intently for the mission, but things will not go as they did in training. There has been heavy sporadic rain all day. When the three platoons leave at 9:20 p.m., a cold wind is blowing and the ground is thick mud. Medics and South Korean litter bearers are attached to the assault platoon. An ambush force has left

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earlier and is in place to stop Chinese on Greece, also named for its shape, 500 meters east of Italy, going to help their countrymen. The terrain is a series of hills rising sharply out of flat rice paddies. The security platoon has no problem getting its machine guns and riflemen into position on Hill 128. Slowed to a crawl by the mud, an explosion ahead of the assault and base of fire platoons stops them for about 30 minutes. Two NCOs check it out. A medic and a litter bearer had gotten lost and wandered into a minefield. Fortunately, the mines had been tipped away from them when they exploded. When the platoons round Hill 128, there are only rice paddies between them and Italy. Then a flare from the U.S. lines pops above them. They drop in to the cold mud. Another flare follows shortly after and the men drop to the mud again. A call to battalion fails to stop the flares. So the scene is repeated several more times until they get to the base of Italy.

The base of fire platoon sets up its light machine guns by a creek flowing across the valley. There's no cover so the gunners are exposed. The assault platoon starts up the approach to a small rise above them. When they get there, they hear a Chinese voice speaking normally. That's followed by a sharp command and enemy burp guns open up on them and the base of fire team below. One man is killed and three wounded in the assault team, and a machine gunner is hit four times in a leg. The ambush infuriates the Americans and they fire back with every weapon they have. The firefight lasts for 10 minutes until the Chinese withdraw. The soldiers will later learn they fired 8,000 rounds. Ammo is low, so the platoons withdraw. The litter bearers ran away when firing started, so the men rig litters with their field jackets and M1s to carry out the wounded and the dead soldier. Flares are still being fired over

them, so once again they can only move between flares. Although they take turns carrying the litters, the GIs are exhausted when they reach their lines at about 3:30 a.m. on April 17.

During the day a battalion raiding group checks out the scene of the ambush. There are no enemy bodies, but there are a lot of bloody bandages. On future patrols, screening teams will remain in place instead of coming back in to prevent any more ambushes.

### April 14

The reds say they are ready to go back to the table, but the U.N. team members delay. They are trying to find a way the communists can accept a prisoner swap at the 38th Parallel without losing face. Communist radio says that "voluntary" repatriation is unacceptable. They're still smarting over the fact that more than 100,000 prisoners held by the U.N. do not want to return to the communist side.

### April 14

The South Korean government in Seoul honors Gen. James Van Fleet on his one-year anniversary as commander of Eighth Army. He tells the gathering that communist casualties had outnumbered U.N. casualties by 530,696 to 66,000 during that year.

### April 16

A Defense Department spokesman reports that American casualties as of April 11 number 107,371 with 16,848 dead.

### April 17

Cpl. Duane Dewey earns the Medal of Honor and two months to recover in a hospital when his platoon meets a surprise attack from the Chinese. Dewey is part of a reinforced platoon from Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division that was on its last night of outpost duty. The outpost is

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# MEMOIRS OF WORLD WAR I

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## **3rd Division History 4th Infantry Section**

The First Battalion which had been shifted about considerably in reserve positions, relieved a battalion of French troops on the night of June 13 (1918) on Hill #204, west of CHATEAU-THIERRY. Due to the fact that there were no natural barriers between the opposing armies at this point, as was true of another battalion, this battalion had larger casualties owing to several small raids and also to the heavy shelling to which they were subjected, this latter, by the end of June completely destroyed the trees which covered this imposing hill.

It is worth while to relate how the Medical Detachment got to Hill #204. This is how I told my folks about it in my letter of 29 June 1918:

The night we "went in" we maneuvered thru a bit of forest, it was very dark. I couldn't see my hand before my face. We were marching single file and had to hold the hand of the fellow in front of me, and so on thru the outfit. Some how we got away from the main body, but we kept on going forward until we came to a steep hill. We started down it as we could distinguish a town at the foot of it, for about a minute and that was about all, for the Germans threw up a flare and we sat down to watch it, but not for long for a couple of shells fell around us and a hasty retreat to the woods was in order, where we spent the night. Half of the Medical Detachment, Lieut. Harry Barry, Pvts. Scandora (this Scandora was the brother of the one I had the fight with, and an entirely different type of a chap), Gillespie, Fitzgerald, a couple of Band Men and myself, Lieut. Roach and Lieut. Desantels, got to their destination O.K.

At daybreak Young Scandora, with his brutal French, which was the best in the outfit, got a French soldier to take us down to the town. When we got to the outskirts of the town the French man left us quickly. Of course we laughed at him but not for long for about 15 minutes later when we were sitting in a yard (a French hospital was here before the big rush in May and it was knocked pretty bad) and discussing what course to pursue. One of the men wanted to go back to the woods and I argued against it as I wanted to get up with my outfit. While this argument was going on, (the town appeared to be empty but the soldiers

were in the other end of it which we found out later on), the shelling commenced. The Germans must have seen us coming in from an observation post and greeted us with a few shells. Being ignorant of the war game we beat it back to the woods again. We should have gone down a cellar for about fifteen minutes and waited until they stopped shooting but as this was the first time and we didn't know that. In our hurry to get out of town we left our rations in the yard. Pvt. Scandora and myself volunteered to go and get them, which we did.

After waiting in the woods for about an hour Lieut. Desantels, scouting around for us took us back to the town but in a different way and to the other end of the town when he led us it was always under the shadows of the woods for he didn't want the Germans to see us. This was at the foot of Hill #204. To speak of cellars. I don't mean the kind we have at home, these cellars are built of stone and built to stay if they were not as such I don't know what to think, for all the towns in the war area are shot up badly. It takes a good deal of ammunition to do this and it is near time that the Germans realize that doing this they don't terrorize anyone as the French and Americans take it for granted. If the French ever get into Germany I think they will return the compliment but when they get that near I can see a quitter in Germany as they won't let their country be ruined as they did to France.

Your Obedient Son

I wish to call your attention to this letter. It was written on the 29th of June and we had come off Hill #204 and were in another sector near the front by this time. I proved to be some what of a prophet about the Germans quitting as that what they did when the Allies got near their country.

While we were stationed at Hill #204 ambulances would come up every night for the wounded and hug the side of the buildings as the Germans tried to hit them as much as they could. This was part of their war game. We stayed here about a week. When the Germans made their drive in the early part of May the French people beat a hasty retreat (Toot Sweet) leaving behind them chickens, pigs and rabbits. So we didn't go shy on eats. Private Tom Hedges did the cooking. We labeled Tom as a hand shaker in the outfit and he didn't see or hear what the other fellows would do. Tom wait-

ed on Lieut. Roach, Medical Officer in charge of the First Battalion, like a slave would his master but not me although I was in charge. I had no love for Lieut. Roach, the reason I will relate later on.

One night the town was shot full of Gas and about fifty French soldiers piled into out First Aid Station before we knew what was the trouble. I felt a ticklish and funny sensation in my throat and I yelled "GAS!" and put on my mask but not before I got some of it. This was my first dose of gas. After a half hour the gas lifted in the town and the Frenchmen left us. The next day Lieut. Roach called to us not to eat any of the meat as the gas was on it. We told him we wouldn't but we ate it and so did he. He was afraid to come out of the cellar. So was a Medical Captain of the 8th Machine Gun Battalion. A Sergeant of this Battalion was looking for this Captain and found him in our First Aid Station. He had no reason for being there he should have been with his outfit. The Sergeant told him that they wanted him and that he better hustle as they had to pass a crossroad which the Germans could see and were playing. When I heard him tell that to the Captain he would never leave and he did not. He told the Sergeant to go back and he would follow later. The reader can pass their own judgement. What do you think?

Jack's Note: In the First World War both sides used poison gas as a weapon. The gas was delivered by exploding artillery shells over the enemy battlefield or from gas cylinders if the wind was favorable. The gas, being heavier than air, would drift down on the troops and move with the direction of the wind. The major gases used were Phosgene, Mustard and Blister. Phosgene attacked the respiratory system and was the most popular. Mustard gas was so called because of its color. Blister gas burned and blistered any exposed skin. The use of gas in warfare was outlawed by most countries in the 1920's and it has not been used since 1918 although less responsible countries such as Iran and Iraq are suspected of having a stockpile. The United States has a stockpile of various gases that are used as a deterrent.

A shell got seventeen of our men on Hill #204 and a couple of them died and we had to bury them at the end of the town. Lieut. Desantels was in charge. He was afraid and he admitted it. While digging graves for the

dead, shelling commenced on a small scale and Lt. Desantels told me to look after it and went back to the First Aid Station. During our stay here a Sergeant Kuhn, who hailed from Harrisburg, Pa. was sent from one of the other Battalions as he was a very poor soldier. He happened to be down the cellar when the seventeen men were brought in. I was still in charge although we had two sergeants. There he sat and the wounded coming in. I asked him where did he think he was, on a picnic, to which he replied that I had better watch who I was talking too as he was a sergeant. I told him that I didn't give a continental damn but for him to get on his feet and work or get the H\_\_ out. Lieut. Roach upheld me on this. During the night the Germans made a perfect hit on our First Aid Station and we thought the house was going to tumble down on us. But the house proved again how strongly they were built.

After we left Hill #204 we went back to near VIFFORT again. Up front Lieut. Roach kept me near him all the time but in the rear he would razz me. I tried to get with another Battalion but he would not let me go. He realized that I knew he was a poor officer and soldier and did not know much about his profession. He was going to have me tried because I wrote in one of my letters to my folks, which part he clipped out, very disrespectfully about Major Barry K. Loew. My friend, what I said was that Major Loew had left us and it was good riddance to bad rubbish. I suppose I shouldn't have said it but that was how I felt. After about a week we went to the front again. (I don't think that we were way in the rear for we weren't a mile from the Front Line any time from June 12 until July 27 when we were relieved). The First Battalion was stationed in a town NIESLES.

*July 4, 1918 letter to the Folks at Home:*

*Somewhere in France*

*At Ease, 4 July 1918*

My Dear Mother and Father,

You will note my heading "At Ease" and you can feel assured that I am all that implies but last Sunday when I wrote my last letter I was not "At Ease" then because I didn't know the minute when a shell was coming. Note the following part is what we all believed then but it all turned out to be pure bunk as we never did get a real rest for when not up front we would be drilling or

hiking keeping in trim.

After a period in the trenches we are sent back to the reserve, then we would go up to support them in the trenches again. This ring is kept up for about a month or six weeks then the whole Division will go to what they call a "Rest Camp". Our minds to be entirely free from the war. We remain there about 3 weeks then start in again. If we wouldn't come out of the trenches our nerves would be shot and that is essential up front....your NERVES

The youth of America has lived up to the tradition of their country that is they seem to have no fear, possess courage, endurance and discipline over here. We don't get much news of what is going on but what we do get from an American paper that is printed in Paris is enough to convince us that something is being done.

My father asked me do I keep away from the French "chickens". As far as keeping away from the "chickens" goes that is easy as I haven't seen a young girl in about a month those that I see are old women and it was three weeks before I even saw one of them. I believe that America is the place for beauties and not France.

Your Son

While stationed at NEISLES there were a few French soldiers in the town and during the day would always be shooting their pistols off, and I was wondering why until I found out that they were shooting all the cats in the town and this is how I found out. I was called upon to take care of a sick soldier, who had a high fever, and in a pan on the stove was some meat. I was asked to have some, I told them that I had just ate my slum. I noticed that one of the soldiers had a small kitten in his arms and petting it. I asked an American soldier who was there and acted as an interpreter, was that his pet he replied "Certainly not they were going to kill it tomorrow and that was a cat in the pan that they asked me to have". Oh boy, I felt sick in the stomach and I came near eating it. The Frenchmen said it was sweeter than rabbit. That is why they were shooting the cats during the day. It was not that they were under fed it was just because it tasted good to them. They can have it all. I will take rabbit. In one of my letters home I told my father that if my mother should run out of meat to go out in the alley and shoot an "ALLEY RABBIT".

Company "D"'s kitchen was the nearest to me and I ate there. I sort of got in the habit of going from one kitchen to another. I don't know how I got away with it but I did just the same. The Mess Sergeants would say to me "How the h\_\_ are you eating here when I don't draw any rations for you" I managed to give some excuse. Anyhow we had "SLUM" in the morning, "SLUM" at dinner time and "SLUM" at night. I got this every day for about a week, Sunday included. I was beginning to look like "SLUM" but later on I didn't get that so I was very fortunate. The French people had beat a hasty retreat and didn't stop to garner their vegetables that were just coming up and to change the taste of the "SLUM" I put a lot of scullions in it that I would get on the little farms. I believed what Napoleon said "Armies march on their stomachs" and I was trying to take care of mine.

Lieut. Roach had three curtains on our First Aid Station and we had to wet them every night on account of gas. He often got my goat. I had just finished a letter to my cousin telling him we didn't know when hell would break loose and gave it to the mail orderly when Lieut. Roach asked me to see if there was any gas on the outside. I stepped outside and stood there just a few minutes looking toward the German side when all of a sudden the sky beyond the hills towards the Boche side lit up all at once. I stepped inside and told Lieut. Roach it looked as if we were going to get some shelling, and some shelling it was. It was midnight of July 14 and 15. This letter below I wrote in the early part of the day and I didn't realize just what I was to witness.

*Extract*

*In Good Spirits Somewhere in France*

*14 July 1918*

You often wonder, I suppose, just how this war is treating me, so let me ease your mind. I am in excellent health and high spirits. ( I feel I exaggerate a little bit to cheer my folks). This war doesn't bother me in the least, my entire thoughts are of the future, the aftermath. I have seen so many things that I would just love to tell you but the military authorities won't allow me. The people back home can feel assured that all their efforts are not going for naught as the morale of the men is excellent because they know that everyone at home

is backing them up.

Your Son

I believe the history of the 3rd Division could tell you better than I. This is how they tell it.

**3rd Division History  
4th Infantry Section  
Pages 56 & 57 Extracts**

The higher command evidently realizing that the next German strong attack must come in this quarter, insisted that trench system be well organized. Consequently the First Battalion sent working parties each night to the front line to carry on this work.

The Regiment had been constantly alerted each night since July the 12th, and by the 14th the men had become somewhat blasé on the subject, thinking an attack would never come. Rude awakening.

Heavens lighted, the earth reeling. What did it mean? Answered in the same breath: "Its the long heralded German Peace Drive"....."Whew, that one was close"....."move over a little more there and make room for me"....."well there' coming sure this time"....."wot the 'ell Bill, wot the 'ell, let them come"..... That was one's first conscious impressions of events and remarks about the hour of midnight July 14/15 when with one thunderous roar, hundreds of our guns barked forth into raucous sound. Now the roar was redoubled in its intensity, owing to the opening of the Boche guns. Woe betide the regiment of squareheads which tries to force a crossing in our subsector. Each man realizing what is coming, takes a firm grip on himself, settles deeper into his dugout and with grim determination awaits amid the chaos, the minute when the Hun hordes will come surging across the Marne.

The shelling of our support and reserve positions, however was violent. The enemy's intention apparently being to paralyze our lines of communication and smother the batteries in our support.

Our Battalion was in support so you may realize just what kind of shelling I was under as I write the following.

Swis s s s ....BANG! .....BOOM!  
.....BANG! .....For about TWELVE HOURS shells all around us of every description imaginable and then the wounded poured into our First Aid Station

which was just off the road, in fact it was the cellar. Sergeant Landsman, Medical Detachment, stationed at the Battalion Headquarters that was right near us got so scared that he came back to us and said he was gassed. I did not believe him and told him to go sit in a corner and he did.....all day.

The wet curtains of Lieut. Roach had to come down as the place was soon filled with wounded soldiers, arms hanging off, shot in the legs, all parts of the body, my hands were soon covered with blood, and in fact my hands from then until we were relieved were never free from soldiers blood.

Lieut. Roach showed his true colors by sitting down and actually crying, and said to me (believe me this is a fact!) "Webster, I can't touch them you'll have to do it yourself". A medical man by profession! Can you imagine it! There I was with only one man giving me help, a Private Engel, and the place crowded with wounded and more coming in. I had to ignore the gas mask as the wounded had to be relieved of their pain.

It became so crowded that I had to ask those that were dressed to go to a house across the street, it was only a narrow road. I asked a sergeant who was slightly wounded, although tired out, if he would make room for those coming in, it was no telling when the ambulance would take them away. Poor fellow he went willingly but it was a costly mission for he had been in the other house about ten minutes when a shell hit the road and burst outside the door and "got" four American soldiers, this one included. He was wounded severely. His right foot was just hanging from his ankle, his right ear was partly off and he lost so much blood I doubt if he ever survived. Another soldier who got hit with the same shell over the heart dropped dead in the middle of the road with "Oh, Mother" on his lips, and a few hours later when things quieted down a bit, I went to look him over and his heart was full of little maggots, something I could not and cannot yet understand.

Another soldier was brought in with a wound in his back and he twisted and turned while he laid on the floor. I tried to tell him he was making it worse for himself and it would be best for him to lie quietly. After a short while I noticed he was very

quiet so I went over to him and asked how he felt, but I could see that it was all over. He looked up at me and tried to smile. Just think of it! In agony, dying and then trying to smile. Like a good many I handled he asked me to raise his head. I had already raised it but to please him I started to raise it and his head rested in my arms. He was mumbling something. I put my ear nearer to hear what he was trying to say and all I could hear was "I'm alright Doc, treat the other boys, you treated me fine, I'm alright, I'm alright, I'm alright", getting fainter all the time, and there he died in my arms. I laid his head down gently and told Lieut. Roach that he had "GONE WEST". (Treat means to dress the wounds of a soldier). I then forgot him to help the others that were coming in and the intense shelling was still going on. And Lieut. Roach still sat on the chair doing nothing. Is it any wonder I despised him.

Jack's Note: A First Aid Station in the army is just that, first aid, and generally is intended only to dress a wound, stabilize the patient, administer pain relief and similar treatment until the patient can be sent to a rear "hospital" such as those seen on the M\*A\*S\*H television series or evacuated to a full service facility.

A Lieut. George of company "D" was in a "FOX HOLE" (that is a hole dug for one or two) with a medical man when Lieut. George raised his head to speak to a French officer not far away when the shelling was going on and as he did a shell took part of his head away, the medical man seeing this became so scared that he jumped out of the hole and ran down to the First Aid Station and would not go back. How he himself was not hit going through that barrage is truly unexplainable. Our First Aid Station was hit with a big shell and again we had the sensation of thinking the house was going to tumble down on us.

The next couple of days there was little or no shelling going on as the Germans were trying to cross the MARNE RIVER thinking the supports were all done for but he did not cross and he found those that survived the barrage were ready for him. Nevertheless I had a chance to look the ground over and you be assured that the Germans had every path and roadway well mapped (Jack's note: mapped means that the enemy artillery battery knows the precise coordinates of crossroads, paths, etc

and can place a shell there at any time.) for they were all "shot up". I went down to the kitchen where they fed me Slum to see if I could get some more but my good eats were gone. What the shell did to that kitchen was a crime, a couple of the shells made a perfect hit and killed a couple of horses.

Lieut. Roach was sure a scared man and Lieut. Bell, Battalion Adjutant, later killed above LA CHARMELE, showed his dislike for Lieut. Roach when he showed his cowardice and moved his First Aid Station from its original place near the Battalion Headquarters for a couple of days.

The wounded had been taken back the best way possible but the First Aid Station was filled with the dead, which we loaded on a truck to be taken to a burial place. I could have easily pocketed a little money if I so desired to take it from the dead which would have been easy. At the request of Lieut. Roach I took Lieut. George's money and personal articles and turned them over to Lieut. Roach. The others as far as I know carried their money with them to their graves.

July 21 we began our march forward which finally meant victory to the Allies.

*July 21, 1918 letter to my folks at home: (Extract)*

Sunday, a day of rest, that is in the States. Last Sunday I didn't know when Hell would break loose, and it did that night, and I didn't know how long it would keep up, but it is past history and it will remain forever in the minds of those who survived it.....and as you read this letter it will be past history to you, as how we stopped the Boche, and then the French-American attack. What part I took in it cannot be put in this letter but it will bear telling when I come home. I know the Boche got more than he expected. The French holiday July 14 and early morning of July 15, will be written upon my mind forever.

Your Obedient Son

While trying to get the Medical cart out of a yard in NEISSLES, with Private Engel who drove it, the Germans were sending shells over our head as though they came direct, and we

hustled the more as all of our medical supplies were in that cart. During all the shelling our horse was not hit but shells fell

all around us.

(Jack's Note: Direct shelling is when the enemy is firing directly at you and you are generally within eyesight. Normal shelling is when the enemy artillery is some distance away out of sight. The sound of each is different.)

The 6th Engineers built a wooden bridge across the MARNE RIVER for us which we crossed and settled in a small dugout along the railroad. We thought it was going to be a stand but the Allies were pushing on fast and we only stayed about 15 minutes. This was CHATEAU THIERRY. While crossing the railroad bridge to CHATEAU THIERRY Lieut. Roach told Capt. Rice, Regimental Medical Officer, how I behaved myself, the only time Lieut. Roach ever said anything in my behalf. We passed through GLAND BEM BLASE stopping along the roadside at different intervals at the request of the Germans. We finally landed in MONT ST. PERE.

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

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### **AMBUSH from page 17**

about a mile from Panmunjom, and a mile from the MLR.

At 11 p.m., about 500 Chinese charge with bugles and horns blaring and heavy small arms fire hitting the Marines' perimeter. A machine gunner, Cpl. Duane Dewey is seeing his first combat. Yet he fires effective bursts into the Chinese for about an hour until he runs out of ammo. With bullets whizzing around him, he runs across the open perimeter to get ammo from another gun. He's dragging the can back when an enemy grenade explodes behind him, sending a piece of shrapnel ripping into his left calf. A corpsman appears to treat his wound. While the corpsman is working, another grenade lands by Dewey's head and rolls down beside his hip. Dewey pushes the corpsman out of the way and rolls onto the grenade. It explodes beneath him.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower presents the Medal of Honor to Dewey on March 13, 1953. Ike tells him, "You must have a body of steel."

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**CHALMETTE** from page 11

astically accepted by us, but we chose the one we thought best. It called for a descriptive ground level marble and metal monument on the obelisk circle in front of the Visitor Center with a design to be worked out after mutual and collective study by all concerned in the coming months. We had long anticipated that the costs involved for any kind of a marker would have to be born by our Association but we learned that, on the contrary, the Park Service planned to fund the project themselves. We look forward to further work with this obviously helpful and professional present Park Service staff.

So that is our good news. At long last while some of us Marne Division and 7th Infantry WWII and Korea vets are still around it appears all but certain that we will indeed have our recognition at the battlefield so meaningful to the regiment and possibly as soon as 6-12 months.

The bad news, regrettable I am saddened to report, for those who have not yet heard, is the loss of one of our team. While discussing the business at hand on a beautiful, sunny and warm morning at the Park, we noted that someone was lying on the concrete porch of the rest rooms about

30 feet away. When rushing over, we learned it was our own Joe Ben Jones who had collapsed and was bleeding about the head and arms. He mumbled that he had felt dizzy and fell and hit his head and skinned his arms. The Park officials called an ambulance that quickly arrived. The paramedics administered in their careful and methodical way and loaded Joe Ben on the stretcher and into the ambulance. I rode with Joe Ben to the nearby Medical Center. Later Rick arrived and we visited with Joe Ben who seemed in stable condition and coherent although understandably quite shaken. The medics said it would be some hours before lab and X-ray results were known so that they could more accurately diagnose his condition and that they would keep him over night at least. He later passed on.

So our visit to Chalmette and New Orleans had its ups and downs. At least, however, Joe Ben had the satisfaction of at last seeing distinct forward movement for his Monument efforts after to many years of disappointment and failures. Perhaps to that extent he is somewhat pleased as he gazes down from his celestial home eternal in the heavens.

**READY** from page 11

You'll be expected to live up to the traditions of that Regiment and that Division. You're going to suffer. You came here to suffer. You're going to suffer in everything the Boche can throw at you and you're going to take it like men. Listen to what the men up there tell you about how to kill Germans. You're new but as far as we're concerned, you're every bit as good a man, each one of you, as the best men in this Division - until or unless you show us otherwise."

After four years of ROTC, three months of OCS, and several months of stateside training, it all came together and I suddenly understood why I was there, what I was to do, and how I was to do it.

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**A German Reports on Anzio Situation**

I received a note from, G. Don Young, 805 Ridgecrest Way, Bowling Green, KY 42104-3822.

The following information is from an English translation of a German magazine, "Panzertruppen" published in 1996.

"There are many problems with the terrain and visibility. The enemy has spread out from both landing sites and has firm roads in his sector. Our own observation positions in the overlooking heights are countered by the unfavorable position of the sun and by artillery spotter aircraft which continuously relieve each other. Combating enemy artillery spotter aircraft with our own fighters is impossible because their aircraft remain within the effective range of their light anti-air-craft units."

The article certainly, in the German's own words, describes the value of our Army L. planes, and the protection our Air Force, providing air cover for our battlefield in Anzio.

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816.233.4890

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**The Seventh Infantry Regiment Association  
162 Westhaven Court  
Melbourne, Florida 32934-8024**

Type:  New  Life  Renewal  Change of Address

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit of 7th Infantry \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Service with 7th \_\_\_\_\_

WWII  Korea  Vietnam  Gulf War  Peacetime  Active

Highest Grade Achieved in Military Service \_\_\_\_\_

2002-03 Dues -\$20.00  Life Membership  Scholarship Donation

(Life membership fees: Over age 70: \$100.00; 60-70: \$120.00; Up to age 60: \$150.00 Active Duty E-8 thru 0-3: \$100.00; Active Duty E-7 and below: \$75.00)

Make check payable to "7th Infantry Regiment Association." Dues and fees include subscription to The Cottonbaler.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 15th Inf. Regiment Association Dinner

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association courteously invites all Marnemen and Marneladies, their guest(s) and visitors to Our Regimental Dinner, which will be held at the "Society of the Third Infantry Division" Reunion, in the Adams Mark Hotel, on September 13, 2002, at 7:00 P.M.

Gentlemen and Ladies, our Treasurer, Mr. Lloyd D. Whitmer must have your reservations by September 6, 2002. There will be no meals sold, nor purchased at the dinner.

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association will have a table set up in the Hotel, so the people, who purchase tickets for their meals may pick them up there.

We will have a short program after the meal. Join your friends and buddies at the reunion and have some fun. Don't be left out; we're not getting any YOUNGER!!!

Make out the Reservation Form printed below!!!

*I hope to see you in Buffalo!!!*

REMEMBER-"EVERYONE IS WELCOME"!!!

President Leonard L. Lassar

15th Infantry Regiment Association

### RESERVATIONS

#### TENTH ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINNER 15th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

ADAMS MARK HOTEL  
BUFFALO, NY  
7 PM, 13 SEPT. 2002

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_  WWII  KOREA  
OTHER? \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Entrees (s)

PRIME RIB @ \$28.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

BAKED HADDOCK @\$28.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner reservations and payment must be made prior to September 6, 2002** – There can be no walk-ins.

*Members of other units are welcome!!*

Make Check or Money Order payable to: Treasurer, 15th Infantry Regiment Association and send your dinner reservations and payment to: Lloyd D. Whitmer, Treasurer, 7500 Mose St., Navarre, OH 44662 330-756-2803

*Room reservations must be made with the hotel.*

**The All Artillery Dinner will be held in conjunction with the 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner**

## Anzio Anniversary Tour Planned in 2004

Several veterans have asked about a trip to Anzio, Italy in May of 2004, the 60th anniversary of the Anzio Beachhead.

Although this is still almost two years away, it is not too early to start making plans. I need to know how many people would be interested in making the trip before we can make plans for the visit.

**If you are interested in making the tour, please let Clyde Easter know as soon as possible, as we need to start making plans soon.**

The tour would be for eight to ten days, that would include the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. We plan to make the itinerary so as not to be too tiring, as we are growing older. We would be staying at one hotel most of the time.

I do not know the price of the tour at this time, but I will keep the price as reasonable as possible.

I have made eight visits back to Anzio, Nettuno, Italy in recent years and enjoyed them all. There have been many changes; it is a beautiful area now. I have many friends there, and we can have receptions, ceremonies, dinners, etc. while there. The people are very nice to WWII Veterans who return.

If you are interested in making the tour, please let me know as soon as possible, as we need to start making plans soon.

Clyde E. Easter  
299 Panorama Drive  
Fancy Gap, VA 24328  
(276) 728-7293



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.

Add  Change  Delete

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Make hotel reservations @ 1-800-444-2326.**



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 31, 2002. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE EARLY REGISTRTION 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."

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

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

## Schedule (Registration Deadline changed to 8/31/2001)

### 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. **Canadian Customs requires a passport or certified birth certificate, a drivers license with photo, and a social security card.** A photo ID from local Police or Sheriff's Department can be substituted for drivers license. You will not be allowed to board bus without this identification.

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

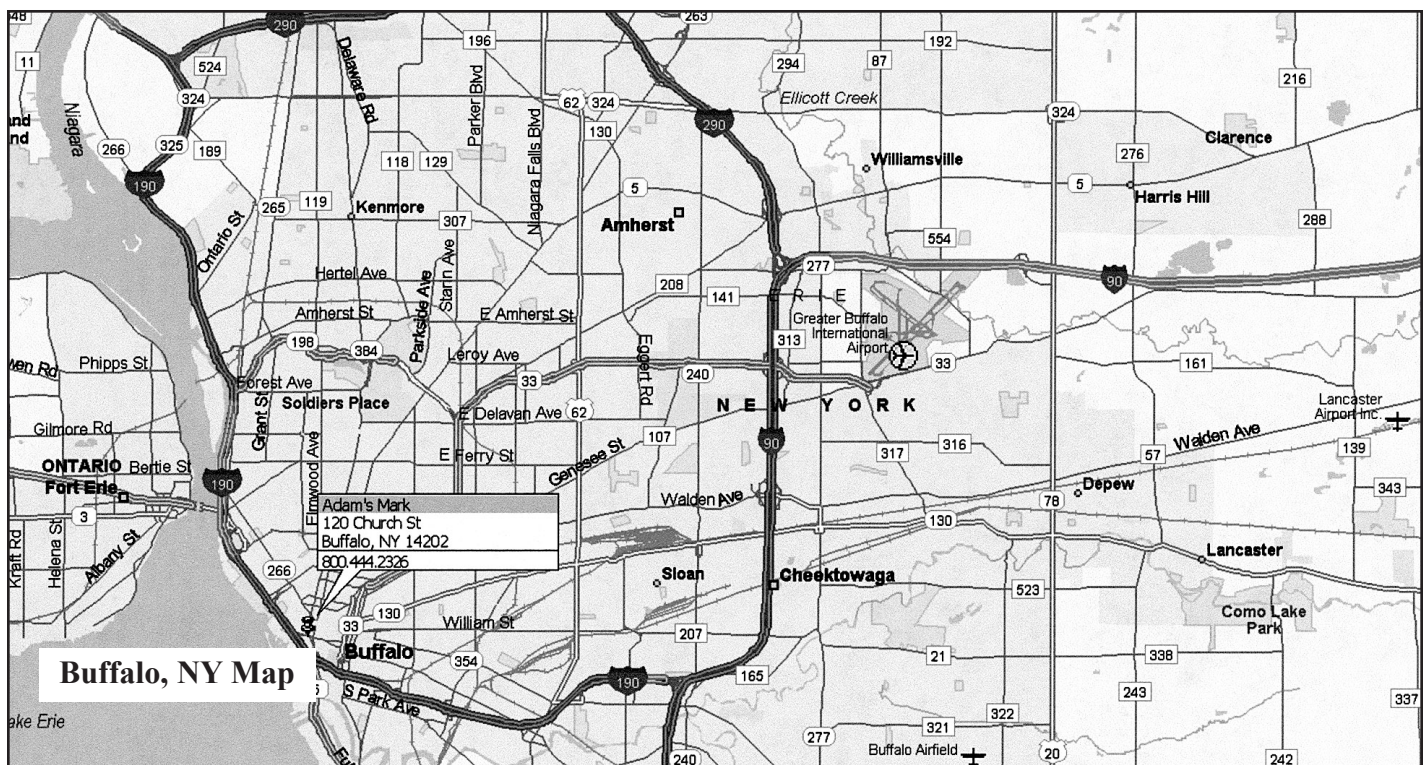
*Special guest speakers:*

**MGen Buford C. Blount, III** Comanding General 3d Infantry Division will address members of the Society.

**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 evacauiou 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.





# Roll Call

## New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

### ANNUAL MEMBERS

5922 **ADY**, DANNY R OPMA  
64ARM/4 HQ PT  
7261B ROGERS CIR  
FORT STEWART, GA 31315

5902 **BALL**, LYNN D OP35  
ASSOCIATE  
2010 WORCESTER LN  
GARLAND, TX 75040-3331

5914 **BARBELLA**, THEODORE J.  
OP5 30INF/ WW2  
2430 CRISFIELD ST  
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08755

5950 **BARLETTA**, DENNIS M. OP7  
DIV/HQ PT  
12700 ROARK CT  
RESTON, VA 20191

5936 **BUCKNER**, BOB D OP17  
15INF/HQ KOREA  
4864 N FARM RD 159  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803

5910 **CARPENTER**, CLAUDEAN TIP-  
TON OP3 ASSOCIATE  
426 MELODY CIR  
SWANNANOVA, NC 28778-2214

5920 **CORDERO**, M. A. OPMA  
DIV/ PT  
7238 A JASPER  
FORT STEWART, GA 31315

5932 **D'AGOSTINI**, MARIO F. OP5  
41FA/2BN PT  
9 NEW STREET  
MIDDLESEX, NJ 08846

5917 **DAY**, FRANCIS (FRANK) E.  
OP5 DIV/ARTY KOREA  
100 KANSAS ST  
ROCHESTER, NY 14609

5927 **DECAMP**, PHILIP D OPMA  
64ARM/4 PT  
11 WYNN PL  
FORT STEWART, GA 31315

5904 **DELL'ORTO**, VINCENT OP5  
7CAV/2RECON/A PT  
RR 5 BOX 5336  
SAYLORSBURG, PA 18353-9236

5931 **DOUGHERTY**, WILLIAM F OP5  
7INF/ KOREA  
1502 RAIN TREE LN  
MALVERN, PA 19355

5934 **EASTERLING**, RICHARD J  
OP13  
DIV/8ABN PT  
5555 UPDYKE RD  
GRASS LAKE, MI 49240

5906 **FIELDMAN**, ARNOLD OP7  
7INF/ KOREA  
8800 NORTHERN SPRUCE LN  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22309-4216

5924 **FORD**, ROBERT D OPMA  
64ARM/4C PT  
1932 HEATHROW DR  
HINESVILLE, GA 31313

5900 **FOURNIER**, JOSEPH A. OP5  
7INF/3BN WW2  
768 NUTSWAMP RD  
RED BANK, NJ 07701-5279

5929 **GARCIA**, DANIEL R OPMA  
DIV/HQ PT  
398 JERICO DR  
MIDWAY, GA 31320

5898 **HOFFSIS**, JAMES A OP13  
DIV/AAA KOREA  
509 LAGUNA BLVD SW  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87104-1116

5916 **INDELICATO**, JACK J OP17  
15INF/E WW2  
305 HAMMETT RD  
WINFIELD, MO 63389

5896 **KARLSON**, KURT E. OP63  
10ENG/HQ PT  
1387 LAHTI DR  
BELLINGHAM, WA 98226-8859

5919 **KILBURN**, DARRELL C. OP5  
7INF/G WW2  
721 MOSLEY RD  
FAIRPORT, NY 14450

5921 **KLIEGL**, SHAWN M OPMA  
67ADA/3 PT  
802 WESTMINISTER CT  
HINESVILLE, GA 31313

5915 **KNAPP**, DAVID K. OP5  
15INF/HVMTR KOREA  
755 ARGYLE RD  
BROOKLYN, NY 11230

5923 **LANDWERMEYER**, JR, H. T.  
OPMA DIV/AIR PT  
3 CALLAWAY CIR  
SAVANNAH, GA 31409

5909 **LOCHMANN**, PEARL OP17  
ASSOCIATE  
1616 FREDERICK DR  
COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234-4806

5899 **MARSHALL**, IRIS V. OP13  
30INF/H WW2  
218 PIONEER ST  
STURGIS, MI 49091-1964

5930 **MASON**, CLARENCE H  
OPFBA 15INF/M KOREA  
PO BOX 1410  
SUN VALLEY, ID 83353

5933 **MORROWS**, EDWARD S OP5  
ASSOCIATE  
142 WEBB AVE  
OCEAN GROVE, NJ 07756

5911 **NELSON**, VANCE OP52  
15INF/L  
1810 MOCCASIN AVE  
SAINT PAUL, MN 55115-1408

5925 **OGGS**, DENNIS I OPMA  
64ARM/4 HQ PT  
618 TANGLEWOOD DR  
HINESVILLE, GA 31313

5897 **PADEN**, THOMAS M OP5  
DIV/HQ/RECON PT  
93 NEW YORK AVE  
JOHNSON CITY, NY 13790-2844

5903 **PERRY**, JOHN F OP22  
15INF/B KOREA  
PO BOX 5131  
SANTA MARIA, CA 93456-5131

5905 **PETERSON**, GENE L OP13  
DIV/MED KOREA  
13910 STEARNS CT  
GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417-8716

5907 **POWERS**, SUSAN OP7  
DIV/BAND PT  
1418 4TH AVE APT 1  
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701-2497

5901 **RULE**, CLARE A OP1  
ASSOCIATE  
4318 W 118TH PL  
ALSIP, IL 60803-2126

5918 **SACK**, SUE S. OP35  
ASSOCIATE  
2709 BIG CREEK CT  
PLANO, TX 75093

5935 **SANTORO**, LOUIS R. OP11  
38INF/2BG D PT  
35 TALBOT AVE  
NORWOOD, MA 02062

5894 **SCHAFFER**, DOUGLAS M OP2  
15INF/2BN HQ KOREA  
3182 DARIEN WAY  
LADY LAKE, FL 32162-7636

5908 **SCHULTZ**, HAROLD F OP54  
276INF/ WW2  
2795 JENNIFER DR  
CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546-3225

5948 **SMITH**, BROWN OP17  
999FA  
3760 GRAVOIS AVE  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63116

5895 **SMITH**, DON P OP88  
15INF/ WW2  
3032 VISTA GRANDE DR  
AUSTIN, CO 81410

5926 **SMITH**, THOMAS P OPMA  
DIV/ENG PT  
501 WELLINGTON WAY  
HINESVILLE, GA 31313

5928 **SMITH**, JR, OTIS OPMA  
37ARM/2 64ARM/1 69ARM/2 PT  
PO BOX 3916  
FORT STEWART, GA 31315

5949 **STANFORD**, RICHARD OP57  
39FA/ KOREA  
PO BOX 215  
RUSHSVLVANIA, OH 43347

5937 **WHITE**, LEWIS E OP3  
30INF/B & 15INF/B KOREA  
1630 DREXEL LK DR  
COLUMBIA, SC 29223

### LIFE MEMBERS

5938 **GRENSON**, RAYMOND OPFBA  
BELG BN WW2  
109 RUE JEAN PAULY  
4432 ALLEUR-ANS,  
BELGIUM

2087\* **AUSTIN** JR, KENNETH H. OP7  
DIV/MP PT  
209 1/2 GRACE ST  
SUFFOLK, VA 23434-3827

5940 **CRAMER**, JOANNE G OP12  
ASSOCIATE  
2098 TRIPLE SHORES RD  
MORA, MN 55051

5941 **CRAMER**, RICHARD C OP12  
15INF/A KOREA  
2098 TRIPLE SHORES RD  
MORA, MN 55051

4034 **NADLER\***, ROBERT F OP57  
DIV/RECON KOREA  
3311 ROAD 11A  
LEIPSIC, OH 45856-9483

5881 **TINDALL\***, WILLARD E OP33  
DIV/ARTY PT  
2318 W 29TH ST  
ANDERSON, IN 46016-4733

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### 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@cis.net) for listing in the "Last Call."

## ROLL CALL (continued)

5939\* **LAVNER**, ROBERT OP5 2427 **PLASS\***, FRANK C OP60  
30INF/D CW 30INF/C KOREA  
226 KOCEIMBA DR PO BOX 158  
WESTWOOD, NJ 07675 ELLERSLIE, GA 31807-0158

3624 **LEE\***, BAE SUK OP57 2742 **DRISCOLL\***, LAWRENCE E  
DIV/HQ KOREA OP1 10FA/ KOREA  
3151 BRINTON TRL 6932 WILLIAMS DR  
CINCINNATI, OH 45241-4812 WOODRIDGE, IL 60517-1907

3618 **LE FEBVRE\***, DAVID R OP57 4931 **VIGIL\***, GILBERT S OP22  
15INF/A KOREA 7INF/HQ WW2  
15663 ANNESLEY RD 7817 LYNDORA ST  
EAST LIVERPOOL, OH 43920 DOWNEY, CA 90242-4138

2959 **FUNTAL\***, CARL A OP7 3538 **KOLINICH JR\***, HARRY OP11  
15INF/C WW2 39FA/C KOREA  
15626 PORTER RD 10 KURK DR  
LINESVILLE, PA 16424-8458 ESSEX JUNCTION, VT 05452

2015 **ADDISON\***, RICHARD L OP35 3302 **HUBENETTE\***, GLENN H OP12  
58FA/& DIV/ARTY KOREA 7INF/F KOREA  
1317 LYRIC DR 215 5TH ST NW  
FORT WORTH, TX 76134-4418 ORANGE CITY, IA 51041-1134

\* Annual to Life Member conversion

## Chaplains Corner

**Jerry Sapiro**

A subject of immediate importance and concern to the people of the United States is the judgment declaring that the Pledge of Allegiance violated the Constitution of the United States by having inserted therein "under God".

This was at the suit of one who is said to be a disbeliever; hence he did not want his child to recite the pledge in school.

The Constitution in its First Amendment guarantees, among other rights, the freedom of religion. We may worship in any church, temple or synagogue we choose. Government may not interfere with or penalize our religious beliefs. This gave rise to the doctrine of separation of Church and State.

The decision appears to lack understanding that "God" is used synonymously with the superpower or creator, no matter what our religious belief may be.

Being a government of legislation by Congress as representatives of the people of the United States, they saw fit and proper to insert and use the words "under God" epitomizing the moral background of our Nation.

To insert the words "under God" in the Pledge did not and does not violate the separation of Church and State doctrine. It does not interfere with or favor any religion.

Atheism may be a belief, but it does not seem to be a religion.

Certainly in times of stress and terrorism, the decision was and is untimely, tending to take away from our people and children, the security and moral support that is afforded by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, which represents the Nation that guarantees freedom of religion.

Let us hope and pray that the Courts overturn the judgment and allow the Pledge to remain as it now is.

God bless all of you and yours.

## "They Feel Lucky"

Two winners of one free nights lodging, plus breakfast, will be selected from the following list of the first fifty registrants for our Buffalo Reunion. Drawing will be held at the Reunion.

Leonard Lassar	Anthony Granese
Bob Boucart	Henri de Roover
Rene Thienpont	Jean Micaux
Robert Gibson	Jerry Sapiro
George Cox	John Shirley
Ervin Ney	Ronald McCleery
Raymond Anderson	Egan Fehnel
Gorden Draper	Andrew Pawlick
Norman Berry	Al Brown
Jerry Manley	Gordon Carpenter
Joseph Kennelly	Edward Biercewicz
Jim Tiezzi	Emile Benge
Earl Duckworth	William Tonini
Margaret Pedersen	Joseph Todisco
Christie Stamos	Lloyde E. Jack
Donald Hotz	Robert Sheehan
A. J. Sheehan	Wallace Bassett
Roy Brumfield	John O' Grady
William Wayne	Horace Mitchell
Henry Burke	Peter Caraberis
Darrell Kilburn	Carl E. Topie

*Joe Poggi, Reunion Director*

## Errata

On the nomination form for the Eastern VP, Angelo "Jim" Tiezzi, OP 2 needs to have his name corrected as above.

Your editor apologizes for any resulting inconvenience.

## 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](mailto: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.

**Bell**, Jack N. (2168) RM OP63  
IV/SIG WW2  
8812 Interlake Ave N  
Seattle WA 98103-4030  
Dod 06/05/02  
Reported By Unk

**Blesch**, William D. (2213) LM OP 33  
B Co. 15th Inf. Regt. 3 ID WWII  
9715 Quarterhorse Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46256  
Reported by Ken Kendall

**Bridges**, Charles H (2291) RM  
OP 77  
10ENG/ WW2  
4615 E Twain Ave  
Las Vegas NV 89121-2955  
DOD 04/06/02  
Reported By Lew Conant

**Durbin**, Harry E. LM OP 63 (2775)  
Sgt I Co.15th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Inf. Div. WWII  
35045 Holt 250  
Oregon, MO 64473-8009  
DOD June 20, 2002  
Harry was a Purple Heart Veteran  
and recipient of the Bronze Star.  
Reported by Dutch Schultz.

**Garceau**, Walter E. LM  
OP 52 (2972)  
Co. A & L, 15th Inf. Regt., 3 ID  
Korea 51-52  
14 Woodbury Ln  
Boscawen, NH 03303-2621  
DOD May 24, 2002  
Among his awards: The Purple  
Heart & CIB. We will miss his sense  
of humor.  
Reported by Dan Wolfe OP 52

**Hagedon**, Ralph T. LM OP 63 (3113)  
D Co 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWI  
700 S. Tama St.  
Rock Rapids, IA 51246-1917  
Reported by Mrs. Ralph Hagedon to  
Ray Anderson.

**Hammons**, John H. OP 60 (3133)  
Cpl 3d Inf. Div. Hq.  
3082 Green St.  
Tupelo, MS 38801-6424  
DOD March 21, 2002  
Reported by Martha Hammons via  
Ray Anderson.

**Janes**, Robert F. LM OP 33 (3346)  
Sgt. H Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div.  
211 W Oak St. Apt 521  
Louisville, KY 40203-2870  
DOD April 25, 2002  
Reported by his Son, Richard & Ray  
Anderson.

**Jones**, Joe Ben OP 10 (3398)  
1Lt. I Co. 7th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Infantry Division WWII  
122 Bayou Shores Dr.  
Monroe, LA 71203-4232  
"Joe Ben was awarded the Silver and  
Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart and  
participated in the Battle of the Bulge  
in addition to combat service with  
the 3rd Division on the southern  
France landings in August 1944."  
Reported by Sherm Pratt

**Logiudice**, Vince OP 54 (3676)  
A Co. 15th Inf. Regt.  
3d Inf. Div. WWII  
1379 Hunn Rd  
Yuba City, CA 95993-5627  
DOD July 8, 2002  
Reported by Jerry Sapiro

**McCrary**, Shirley AM OP 60 (5784)  
1909 Highfield Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35216  
DOD May 15th, 2002  
Shirley was the wife Col. (Ret) Earl  
C. McCrary LM OP 60. She will be  
sadly missed by her family and  
friends in our 3d ID Society.  
Reported by Bob Bailey

**Moretti**, Frank A (3982) RM OP 13  
30INF/AT WW2  
510 26th Ct  
Vero Beach Fl 32962-1308  
DOD 06/06/02  
Reported by brother, Michael

**Naukam**, Robert A. OP 5 (4039)  
HQ 15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII  
968 Wilber Rd.  
Phelps, NY 14532-9738  
DOD May 27, 2002  
Reported by Bill Wayne.

**Overland**, John P. OP 4 (4140)  
41st FA 3d ID WWII  
2619 Blanchard Rd.  
Blanchard, ID 83804  
Reported by John's wife Beth to  
Dale L. Mc Graw

**Ransome**, John T. OP 11 (4319)  
Cpl. B Co. 15th Inf. Regt.  
3d Inf. Div. Korea  
PO Box 30231  
Worcester, MA 01603-0231  
DOD May 21, 2002  
Reported by his wife to Ray  
Anderson.

**Richards**, Lee M (4363) RM OP 5  
15INF/L WW2 3ID  
HRC 81 Box 82  
Needmore Pa 17238  
Dod 02/23/02  
Reported By Sandra Leedy

**Thornton**, James A. OP 22 (4829)  
Sgt. 3ID Div/Sig. WWII  
7619 Alverstone Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90045-1331  
SOS November 29, 2001  
Sadly missed & reported by his wife  
Elinore and family.

#### Non Members

**Cummings**, Julian W. (Bill) Maj.  
(Ret) Lt. 10th FA Bn.  
3rd Divarty Air Sect. WWII  
Utah  
Bill was awarded The Distinguished  
Service Cross by order of General  
George S. Patton, for his actions  
during the invasion of Sicily.  
Reported by Francis A. Even.

**Davila**, Rudolph B.  
Lt. 3d Inf. Div. WWII  
938 Taylor Street  
Vista, CA 92084  
Then SSgt, Davila was awarded the  
Distinguished Service Cross, later  
upgraded to The Medal of Honor.  
DOD January 26, 2002  
Reported by Martin Markley

**Drum**, Charles  
3d Inf. Div. WWII  
California  
DOD May 11, 2002  
Reported by his daughter, Mary  
Selznick  
Smarynsv@aol.com

**Felton**, Paul W.  
B Co. 15th Inf. Regt, 3ID WWII  
690 Strover Road  
West Alexandria, OH  
DOD 6 April, 2002  
Paul was always first to volunteer for  
patrols. He was put out of action on  
Anzio with bad head wounds. He  
was a loyal friend and 3rd Divisioner.  
I will miss him.  
Reported by Harold R. Bresher

**Goldstein**, Malvin U.  
1st Lt. 15th Inf. Regt. Medical Co.  
Korea  
3460 Manor Lane, #206  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
DOD July 5, 2002. He was at the

1st Bn.15th Regt. aid station during  
Outpost Harry action, June, 1953.  
Reported by Abe Friedman 3rd Med  
Bn, LM OP #35.

**Haggerty**, George E.  
SSgt F Co. 15th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Inf. Div.  
Kennesaw, GA 30158  
He was recently awarded a Bronze  
Star. DOD July 8, 2002  
Reported by his son, Bill Haggerty

**Hester**, Donald R.  
30th Inf. Regt. 3d ID WWII  
Hobart, IN  
Reported by Ken Kendall

**Jay**, Leonard Wayne  
1st Sgt. 15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div.  
Bountiful, UT  
Leonard served in all 3rd Div.  
Campaigns from Fedala to France  
where he was seriously wounded.  
Reported by Maurice Wilson OP 77.

**McGregor**, Charles  
B & C Co. 30th Inf. Regt. 3d Inf. Div.  
North Africa and onward. WWII  
Beverly Hills, MI & Key West, FL  
Charles had been awarded 2 Silvers  
Stars and The Purple Heart.  
DOD June 21, 2002.  
Reported by his brother-in-law,  
Robert E. Sell to Joe Poggi.

**Smith**, Donald R.  
Sgt. B Co. 10th Eng. 3d ID  
Korea 52-53  
5159 Stone Terrace Dr.  
Whitehall, PA 18052-2237  
DOD May 14, 20002  
Don and I served together during  
basic and Korea and he was a hellu-  
va nice guy.— Irvin Slight, Jr.

**Wittwer**, Donald  
Cannon Co., 15th Inf. Regt.,  
3d Inf. Div. WWII  
McKinney, TX  
Originally: Red Oak, IA  
DOD April 7, 2002  
Reported by George Polich

Morris Kirk gently pointed out I had erroneously reported the death of **Joseph R. Schumann**. I am happy to report that a phone call to Joseph verified that he is indeed alive and well in NJ. The editor apologizes for any inconvenience. Thank you Morris for keeping the record straight.



## Taps for another Cottonbaler and "Marneman"

I am saddened to report that we have lost another esteemed trooper whose loss will be felt far and wide. Cottonbaler Joe Ben Jones departed this planet on May 6th for that PCS eternal in the heavens. While at the Chalmette Battlefield Park in New Orleans consulting with the Park Service to place a marker at the Park to commemorate the participation of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division in the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815, Joe Ben collapsed at the Visitor Center in the morning and died later than day in the nearby Chalmette Medical Center.

Joe Ben was 83 years of age and had been living in Monroe with his daughter Candy Stout after losing his wife a few years ago. He had been active in organizing chapters of the Purple Heart Association and also made numerous trips to the Chalmette Battlefield Park to attend reenactments and annual encampments with 7th Infantry history buffs from the nearby States. As a result, he was probably the most knowledgeable and informed member of our Association on the early historical years of the 7th U. S. Infantry Regiment.

On the second day of the landings in Southern France in August 1944, 1st Lt Joe Ben was evacuated after being wounded by an incoming round that landed amidst several troops including the 7th Infantry 3rd Battalion commander Lt Col Lloyd Ramsey (now MGen Ret). Joe Ben was a "southern boy" through and through, born and raised in his State of Louisiana, but one that was progressive and forward thinking in his relationships with all he came into contact with. After the war he worked in the oil drilling business. When we first began working together on the 7th Infantry memorial project, and I did not know him well, he once scolded me when I called him only "Joe." "My name is Joe Ben", he politely advised me. "We southerners like to be known by both our names". I was thereafter careful not to repeat my indiscretion.

I am thankful that Joe Ben lived long enough to see the Park Service do an about face on the matter of allowing the 7th, after a decade of refusals, to place a monument in the Park. We can hope that Joe Ben is resting more peacefully because of that.

*Sherm Pratt*

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"Boomerang" veterans enjoyed a recent (May 9th to 11th, 2002) reunion at the Hamilton Hotel in Hamilton, OH. They were members of F Co. 7th Inf. Regt. 3d Infantry Division in 1953. Standing (L to R) are Reed Patchen, Stan Cahill, Willard Hamill & Bud Sarisohn. Seated (L to R) are Ricardo Cardenas and Lou Hotelling. Courtesy Lou Hotelling.



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- ★ Aisne-Marne
- ★ Champagne

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