

■ There are reunions.

Begetting the indulgence of the Watch readers, I would like to share some thoughts on reunions that were triggered by the principal speaker at the 15th Inf. Regt. dinner in Buffalo.

Richard Stillwell, Jr., in his remarks to those present, stressed the importance of military reunions-and rightly so. Important to those in attendance, recapturing those experiences we shared in common and renewing the bonds that tied us together in that time of our youth and mutual peril. But, equally important, the reunion is also an opportunity to keep alive the memory of those not present for a myriad of reasons, including the supreme sacrifice. They will always live in our hearts and minds as long as we think of them or speak of them. Doing so, we will continue to mark them "Present!"

Ten years ago, while conversing with a lady of long acquaintance, she remarked that she was being plagued with doubts about attending her high school reunion for the first time. It would be the 50th and would take place in the small Southwestern town where she spent her school years. While she spoke fondly of the football games, the malt and burger shop, the Friday afternoon "sock hops" and after school socializing, the doubts still assailed her. She worried about her own mortality and that of her classmates. Could she face some of her former fellow students who might have surpassed her financial and social status? More importantly, could she face the empty chairs representing all those boys who had enlisted in the armed services immediately upon graduation and had never returned? Those doubts held sway. She never went.

By way of contrast, I graduated at the age of 16 in 1937 from an all boys high school located in Brooklyn, NY. Each freshman class entered after passing a competitive examination and was comprised of students from all five boroughs of the city. We were a diverse lot and shared in common only the academic schedule that kept us occupied between nine and three each school day. After which we again scattered to the five boroughs. There was no football team. Home games for baseball were played in a public park and for basketball, they took place in the parish hall of a nearby church. No

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A point of view

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malt and hamburger shop or Friday "sock hops". (In an all boys school?) We were not the small town version of a coed high school. As a result there was little or no camaraderie or socializing after hours. For all intents and purposes, we were for want of a better term, semi-strangers.

During the six plus decades that have passed since, I have looked at my old year book only a few times. And when I did, the faces looking out from the pages were the semi-strangers, evoking at best a mild curiosity. Certainly not interest. Consequently, if I had received an invitation to the 60th anniversary reunion, (I had never attended any of the previous ones) I would not have attended. Not because some of my classmates might have been more successful than me. Not because of empty chairs, although I am sure that there would have been some. As for being confronted with my mortality, that confrontation had taken place numerous times many, many years ago. No, my absence could be explained very simply - given those circumstances and, in the largest sense, I just didn't give a damn.

■ And then there are reunions.

Less than five years after graduation from high school, I was in the Army. Two years later I found myself in a living hell called Anzio. That's where I first acknowledged my own mortality. In fact, it was a daily occurrence.

It's where I first witnessed the chairs being emptied - in great numbers. During the months and campaigns that followed, I continued to watch them being vacated until that time I was damn near unseated myself.

Like my high school class, those of us who served together on that beachhead were also a diverse lot, coming from all sections of the country, as opposed to the city. Whether or not we would have been friends, or even acquaintances, in civilian life, I know not. What I do know beyond the shadow of a doubt, is that, unlike my high school class, we depended on each other for our very lives and we shared a common danger and the threat of imminent death 24 hours a day. As a result, we became bonded in a way that is surpassed only by family ties.

The 60th anniversary of Anzio will be upon us in two short years. (Will that other little fracas, D-Day push it off the calendar?) Regardless. I hope to be part of the tour now being planned for 2004 encompassing the invasion of Southern France and Anzio to hold my own reunion there, health and circumstances permitting.

While the faces may have vanished in the mists of time and a precious few names remain only vaguely familiar, those men will always be part of me. The trip will also afford me the opportunity to exorcise a few personal demons that still remain with me all these years. I don't believe, given those circumstances, that an invitation to that particular reunion is necessary.

There is one other reunion that I wish with all my heart to attend, the good Lord willin'. Literally speaking, He will have to extend me an offer I cannot refuse. Only then will I be once again with the wonderful woman who was my wife for 46 years. As for my own mortality, well - my mortality hasn't been a source of concern to me for a long, long time. And I have an empty chair to contemplate across the table each and every day to remind me of what was, what might have been and, hopefully, what will be again.

As I said, there are reunions and then there are reunions.

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Looking for...

My dad was a member of the Third Infantry Division during WWII . He was wounded at Anzio, Italy . He is still alive but his memory is fuzzy about the war. What I would like to know is what unit he was in, where he took basic training. Are there any sites where I can find this info whether it's government or private hobby of someone?

Thanks

Robert H. Duke

P.S. Dad's name is **Robert W. Duke**. His home address was Chestnut Ridge, Pa. 15422. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Pfc., Robert W. Duke is listed on page 455 in the book the History of the Third Infantry Division in W.W.II as a member of the 7th Infantry Regiment. If you can help, contact Robert at: bduke@bellatlantic.net



Hi Jim,

Happy Dalton and Louie Marino had already rotated prior to Oct.1952. We might have had another Dalton in the unit. Most of our troops were assigned to rifle platoons and aid stations. About the only time we saw them was when they were first assigned for a couple days or if they were wounded, sick or rotating. We normally had only about thirty to forty troops in the company proper. Co. Hdq, surgical section, a reserve platoon of aid men and a litter section. In Oct. 52 the company commander was probably Capt. { Doc.} Bear. I know he was there at Christmas of 52.

The Regimental Commander was Colonel Carl B. Herndon. from 2 Sept 1952 to 30th Sept 1952 {didn't last long.} From 1 Oct. 1952 to 3 Nov 1952 the Commander was Lieutenant Colonel Donald R. Ward {also stayed only a short time}. From the 4th Nov untill I left Korea sometime in March Colonel Richard G. Stilwell known as{ Little Joe} Commanded the15th. He later commanded the 82nd Airborne in the late 1950s.

I got to Korea early 1952 still wet behind the ears with a cook's m.o.s. Was met at the railhead by a General I think it was General Cross that made a most unwelcome speech to the Replacements in which he stated that about 20 percent of you will go home in a wooden overcoat. I knew then I must be in the wrong place. I was assigned to **Medical**

Co. 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. as a cook. Three months later I was the Mess Sgt. not that I was qualified but I was the only one they could find with a cook's m.o.s. Dumb as a box of rocks, but I had the job. Guess I did ok I came home as a Sfc. Still not too smart. I live in Indiana, not quite as cold as Korea but we have about 5 inches of snow today. Two things I don't miss about Korea is sleeping on the ground with the rats and the extreme cold.

The 15th was a great outfit, to be in, Topnotch Troops. I spent another ten years in the army after Korea. Medical Co. of the 15th is the only unit that I have any good memories. They were all great people. I am looking for anyone in Medical Co 15th Inf. Feb 1951 to April 1953. Slink Miller, Happy Dalton, Louis Marino, M/sgt Jerrels, Abney, Cpt. Welsh, Woods, Cpt. Lemley.

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My brother, **John J. McLaughlin**, served all through Africa, Anzio Beachhead, Sicily, Southern France, finally ended up in Berchtesgaten on May 6th 1945 there at Hitler's and Goering's houses also Hitler'Eagle Nest. He was in the 3rd Div 41 FA. We are looking for anyone that might have been there with John on May 6th, 1945, at Hitler or Goering's house. It was dark about 10 P.M. when he left and was discharged.

If anyone knows any information, or questions please send to either John McLaughlin, 260 Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale, CA. 94086 or Art McLaughlin, 1212 Chianti Dr., Lodi, CA. 95240.

Thank you, Art McLaughlin



Looking for anyone out there who was in **Korea 1951 to1952**. I was in the Battle Patrol in the 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry Division where I got cold injuries. The doctor doesn't believe me when I tell him how cold it got in Korea.

I need help from anyone who was in

Korea in that winter time.

Thank you for any help,

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Seek information about my brother: U.S. Army Sergeant **Vernie A. Zurn**, Serial Number 17365232, Born Nov. 20, 1933, Callaway, Minnesota

Sergeant Zurn was a member of Company E., 2nd Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Missing in Action. Then declared Killed in action while defending his position on "outpost Harry", Hill 412, North Korea on June 14, 1953. Sergeant Zurn was awarded the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. We have never received his body or remains. I am his sister and am the contact for him as both of my parents are deceased. I have sent samples of my blood for the DNA testing. If there are any persons that remember him and served with him I would appreciate your contacting me. He was an outstanding individual.

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Thank you.

Donna J. Adams



This is to seek help from the "**Can Do**" **Regiment**. I am a WWII veteran from the 30th Infantry. I have made friends with a German that was a soldier in the Nineteenth Army that opposed us from St. Tropez to Austria. I met him at the 2001 ceremony in Jepsheim. He is a very nice fellow, and very pro-USA. He has asked for my help in getting information regarding the first American troops to occupy Freudenberg. The Mayor of Freudenberg is writing a history of his town, and he is very interested in documenting the capture of Freudenberg. He wants to know as much of the details as can be documented. He especially wants to know the Company, Battalion, and Regiment that captured Freudenberg. He also wants to know the

extent of fighting that took place, or if it was surrendered peacefully.

From my copy of "History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II", I have determined that the 1st Bn., 15th Inf., occupied Miltenberg which is about 4 miles SW of Freudenberg, and that the 2nd Bn., 15th Inf., occupied Reistenhausen which is about 2 miles NE of Freudenberg. There is no mention of Freudenberg in the 3rd Div. History. Please refer to Pgs 345, 346, & 347 of the 3rd Div History.

Knowing the battle experience of the 15th, I know that patrols would have been sent out to scout for possible enemy counter attack forces. I feel certain that at least one patrol would have been sent to check on Freudenberg. Since the 1st Bn was nearest to Freudenberg, it is more likely that the patrol would have come from one of its companies.

It is very likely that the History of the Fifteenth Infantry in WWII would make some mention of Freudenberg. Could you help me contact a "Can Do" Vet so that I can ask him to check the 15th History for this information? I want to help my friend as much as I can.

Thank you,

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Florentine Films and Ken Burns are producing a documentary film about World War II for public television. Mr. Burns' previous films have included "Jazz" and "Baseball."

We need to find anyone who might have known (no matter how indirectly) Corado "Babe" Ciarlo. Ciarlo was in Company G, 15th Infantry Regiment in the 3rd division of Mark Clark's 5th Army. He was in North Africa and Italy. He was at Anzio and was killed on May 27, 1944 in Ardena. He was originally from Connecticut and served in the Army for 1 year, 1 month, and 1 week.

I have already posted a request on your Society's Home page. However I am concerned that veterans who do not have Internet access will not be able to see our request, and we would like to reach as many people as possible with our plea. Any lead no matter how small would be extremely helpful to our production team.

If anyone knew of Corado "Babe" Ciarlo or knows of anyone who did know Ciarlo, it would be a great help to us. Our office number is 212-560-9770.

We will even accept collect calls.

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I was in the 3rd Infantry, 7th Regt., US Army. I was in the Battle Patrol from Oct. 1951 to May 1952 in Korea. I got cold injury while there. I would like to hear from anyone who was in the Battle Patrol during that time. I need help! Thank you for any that you can give me.

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I am looking for anyone or any information I can find on my Uncle, Miles H Jones, KIA Jun 24th 1953. He was a medic, I tried getting information by writing to the National Personnel Records Center in 1986 but they said most of his records were destroyed in the 1973 fire in St. Louis.

It was my understanding he was to receive a Silver Star and due to some type of conflict or confusion my Mom did not get the medal as his beneficiary. She received a purple heart and his Flag but not the Silver Star. One of my older brothers swore he had seen the medal and now I only have my Step Father's memory as he knew Miles, and none of my relatives on that side are around to ask anymore.

I remember reading on line some of the information on the military personnel were (lent?) to the VFW??? And do not know how much or which records. Why can't the military get that information back. I will also go

find a VFW site to check out but thought since I am here, I would ask you information.

I would appreciate any guidance, direction or help you could provide. I don't know where to go from here. I want to get one of those display boxes for the flag and medals to keep them safer than what I have now.

Thank you much,

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Editor's note: Check with your local VFW Post about the display case

I don't know if you remember me. I wrote the history of the history of the 65th Infantry in Korea which, hopefully, will be published by the Center of Military History in the not too distant future. I have also published several articles and letters in Army magazine pertaining to the 65th Infantry in Korea. I also hope to submit an article for publication in the near future about General Soule and the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea.

I need your assistance and that of your readers. I am looking for any photos and/or sketches of Outpost Kelly and Jackson Heights in the Chorwon Valley of Korea (September - October 1952). I am trying to recreate the defensive positions, including trenches and bunkers.

Any information you could provide me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

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Editor's note: "The Watch on the Rhine" printed the Colonel's article on the 65th Regiment in Korea in a 2002 issue. He is an excellent writer and warrants our help. -Jim

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The following is a reprint of an article written by Edward Kennedy, Associated Press correspondent, appearing in daily papers throughout the States on February 29, 1944.

U. S. Third Division Fighting at Anzio ■ Participated in Six Amphibious Operations

Hard-Hitting Outfit in Thick of Action in Morocco, Sicily, Salerno and Across the Volturno--Every State Represented in its Personnel

ON THE ANZIO BEACHEAD—The famous Third Infantry Division, made up largely of soldiers from the Pacific Coast, especially Washington and Oregon, was picked to "Do it again" and is among the American units fighting on the Anzio beachhead, it was disclosed yesterday.

Rated as one of the best in the Mediterranean theater, this smoothrunning, hard-hitting outfit has carried its insignia—a square patch of blue with white diagonal stripes—into the thick of action in Morocco, Sicily, Salerno, across the Volturno, at Mignano and Mount Rotunda in Italy and finally here on the beachhead.

It has figured in half a dozen amphibious invasions.

Served Under Patton

It landed at Fedala in Morocco as part of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s western task force. It saw three days of brisk fighting there and was about to storm Casablanca when the French capitulated.

The division then began training for the Sicilian campaign, but in the final stage of the Tunisian campaign it was moved across Algeria and thrown into the battle against the Germans for the knockout punch. It went into action at dawn on May 8, 1943 and Gen. Jurgen Von Arnim surrender unconditionally at noon that day. The division fired scarcely a shot, but it occupied Bizerte and rounded up thousands of German prisoners in concluding the war in North Africa.

It landed west of Gela on "D" day of the Sicilian campaign and fought straight through to Messina. It spearheaded the push to Palermo and provided one of the big anticlimaxes when United States armored units, racing up from the west for the purpose of taking the same objective, found the dirty, bearded doughboys of the Third Division had moved in ahead of them and had spent the night there.

Mopped up North Sicily

Moving on, the Third mopped up the

north coast of Sicily, executing in rapid-fire order two amphibious landings behind the German lines. It was the first outfit in Messina, following one of the most dramatic scraps of the Sicilian campaign.

At Salerno, the Third Division landed on the eighth day after the operation started and was the third American division to go ashore.

Taking over from troops who had established the beachhead, it pushed Germans northward and broke through the defenses of Acerna. This breakthrough enabled the British on the left to enter Naples.

It stayed in the front of action nearly 60 days before its first relief. Although some outfits have been in the line longer than that now, the length of combat time then constituted a record for this campaign.

Fought at Cassino

The division punched ahead and participated in the crossing of the Volturno under fire. It drove on to take Mignano where it made the first dent in the outer defense fringe of Cassino.

Then, after fighting hard all the way, the Third was pulled out of line and given a rest. But as soon as the planning of the Anzio operation got under way the word spread along the front that "the Third drew the short straw again." Amphibious operations are considered strictly bad medicine in any man's war.

The Third splashed ashore in the first wave at Anzio on January 22. It encountered no opposition until the evening of the second day. It is now holding an important part of the beachhead, but it did not bear the brunt of the two German all-out attacks against the beachhead positions.

Although the division originally contained mostly Pacific coast personnel, replacements have given it more the character of an "all-American" outfit.

It still has one regiment nick-named "San Francisco's own," although most of its offi-

cers are from somewhere else.

Good Leadership

"We got off to a good start at Fedala, got plenty of experience in Sicily and have been going strong ever since," said 1st Lt. Rupert Prohme of Burlingame, Cal. "And we've always had good leadership and good staff work, and guess that's why we are a good division." Prohme, who in his student days at Stanford University was a Christian Science reader for a college group of that religion, said: "This originally was the largest west coast division with Hdq. station first at Fort Lewis, Wash., and then at Fort Ord, Cal., but there are new men from all over the country now and every state is represented.

Describing the Anzio landings, Pvt Ed Knoop of Wilmette, Ill., said: "The only opposition we had on the beach was five Germans whom we quickly picked up as prisoners." Pvt. Randolph Vrans, of San Francisco, added: "We had expected more opposition than that, but the prisoners told us there was nothing doing there."

After landing, elements of the division thrust southward to the Mussoline canal, and destroyed the bridges, thus securing the southern flank of the bridgehead. Two days later they joined in the attack on Cisterna. By this time, however, the Germans had drawn an important force to the area and the going was tough. The Third opened a new and bigger attack on Cisterna, battering against strong defenses the Germans had thrown up in houses outside the town. "The Third gained only a few hundred yards and took many prisoners, but it is the hardest fighting this division has seen," said Maj. Hugh A. Scott, of Salem, Ore., formerly on the staff of the Portland Oregonian. Scott was just remarking how quiet the day was when several big caliber shells came crashing down a short distance away. "I spoke too soon," he said as we ducked.

When the Germans opened their offensive on Feb. 16, they struck at eight points along the sector held by the Third Division. All were stopped cold except one in which the enemy penetrated 300 yards and then was driven back.

Editor's note: The very timely article, above, was mailed me by a thoughtful Veteran of the Third. My forgettor sometimes works overtime and I've forgotten the gentleman's name. Proper credit will be noted if you will step forward. Jim

I want to begin my Anzio story on top of Mount Lungo three miles north of Mignano, Italy on December 26, 1943, my nineteenth birthday. It was cold and rainy, and I had the worst case of diarrhea a person could possibly have. I was a new replacement trying to figure out all the sounds - what was incoming and what was outgoing. My first assignment was to help bring down the body of a lieutenant who had been killed by an anti-personnel mine.

A few days later we pulled off the front and back to the Naples area and commenced rigorous amphibious training. My Company was training with a British troop transport. We made one practice landing and on our final practice landing at night we were put out in very rough seas. The waves were so high that we began taking on water and in a short time the landing craft was in serious trouble. Everybody began bailing water with their steel helmets. We never made it to the beach but finally struggled back to the transport.

A few days later we set sail for Anzio. At meal time they served us lots of kidney stew and the bitterest orange marmalade I have ever tasted. On January 22, the seas were very calm and conditions were perfect for a landing. The landing was to be a surprise, and there was no naval bombardment. The landing was at 2:00 AM. Just before we hit the beach rocket boats behind us commenced a rapid firing of rockets. The landing craft stopped short of the beach, and we debarked in chest deep water. There was no opposition, and we proceeded to our objective with no problem. I landed with I Company, 15th Infantry. I was a member of 3rd Battalion, Hdq. Company, A&P Platoon and was attached to a rifle squad along with one man from the 10th Engineers. We carried a satchel charge and a bangalore torpedo to use against pill boxes and barbed wire - there were none.

There were very few casualties in the landing; however, my squad leader, a boy named McDonald from California, was killed by an anti-personnel mine. Everything was rather calm for the first day then the Germans came on us in force with their Hermann Goering Division, one of their best. Anzio was hell from then on. Two days later a member of my squad, Alfred Rinaldo of Buffalo, New York, was

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My Anzio Story

by

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killed when a 75 mm round landed within a few feet.

On January 30 at 0100 the 1st and 3rd Ranger Battalions began infiltrating the German line to attack Cisterna at daylight. The Germans knew this was occurring and let them through. At daylight when the Rangers attacked, the Germans ready for them with everything they had. The Ranger Battalions were wiped out. My Battalion was trying to get through to the rangers but progress was very slow as every house was strongly defended. My platoon was in the Mussolini Canal all that day while the rifle companies were attacking the houses on our left flank. We got a replacement up the day, Stancel E. Hudson from Bessemer, Alabama.

Just before night we came out of the canal and began setting up a defensive position. The battle field was very much in a state of confusion. We set up the battalion CP in a house with a dead horse in the barn which was part of the house. We called it "The Dead Horse House" and as far as I know the name stuck. I was on guard outside the house, and I could hear the battalion CO talking to Regimental Headquarters. He was saying that he didn't know what to do. I knew we must be in big trouble.

It was pitch black and about this time a

German patrol out front about 100 yards began firing their automatic weapons and yelling. They were trying to locate our position. We brought up a machine gun and commenced firing in their direction. We began dropping 60 mm mortar on them and a flare. They withdrew - they had found us.

The next day we moved the battalion CP about 400 yards to a place called Isola Bella. It was a long two story building. We dug in around it. There were four or five tanks and TDs behind it. That afternoon a TD pulled around the side of the building and knocked out a German tank. Late that afternoon the road to the rear was opened, and the Division CO, General Lucian Truscott, came up to Isola Bella.

The next day we pulled back and went into a defensive position. Every bridge on Anzio was numbered and had several hundred pounds of TNT underneath with fuse attached ready to blow. For the next several weeks another GI and myself were assigned a bridge. We had a telephone to the Regimental Headquarters and had to check in every few hours. During this period my platoon blew one bridge. At night one of our boys went out alone in no mans land and blew the bridge.

While on bridge guard we had only C rations to eat. There were a few chickens, pigs and cows around the houses, and at night the GIs would butcher a pig or cow and pass it around to everybody. After a few weeks all the livestock and chickens were eaten.

On February 16 the first big German attack occurred. Our intelligence knew it was coming and at 0430 that morning every gun on Anzio commenced firing on the German positions. I have never heard anything like it. It was awesome. The artillery really broke up the attack before it even got under way inflicting tremendous casualties on the Germans. That day across the road from my position an 81 mortar section was set up, and they fired all day. Late that afternoon the men got out of the mortar pits and went to a nearby house to eat. While away the gun positions the Germans landed a 170 round in one of the pits - lucky boys!

One of our anti-tank gun crews had taken possession of a German 77 anti-tank gun earlier and had it set up at the corner of a house. A trench was dug from the

house to the gun position. The gun was well camouflaged with bundles of sticks that were around the houses that the Italians evidently used for firewood. The German 77s were much more effective against tanks than our 57s. On an attack on February 28, Sgt. Elmer Stafford's gun crew knocked out two tanks with this gun. They didn't have the gun sight, and it was necessary to bore sight the target. Sgt. Stafford received the Silver Star for this action.

On March 28 the 3rd Division was relieved by the 34th Division after 67 days on the line. We deployed back to the beach and received our first hot shower and change of clothes. We had our kitchen dug in on the beach and were eating real food again. My mess sergeant, Joe Madrid, was the best mess sergeant I had during my Army career. His cooks could make the best pancakes. They were so light that they would melt in your mouth. I have eaten at the world famous Pancake House in Gatlinburg many times, but they were not even close to being as good as Joe Madrid's pancakes.

Anzio had an air raid late one afternoon, and we had a ring side seat on the beach. Fifteen or twenty planes came out of the sun from the west to bomb the harbor area. The ack-ack from the ships and on shore really threw up a barrage and shot down several planes. I remember one plane in particular was nothing but a ball of fire as it flew back to the east. We never did see it go down.

On May 23 the big attack to break out of the beach head occurred. My platoon's part was to layout a path for the tanks, clear any mines, and fill in a six foot deep drainage ditch so the tanks could cross. We had two mine sweeping teams -one from the 10th Engineers and one from my platoon. I operated a mine detector and T/4 Robert Barnhart assisted as my prober and laid down engineers tape to mark the boundary of the path. We swept over to a road which was about 200 yards. On the way back the Germans began dropping 50 mm mortars on us, but they weren't too close. One of the boys from the 10th Engineers stepped on a shoe mine, and it blew his foot off.

The next day my squad leader, Richard Woolson, escorted some prisoners to the rear and on the way back he went out into

a mine field to help a wounded GI and stepped on a mine himself. We never saw or heard from him again.

During our drive to Rome I went back with our supply sergeant to bring up supplies one night. The only place I had to ride was on top of the supplies on the Jeep trailer. We had to go through a cross road that was under heavy artillery fire, and the Jeep driver went through rather fast. The Jeep's wheel went into a shell hole and the down an up motion threw me off the trailer into the ditch. I had my pack on and rifle in hand, but luckily I was not hurt.

On June 5 we entered Rome and on June 6, D-Day, my company, was

bivouacked in downtown Rome in a city park. Fifth Army Hdq. announced that the 3rd Division would be the garrison troops for Rome. We all thought - Boy! We are finally going to get a break. Two days later we were loaded on trucks and taken back to Anzio where we boarded LSTs and sailed down to Naples to commence amphibious training for Southern France.

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ADC(S) Gets First Star

By Spc. Adam Nuelken, Staff Writer, *Frontline Forward*, February 13, 2003

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — “This is a great day for me personally. It is merely a reminder that I represent those who got me here. Am I thankful for that? Sure. Are there a 100 other guys out there who are better than me? Probably. Am I fortunate to be here? Absolutely,” said Brig. Gen. Louis Weber, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.)’s Assistant Division Commander for Support, after he received his first star in a frocking ceremony Feb. 2.

Weber was pinned by Maj. Gen. James Thurman, operations officer, Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

“This is a special day as we are going to promote one of our true warriors to brigadier general. He’s one of the finest individuals I know,” Thurman added. “He’s a great soldier, he’s a great leader, he’s a great husband, he’s a great father, and he’s a true loyal friend of mine. He’s clearly one of our best, and is going to be a tremendous general officer for our great Army.”

Thurman has served with Weber at many different assignments and held some of the same commands. “Bill and I have had the unique opportunity to work in some of the very key jobs in our career. We’ve had the opportunity to live in the same house. We’ve both had the

opportunity to command the great Spartan Brigade of this division - ‘Send Me’. We also had the opportunity to serve at the National Training Center together,” Thurman continued. “Bill and I have had many great times together, and we’ve seen some tough times out there on that training center, on that desert floor. But there wasn’t a day that went by that we didn’t have the opportunity to laugh at each other, to smile, and not take ourselves too seriously. And I’m honored to have that experience.”

Before the ceremony was over, Weber emphasized that it wasn’t necessarily anything he had done to get promoted, but it was the efforts of the soldiers who worked for him and those who served before him.

“I want to thank those who are with us today, those who have come and gone, done their time and moved on, they’ve all been responsible for where we are as an Army today,” he said.

“A great soldier once said, ‘soldiers made me a general.’ That’s a direct quote from a great American,” Weber said. “That comment had a lasting impact on me because it’s true.

Editor’s note: Society Members who attended last September’s reunion in Buffalo will remember Brig. General Louis Weber’s outstanding “State of the Division”, report, representing our Division Commander Maj. General Buford Blount.

Editors note: The following is another letter, courtesy of Gen. Walter T. Kerwin, Jr.
From an early issue of the "Watch"...

A Story Worth Retelling

To: Mr. Charles D. King, Editor
'Watch on the Rhine'
Society, 3rd Infantry Division
24447 Pine Grove, 156204
Farmington Hills, MI. 48335

The 3rd Division was stationed in Camp Pickett, VA. I was with M Company, 30th Infantry Regiment. We had lots of dry runs back and forth. We would go aboard the ships, go out on the water for a few days, and back to Camp Pickett. This one time, we got on the USS *Rutledge* and stayed on it. Felt to me like we were on it for five years, but actually it was about 30 days.

Anyway, being the GI that I was, I started to gamble on the ship, and it looked like I couldn't do anything wrong. I broke any game that I got in - dice - black jack - poker, etc. To make a long story short, we got orders to get on those Cargo Nets. Now, here I was, my pockets, helmet and everything else I had was full of money. So what I did, I counted out \$1500.00 in paper money, put that in my shirt pocket and the rest of money all in silver dollars, halves, etc. I couldn't carry it with me. Was too heavy, so I put it in the "B Bag". If you remember, the "A Bag" went with us and the "B Bag" stayed behind on the ship.

Roughly, I figured that the amount of silver money must have been at least six or seven thousand AMERICAN dollars. That amount stayed behind in the "B Bag" on the USS *Rutledge*.

We hit the Cargo Nets, got on the Higgins boats. We hit the beach at about 3:30 or 4:00 AM. Battled the French for a few days. We were About ten or twelve miles inland, close to Casablanca, and someone said "Miceli, look at our transport, the *Rutledge*." The KRAUTS had torpedoed the USS *Rutledge*!!! Looking through the field glasses, I could see my "B Bag" going down to the bottom of the ocean with all my money. When everything was over, the French surrendered. I went up to my Company Commander and told him of what happened to my money in the "B Bag". He said "Miceli, you know what they call that in. Russia?" I said NO. He answered with a chicken S~- - smile on his face, TOUGH S~- -ky!!!

Somehow, the money I had on me, the paper money, I went through all but about \$400.00. I decided I had better try to send it home, so I contacted a Chaplain and asked him to do this for me. He couldn't make any promises, but he would try. Well, in time, the money did get sent back home to my family. Jesus, what a war, eh?

Yours in the 3rd,

Al Miceli

Notice to All Artillery Battalions

If you are interested in having an ALL ARTILLERY DINNER at the reunion in St. Louis this September, you must let me know as quickly as possible so arrangements can be made. The dinner was canceled last year, apparently for lack of interest. Contact: Jack Swatske, 7449 Grant Village Dr., Apt. 402, St. Louis, MO 63123.

15th Infantry Regiment Association Dinner

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association invites all Marnemen and their guests and visitor to our 11th Annual Regimental Dinner which will be held at the "Society of the Third Infantry Division" Reunion, in the Airport Marriott Hotel, St Louis, MO on September 19, 2003, at 7:00 P.M.

Our Treasurer, Lloyd D. Whitmer, must have your reservation before September 12, 2003. There will be no tickets sold after that date.

All who have purchased meal tickets may pick them up at the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment Association table in the hotel.

We will have a short program following the dinner. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with your friends, buddies and to make new friends.

Make out the Reservation Form printed below! Will be looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

Edward E. Dojutrek
President 15th Infantry Regiment Association

RESERVATIONS

Eleventh Annual Regimental Dinner of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association

**Airport Marriott Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
7:00 P.M., 19 Sept. 2003**

Your Name _____

Unit _____ WWII Korea Other?

Guest Names _____

Choice Of Entrees: _____ Roasted Porklion @ \$29.00\$ _____

_____ Tender Pan Seared Chicken @ \$29.00\$ _____

TOTAL\$ _____

Check Number _____

Dinner reservations and payment must be made prior to September 12, 2003. There can be no walk-ins.

Members of other units are welcome to join us!!!

Make your Check or Money Order payable to: Treasurer, 15th Infantry Regiment Association. Send your dinner reservation and payment to: Lloyd D. Whitmer, Treasurer, 7500 Mose Street, Navarre, Ohio 44662 330-756-2803 whitmerld@sss-net.com *Room reservations must be made with the hotel*

Attack Platoon Clobbers Reds

■ Vet, Machinegunner Key To Pasting

Reprinted from *The Stars and Stripes*. Courtesy of Charles Randolph, 211 Governor Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 (412) 486-8684

Somewhere in North Korea with the U.S. 3d Div. Early April 1952—

Take a WW II veteran who has returned to his old outfit, add a plucky machinegunner who fires from the hip, mix them with a platoon of spirited infantrymen and you have a recipe for combat success.

Company K, 15th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Division, recently sent its' men on a combat patrol to rout an estimated enemy reinforced company from strategic outpost positions beyond their main line. SFC Manuel J. Silva, Livermoe, CA, was leading the platoon.

The sergeant served with the company during WWII in the desert fighting of North Africa. This was his first combat patrol, however, in almost ten years.

Before the night ended his men had accounted for 15 enemy killed and an estimated 20 wounded.

The night-long action that took place in a moon lit valley was sparked with the chattering machinegun of Pvt. Loren Ybanez, Bakersfield, CA, and the heavy fire concentrations of both friendly and enemy forces.

The mission of the platoon was to ferret out about 60 Chinese, armed with burp guns and reported to be some of the best fighters the Communists had on the line. No artillery softened up the enemy outposts; the element of surprise was important.

The first contact was made when Ybanez, still cradling the .30-cal machinegun in his arms, opened fire on a squad of Chinese. He had lost his tripod and now was firing from his hip.

Leaving four dead Chinese, Ybanez and the sergeant pulled off the hill after a 15-minute skirmish and regrouped the men for an assault on the main body of the enemy force. This time the Reds were ready.

First Lt. Robert G. Horne, Exeter, NH, platoon leader of the raiding force, set up his base of fire group and the assault group moved out again.

The platoon, half veteran, half green with new troops, started up the hill. After creeping to within 15 yards of the first enemy bunker and still no firing, the platoon sergeant held

up his men and screamed to the Chinese, "Come on out and fight, ya dirty * * * *!"

Immediately, the hellfire of battle let loose and lasted 20 minutes. Ybanez was still firing his machinegun from the hip and by now his left hand was getting severely burned. The rest of the men hurled grenades and held the enemy down.

Before the fight had ended, seven Chinese were dead and others were wounded. Now the mortars from a flanking hill came in on the men. Their supporting elements opened fire on the Chinese mortarmen.

As the moon began to settle in the west and the valley darkened, the flares and shellbursts of the mortar began to light up the valley. The Can Do soldiers of the 15th's 3d Battalion started to withdraw to the main

line, their mission completed.

They were escorted by a barrage of enemy mortar that followed them through a draw. The heavy mud in rice paddies absorbed most of the impact though, and the men returned safely.

At a critique held following the raid, Lieutenant Horne and Sergeant Silva had nothing but praise for the men. They acted like "regulars" the sergeant said.

The mission of neutralizing the enemy outpost turned out to be one of the fiercest patrolling actions along the UN front. It had been accomplished with no major casualties and had routed the enemy, inflicting more than 30 Chinese casualties.

Editor's note: This was Randolph's first patrol.

60th Anniversary Commemoration Tour to France, Germany, and Italy

I am pleased to report there is a lot of interest in the tour. Our French friends and contacts are busy working out details for our receptions, wreath layings, meal functions with local friends and civic officials. Members of the Rock of the Marne Association are very involved in helping with the tour. All their assistance and efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated.

We hope to have the tour priced out by September 1 in time to promote the tour during our St. Louis reunion. In Feb., 2004 we will send out brochures to all WW II Society members. All others will be asked to request a brochure. We will publish the tour, costs, etc. in a WATCH near the end of this year, and again in early 2004.

As you all know, the French are very appreciative of our efforts in their liberation. They always treat us with great respect and friendship. I know the reception we will receive in 2004 will be as warm and wonderful as always. We all hope the Iraq problems will be settled by the end of this year. I am sure by Aug. 2004, we will be in good shape for a tour to France, Germany, and Italy.

We already have a few children and grandchildren of our WW II veterans who have indicated an interest in the tour.

We hope to have the tour priced out by September 1 in time to promote the tour during our St. Louis reunion.

Veterans, family, and friends are welcome on this tour. As you have seen, or will see, the tour itinerary will keep us moving steadily for 13 days. There will be time on the bus rides to rest, but it will be tiring. Of course, you can always pass up an event, and rest in the hotel where we will be staying. We will be able to transport wheel chairs for any who will need them. We did that in 1994, and it worked fine. It is my hope to have a doctor on the tour. We had doctors and nurses in 1994, and they were of great comfort in answering questions and assuring tour members about the state of their health..

I have a list of members who are interested, some on email and the rest by letters. Anyone interested may contact:

John Shirley
4218 Drake Way
Livermore, CA 94550
925-447-2256 E-mail:
jbshirley@attbi.com

I am confident this will be a wonderful experience, and perhaps the last battlefield tour for many of us. With best wishes, —John Shirley, Tour Chair



Last Call

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.

In Memoriam

Barley, Wilbur (Sarge) (2115) OP 35 Co. B & C, 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII
2603 SE 4th St.
Mineral Wells, TX76067-5787
DOD February 26, 2003.
Reported to Lynn Ball by his daughter, Susan Adkins.

Bishop, Albert W. (2206) OP 2 Served in Co. I, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Inf. Div. WWII
5969 30th Ave S., Apt. 308
Gulfport, FL33707-5346
DOD 26 Feb. 2003.
Al was a dedicated member of OP2 & attended all our reunions.
Reported by Dorothy McDaniel & Joe Kolac to Jim Tiezzi.

Carter, Edward (Nick) (2431) OP 54 Carter joined the Third Infantry Division in 1933 as a member of the 9th Field Artillery.
17075 Brookside Rd.
Sonoma, CA 95476-3313
DOD January 11 at the age of 87.
Reported by John Shirley

Dalton, Harold E. OP 7
A Batry, 39th FA Bn.
3d Inf. Div. WWII
194 NW Maple Ln.
Willis, VA 24380-4366
DOD 19 Jan 2003 in a house fire.
He was able to get his wife Effie outside.
Dalton was proud to have served with the 3rd Inf. Division.
Reported by Charles H. Fisher to George Mackenzie.

Heynen, Vance (3238) OP 2 LM Hqs., 9th Field Artillery 3rd Inf. Division WW 2
689 NW Lake Howard Dr, Unit 2-B,
Winter Haven, FL 33880
DOD was reported by wife, Wanda Heynen, to Jim Tiezzi.

Huesgen, Glenn R. (3304) LM OP 17 7INF/A WW2 T-5
424 GEYER FOREST DR
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63122-7138
DOD 2/16/98
Reported by wife to Ray Anderson.

Juopperi, Walter OP 13
F Co., 15th Inf. Regt.,
3d Inf. Div. WWII

625 Lake Linden Avenue
Laurium, MI 49913-2242
Walter was a POW at Stalag VIIA.
Reported by his wife, Enith.

Kelly, Arthur H. (3452) OP 77
Hq. 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII
2262 S 1400 E.
Saint George, UT 84790
Reported by his wife to Lew Conant.

Kennedy, Donald J. LM OP 12 (3467)
Sgt 39th FA/A, 3d Inf. Div. WWII
401 Central Ave
Waukesha, WI 53186-4717
DOD Nov. 11, 2002
Don served with the 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Lewis, WA, N Africa, Sicily, Italy, France to Salzburg, Austria. He was a good soldier.
Reported by George MacKenzie.

Mc Crimmon, Allen W. (3824) OP 15
10th Engineers, 3d Inf. Division
13539 Escort Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78233-4444
DOD February 15, 2003
Reported by Carl Duncan.

Mc Cullock, Richard A. (3825) OP 22 Sgt. 10th Eng./A WWII
12381 Stimson St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840-3816
DOD February 4, 2003.
Reported by his wife, Marilyn, to Ray Anderson.

Mofchum, David OP 77
C/15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
825 N Lamb Blvd. SP 309
Las Vegas, NV 89110
President of OP 77, Past President NV DAV and Military Order Purple Heart Assn..
Reported by Lew Conant.

Pinto, Stanley (5838) OP 5
15INF/74TK WW2 E-4
320 SPITLER PARK DR
MT ZION, IL 62549-1218
Reported by USPS to Martin Markley.

Sobel, Wilbur (4669) LM OP 77
7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII
8513 Linderwood Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89134-8656
DOD January 24, 2003.
Reported by his wife to Lew Conant.

Staten, Paul D. (4713) LM OP77
D Co 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. PT
220 S 1200 E St. Ste 411
St. George, UT 84790
DOD December 13th 2002.
Reported by his wife to Lew Conant

Non Members

Cobb, Johnny H.
Hq and Sev. Co., 10th Eng. Bat. 51 -
52 Korea
Columbus, GA
DOD Jan. 3, 2003

Cooper, Jessie
2nd. Plat. B Co, 15th Inf. Regt., 3d
Inf. Div. Korea
3513 West Blve.
Charlotte, NC 28208
DOD Dec. 27, 2002
Jessie was seriously wounded on
OP Kelly Feb. 1952 with loss of right
eye, right trigger finger broken &
deformed and wounds to his right
side. He was operating his BAR.
Reported by Jack R. Wells, B Co.
15th.

Eirmann, Herbert Formerly w/OP2
30th Inf. Regt. A Co.
3rd Inf. Div. WWII
1712 Delanzy Ave.
Orlando, FL 32806
DOD Oct. 27, 2002
Herbert was at The Presidio in 1941
and with the 3rd Div. through Anzio.
Reported by Ralph Franck.

Horan, Philip Gerard
Cpt. F Co. 30th Inf. Regt.
3rd Inf. Div. WWII
2546 15th St.

Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
Passed away on December 18,
2002 at the age of 88
Reported by Lloyd Whitmer.

Magruder Jr, Lawson
Bn. CO, 7th Inf. Regt.,
3d Inf. Div. Korea
Vietnam & 4th Inf. Div. WWII
Waco, TX
DOD Feb. 1 2003
Reported by Col. Earl Mc Crary.

Palumbo, Anthony P.
15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. WWII
2 Coverly Lane
St. Louis, MO
DOD January 2, 2003.
Reported by Jack Swatske.

Rose, Vernon E.
3rd Div. Military Police WWII
Livermore, CA
Reported by Russel Fox OP 54

Smith, Edward
7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII
Glendorf, Ohio
DOD August 24, 2002
Ed landed at Anzio with the 3rd Div.
Reported by the POW Magazine.

Stasik, Albert J. O 1287777
DOD April 6, 1996.
His wife Eleanor passed away Nov.
5, 2000.

Reported by his son Scott Stacy
Charlottesville, VA

Wright, Elam USA Col
30th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. WWII
Texas
Then Capt. Elam, earned the Bronze
Star, Silver Star and the DSC during
the Colmar Pocket operation. "A
real warrior!"
Reported by BG Marinus Flux.

Contacting the Veterans Administration

Contact the veterans administration & get the information you need with these toll free numbers.

Veterans Administration Benefits1-800-827-1000
Life Insurance1-800-669-8477
Education (Gi Bill)1-888-442-4551
Health Care Benefits1-877-222-8387
Income Verification & Means Testing1-800-929-8387
Mammography Helpline1-888-492-7844
Gulf War / Agent Orange Helpline800-749-8387
Status Of Headstones & Markers1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device For The Deaf-1-800-829-4833

Thanks to Jim Tiezzi for the above.

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



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- 6141 CORBITT, WILBUR G. OP2
38INF/2/D CW
4250 SW 95TH AVE
DAVIE, FL 33328-2416
- 6016 HARTHAUSEN, WALTER E.
OP5
7INF/M KOREA PVT
705 N. HARVARD AVE
VENTNOR, NJ 08406
- 5775 NEITZKE*, ALVIN E. OP57
58FA/MED KOREA SSGT
2731 BUCHANAN RD
FREMONT, OH 43420
- 4883 TYNDALL*, JACK OP60
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1003 ASBURY COURT
PHENIX CITY, AL 36869-7725

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224 AUSTIN LOOP
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- 6145 BJOTVED, GEORGE OP15
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P. O. BOX 12908
PRESCOTT, AZ 86314-2908
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9FA/ KOREA 1LT
P. O. BOX 609
WARREN, IN 46792
- 6177 BULLOCK, JOHN O. OP7
7INF/E CW PFC
4014 CREEK WAY
CHESTER, VA 23831
- 6180 CHANCEY, GARY C. OP3
DIV/HQ CW SGT
1715 OLD FORT PKWY
MURFREESBORO, TN 37129
- 6155 COLE, SR, EVERETT A. OP5
15INF/C CW E-5
SOUTH 7292 WOODLAND DRIVE
HAMBURG, NY 14075
- 6135 CRONIN, JOSEPH P. OP57
15INF/1BN HQ CW SP-5
1459 ARTHUR AVE
LAKEWOOD, OH 44107
- 6167 DESJARDIN, JAMES OP60
DIV/3BCT HQ AD MAJ
6455 INDEPENDENCE COURT
COLUMBUS, GA 31909
- 6147 DOERR, EDWARD J. OP13
7INF/B6 CW PVT
215 E PALMER ST
MT PLEASANT, MI 4858-1543

- 6150 DUNTON, GARY J. OP3
DIV/HQ CW SP-3
209 RAVENSWOOD RD
HAMPSTEAD, NC 28443
- 6160 ELMER, DONALD OP52
15INF/L KOREA PVT
1905 FIELDSTONE CIRCLE
PASO ROBLES, CA 93446
- 6168 FOWLER, WILLIAM L. OP60
76FA/1 HQ PT
111 MOCKINGBIRD DRIVE
PHENIX CITY, AL 36869
- 6161 GARDNER, WILLIAM OP52
15INF/L KOREA
1736 KINGS DRIVE
PASO ROBLES, CA 93446
- 6169 GILLMAN, WESLEY OP60
30INF/1 AD LT. COL
8461 LIBERTY HALL DRIVE
MIDLAND, GA 31820
- 6182 GORMAN, JR., JOHN OP5
15INF/AT WW2
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8836 WOODBINE COURT
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- 6144 GRIMES, MICHAEL J. OP15
64ARM/2HQ CW E-5
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MESA, AZ 85206
- 6134 HALL, JOHN P. OP3
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KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081
- 6133 HANNON, WALTER J. OP63
15INF/1 CW SP-4
4531 FRANKLIN BLVD # 93
EUGENE, OR 97403
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P. O. BOX 969
PENNGROVE, CA 94951
- 6162 HEMEL, JULIAN S. OP2
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TARPON SPRINGS, FL 34689
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326 JEFFERSON VALLEY
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- 6142 KUEHN, RICHARD OP18
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- 6175 KUHL III, DWIGHT P. OP2
40MLRS/A & 14MLRS/2B CW
7560 S.W. 82ND ST APT G212
MIAMI, FL 33143
- 6159 MARLEY, NORMAN H. OP5
68ARM/ CW SP-5
12 CLIFFORD LN
MARLTON, NJ 08053
- 6163 MATASE, MICHAEL P. OP3
7INF/4BN 3BDE GULF SGT
17 CRESCENT LANE
COLUMBIA, SC 29212
- 6131 MCCOMBS, DAVID A. OP54
64ARM/1A CW SP-4
2131 CABRILLO CIRCLE
LODI, CA 95242
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DIV/ARTY 41FA/5 CW CPT
15 B FORSYTH AVE
FT. RILEY, KS 66442
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30INF/ WW2 PVT
524 WESTBORO DRIVE
NASHVILLE, TN 37209-1744
- 6153 MOLELLA, LOUIS O. OP60
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6 RAMSHORN COURT
SAVANNAH, GA 31411
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EVANS GA 30809-3052
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GREEN BAY, WI 54301
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703ORD/ WW2 CW-2
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LEBANON, MO 65536
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3393 COOPER BRANCH ROAD
COLUMBUS, GA 31909

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64TK/ KOREA SGT
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ADRIAN, MI 49221
- 6176 ROLLER, MASON L. OP 33
15NF/MED KOREA SFC
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AVON, IN 46123
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703MT/HQ & A CW SSGT
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PALO ALTO, CA 94303-4517
- 6140 SCULLY, RICHARD OP5
DIV/SIG KOREA SGT
58 WOODLAND CT
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ 07677
- 6183 STONIS, CHARLES OP1
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ALLENDALE, NJ 07401
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4INF/2BTL GRP CW PFC
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* Annual to Life Member conversion



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.

General Information

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84th Annual Reunion

September 18-21, 2003 ★★★★★ St. Louis, Missouri

To be held at beautiful Marriott Airport Hotel in historic St. Louis, Missouri! . Hotel rates are \$87 per night, plus tax. The hotel offers free airport transportation and parking. Reunion itinerary includes the following

Thursday Sept 18th

- ★ Presidential Reception Dinner

Friday Sept 19th

- ★ Tour #1- Historic Jefferson Barracks/ Mississippi Cruise
- ★ Tour #2 – Grants Farm/St. Louis Arch
- ★ Presidential Reception Dinner

Saturday Sept 20th

- ★ Morning Business Meeting
- ★ Ladies Function TBD
- ★ Banquet Dinner, Program & Entertainment by the Waterloo German Band

Sunday Sept 21st

- ★ Memorial Breakfast

Hospitality Room with snacks & beverages will be provided throughout the weekend. Call the St. Louis Airport Marriott at 314-423-9700 to make your hotel reservations. Group airfare is available by calling Divine Destinations at 1-800-336-5502. This is guaranteed to be the lowest available airfare. Tours include:

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A visit to this historical park that is devoted to military history. Both Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant once served here. Also including is a narrated river cruise aboard a paddlewheeler on the Mighty Mississippi. There will also be a lunch stop at Union Station.

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★ Sept 20th Dinner Banquet & Entertainment	_____		x \$35	= _____
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These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay. Call Divine Destinations at 1-800-336-5502 for your Group Airfare, guaranteed to be the lowest available rate!! We'll see you soon in historic St. Louis Missouri!



"A Reflection Back in Time"

As I watch the news from overseas and witness the troops preparing for the Commander In Chief to give his orders to attack; I feel a bit of pride in seeing all those blue and white shoulder patches representing the Third Infantry Division. Conditions were somewhat different in previous wars. There were no ear plugs, no gear other than gas masks to combat potential chemical and biological weapons, and many of us still carry the smashed "M-1 Thumb" as our souvenir of battle. Yes, the training, weapons and equipment may have changes; the technology improved, but it still takes that infantry man to seal the victory.

May we each take a moment to pray to our Creator each day for the safety of our fellow comrades. What ever the future may be, we pray that these men and women will return safely home to the country they love and so unselfishly defend. Let us also pray for their loved ones who really have the more difficult task of waiting and wondering, until their families can be reunited.

Finally, I ask that you pray for the people who are marching as so called "anti-war" demonstrators. Although they all have the right to protest, many could care less about peace or war, but instead are seeking media attention. Most have never served their country on a jury, let alone in the military. As I stated in a previous editorial, "War is Ugly, but not the ugliest of things; even uglier is the person who feels he had nothing to fight for and leaves that to others."

God Bless America.

Chaplain (LTC) Chuck Trout

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- ★ 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
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