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Training in the California desert

3rd Mech Prepares For Any Eventuality

By Joseph L. Galloway

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - America's heavy armor division soldiers have trained for war here in the harsh environment of the Mojave Desert since 1982, and they still do. Just as the world has changed incredibly in those 22 years, so has the National Training Center and its world-class Opposition Forces (OPFOR).

The training at the NTC was so tough and so realistic that soldiers in the Persian Gulf War often told reporters that fighting a war was "a lot easier than the NTC."

Against the backdrop of the rugged and barren Avawatz Mountains the 5,342 soldiers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, that much vaunted OPFOR, are making life hard for the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Fort Benning, Ga.

The Black Horse soldiers live here. They have the home team advantage. They know the ground like they know their backyards. They fight against as many as 10 visiting Army and Army National Guard brigades every year, two weeks at a time.

In the beginning they prepared tank brigades to fight and win against the tank armies of the Soviet Red Army in the passes and on the plains of Germany in the Cold War. The training at the NTC was so tough and so realistic that soldiers in the Persian Gulf War often told reporters that fighting a war was "a lot easier than the NTC."

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3rd Infantry Division Gets Orders for Operation Iraqi Freedom III

The 3rd Infantry Division, which spearheaded the assault on Baghdad, has been ordered to get ready to return to Iraq as early as November.

The March 4 announcement comes just six months after the last of the 3rd ID's soldiers returned to Fort Stewart, Ga., from the war. The announcement also came just three days after another alerting 18,000 National Guard soldiers that they, too, are likely to be deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

The 3rd ID's next deployment is expected to fall in the November-February time frame.

The announcement should come as no surprise. When Maj. Gen. William G. Webster took command of the 3rd Division and Fort Stewart in September, he said a second deployment to the war zone was possible. "We already know that they're going [somewhere], especially here at Fort Stewart," said Kim James, who husband, Sgt 1st Class Joseph James, returned from Iraq in July. "You're lucky if they're here about a year without going anywhere."

The Army has few other options for future Iraq rotations than the 3rd Infantry Division, said Lt. Col. Chris Rodney, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon. "It's kind of simple math right now. Who's left?" he said. "There's no other division that is not moving right now or fully engaged."

The 3rd ID sent 16,500 troops with tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles to lead the assault on Baghdad. Some soldiers had been in Kuwait since September 2002.

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But when the 3rd ID deploys a second time, it likely will be organized in modular fashion, being the first division to reconfigure its brigades into more maneuverable and lethal units of action.

The service wide restructuring plan calls for converting the active component's 33 ground maneuver brigades into 44 to 48 units of action that can deploy and operate independently.

"We're going to use this opportunity, as we have this level of commitment, to reset [all the divisions] just like we're resetting the 3rd Infantry Division right now, to take the three brigades and the divisions base of those divisions and build a fourth maneuver brigade with that," a senior Army official said.

A typical 3rd ID brigade will have a troops battalion, a reconnaissance battalion, two combined-arms battalions, a strike battalion and a support battalion.

As divisions return from Iraqi Freedom II, they, too, will be reset under the new plan, so the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) likely will be next.

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President's Message

Jerry Manley



Jerry Manley,
President, Society of
the 3rd Inf.Div.

You will recall my mentioning in the February "Watch" that our Society Medical Officer Rhoads "Doc." Mustain had moved to Urbana, Illinois and was in poor health.

Unfortunately I must report that Doc. passed away on February 8th in Urbana. He will be greatly missed by all his 3rd Division buddies. RIP, "Doc."

In looking at the February "Watch" "roll call" it appears that we have gained about five more active duty members. I would certainly hope that these numbers will greatly increase between now and the August reunion. It would be wonderful if the Marne Association could recruit 100 or more new members for the Society between now and the reunion, as they must be the future of the Society.

I am still awaiting a firm bid on the 2006 reunion. The Central Region is past due to host a reunion so I would hope someone will submit a bid. O.P. #57 (Ohio) is considering a bid but has not submitted one thus far so the field is still wide open. As all past reunion hosts will tell you, if you hire a professional reunion organizer who does that as a business, 95% of the work involved is done by them. There is very little the host Outpost has to do.

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To those Society members who are contemplating attending John Shirley's 60th Anniversary Battlefield Tour but were unsure because it might overlap with the Society's Ft. Stewart reunion. Please be aware that the tour (without the extension) ends on August 25th and our reunion does not begin until the 27th. You can take part in both the tour and the reunion with a day to spare in between.

On Tuesday, March 15th Society Liaison Jerry Cunningham traveled to Ft. Stewart to represent the Society at a day-long Division-wide membership drive. My thanks to Martin Markley, Ray Anderson, Carl Topie, and Rich Heller for supplying Jerry with membership forms, copies of the "Watch," Society decals, and merchandise to be given to each new member. Since March 10th is the material deadline for the April "Watch" I am writing this article before the fact. However, I am sure that Jerry will do an excellent job representing the Society and gain us many new active duty members. His continuing dedication to the good and welfare of the Society is much appreciated.

Rock of the Marne!

Jerry

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The March 1 alert to the Guard units did come as a surprise to some. Several hundred soldiers who make up the 42nd Infantry Division's headquarters thought they were bound for the Bosnia/Kosovo theater of operations.

The small National Guard unit based in Troy, N.Y., plus three much larger National Guard enhanced brigades – the 256th Infantry Brigade from Louisiana, the 116th Cavalry Brigade from Idaho and

Oregon, and the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment from Tennessee – will head to Iraq late this year or early next year. They will be part of about 100,000 active-duty and reserve troops expected to take over for the contingent just beginning a one-year tour in Iraq.

The Guard soldiers will be mobilized and trained over the next several months.

Source: *The Army Times*, March 15, 2004

Concurrent Receipt

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question 1: Do all retirees with a VA-rated disability qualify?

Answer: The law stipulates that retirees must have twenty or more years of active duty (20 years of service for the purposes of computing retired pay). Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) and Medical disability retirees with 20 years' or more service are eligible to receive this new compensation. National Guard and Reserves are also eligible if they have completed 20 (or more) good years of service.

Question 2: Do I have to have a VA disability rating to qualify?

Answer: Yes. To qualify the disability must be rated at 50% or higher.

Question 3: Do I have to apply for concurrent receipt?

Answer: No. Concurrent receipt will automatically begin to phase-in starting in January of 2004.

Question 4: How will I be paid?

Answer: The VA disability compensation will automatically be added to your regular retirement pay.

Question 5: When will the new payments begin?

Answer: You will begin receiving your concurrent receipt payments with your January 2004 paychecks, paid on February 1st.

Question 6: How much will I get paid?

Answer: If you qualify for concurrent receipt you can expect to see a flat rate increase based on your VA disability rating. The following rates apply to 2004: \$750 for 100% VA disability; \$500 for 90% VA disability; \$350 for 80% VA disability; \$250 for 70% VA disability; \$125 for 60% VA disability; \$100 for 50% VA disability.

Question 7: If I am qualified for both concurrent receipt and Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) can I take both?

Answer: No. You must choose one or the other. The Secretary of the Dept. of

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The world has changed and the National Training Center is changing to keep up. It still fights the vast battles of tank vs. tank and Bradley fighting vehicle vs. Bradley fighting vehicle. But now every visiting brigade has new scenarios based on the lessons learned from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Air Force and Navy jets scream overhead dropping imaginary precision weapons. Helicopter pilots in Fort Rucker, Ala., fly Apache helicopter gunships over Fort Irwin, killing targets, all from a seat in a simulator hooked into the exercise by computer.

The new word is "joint." It is an attempt to weld Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines into a team that takes on America's enemies together, each contributing strengths the others don't have.

And there is something new at Fort Irwin: villages filled with "civilians" and paramilitary guerrillas. They have become a new objective for the visiting Army brigades. They must be subdued, with minimal loss of civilian life. The guerrillas have to be rooted out street by street, house by house.

Eastlake Village is the 3rd Brigade's objective today. Capt. Gordon D. Herrington of San Diego is the mayor of this village. His people are being used as slave labor and human shields by the occupying Tellurian regulars and irregulars. There are three enemy tanks in and around the village.

Herrington and his townspeople are all soldiers wearing civilian clothes. They all look pretty scruffy, huddling around small fires against the cold and biting wind of the high desert or herded into positions around the enemy's weapons and key buildings. Herrington says they welcome the approach of the Americans and their libera-

tion.

In half an hour the mayor of Eastlake Village will be dead, killed along with 21 of his citizens. Targeting a tank in the middle of town, an Air Force jet has dropped an imaginary 2,000-pound laser-guided bomb. Scratch one tank. Scratch six of the town's buildings. Scratch 22 townspeople. Scratch 15 Tellurian soldiers.

Before the day and this battle end six hours later the village will be subdued. It also will be depopulated. Heavy fighting, house to house, and an enemy improvised explosive device kill the remaining civilians, the remaining Tellurians and a fair number of the 3rd Brigade's soldiers.

In a larger mock village, Tiefert City, a network of tunnels is growing beneath makeshift buildings. In the slopes of a nearby range of hills, man-made caves 5 feet high and 5 feet wide have been built of concrete drainage pipe. In them are guerrillas and the homemade bombs and booby traps they have made.

Maj. Gen. William G. ("Fuzzy") Webster, a native of Baton Rouge, La., and commander of the 3rd Mech Division, watches the Bradleys maneuvering toward battle from the top of a high, bald hill. How are his soldiers, 65 percent of whom are combat veterans of Iraq, doing? "I would say a qualified GREAT," Webster replies. "We are getting better everyday, and that is what the NTC is really all about."

Webster has to keep his division ready for immediate deployment to Korea or any other sudden eruption of trouble. The 3rd Mech is now the only U.S. Army division available for that critical mission. All the others are in Afghanistan or Iraq or Korea.

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Army Uniform Rule Requires Flag For All

By Lisa Burgess, Stars and Stripes, European Edition, February 24, 2004

ARLINGTON, Va. — Every soldier in the Army, not just those deployed, must now wear the U.S. flag insignia on his or her utility uniform, according to a new Army rule.

By tradition, soldiers don't sew the flag on the shoulder of their right uniform until they are deployed. As soon as they are back at their home station, the flag must come off.

But on Feb. 11, Soldiers have Army Chief of Staff until Oct. 1, Gen. Peter Schoomaker authorized the universal adoption of the insignia as a reminder to all soldiers that the Army is at war, according to Army spokesman Wayne Morse.

"We're more of an expeditionary force now," Morse said in a Friday telephone interview. "We're at war, and we will be for the foreseeable future."

There's another, more practical reason behind the new rule, Morse said: "It saves wear and tear on the uniform."

"Instead of having people tear the patch off when they get home [from a deployment], and then having to put it back on again, we're all going to wear it," he said.

Soldiers have until Oct. 1, 2005, to get the insignia sewn on their uniforms.

The flag Schoomaker has authorized for wear is the "reverse field" patch, in red, white and blue.

Subdued flags (those whose colors match either the woodland or desert camouflage Battle Dress Uniform) are not authorized.

Army regulations call for the flag to be sewn on the right sleeve, one half-inch below the shoulder seam. If a combat patch is also placed on the right shoulder, the flag is sewn 1/8 inch below the combat patch.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ANNUAL DUES PAYING MEMBERS

By the time you receive this issue of the Watch you should have received your annual dues payment notice. That payment is due upon receipt with a deadline of June 30th. Please pay the dues notice promptly. Don't put it in the drawer with the intention of paying it later. Later for some reason never comes. You can save yourself and the Society a lot of time and money by paying promptly. Members failing to pay their dues by June 30, 2004 will be dropped from the membership roster and will not receive future issues of the Watch. Let's have everybody on board the dues payment bandwagon by the due date.

Thank You, Ray Anderson Nat'l Secretary/Treasurer

In The Spotlight

John Shirley



Reprinted from the Tri-Valley Herald,
Sunday November 9, 2003

To many people in Livermore, John Shirley is the now-retired long-time veterinarian who cared for their pets and livestock.

But Shirley also earned many commendations during his tour of duty in World War II, including the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.

"It's amazing to think about it, but do you know that one out of every eight men in America served in World War II? Says Shirley, now 79. "It's incredible today to think that one out of every eight people you know would be serving in the military."

Shirley was a young man fighting with I Company, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, in southern Italy.

"On the Anzio Beachhead, the GIs of the 3rd Infantry Division would wishfully think, 'Rome and Home.' It wasn't to be," Shirley says.

After the capture of Rome, the 3rd Division spearheaded the Southern France Invasion. It was December 1944.

"Although we didn't know it (at least in the ranks), the Battle of the Bulge had started several hundred miles to our north," Shirley says. "The German Army was making considerable progress along the front facing the U.S. 1st and 9th Armies."

Shirley says his company was ordered to capture Bennwihr, a small town that, along with Mittelwihr and Sigolsheim, all in German hands, created an undesirable bulge in the American lines.

As they approached the German posi-



Veterinarian John Shirley received a Purple Heart and other commendations for his service during WWII. He was injured and captured in a battle with the Germans in France two days before Christmas in 1944. He was the only soldier to escape.

tion December 23, mortar and artillery shells started coming in. A group of soldiers found shelter in the basement of a destroyed house off the main street in Bennwihr.

After fighting the enemy from that position, a German tank started firing at the cellar. Several 75mm shells crashed into the building.

"Something hit me on the right side of my face. I was momentarily stunned, and then numb with the realization I had been hit. My lips and right cheek were lacerated, and most of the teeth on the right side of my face were shattered," Shirley says.

Eventually, the soldiers surrendered

to the Germans.

"There were 11 of us in the cellar. Six were wounded. The lieutenant was still alive, but in very bad shape. The able-bodied helped the wounded, as we made our way up into a courtyard," Shirley says. "I was in the rear of the column followed by a German corporal."

Shirley started falling back until he was about 25 feet from the main column of men, then he took his shot at escape.

"My arms were in the air with my hands about level with my ears. I turned to my left and crashed the palm of my right hand into (the German corporal's) chin," Shirley says. "I wheeled to my right and bolted into the rubble."

He quickly found his company's 2nd Platoon.

"I was the only one who escaped capture," Shirley says. "I often think about my comrades that were captured with me at Bennwihr, December 23, 1944. I know Lt. Courtney died in captivity. I don't know the fate of the rest, but I hope they made it home."

Editors Note: Submitted by Russel Fox. Russ writes that "We in Livermore [CA] are proud of John Shirley, not only as past city mayor, a competent local veterinarian, 'Leader of the Rifle Squad' officiating in our annual Memorial Day Programs, and his involvement concerning veterans issues." As with many other veterans, John is modest. Russ said that John attended the OP 54 meeting held 8 Nov 03 and didn't tell anyone that he had been interviewed for this article.

QUESTIONS from page 3

Defense will announce an annual season for making this choice.

Question 8: Is the concurrent receipt compensation taxable?

Answer: Based on current law regarding taxability of disability income (26 U.S.C. 104), concurrent receipt may be taxable the same as your regular retirement pay.

Source: *Military.com*

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



News From The Outposts



Lattie Tipton

Members of OP 3 met in Columbia, SC, on March 5th. The meeting was subdued because the day before a number of us attended the funeral of Jimmie Lea, OP 3's chaplain. OP Secretary/Treasurer Alta Milling and her husband David attended the visitation the night before where Alta presented Jimmie's wife Helen a Society Memory pin. Helen wanted it pinned on right then. Illness kept attendance low and we were thankful to those who made the trip.

A special treat for us was a visit by OP 7's Medal of Honor recipient Charles P. Murray. Since he lives in the Columbia area, many of us have tried over the years to recruit him away from OP 7. As usual, we were again unsuccessful. His insight into many matters discussed during our meeting was welcome. He's welcome to drop in again during any of our meetings.

We discussed what is probably a discussion held in every Outpost – dropping membership and the need for new members. Alta suggested away to insure each OP member would always have an application on hand when he or she meets someone who is eligible or interested in joining. Members agreed to proceed with Alta's suggestion.

Although OP 3 members usually meet the times each year, we decided to forego our May meeting. This decision was based on the possibility that many members may make a trip to Washington, D.C., for the World War II Memorial dedication.

The OP is still looking for a replacement for its secretary-treasurer. The incumbent has taken advantage of the Society's "chance for advancement opportunities" and needs to be relieved of her OP 3 duties. OP President "Buck" Guard presented our secretary-treasurer certificate of appreciation for her dedicated service in fulfilling her duties. Alta was quite surprised and pleased with the honor but still kidded "Buck" about trying to bribe her to stay on.

Our last order of business was to set Myrtle Beach at the end of October for our next meeting.

*Submitted by Alta Milling
Secretary-Treasurer, OP 3*



Audie L. Murphy

Audie Murphy Outpost #35 held its fall meeting at Florida Seafood Grill in Plano, Texas, on November 1, 2003. The following members and guests attended: James and Barbara Alcorn, Frank Avaritt, Joe and Lynn Ball, Leonard and Lula Coble, Ed, Jane, and Linda Dojutrek, Bill and Dot Harper, Joe and Lucia Hilderbrand, Dorothy Lougheed, Dr. Rhoads Mustain, Dave and

Edith Martin, Luann Pehle, Pat Shaw, Paul Nelson, Richard and Sue Sack, and Hobart and Martha Treece. It was a great meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Richard and Sue Sack did a wonderful job of hosting our meeting, and their beautiful table decorations were greatly appreciated by everyone. Speakers Bill Harper, David Martin, and Richard Sack also deserve thanks for their interesting and enlightening presentations. Bill discussed the history of the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion and the retirement of its flag to the Ft. Stewart Museum. Dave enlightened us concerning the California outposts—their special projects and their meeting styles. Richard spoke about the Third Division's upcoming overhaul. Thanks also go to members Douglas and Gloria Heitzenrater for their gift of "Willie," our stuffed mascot who sang "God Bless the USA" at the opening of the meeting and to Joe Hilderbrand for contributing a very good recording of "Dog Faced Soldier."

Richard Sack, acting as Chaplain in Richard Addison's absence, delivered the Invocation and Richard and Sue led the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of the United States of America. Joe Ball, President, opened the meeting at 12:30 PM.

OP Treasurer Richard Sack reported that although Outpost funds have dropped, the Outpost is still solvent, thanks to donations from the Outpost members.

OP Secretary Lynn Ball discussed actions to secure the renewals of those who have yet to submit their dues. Lynn's current projects include the development of an Outpost website; compiling a list of National Cemeteries and their locations throughout the U.S. (now complete); the location of a repository (Army Heritage Museum, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania) for member contributions, and our cataloging and assignment of donations from Lella Brewer, Carl Wyatt, and Hobart Treece (now complete).

Joe Ball presented awards to Richard Sack and Lynn Ball for their "dedicated service to the Society" in executing their offices. The certificates were issued by the National Society Roster Manager, Martin Markley.

Joe Ball discussed his buy-back of the Outpost printer purchased in May. It proved to be too expensive and time-consuming for the Outpost to operate. He also provided an update on the 84th Society Reunion, in St. Louis, and explained how members could obtain a videotape of reunion events. Other topics included he discussed were:

A description of various celebrations in honor of Memorial Day

- An overview of the WW2 Seminar at Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas, in which Outpost #35 member M.B. Ethredge participated
- The Third Infantry Division Casualty Figures: ETO, WWII, published by the Army at the time. The Third Division lost

33,547 men KIA, WIA, or MIA. The Third was the only unit to engage in all campaigns in Africa and Europe in WW2

- A preview of the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Program to be published in our February outpost newsletter.
- A description of the Christmas Dinner enjoyed by the 3rd Recon group at Ft. Lewis, in 1941 (archived menu shared by Lella Brewer)
- A report about President Bush wearing the Third Division Pin at Ft. Stewart when he presented the Presidential citation to Major General Buford C. Blount III (newspaper article and photos shared by Paul Nelson and forwarded to *The Watch* editor.)

OP future plans include the Spring 2004 meeting in New Braunfels, hosted by Clay and Betty Jo Craig; the Summer 2004 meeting scheduled in Greenville, Texas, on June 21, in conjunction with "Audie Murphy Days" and hosted by Joe and Lucia Hilderbrand; and the Fall 2004 meeting, still open for member discussion—however, it is hoped that Len and Lula Coble will host a San Antonio, Texas, meeting in October.

Special recognition was paid to Dr. Rhoads Mustain, Outpost #35 member and Society Medical Officer, and to of those members who traveled more than 100 miles to meet with us—the Alcorns, Cobles, Dojutreks, and Hendersons.



Fort Benning

Columbus, GA

Outpost 60 held its regular meeting on Saturday February 21st at the Bonanza Family Restaurant in Phenix City. We had a total of 21 members present and picked up two new members at the meeting. We also picked up two new National Associate Members. One member drove across the State of Alabama from Mississippi. In the previous copy of the Watch, it was reported that we would no longer hold meetings at the Gibson Dining Hall, at Fort Benning, Ga. Well at Saturday's meeting, we took care of that little item real quick like. The members in attendance voted that we will again hold Outpost meetings at Ft. Benning as well as the Bonanza Restaurant. Due to our four meetings a year, we hold our OP election in June at our next scheduled meeting on Saturday, June 19th. Plans are being made for our Memorial Day services at Fort Benning, Ga., and at the Fort Mitchell National Veterans Cemetery.

*Bob Bailey
Secretary-Treasurer*



Biff Williams

Las Vegas, NV

On Valentine's Day, Lew Conant, Annette Williams, Martha and I, attended the services for Bernadine Vereb, beloved spouse of member Gene Vereb. After the services, Martha and I got to spend some time with Gene and his lovely daughters, who hosted a delicious Italian lunch. It is a shame that it takes a get together such as this, to know your members on a personal level. Gene is a Purple Heart Veteran with a very interesting past. We wish that we had known his wife "Bernie."



Biff Williams

Las Vegas, NV

I met our newest Outpost member while picking up a prescription at Nellis Pharmacy. Pete Miranda does a volunteer stint at the pick up counter. Hopefully I will have coffee with him one of these days and get to know him better.

I do not know how many of you have noticed that our flag-pole at the VA cemetery is being held together by duct tape. However, I am happy to report that, due to a generous donation from an associate member, we have ordered a new one! We hope that on Memorial Day, we can leave the duct tape at home!

Still no definite date set for a St. George get-together. We have yet to hear from anyone that they want to meet with us.

Hope you are all enjoying good health.

ROCK OF THE MARNE

Ray Hergenreder

The year was 1944...

Sixty years ago, we veterans of the Third infantry Division, were involved in many of the great events of that year.

- First, was the landing on the ANZIO beachhead, on January 22, 1944, by the Third Infantry Division.
- This was followed by four months of difficult combat against a larger German army, dedicated to the destruction of all our forces, but we withstood all of their attacks, and on May 23rd we attacked and broke out of that bloody miserable site, that we had been restricted to, and had suffered so many casualties, and four months of hardships.
- The Third and the other units of our Army group, then headed north, fighting in the mountains south of the city of Rome, while straddling the ancient Appian way, for about thirty odd miles.
- On June 4th we entered the City of Rome and liberated the capital of one of our Axis enemies. Within two weeks, we were once again relocated to the port city of Naples, and after several months of training and preparation, we once again sailed north and on August 15th, our division made another beachhead landing, this time on the shore of Southern France.
- During the autumn of 1944 we were part of the drive north in France, towards the border of Germany.
- On Christmas of that year, we reached the French city of Strasburg on the banks of the Rhine River.
- We then prepared for the invasion of Germany, the next year.

And so ended the year of 1944.

*Frank J. Pistone
Memory letter no. 9
1/29/2004*



Society of the 3rd Infantry Division



85th Annual Reunion

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- ★ 6-10 pm Presidential Reception Dinner

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- ★ Tour Ft. Stewart
- ★ 4-6 pm Board Meeting

Sunday August 29th

- ★ Tour Ft. Stewart
- ★ 6-9 pm Regimental Dinners

Monday August 30th

- ★ 9-11 am Business Meeting
- ★ 10-12 pm Ladies Lunch
- ★ 12-2 pm Board Meeting
- ★ 5:30 pm-12 am Banquet
- ★ Dinner/Program/Entertainment

Tuesday August 31st

- ★ Memorial Breakfast

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Hospitality Room with snacks & beverages will be provided throughout the weekend. Call the Savannah Riverfront Marriott at 912-233-7722 to make your hotel reservations.

Attention Chapter Officers/Members: Send news and photos of your Chapter activities for publication in the "Watch on the Rhine." Check the schedule (page 20) and get it in for all to read! Mail to Alta Milling, Editor, 4738 Datura Rd., Columbia, SC 29205 or email altav007@aol.com.

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For More Information Contact:

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Off the Shelf

DOGFACE SOLDIERS

The Story of B Company, 15th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division: From Fedala to Salzburg

Audie Murphy and His Brothers in Arms

By *Daniel R. Champagne*
Merriam Press 2003

Mr. Champagne sends the following to pique our interest:

This story begins in November 1941 and recounts B Company's march through French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, and Southern France. From there, it traces the company's advance over the Vosges Mountains, through the Colmar Pocket and across Germany to Austria. For many of the B Company veterans, the battles left lasting impressions on their memories. They spoke vividly of Casablanca, Licata, Mt. Rotundo and Bloody Anzio, where they held the beachhead for four brutal months. They related with pride the operations in the Colmar Pocket, the smash through the vaunted Siegfried Line and the capture of Salzburg in May 1945, which led to the ultimate surrender of the German Third Reich.

B Company was comprised of men from a multitude of backgrounds. They were farmers, grocery clerks, mechanics, high school and college graduates. They hailed from different geographical regions throughout the United States. Most of them were between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five. They were either drafted or enlisted on their own. Not all of them wanted to be there, but they accepted it as part of their duty. The men from B Company didn't see themselves as heroes; they went to war because it was the patriotic thing to do.

Deservedly so, the starring role in this story is played by Audie Murphy. However, the major focus of the book is on the spirit of B Company. It is the author's hope to reveal the true thoughts, words, and souls of these brave men so that the reader will identify with them in a personal way. This is the story of the B Company foot soldiers—a moving and vivid account told primarily by the characters themselves, through their own eyes and their own

experiences.

This book is the culmination of a three-year study on B Company. In his pursuit to arrive as near as possible to the truth, the author has thoroughly examined both secondary and primary sources, including: war memoirs, letters, journals, diaries, witness statements, and interviews with B Company veterans. He's also included several illustrations from his extensive collection of maps and photographs, many of which were personally shot on location.

The book is available from Merriam Press and can be ordered online at http://www.merriam-press.com/mono_050/m_040.htm or <http://www.merriam-press.com>. The price is \$19.95 for softcover and \$34.95 for hardcover (add \$3.00 for orders less than \$24.95).

60th Anniversary Battlefield Tour of Italy, May 26-June 5, 2004

The tour includes the Memorial Day Commemoration at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettune, Italy on Monday, May 31, 2004, and a visit to the American Embassy in Rome.

This will be an 11-day tour of the battlefields of southern Italy. We are trying to keep the itinerary from being too tiring, but to see as much as possible for the time we have for the tour. We have made arrangements to stay in just two hotels. This will save time and the trouble of packing luggage. Our friends in Italy are working out details for our receptions with city and government officials.

For a brochure with all the details, write to Clyde E. Easter, 299 Panorama Drive, Fancy Gap, VA 24328 Tel. (276) 728-7293

Battlefield Tour to France

We have an outstanding tour planned for our 60th Anniversary Battlefield Reunion. The brochure is in this *Watch*. Please also refer to the October and December issues for additional coverage on the tour. If you want a brochure, or several copies for friends and family members, please contact me or Linda Singleton, our tour operator at 800-522-8140.

We are accepting sign-ups for the tour but are not hearing from as many of you as we expected. We need a head count as soon as possible, so if you are planning to join us, please send in your deposit right away. Reservations need to be secured with payments, and we want to make sure we have enough space for everyone. Also, our French colleagues, who are planning special events for us, need to know how many to plan for. This will be a much smaller tour group and much easier to manage than our 50th Anniversary tour.

Final payment is not due until June 13th, but we do need a head count as soon as possible.

Our friends in Italy and France are



John Shirley and friend in France

eagerly awaiting our visit. I know we will have a wonderful time with them, and I hope you will join us. Friends and family members are welcome, of course.

With warmest regards,

John Shirley
Tour Coordinator
925-447-2256

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Letters to the Editor

East meets West

Dear Mrs. Milling,

Hello from Virginia. I'm Ray and Martha Hergenreder's daughter—Mom and Dad are at OP 77, and I'm attached to OP 7. Interestingly, in January, while at the Reserve Officers' Association Mid-Winter Conference, there was an unexpected and delightful meeting of two of us, one from 7 and one from 77—in an elevator. As Maj Byron Lemmon and I were descending to attend the evening formal dinner, I spotted his CIB, infantry colors, Bronze Star and Purple Heart decorations, among others, and thanked him for his service to our country.



Mr. and Mrs, Byron Lemmon and Col. Catherine Bacon.

We began to talk, and during the descent found out that he served with the 3rd ID. As we then descended on the escalator to the dining area, he mentioned that he belonged to the OP in Las Vegas! Then I told him that was where my Mom and Dad were. Please see the attached photo showing how happy we members from 7 and 77 Outpost were!

All the best,

Col Catherine Bacon



Engineer misses friend

I/Lt John M Thompson, Plt Ldr and XO of Dog Company, 10th Engineer (C) Battalion died of cancer several months ago. He was instrumental in generating the articles on Boomerang Ridge that appeared in the *Watch* a couple of years ago.

I wrote a couple of articles in the group. One Dog Company veteran wrote to me and said he was glad I had written the articles because his wife had not believed some of the stories he'd told her.

Seeing the 64th Tankers in the February *Watch* reminded me of when we built the schoolhouse in the Armed Forces Assistance to Korea Program in 1954. The 64th Tank Battalion had the project and the 10th Engineer Battalion provided technical support. I was the project engineer for the job. Our project was one of the

later assignments and when guys who had worked on other similar projects heard about my assignment, they told me I should be very careful because they had lost tools and materials from their sites.

I told the interpreter that I wanted to see the village chief, but I lucked out and got not only the village chief, but also the Prefecture governor and another honcho. I explained to them what we were about and that we had only the lumber that was onsite to complete the building. We would have a saw yard where we measured and cut the timber to size. At the end of the day, the people could come in and take the scrap we set aside for them. I then told them that if a board were stolen, there would be a corresponding hole in the building. We not only didn't lose a board, but we got a lot of labor from the men of the community of Pochon.

The building was 34 feet by 215 feet and required about 90 days to complete during February to April. The Division Commander was a frequent visitor to the project.

During a meeting with the honchos, I kept smelling a strong stink of some kind and finally settled on a dude who had three dried fish wrapped in a newspaper under his arm. I concluded he wanted to hear every word and apparently felt that he could hear best if he was close to me. I finally managed to slide in between the village chief and the governor. I have no idea what they must have thought about me moving around as I did.

General Maxwell Taylor, the Eighth Army Commander, dedicated the school and addressed the assemblage in their own language.

Grady Griggs,
Columbia, TN
OP 60



Greetings from France

What news during this very important year—Iraq War, the end of Saddam Hussein, Terrorism. And also politic troubles between our two countries. Between politicians, not between peoples. You must know that French people, even our president Jacques Chirac are with you. French people love American people. It's true. French people are with you in the war against terrorism. You are not alone in the war for freedom! Don't forget that French army is in Afghanistan, Africa, Asia. For the same fight for liberty.

And you must know that we don't want to forget our past, especially World War II, 1944 and 1945, the liberation of France.

Last January, there was a ceremony at Holtzwihr (Alsace), at the Audie Murphy Monument, a thing for this hero, for the Third Infantry Division. As always, there were a lot of French VIPs, those responsible for the U.S. Cemetery of Dinozé (Vosges Mountains). Very impressive.

Each year we take part in the Memorial Day at Dinozé. All the VIPs talk about war, Iraq war, about peace, about the friendship

between our two countries. Don't forget the past.

And after, there was a very important ceremony. Not by the size of the event, but for the memory. Last September, Saint Juan (near Besançon, near Switzerland border). In September 1944, the U.S. Army built an American cemetery in which there were also German soldiers [buried]. This cemetery stayed there several years, and after, [some of] the bodies were sent to the USA. But nearly all were sent to Dinozé at the U.S. Cemetery. The people of Saint Juan, and others, like our association "Rock of the Marne" wanted to do something for the memory. For the memory of these soldiers who gave their life in this war. We don't want to forget.

And now we are working for the 2004 events. As you know, a lot of U.S. vets will return in France for the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Europe, of the end of war. We'll be there. We'll be there with them. We'll be there with you.

God bless America!

Rock of the Marne!

Fondly,

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Word from the One-Man Outpost, "The Fighting Paisan"

Dear Mr. Milling, *(I understand that many people don't realize that I'm a lady, but ...—Editor:)*

Faithful to my mission for years again I honored at the Memorial Cemetery of



Alfonso Felici at the Memorial Cemetery of Nelluno on January 22, 2004, the anniversary of the landing on the beachhead.

Nettuno the 7,861 fallen comrades who rest in this peaceful place of the Beachhead on the anniversary of the Landing.

Herewith is enclosed a picture of me standing in front my pal's cross—Charles H. Willard who was killed in action near Cisterna on March 5, 1944.

I am of our "Rock of the Marne" representative. I represent the 3rd Division on occasions during public ceremonies held at the Cemetery of Nettuno.

The ceremony took place with the presence of all civil and military Italian authorities and I was the only American veteran present.

General Truscott employed me as a "scout" after learning that I was born in a town 65 miles away and knew the area of the Beachhead.

For years I cooperated with Mr. Kirk and Mr. Drury and now that you take care as Editor I will be glad to cooperate with you with all is concerned with the Memorial Cemetery of Nettuno. My friend John B. Shirley visited Rome not long ago and we talked about the old times of the Beachhead.

Again I put myself at disposal for veterans visiting Italy in offering my services to guide visitors at the Battlefield of the Beachhead. They [should] write or phone me at my address below.

Mr. Alfonso Felici
Via Pasquale del Giudice, 15
00175 Rome, Italy
Tel. 01139 06 7108459

I take chance to say hello to my friends: John Shirley, Mario Lucido, Fred Scarpa, Tom Wright, Richard Guimond, I. W. LaLonde, N. L. Snowden, and Anthony DiGennaro.

With best wishes, I am "The Fighting Paisan."

With deep affection for the 3rd Infantry Division with my service and friendship.

Alfonso Felici

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

By: Sgt. R. James Piper,
Staff Writer, 02/16/2004

■ 1/30 Inf. fights hard in first NTC battle

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - In their first battle in the National Training Center's training area, better known as the "Box", B Company 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment fought hard through the night and into the next morning.

The unit was tasked to defend Bicycle Gap Jan. 17 and was the first defensive battle the unit fought.

"Our job was to build up our defensive positions and position dismounted troops and Bradley (fighting vehicles)," said Staff Sgt. Jamie Carter, Headquarters Platoon sergeant, B Co., 1/30 Inf.

Around 11:45 p.m., enemy vehicles were spotted approaching the company's defensive line.

The first vehicles to breach 3rd platoon's A team's sector were two Bronevay Maschina Piekhota fighting vehicles followed by a T-80 tank. The opposing force uses visually modified American vehicles to simulate enemy vehicles.

"We tried to take them out at 300 meters but had an equipment malfunction," said Sgt. Michael Cugino, B Co.'s 3rd Platoon, A Team leader. "Once we restarted, the T-80 was right on top of us. It was a race to see who would fire first."

Cugino and his team did fire first and went on to destroy two more BMPs.

"OPFOR is excellent out here. This is my fifth rotation and you always come back with something new," Carter said. "It's definitely a good learning experience."

Intelligence before the battle indicated that if the lead element of the OPFOR was destroyed, they would move toward 3rd Brigade's main defensive line.

B Co. met the objective taking out the lead element, but the OPFOR kept coming. Outnumbered three to one, the company fought through the night but was eventually overrun.

"For our guys, it shows what a real deliberate defense is like," Cugino said. "There were no 12-hour battles in Iraq so it

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Looking for...

The following message was in the February VFW Magazine

15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Company C (April 17th 1953).

Seeking anyone, especially "Stich" who recalls a fire fight while on patrol with Lt. Walls in which I got a piece of grenade in my left leg.

Cecil Martin
3661 Nonpareil Road
Sutherlin, OR 97479
541-459-9270

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From the Website, Date: 2-2-04

Grandfather, L. Lee Thompson, was wounded at the Colmar Pocket

Hello,

About a year ago I was looking for information about my grandfather. I received some help and I was very grateful. But now when I try to find information on the area he fought I have trouble finding substantial information. So I have decided to write a book someday about the campaign. What I am asking for is anybody with a story, information, good books to research or anything that would be relevant to the fight around the Colmar pocket. If you would I would be grateful. Also if anybody knows where I can find any information on the 3rd Army veterans association so I can expand my search would be helpful. And finally, if anybody has information about L. Lee Thompson, I would be also grateful. He served in CO K, 30th Infantry Regiment and was wounded at the Colmar Pocket on January 23, 1945. I believe I have placed a request for information on the web site before. I'm hoping someone who didn't it the first time might see it this time.

Thank you all very much for your help.

Clint Thompson
3347 SW Access RD
Iowa Park, TX 76367
Telephone: 940-592-9339
<clinthompson@yahoo.com>

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Friend helping a friend

I am sending you this email in the hope that you or your organization may be able to assist me to assist a friend in locating a family member who was a member of the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany during WW II.

I believe all they have is his name (**Harold Homer Horne**), SSN and a recollection that he was officer rank (perhaps a lieutenant), served in the campaign in Europe, 1944-1945, was born in Berlin, NH, decorated for bravery, and trained at Fort Bragg.

Any suggestions on how to proceed with this search will be appreciated.

Best Regards,

Robert A. O'Brien, Jr. (Col.
USA Ret.)
Robert.O'Brien@hq.doe.gov

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Cpl. Lyman M. Douglass

My grandfather fought in WWII. I have little information about this man who meant so much to me. He enlisted in 1935. He was wounded in Italy. All information will be appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who gave their time for our freedom.

Request #2231
Doulass S. Schaub
704-500-6102
E-mail:harpman5050@aol.com

Lyman M. Douglas is listed on page 558 of Taggart's book, The History of the Third Infantry Division in W.W.II as a member of the 3rd Quartermaster Company.

Editor's Note: If you can respond by phone or E-mail, that's wonderful. However, if you have information you want to submit, please include the Request Number listed above. Our Webmaster, Rich Heller, can match responses to these numbers.

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S/Sgt Elmer H. Lawing, an uncle

Comments: As I type this, fifty-nine years ago to the minute C Company of the 30th Infantry, along with the rest of the

1st Battalion, was clinging to a bridgehead on the east bank of a small stream near Colmar France, and my uncle, SSgt Elmer H. Lawing, who was at that moment commanding the first platoon of C Company, had less than an hour to live.

This attack to reduce the Colmar pocket had begun on Jan 22 1945 - the first anniversary of the Anzio landings. It was the coldest winter in a hundred years, and the temperature never got above 14 degrees during this campaign.

I'd be very pleased to hear from anyone who remembers my uncle. Also I wanted to mention that he was posthumously awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Silver Star for his actions on Jan 24, and that his mortal wound entitled him to his fifth oak leaf cluster to his Purple Heart. He also held the Croix de Guerre from the French government. He graduated from Haw Creek High School on May 31, 1943, and by November was in action north of Naples.

The following is a letter received by my grandmother after the war from Captain Charles Murray, who had earned his Medal of Honor in December. I believe it's a remarkable letter, straightforward yet understated in describing the conditions faced by these very brave men.

I hope that anyone who might read this will spare a moment to remember what these men sacrificed for us all, and I ask for your prayers for those taken and those yet spared to us.

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April 7, 1946
Dear Mrs. White,

I don't quite know how to write a letter such as should be written to you, one that might somehow ease your great suffering. I can say that your son was a good soldier - he was more than that, he was a good American, but you must know that already. But I am able to tell you the circumstances surrounding his death, most of which you already have knowledge of.

I returned to the company on Dec. 28, 1944, from the hospital and two days later we moved back from the front at

Keysersburg France for a few days rest. And then we relieved a company at Bienwihr France where we stayed for a little over a week. We then moved back to Ribeauville, I believe, for training and on the night of January 22, 1945, we moved toward the front - several divisions were attacking that night. Company C crossed a river at Guermain, France, on a foot bridge, and we moved east through the two feet of snow. The weather was extremely cold. We moved in single file for about two hours - five men were wounded by a mine about midway - until we came to our objective, another stream. I sent one platoon across the stream to establish a bridgehead and the rest of the company bedded down on the west bank. The next morning the rest of our battalion passed through us and crossed the stream, and we followed them south along the east bank of the stream.

We moved just a few hundred yards and then I received orders that I should go into position on the bank of the stream. Late in the afternoon a bridge which was being constructed for our tanks collapsed, and we were without tank support. Shortly afterward, the units in front of us were attacked by German tanks, and those that could moved back near us. That night about ten o'clock a number of German tanks attacked us, and we were forced to move back down the stream about one hundred yards before the Germans fell back. So far my company had been spared, practically no casualties. The remainder of the night was quiet.

Sgt. Lawing was now acting as platoon leader for the 1st platoon.

At about nine o'clock on the morning of the 24th I left the company and moved back down to the battalion C. P. to see the Colonel, just two hundred yards up the stream from Company C. I had been gone only about twenty minutes when the Germans attacked with a large number of tanks, the main force of the attack hitting my company. The men fought back for a while with machine guns and rockets, but they were not enough to stop the Mark VI tanks, and the Germans overran our positions and we fell back to new positions across the stream. I say we, but I mean the company because the whole thing only lasted ten minutes or so and I was at the battalion C. P. unable to get back to the company. Tanks were on us too. The Germans did their damage and after we had destroyed three, I

believe, of their tanks with artillery fire they departed.

As soon as I could, I went to the company, to find that every one of my officers and sergeants had been killed or wounded, except one Sgt. We went up, some of us that is, with the medics to help bring out the wounded, and I am almost certain that we did get them all out. I didn't personally check the entire company area, but I am certain that those who did check the platoon area did a thorough job and no wounded man was left.

The first platoon bazooka team remained in their position until all their ammunition was gone and one of their men informed me later that one of the first rounds fired from the tanks hit Sgt Lawing and killed him instantly. I sincerely believe, and hope, that that was the way it was. It was terrifically cold and the ones who were wounded as bad as Sgt Lawing was, even if he did not die immediately, quickly froze. And therefore, your son may have suffered for a little while, but not for six hours, not even for one hour. And I still think that he was killed instantly as the bazooka team claimed.

The reason for so many of the leaders being killed, as was your boy, was simply because they were leaders. They were out of their foxholes, exposing themselves, in an attempt to get the rest of the company to fight back at the tanks, when they all knew that they had no weapons capable of doing damage to a tank. All of this happened because a little bridge which was to allow our tanks to cross a river collapsed before even one tank could cross.

You can rest assured that had your son been only wounded and had there been some way to ease his pain it would have been done. But we will have to believe in our hearts that he suffered no pain and died instantly, or at least peacefully.

And I would like to say also that I have seen quite a number of men wounded critically, and in the large majority of these instances the shock was so great that the man could not possibly have felt any pain, and most of them do die peacefully, without realizing exactly what had happened.

So we will probably never know exactly the true story of what actually did happen that cold morning in France, but from what I have attempted to say to you I do so much hope that you can believe that your son was

killed instantly by an 88mm shell fired by a German tank and that he died an heroic death worthy of any true American.

My deepest sympathy,

Charles P. Murray

Former C. O., C Co. 30th Inf

If you can provide information, please contact Kevin at: kevinjwhite@yahoo.com (Request #2217)

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A purchase in Scenery Hill, PA, launches search

In an antique and collectible store, a unique cross attracted a buyer. The cross was made of match sticks. Upon closer examination, information on the probable artesian was found on the back of the cross.

PFC Jules Marcini

Serial # 7212570

Stalag No. 5 Unit

7A Unit 1945

If you can help find Jules Marcini, please contact:

Jim Maimone

(724) 348-5332

Eighty-Four, PA

Editor's Note: When talking with Mr. Maimone, I told him that South Carolina has a town named Ninety-Six. Mr. Maimone laughed and told me he had searched for similar names in the US but believes these are the only two. If you're aware of any towns named like a number, let me know. It will be interesting to learn what, if anything, turns up.

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In a message dated 1/26/04 8:01:20 AM, Djjesq writes:

My name is David Jordan. I was born in Allentown, PA, and now live in Nazareth, Pa. My uncle, **Charles T. Jordan, Jr.**, was killed in Korea on July 16, 1953. That is all the information I have. My grandfather has died and my father still can't talk about it 50 years later.

He was a member of the 15th infantry regiment and the 3rd Infantry Division. During the time he died, the battle of Kumsong River Salient was fought. I wonder if he died there.

Any information you can give me about my uncle would be appreciated.

Dave Jordan

David,

Your uncle, Pfc. Charles T. Jordan, Jr., was a member of B Company 15th Infantry Regiment.

The date of his death would indicate that he was killed at the Kumsong River Salient.

Best wishes in your search.

Martin Markley

Another suggestion follows

I'm not sure if you have tried the web site for the US Forces Korea. I previously was involved as a coordinator for a Commemorative Partner with the Korean War 50 Anniversary. The official Commemorative web site <http://korea50.army.mil> has a link to the US Forces Korea which links to the Army web site that deals with history and biographies of Army units. You might also check out is from the FAQ section about information on 'jobs of my relative in the military' at <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/faq/faq.htm>.

I cut and pasted the following from that source:

Where can I find official unit records?

Operational records of United States Army organizations created prior to 1940 are in the custody of the Military Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408. Requests regarding records created during World War II and the Korean War should be addressed to the Textual Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Operational records of United States Army units that served in Southeast Asia are also in the custody of the Textual Reference Branch of the National Archives. You may be able to access additional information about these holdings from the National Archives and Records Administration website at www.archives.gov.

Information relating to operational records created since 1954 by those United States Army organizations that did not serve in Southeast Asia may be available through the DA Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22150-3166. You may be able to access additional information concerning policy related to these records on the website at www.rmd.belvoir.army.mil/rmda/.

Certain Unit Rosters and Morning Reports are also in the custody of the National Personnel Records, information about these collections can be found at www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/morning_reports_and_unit_rosters.html

I hope this is helpful, if not, you might try contacting your local American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES), they provide assistance to veterans regarding benefits and may be able to assist you or at least help you get pointed in the right direction.

Regards,

Eileen Hadbavny
Lt Col, USAFR, NC (Ret)
AFES Red Cross Volunteer
1266 Merton Rd
Charleston, SC 29407
(843) 556-6504

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French village to honor 3rd. Inf. Div. serviceman killed in WW II

The French village of Geneuille, near Besancon, France, will dedicate a plaque to the memory of **Pvt. Albert Tamburine**, 7th Inf., who was killed liberating the village on September 9, 1944. The dedication will take place on August 17, 2004, during our 60th Anniversary Battlefield Tour. Those on the tour will be guests for lunch by the town council.

The civic officials of Geneuille would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew Albert Tamburine or members of his family. If so, please contact John Shirley, 925-447-2256

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Looking for members of C Company 741st Tank Battalion

My dad, Gale Hutton, served in C Company, 741st Tank Battalion in WWII. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-day. He's now almost 82 years old and has been thinking about his war buddies and wants me to see if I can find any of them that are still alive and kicking like he is.

If any members or family members of the men who served in C Company 741st could contact me so I can let him know, I'd appreciate it.

Thank you,

Melissa Adams
835 S Old US 31 # 15

Franklin, IN 46131

(317) 736-0740

E-mail: poobs@msn.com

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Looking for Carl Duncan

What? There's another one!

Ute Ramos is looking for her half-brother's natural father. Her brother is now 52 years old. Their mother, Helga Caspari, had a liaison with Carl Duncan when he was stationed at Wiesbaden Army Field in Germany. Carl was transferred to Korea but had promised to return to his "Kitty." Ute says Carl was originally from New York. Since she's already spoken to "our" Carl Duncan and knows he's not the right one, perhaps you know another Carl Duncan.

Contact Ute at ute_ramos@yahoo.com.

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Looking for friends of mine in **C Company, 7th Inf Regt**, Sand Hill, Ft. Benning, in 1955.

YOUAREITMOM@aol.com

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USAF son seeks to help USMC dad

Are there any information websites that would address my Dad's military affiliation? My Dad is still alive and if gatherings/reunions were on the West Coast, I might be able to get him there.

My Dad: **Rawdon Jimmy Winston**

DOD: 14 July 1920

Marine SN#: 308960

He entered basic training in May 1941. From there he went to Communications Personnel School. In November 1941 he was assigned to the 2nd Division, 4th Battalion, K Battery 10th Regiment at Camp Dunlop Brawly. He remained until the 3rd Division [Marines], 4th Battalion, K Battery 10th Regiment was formed at Camp Elliot. In February 1942, the 3rd Division [remember, Marines] deployed to New Zealand and was assigned Island Security. The 3rd stayed in New Zealand until June 1942 when it was again deployed to Guadalcanal. From there, the Marines controlled the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Anawetak, and Bougainville. Later they again were deployed to Guam. My Dad was in Guam until he contacted malaria and was sent back to the states where he was medically discharged. After

my Dad was sent back to the States, the 3rd [Marine] Division was sent to Iwo Jima. He was discharged in 1945 as a "buck" SGT.

Thanks,

Gordon Winston
MSGT USAF (Ret)
GI_Winston@earthlink.net

Editor: So neither served in the 3rd, but both are brothers-in-arms. Let's try to help. Share this with your buddies in other military service organizations.

Joseph Basile and the Purple Heart

My Grandfather, Joseph A. Basile, received a Purple Heart in World War I [might be WW II]. I want to know what circumstances surround his achieving this award. He was from New Jersey and was stationed in France. He was part of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Thanks.

Guy F. Scarpelli
48 Schindler Court
Neptune, NJ 07753
732-643-1243
plethoricus@yahoo.com

Alfred Burgett, KIA in Korea

I'm trying to find anyone who may have known my uncle, Alfred Burgett, who was killed in action in the Korean War on April 25, 1951. He was with the 7th Inf Reg, 3rd Inf Div. I know he was killed near Uijongbu. I would greatly appreciate learning more about him from anyone who might have served with him.

Thank you,

Jon Burgett
Jburg320@aol.com

William Duguid Steele—Anzio

I'm looking for any information, records, photos, whatever regarding my father's service in the 3rd Division during WW2. He was a combat medic and won the Bronze Star. He also served at Anzio. I'd appreciate any information you might have. He was born March 15, 1925.

Thank you for your help.

Best Regards,

James "Jim" D. Steele
1444 North Orange Grove Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90046
323-874-9386
jims@digitalcinemasolutions.com

[from Martin Markley: William D. Steele is listed in the book History of the 3rd Infantry Division in WWII as a T/5 Med. Det, 30th Inf. Reg. and awarded the Bronze Star for action in Anzio, Italy, February 10, 1944.]

Franck Izenour, Battalion Commander

I'm searching for information about Franck Izenour who was the commander of the 1st Battalion [7th Inf Regt] in 1943-1944. I would like information about the Heavy Weapons Companies of the 7th IR and about the symbolic [meaning] of the playing cards painted over the enlisted men's M1 steel helmets.

I am writing a book about the 7th IR.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards and God Bless the "Marne men"

Thierry Juif
28 rue du Maréchal Foch
Strasbourg, France, 67000
Juif.Thierry@free.fr

Anzio and Southern France—WWII

I would like to hear from anyone who was in the 7th Inf. Reg. Co. M in Anzio and made the landing in Southern France, August 1944.

Walter J. Podolak
7327 North St.
Auburn, New York 13021
315-253-4854
jimpod7@aol.com

Leighton Barracks, Wurzburg, Germany

I was attached to Hq & Hq 3rd Inf Division during the Viet Nam War, 1966 through 1968. Stationed in Leighton Barracks in Wurzburg, I was married in May 1968 in the chapel on the left side of the post coming out of the main gate. I would like to hear from anyone stationed there during the same time.

Frank Guzman
frankpguzman@hotmail.com

Michael Grasso, a Marine

I am looking for anyone who may have known or served with Michael Grasso, a Marine who served two tours during the Korean War. Michael Grasso was from Norwood, Mass., born: September 17, 1933. He died October 7, 1976 and is buried in Norwood, Mass.

Michael Grasso was married to Madeline Elizabeth Williamson Grasso but at the time of his death, they were separated but not divorced. Their youngest son, Joseph James "Jay" Grasso hardly knew his father because of the separation.

I would really like to help Jay find any info about his dad and, if possible, even contact veterans who knew and served with his dad. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda D. Pierce
A member of OP 35
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60th Anniversary Battlefield Tour for the Society of The Third Infantry Division France, Germany

August 13 - 25, 2004 (Plus 2 night Italy Extension)

FRIDAY 13 AUG

Newark, NJ, United States

Depart from your home gateway and meet the group in Newark for onward travel to France via scheduled air.

SATURDAY 14 AUG

Toulon, France

Arrival in Marseilles, France. On arrival at airport, clear customs and meet your Our Escort who will remain with you throughout your tour. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day in Toulon at Leisure- Join your fellow travel companions for a welcome reception this evening before dinner on your own. Meals: On own

SUNDAY 15 AUG

Toulon, France

This morning transfer to Cavalaire and St Tropez to participate in the 60th Anniversary Commemoration of Landings and other events. Reception and lunch in Cavalaire. Dinner in St Tropez. Return to your hotel in Toulon for overnight. Meals: B, L, D

Wreath: 3rd Monument at the landing beach near Cavalaire

Wreath: 3rd Infantry Monument at Cavalaire

MONDAY 16 AUG

Montelimar, France

After breakfast an early departure to Montelimar with a stop in Avignon. Your orientation tour includes a picture stop of the bridge of the popular song, and the massive Palace of the Popes followed by a lunch stop. Wreath laying at Drone Monument. Civic reception and dinner in Montelimar. Meals: B, D

TUESDAY 17 AUG

Besancon, France

After breakfast drive to Besancon to arrive in time for wreath laying ceremony at 3rd Division Monument. Civic Reception and dinner with overnight stay in Besancon. Meals: B, D

Wreaths: Besancon - 3rd Division Monument

WEDNESDAY 18 AUG

Epinal, France

Morning visit to the famous La Citadelle. Travel on to Vesoul for reception and lunch. Visit the battle aims and Vosges Mountains before continuing to Epinal for hotel stay. Meals B, L

THURSDAY 19 AUG

Colmar, France

After breakfast, a morning wreath Ceremony at the Epinal Cemetery. Time for lunch at the war museum in Turckheim featuring battles in the Colmar area. Also participate with French veterans at the French Cemetery in Sigolsheim. Travel to Colmar for evening banquet with French veterans, and overnight. Meals: B, L, D

FRIDAY 20 AUG

Colmar, France

After breakfast this morning tour the Colmar Pocket Battlefields, Neuf-Brisach, Ostheim, Flokzwihr, Maison Rouge, Mittlewihr and Bennwihr. Wreath laying at the Acidic Murphy Monument and lunch in Holtzwihr. Visit the nearby Rock of the Mame Encampment. Reception and dinner in Ostheim. Return to Colmar for overnight. Meals B, L, D

SATURDAY 21 AUG

Saarbruchen, Germany

After your buffet breakfast this morning travel to Mutzig to visit 'Position de Krieg,' the famous restored fort and place of German resistance for our division. Civic Reception and lunch in Mutzig before traveling on to Saarbruchen for overnight stay. Dinner on your own this evening. Meals: B, L

SUNDAY 22 AUG

Worms, Germany

Depart from Saarbruchen travelling through Saverne and follow the battle route via motorcoach into Germany - Zweibrucken, Kaiserslautern and Worms -site of our Rhine River crossing. Some free time for lunch in Kaiserslautern. Travel on to Worms for overnight. Dinner at hotel Meals: B, I

MONDAY 23 AUG

Strasbourg, France

After breakfast in motorcoach to Strasbourg for a cruise on the River Ill. Explore, Strasbourg and enjoy lunch on your own. This evening civic reception and dinner. Meals: B, D

TUESDAY 24 AUG

Paris, France

After breakfast this morning depart for Paris, travelling via Nancy and Chateau-Thierry where we will visit the 3rd Infantry Division Monument. During lunch, we will have a brief account of the division's epic 3 day battle on the Marne River that ended the last German offensive of WW II. After lunch, we will trav-

el to Paris for an evening Illumination tour including Seine River Farewell Dinner Cruise_ Meals: B, L, D

Wreath: Chateau-Thierry 3rd Division Monument

WEDNESDAY 25 AUG

Paris-Newark, NJ, United States

Buffet breakfast this morning. Transfer to Paris airport for check-in and flights to the US or extend your tour to Rome.

EXTENSION TOUR TO ITALY

Board your flight to Rome, the Eternal City Your sightseeing tour will commence on arrival. Travel to Piazza San Bernardo, adorned by Moses' Fountain and to Piazza delta Repubblica. Travel along the Aurelian Walls, Via Veneto, Via Nazionale, and the Trevi Fountain, a baroque jewel. Past the Pantheon, originally a pagan temple. Continue to Piazza Navona, built on the ruins of the Domitian's Circus. Admire Castel Sant'Angelo and St Peters Basilica. This evening Dinner on your own. Meals: B

THURSDAY 26 AUG

Rome, Italy

Today, an excursion to Anzio-Nettuno. The American Memorial Cemetery of Nettuno is the final resting place for US soldiers who died in active service during WWII in the military campaign that extended from Sicily to Rome. Wreath laying with reception and lunch in Nettuno. Return to Rome early evening for a Farewell dinner with entertainment. Meals: B, L, D

Wreath: American Cemetery Nettuno

FRIDAY 27 AUG

Rome-Newark, NJ, United States

Transfer to the airport for our flights from Rome to New York for onward travel to your home gateway. Meals: B

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Email: BattlefieldTour@yahoo.com

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rate will be adjusted to \$2995 if group is 35 or more participants

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\$698	per person double occupants
\$135	single supplement

Nominations for Annual Awards

On behalf of the Society's Awards Committee, Chairperson Lynn Ball is accepting nominations for the Annual Awards Program. The Awards Program recognizes and honors those members of The Society of the Third Infantry Division who have contributed their energy and creativity to further the Society's objectives. **Nominations must be received no later than June 20, 2004.**

In preparing your nomination, please include the following information:

1. Your nominee's outpost association

2. Detailed information about the nominee's achievements towards the objectives of the Society or for the benefit of all veterans.

3. Precise information about a nominee's qualifications for an award

This information will assist the Awards Committee in selecting those most worthy to receive an award based on the Society Bylaws and the established protocol. Only nominees whose dues are current and who meet qualifications established under the Bylaws and awards protocol, as stated in the Society's SOP, will be considered for an award.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

Audie Murphy Achievement Award

- Exemplary Military Service

- Service as elected Society officer
- Appointed or elected committee-man or outpost officer
- Service to the community
- Member of the Society for at least three years

Society Service Award

- Service as a National officer, committeeman, or outpost officer and/or have contributed significantly to the achievement of the objectives of the Society
- Member of the Society for at least three years

Associate Service Award

- Outstanding service to the Society, region or outpost in meeting its objectives
- Member of the Society for at least three years

Additionally, the Society's President may direct the presentation of other awards and/or certificates at his discretion.

All awards will be presented at the Annual National Reunion banquet in Savannah, Georgia, on Saturday, August 28, 2004.

Please send all nominations to
Lynn Ball
Awards Chairperson
2010 Worcester Lane
Garland, TX 75040-3331

WW II Registry Up and Running

The WW II Registry is now accessible on the memorial web site at www.wwiimemorial.com.

At a time when fewer than one in ten adults recognize that 16 million Americans served in uniform during the Second World War, the American Battle Monuments Commission encourages all members of the WW II generation to enroll in the Registry. Any American [who] served in the armed forces or contributed to the war effort on the home front, whether in factories and shipyards or farms and neighborhoods, is eligible.

There is no charge to place a name in the Registry. Individuals can be enrolled through the web site or by calling the memorial's toll free number at 1-800-639-4992. The Registry contains more than 1.3 million records, most submitted by the public. ABMC has been compiling names for several years, but has only scratched the surface of the database potential.

The database also includes National Archives and Records Administration lists of those killed in service during the war, and names of those buried in ABMC WW II overseas cemeteries or listed on its Tablets of the Missing.

Of 1,002 U.S. adults responding to a phone survey last May, 22 percent believed that only 100,000 served in uniform during the war, 34 percent thought one million served, 14 percent thought 8 million served, just 8 percent correctly stated 16 million, and 22 percent didn't know.

If you haven't yet enrolled yourself or an eligible family member in the Registry, do so now. The Registry will be accessible from the memorial site on the National Mall when the memorial opens to the public.

Source: World War II Memorial Newsletter, Fall 2003

Memorial E-Store

Attending dedication ceremonies for the World War II Memorial? Great! You'll be able to purchase items such as cups, hats, and calendars while you're there.

But suppose you can't attend. You can still purchase items using the WW II Memorial's website—www.wwiimemorial.com.

OP Harry's Annual Reunion

Make plans now to deploy to Holiday Inn Mission Bay/Sea World Area in San Diego, Ca., 10-13 June 2004. The room rates are: Single/Double:\$109.00 Two Room Suite:\$129.00. The room rate includes a complimentary full American buffet breakfast each morning during our stay. Check out the hotel's website at www.holidayinn-mb.com.

Colonel Twitty will be the guest speaker at the reunion this year and has films taken during the Iraq War he will show.

OutPost Harry was one of the biggest concentrated battles fought by the 3rd Infantry Division during the Korean War. Check out their extensive web site for further information at www.OPHSA.org.

Contact: E. Douglas Jones, Secretary
14614 Channel Drive
LaConner, Wa. 98257
Ph. 360-466-5855

Wanted: WWII Stories

To my Third Division Comrades - and some others.

The *Washington Post* newspaper has announced it is accepting World War II War Stories of 500 words or less for an upcoming special section to mark the dedication of the WWII Memorial here in Washington this Memorial Day. I have submitted a story and am forwarding it herewith for your info. I urge others to submit theirs. The Third Division can use all the attention possible.

The *Post* says submissions can be e-mailed at "WorldWarII@washpost.com" or snail mailed to World War II, *The Washington Post*, 1150 15th St., NW, Washington DC 20071. The *Post* also wants submitters to describe, but not send in, any WWII memorabilia they may have such as dog tags, uniforms, ration coupons, or photos.



Sherman Pratt displays his war trophies in his home to visiting German historian and Berchtesgaden resident Florian Beiert.

World War II War Story

The Capture of Berchtesgaden

*Sherman W. Pratt,
Lt Col U.S. Army (Ret)*

Minutes after 2 p.m. on May 4th 1945, the lead troops of my rifle company L of the 7th Regiment of the American Third Infantry Division entered the ski resort town of Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps. I was a new and struggling lieutenant having just been commissioned a few weeks earlier on the battlefield in France. Company C of the regiment was also entering the town but from a different direction on another mountain road.

Berchtesgaden was the choicest target in Germany for western Allied armies since Berlin, the Capital, was the target of the Russians to the east. In his memoirs *Swords and Plowshares*, 101st Airborne Division Commander, Major General Maxwell Taylor wrote years later "everyone and their brothers were trying to get into Berchtesgaden."

This was the end of our over night dash of 80 miles or so down the German autobahn from Munich to Salzburg.

My company was "the point" of a 7th Army task force ordered to rush to the critical area before the German high command could establish a redoubt in the Alps and perhaps extend the war for a few more weeks or months to bargain for something more favorable than unconditional surrender.

The mission for my reinforced motorized infantry company was to capture and protect three sets of massive highway bridges on the autobahn over deep ravines before they were blown and to then swing south for another 26 miles to Berchtesgaden which served as

Hitler's Camp David. It has been thought that he spent more time there than he did in Berlin and it was there that he hosted leading world figures such as Chamberlain, Mussolini, top Nazis and others.

On the road from Salzburg there was a brief exchange of gunfire between my troops and some scattered and confused remnants of the German Wehrmacht but we bypassed them and pressed quickly on. We soon entered and began clearing the picturesque town. When we were satisfied that there were no military forces in the town we turned our attention to our next objective; Obersalzberg (over the salt mountain) a military complex about 5 miles up the mountain to the east and overlooking the town. Upon arriving there without opposition and found everything in near total ruins and rubble.

The RAF had carpet-bombed the area on April 25th about a week before we arrived. The complex contained Hitler's magnificent and luxurious mansion house, once known as Berghof (a well organized and sizeable mountain estate) with its large picture window looking out on some of the world's most spectacular scenery. There were also the remains of the Bormann and Goering houses and the large guest house where Hitler billeted his visitors. Close by there had been barracks for about a battalion of crack SS security troops plus various supply and support structures all thoroughly demolished.

As I surveyed all this and looking out for enemy troops and contemplating our next action, one of my sergeants rushed up and reported he had found in a rear clearing an

entrance to underground steps that descended to concrete rooms and tunnels deep underground. We entered and found them filled with vast quantities of art works, silver, linens, liqueurs and other treasures.

I felt I could not tarry for long with possible tactical work yet to do so I returned to the entrance as another trooper rushed up and breathlessly pointed out that he had spotted several German soldiers running across a clearing toward some woods. "Should I shoot them?" he asked me. Certainly not, I instructed him and asked if he wanted to be the last casualty of the war. "The war is winding down. They are doing us no harm and you don't know how many German machine gunners there might be in those woods with us in their sights just waiting to see what we are going to do before opening fire." The trooper conceded he had no desire to be a last casualty and turned his attention elsewhere.

In the general and now peaceful calm my troops were busy looking for souvenirs mostly from the underground rooms. Since we were afoot I knew no one could carry much, so I made no effort to restrain them. Personally, I took only a small cream pitcher from the silver collection. It has a swastika and a German eagle engraved on its side with the initials "A. H." beneath. It rests today in a hidden and secure place in my home in Arlington near my collection of German pistols that includes a Luger, a P38, a 32 calibre Walther, and a Mauser. Keeping those souvenirs company is a large swastika flag and a

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A letter from the front

Carl Duncan, OP 15 Secretary-Treasurer, submitted SGT Baker's letter below. He relates that SGT Baker, a veteran of Desert Storm, was called back to active duty in July 2001. Carl says he's proud of SGT Baker and the members of OP 15 look forward to having him home again soon. SGT Baker's address is: A Btry 1-4 ADA, Unit 24202 Box 71, APO AE 09185

January 28, 2004

Baghdad, Iraq
Dear Carl,

Well, thank you for the notice of my annual dues. Unfortunately, I am currently unable to attend this year's dinner as I am presently serving with the 1st Armored Division in Iraq. First order of business is my check for the dues. Enclosed you will find a check for \$500.00. This letter will constitute the authorization for you to do two things: One) submit the appropriate funds for my membership to be changed to Life status. Two) use the remaining funds to help fund the annual dinner at the Brothers Restaurant on the 14th of March. Of course, I am sure you will be able to provide me with the receipt of my Life Membership. As for the dinner, well, somebody hoist a few shots and remember me.

To fill you in on what I [have] been doing, I deployed with my unit to Iraq in mid-May. We made it to Baghdad on the 28th of May and I was hit the first time on the 3rd of June. Nothing serious, just a little grazing on my left leg. On the 18th of June I had a heart attack and seizure and was medivaced to Germany for treatment. That took three months to clear up and then I was returned to my unit on the 15th of September. On the 13th of October, I was hit again with shrapnel to my left forearm, from a sniper about 300 meters away. Once again nothing serious and as a matter of fact I was back on duty the next day.

So now I do my time in the TOC, answering the phones, monitoring the radios, and leaving the kicking in of doors to the young guys. So now I just bide my time here, and like everyone else just wait until we rotate out of here sometime in March.

So Mr. Duncan I hope this letter gets to you in time for the dinner. Take care and I would love to hear from some of the other members,

Respectfully,

SGT Michael J. Baker
Air Defense Artillery

Getting Authorization For Medals You Feel You Deserve

The following website provides information on how to apply to The Awards Branch of your former Military Service Branch for a medal you were never authorized but feel you deserve.

All applications for authorization of a medal must be made using Form DD-149 and mailed (not faxed and not emailed) to The Awards Branch of your Service.

DD-149 is downloadable in .PDF format from this website: <http://members.aol.com/forvets/htom.htm>

Best,

Brooke Rowe,
Military Records
The American War Library
www.amervets.com

Combat Infantry Association

Free Membership for CIB Awardees

It was approved at our 10th Annual Reunion in Harrisburg, PA 12 October 2003 that the C I A will offer a FREE Complimentary (2 year Annual) Membership to all of our Infantrymen that have earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge while serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. As there is no DD214 involved, a copy of the actual orders that were issued pertaining to the CIB Award to the individual applicant must accompany the Special Application for membership.

Please pass this information on to any families or friends who have a family member or friend serving in the Infantry in those combat zones.

I will mail you the application on request or you may send me their name and address requesting that I mail it directly to them.

With your help we can do this for our men in service today. Remember that we were once in a foreign land earlier in our lives when our country needed us.

For the Combat Infantryman

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gets these guys to see how a real enemy operates."

Carter said the battle was constant all the way through.

That fight Carter said, "gives first-hand experience that a battle can start at night and go on until the wee hours of the morning."

For many of the newer Soldiers in B Co., this is their first NTC rotation but they went to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"My team did great. A lot of them haven't done this before," Cugino said. "Other than the war, this is the first one-month training exercise they have been on."

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One of 3rd Division's Own, Authors Book

“LOOKING BACK”

Memoirs of Terry Lloyd Tennant

At last someone has written about the long overlooked story, of the critical part played (in December 1950) by the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, in the vicious battle fought at Huksu-ri and Sachang-ni, southwest of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The book contains 329 pages of real life adventure, humor, suspense, excitement, worry, disappointment, heartbreak, death, sadness, depression, recovery, happiness, and a multitude of historic facts.



Author Terry Tennant (OP13) in his study.

His life beginning in an upstairs flat in Detroit, Michigan, this is the story of Terry Lloyd Tennant, born into poverty during the great depression in the 1930's, his experiences growing up in the inner city; then (at age 18) leaving home and enlisting in the United States Army. After 2 years of a variety of specialized training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, the Korean War broke out and he was sent with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, to Beppu, Japan. Once there they had to rapidly turn untrained South Korean, Puerto Rican, and American Reservists, into a viable fighting unit. A few weeks later in mid November 1950

Watch Schedule

The *Watch* is your magazine. But the editor needs your help to keep it at the top of its class. Here is the schedule for each issue:

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July 10th	August
September 10th	October
November 10th	December

they crossed the Sea of Japan landing in Wonsan, North Korea, where they joined the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Division, and the 7th Infantry Division U.S. Army, and became a part of X Corps, and the coming battle in the eastern part of North Korea.

On 25 November 1950, elements of the 10,000 man CCF 89th Division left Yudam-ni on the west side of the Chosin reservoir, and headed southwest in an attempt to circle around and (many miles to the south) create problems along the one and only road (and MSR) to the Chosin Reservoir. One chapter of *Looking Back* describes the battle at Huksu-ri and Sachang-ni, where the 1st & 2nd Battalions, 7th Regiment, 3rd Division met that CCF force and took them on. Although they were few in numbers, not yet battle tested, and ill equipped for the bitter cold weather they faced, they did their assigned task, and did it well.

The task? Hold back that 89th CCF force, and prevent them from moving south, and compounding problems for the men who would soon be withdrawing from the Chosin Reservoir. Known intimately only by those who were there and survived, it is the author's hope this book will be read by many of the 3rd Division men, so they will know and perhaps appreciate why we who were there, are so proud of this special chapter in the long and glorious history of the 3rd Infantry Division U.S. Army - the "Rock of the Marne!"

The book, *Looking Back*, may be purchased for \$15.50 plus shipping.

Call Toll Free at 888 280 7715 or on the web at www.1stbooks.com/bookview/21357



Dear Alta,

I have just recently had my book, *An Infantryman's Memories of World War II*, published.

I was in Company A, 15th Infantry, Third Division. I remember much of it as if it were yesterday, and I have written it in plain, straightforward style. The print is large enough to read easily. It tells day-after-day experiences we went through in France, Germany, and Austria.

Many photos are included.

The book sells for \$12.00 and can be ordered by calling 662-462-5169 or by writing me at the following address.

Troy Cox
246 CR 8200
Rienzi, MS 38865



Dear Alta,

I am a member of Outpost 2. I am writing a book about my time spent in the 3rd ID but haven't had it published yet.

I was with Company A, 15th Infantry when we left Fort Benning, trained ROKs in Moji, Japan, landed in Korea on 11 November 1950, was Platoon Sergeant and at times, Platoon Leader of the Weapons Platoon. I picked up a Purple Heart on

the way up the peninsula after Hungnam. So you can see, I've got the Thir Division blue in my blood.

I have published a book of fiction titled *Visions of Mercy*. It is loosely based on my service in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II and the 7th Infantry Division.

The book is over 400 pages printed in easy-on-the-eyes type. It is in two parts, Part One is more interesting to men because of the action that took place. Part Two might be interesting to women readers. I believe that somewhere in the over 400 pages, anyone picking it up will find something interesting.

To order a copy mail a check made payable to River City Press in the amount of \$17.95 (\$14.95 + \$3.00) to 9880-3 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32257. You may also order by phone at (904) 730-0571 or by E-mail at turney@rivercitypressinc.com.

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P.S. Jack says if the guys "buy the book and don't think it is worth it, they can cuss me out by letter or e-mail."

A Parade's Participants

The gray haired old veterans in today's parades
Are the remnants of an army once vast.
They are the survivors of all the battles fought
And now form a tangible link to the past.

Most are well aged and uncertain of step
Yet military bearing is still seen in their stride
And the special camaraderie existing in the ranks
Binds them together with other comrades who died

Some uniforms worn are no longer in style
But to its wearer it's something held dear
With the badges and ribbons pinned above the breast pocket
Telling stories of valor, not audible to the ear

Those on the sidelines who observe the parade
Probably see just a group of old men passing by
Never really aware of their part in history
For events of the past are now gone from the eye

Nevertheless, these old veterans show their mettle
Even though for many, life's race is now run
So defying old age with all its infirmities
They still march proudly, to the beat of the drums.

*Donald A. Chase
I Company, 15th Infantry
Submitted by Martin Markley
Printed with permission from Donald A. Chase*

You are cordially invited to attend the
2004 CAN DO! RENDEVOUX.

The members of 1st Battalion, 15th Regiment will host the annual 15th Infantry Regiment Can Do Rendevoeux May 18 - 20, 2004, at Fort Benning and Columbus, Ga.

The Headquarters Hotel will be the Four Points Sheraton in Columbus.

Rooms have been reserved at reduced rates of \$63.00 plus applicable taxes. Call 706-327-6868 for the special rate.

The tentative general agenda is:

Tuesday - May 18 - Golf, Hotel check-in, Icebreaker Reception.

Wednesday May 19 - China Room Rededication, Iraqi Freedom Battle Overview, Lunch with the Troops, live fire demonstration, China Gate Monument Upgrade Ceremony. Right Arm Social.

Thursday - May 20 - General Membership Meeting, Organizational Day activities, BBQ Lunch, Weapons/Equipment Displays, sporting events, and the Regimental Dinner at the Officers Club.

Registration Fee is \$10.00.

The Regimental dinner the menu is a choice of Chicken Marsala or Tournedos of Beef for \$25.00 per person. Please indicate your choice of meal when you submit your registration.

Make payment prior to May 1, 2004 by check of money order to the 1 - 15 OSAF Fund and mail to

CPT. Christopher Pike
6000 River Road, #1103
Columbus, Ga., 31904

For further information call CPT. Pike at #706-544-2920 or Ed Dojutrek, President, 15th Regiment Association at #312-343-0900.

National Order Of Battlefield Commissions

The above organization is trying to locate all men, WWII, Korea, and Viet-Nam, who on the field of battle against an armed enemy received a commission from enlisted or Warrant status to commission status. It may be you or someone you know.

Contact J. ANGIER, 67 Ocean Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32080 904-471-7695 <jnbc@msn.com>

For more information, visit their website at www.battlefieldcommissions.org.

Submitted by Stanley R. Smith

CAPTURE *from page 18*

linen tablecloth also with the markings like the pitcher.

But our work at Obersalzberg was not done. From the main complex, with the rubble of Hitler's house which had long ago ceased to be a mere Berghof following numerous additions and refinements. I called for my jeep and with a favorite sergeant motored farther up the mountain another mile or so where we found the road ended at a small parking lot. Looking up I saw a structure perched about a hundred feet above on jutting rocks. In later years I would learn that this was the Little Tea House, called the Eagle's Nest later by the Americans. Building the Tea House and the road to it is considered today by engineers as little less than a miraculous achievement. It was built for Hitler, but he seldom if ever used it. We noted an opening ahead of us at the edge of the parking area. It led to a foot tunnel inside which we entered. At the end of a concrete hall about 10 feet wide and 50 feet long we found an elevator. We tried to summon the elevator to continue on but found we could not do so. It seemed there was no electrical power and we found no stairway up to the summit of the peak known as Kehlstein Mountain. We concluded that there was no other way to reach the top of the precipitous hill without professional rock climbing equipment to include ropes and pitons. So we departed. I later learned that other troops arrived, got the elevator working and entered the Tea House.

The following morning, my company with C Company participated in a symbolic flag raising ceremony in a little clearing next to the Obersalzberg rubble. Elements of the French 2nd Armored Division, that had arrived during the night, joined my 7th Regiment for the flag raising.

After the war, Obersalzberg and Berchtesgaden, with new hotels and auxiliary facilities, became a rest and recreation center for American and Allied occupation forces. In a return to the area with my family in the 1960s I noted that the entire Obersalzberg areas had been neatly cleared and restored to a pristine bucolic pasture setting with no indications of the extensive compound that was once there. The Eagle's nest has been retained to this day and is a favorite tourist attraction.

My Third Division comrades have always

been emotionally proud that it was their veteran Division that first arrived and occupied Berchtesgaden. So we were all quite disturbed in the closing years of the 20th Century when historian Stephen Ambrose and HBO filmmaker Steven Spielberg falsely credited the 101st Airborne Division with that honor. A concentrated effort was made to persuade Ambrose to publicly admit his error and apologize. The effort was abandoned, however, when Ambrose's son Andy informed us that his father had terminal can-

cer with only weeks to live. He died on October 23, 2002, following prolonged and dedicated work on the New Orleans WWII museum. General Taylor, CG of the 101st Airborne Division at the end of the war, had also written years later in his memoirs, "We (the 101st) had been assigned Berchtesgaden as our objective... but we were held up on the road so the 3rd Division arrived there first." We decided we had to be content with that coming from such an authoritative source as the Commanding General himself.

15th Infantry Regiment Association Dinner

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association invites all Marnemen and their guests and visitors to our 12th Annual Regimental Dinner, which will be held at the "Society of the Third Infantry Division" Reunion at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Savannah, GA on August 29, 2004, at 7:00 P.M.

Our Treasurer, Lloyd D. Whitmer, **must have your reservation before August 23, 2004.** There will be **no tickets sold after that date** or at the door

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 and buddies and to make new friends.

Make out the Reservation Form printed below!!!

Will be looking forward to seeing you in Savannah

Edward E. Dojutrek, President
Fifteenth Infantry Regiment Association

RESERVATIONS

**Twelfth Annual Regimental Dinner of the
15th Infantry Regiment Association**

**Marriott Riverfront Hotel
Savannah, Georgia
7:00 P.M., 29 August 20034**

Your Name _____

Unit _____ WII Korea

Other? _____

Guest Names _____

Choice Of Entrees: ____ Sliced Sirloin @ \$29.00\$ _____

____ Chicken Parmesan @ \$29.00\$ _____

TOTAL\$ _____

Check Number _____

Dinner reservations and payment must be made prior to August 23rd, 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*

From the DoD...

Defense Department Introduces Global War on Terrorism Medals

By: Jim Garamone,
American Forces Information Service

The Department of Defense announced the approval of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (for Soldiers who deployed to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Feb. 26.

WASHINGTON - Military members serving at home and abroad in the war on terrorism will now be recognized for that service. Defense officials announced the final approval of two new medals and their criteria Feb. 26.

Individuals who have deployed to operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom will be awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will be awarded to those who served in airport security operations in the United States following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks or who supported operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle or Iraqi Freedom.

"These medals recognize the significant contributions members of the armed forces bring to bear in combating terrorism in all forms throughout the world - for both current and future operations," stated a DoD news release.

Individuals can receive both medals if they meet the individual criteria, officials said.

To be awarded the expeditionary medal, individuals must have been deployed outside the United States for OEF or OIF for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. The time requirement is not needed if the individual engaged in combat was wounded or killed in action, or was medically evacuated for any reason, officials said.

The area of eligibility encompasses the U.S. Central Command area, excluding the lower Horn of Africa; Middle East; eastern Turkey; Philippines; Diego Garcia; and all air spaces above the land and adjacent water areas, according to the release.

Each day aircrew members fly sorties into designated areas counts as one day of deployment toward the 30- or 60-day requirement.

Individuals engaged in actual combat may be eligible for battle stars on the expeditionary medal. Only a combatant commander can initiate a request for a battle star, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for them, the release stated.

Personnel eligible to receive the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal must have participated or support operations on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Service medal eligibility dates run from Sept. 27, 2001, until May 31, 2002, for individuals who served in airport security operations.

The same 30- or 60-day requirements apply to the service medal as to the expeditionary medal.

"Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for processing awarding and wearing of the medals and ribbons for their servicemembers, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees, and next-of-kin," the DoD release stated.

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal has an eagle and wings display, with a terrestrial globe and the inscription "War on Terrorism Service Medal." The reverse side features a laurel wreath.

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DoD Announces Korean Defense Service Medal

Navy News Service, February 9, 2004

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced Feb. 9 the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM). The KDSM is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea.

Public Law 107-314 legislated the creation of a new medal to recognize military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters.

Members of the armed forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas.

The KDSM period of eligibility is July 28, 1954, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

Be engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility.

Wounded or injured in the line of duty and require medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.

While participating as a regularly assigned air crew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria shall count as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement.

Personnel who serve in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time criteria is met. Due to the extensive time period for KDSM eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period.

The KDSM may be awarded posthumously, and only one award of the KDSM is authorized for any individual.

Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for administrative processing, awarding and wearing of the KDSM and ribbon for their service members, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees and next of kin.

More than 40,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces have served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adjacent thereto each year since the signing of the cease-fire agreement in July 1953, which established the Demilitarized Zone. For more than 50 years, U.S. Armed Forces' efforts to deter and defend the Korean Peninsula have helped maintain democracy and preserve the indomitable spirit of freedom.

Schedule and Events

To be held at the beautiful Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy in Arlington, Virginia 22202. Hotel rates are \$119 per night, plus tax. Itinerary includes the following.

Friday May 28th

Reception with buffet dinner, beer, wine and punch

Saturday May 29th

- Dedication of WWII Memorial at the National Mall
- Banquet Dinner

Sunday May 30th

- Farewell Breakfast
- Wreath Layings at Arlington Cemetery

Hospitality Room with snacks & beverages will be provided throughout the weekend. Transportation to and from the Memorial Dedication is being arranged by the National Battle Monuments Commission Dedication Committee. For those who wish to stay for the wreath laying ceremonies, we will be coordinating transportation once we know how many are attending.

Call the Hilton Hotel at 703-418-6800 to make your hotel reservations. Rates are available **only** 3 days after the scheduled event, should you choose to extend your stay. The hotel offers a free shuttle from and to the Reagan National Airport only. Be sure your flight goes to this airport. Parking will be \$16 a day for valet. Rooms are limited and there are only King Rooms available. Book early. If attending alone, pair up with a buddy to save money and rooms. Group airfare is available by calling Divine Destinations at 1-800-336-5502. This is guaranteed to be the lowest available airfare.

For More Information Contact:

Jim Tiezzi

Phone: (239)466-1214

Email: Ajimmjtiezzi@aol.com

~or~

The Reunion BRAT

Phone: (360)663-2521

Email: Info@TheReunionBrat.com

Note: For those living in the Washington, DC area who will not be staying at the hotel, please complete the Registration form **ONLY** for the events you will be attending, **PLUS** the required Registration Fee of \$15 per person.

National WWII Memorial Dedication

Washington DC

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

Registration

YES! SIGN ME UP FOR THE 3RD INFANTRY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION!!!

Name _____

Outpost # _____ Unit _____

Check one or more:

WWII Korea Cold War Gulf War Iraq War Peace Time Active Duty

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of your Guests _____

Banquet Dinner Preference: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Please list any special needs _____

Registration fees # of persons attending	_____	x	_____ \$15	=	_____
May 28th Reception # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$37	=	_____
May 29th Dinner Banquet # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$40	=	_____
May 30th Farewell Breakfast # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$17	=	_____
May 30th Transportation to 3rd ID Monument and Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery and lunch at Ft. Myer dining facility # of persons	_____	x	_____ \$20	=	_____

Total Enclosed = _____

IMPORTANT!!!

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS **NO LATER THAN APRIL 26, 2004**. THE HOTEL WILL NOT HOLD ROOMS AFTER THAT DATE! REGISTRATION FORMS/FEEES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 26, 2004. PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT
50721 State Hwy 410 E
Greenwater, WA 98022
(360)663-2521

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by May 1, 2004. A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Call the Hilton Hotel at 703-418-6800 no later than April 26, 2004, to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with 3rd Infantry to receive your group rate of \$119 a night, plus tax. These rates are available **only** 3 days after the scheduled 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 at the long awaited National WWII Memorial Dedication!



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

Life Members

Booker, Dr. James OP 18
CPT 601TD/30th Inf/1st Bn/ 10th FA WW II
1474 Lodge Rd
Callao, VA 22435-2108
Reported by Virgil Pelon
An intern at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital when WW II began, he applied for and was assigned to the recently reactivated hospital unit that the university had established during WW I.



Dr. James Booker

It wasn't long before the newly commissioned lieutenant in the Medical Corps was on his way to Europe. After a short time in England, his war experience began in earnest.

He served in North Africa before being assigned to the Third

Infantry Division as battalion surgeon. He took part in the invasion of Italy as the Division secured the beachhead at Anzio. He literally operated in the trenches.

By now Captain Booker took part in the capture of Rome, the landing on the French Riviera (after which his unit was attached to the Seventh Army), and eventually the capture of Munich and Berchtesgaden. He was present when the U.S. flag was raised before Hitler's residence.

Virgil Pelon was Captain Booker's S/Sgt while he was assigned to the 10th FA Bn. Virgil remembers the doctor called his medics a "splendid group of aid men." He also relates a great story of when they took over in small buildings for their aid station while in France. They found a case of the finest cognac. Virgil relates that the Captain said, "I'll take one bottle for myself, one for COL Hofmeister (the Bn Commander) and the rest is yours." Virgil says of this example, "What a guy!"

But another story really reveals his character. It seems that while in the Vosges Mountains, Dr. Booker learned that he had the most time overseas than anyone else in the 3rd Div and was eligible to go home. He refused the offer saying, "I've been with the 3rd ID a long time. I want to stay and see the war through with them."

Eckels, Louis A OP 54
SSG 30INF/B WW II
319 Marnell Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062-1224
DOD: February 11, 2004
Notified by the USPS

Gladwin, Jay OP 13
1st LT Div/ HQ WW II
4950 Susans Way
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-2363
DOD: January 20, 2004
Reported by his wife Susan.
She said Jay was 85. He had told her that the training he received in the military helped him quite a bit in his business over the years. He attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. Susan said an honor guard from Fort Knox gave him a true soldier's rites.

Hill, Edgar "Ed" M. OP 33
LTC 9th FA/B WW II
15427 Lake Magdalene Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33613-1005
DOD: December 25, 2003
Reported by Jim Hughes.

Jim said Ed suffered a heart attack in November while living in Baltimore, MD. Upon release from the hospital, he moved to Tampa to live with his nephew but subsequently suffered another heart attack. Ed served as a forward observer with A. W. "Dutch" Schultz in Dutch's plane Janey with the 9th Field Artillery during WW II and with K-Mag during the Korean War.

Mustain, Rhoads OP 35
MAJ 7th Inf/1st Bn/15th Inf WW II
Reported to Joe Ball by Rhoads's private secretary, Luanne Pehle.
See a tribute in this Watch issue

Simon, Floyd W. FBA
CPL 10FA/C WW II
1415 20th St.
Florence, OR 97439-9441
DOD: December 14, 2003
Reported by his son Raymond D. Ebert

Annual Members

Collord, Harry W. OP 15
SGT 249 CoastArty/A
10418 W. Corte Del Sol
Sun City, AZ 85351-4406
DOD October 2003
Reported by Carl Duncan

Faught, Cletus M. OP 17
SGT 7th Inf Regt Svc Co WW II
504 Missouri Ave.
Nixa, MO 65714-9213
DOD: February 4, 2004
Reported by his daughter, Julie Anderson, to Frank Pistone, a friend. His daughter reported that he fought a three-year battle with cancer. Frank reported that Cletus and his wife, Jenny, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary September 1st last year. Frank believes that Jenny would love to hear from their many wartime buddies (FAUFGTCM@aol.com). Cletus attended many 3rd Division reunions. John Insani reports that Mr. Faught was an active member of the Society and helped to coordinate several reunions in Branson, MO.

Fetterman, Wilbert W. OP 57
SSG 15th Inf/B Korea
614 Philadelphia St.
Indiana, PA 15701-3904
DOD January 19, 2004
Reported by Rich Heller

Gallant, Joseph A. OP 601
CW2 601stTD/A WW II
375 W. Main St.
West Jefferson, OH 43162-1298
DOD October 4, 2004
Reported by Bill Harper

Lea, James R. (Jimmie), Sr. OP 3
MSG 15th Inf Hqs Korea
412 Bagnal St.
Manning, SC 29102-2402
DOD: February 29, 2004
Reported by George Winders

Thompson, John M OP 33
1LT Plt Ldr and XO D Co 10th Eng (C) Bn

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Alta Milling, 4738 Datura Rd., Columbia, SC 29205-2109 Ph: (803) 787-7134 e-mail: altav007@aol.com for listing in the "Last Call."

203 McMinn Rd
Centerville, IN 47330-9630
DOD: Unknown
Died of cancer

Tremayne, William J. OP 15
30th Inf/H WW II
5100 SW 149th Ave.
Beaverton, OR 97007-2735
DOD: December 21, 2003
Reported by Carl Duncan

Vandermark, John G. OP 5
PFC 10th Eng/C Korea
42 Kenwood Dr, Apt 5
New Windsor, NY 12553-7523
DOD November 2003
Reported by Martin Markley

Vivolo, Louis OP 11



Cannon Company
15th Inf Regt WW II
2 Summit Ave.
Revere, MA 02151-3527
DOD: February 14, 2004
Reported by his wife Phyllis to Jerry Sapiro. Jerry writes that Lou was a champion boxer and was inducted to

Louis Vivolo

Boxing Hall of Fame of Massachusetts (Ring Four, Boston) on October 27, 2002. When Jerry and his wife visited Boston, they enjoyed "mini" but very good reunions. Our thoughts are with you, Phyllis and their daughters.

Weber, Ralph R. OP 1
S/Sgt 601st Tank Destroyers WWII
300 Highland Ave
Erie IL 61250-9704

The Thursday morning 3rd ID Breakfast group at Bob Evans will miss him.
Reported by Jim Drury

Williamson, James H. OP 5
SSGT 7th Inf/I WW II
327 Old Forge Hill Rd, Apt. 2152
New Windsor, NY 12553-7907
Reported to Earl Killen by Mr. Williamson's daughter.

Associate Members

Sipos, Ida
60 Bryant St.
Homer City, PA 15748-6918
DOD March 3, 2004

Non-Members

Brandenburg, William, Sr.
DOD February 28, 2004
Elloree, SC
Found in the State newspaper by Alta Milling. BG (Ret.) Brandenburg's obituary reads that

he "served in the United States Army from 1943 until he retired in 1973. He was a veteran of three wars: he was an infantry officer in Italy in World War II; he served as the Third Infantry Division Military Police Company Commander in Korea and he commanded the 18th Military Police Brigade in Vietnam.

Brown, Earl
MSGT Co L 7th Inf Korea
1941 E. Manhattan
Tempe, AZ 85282
DOD: February 21, 2004
Reported by John Insani

Casey, William F.
Albany, NY
He was a World War II Army veteran with the 3rd Infantry Division, taking part in the beach-head landing at Anzio and military action in France.

DOD: March 6, 2004
Reported by Frederick R. Miller, PH1, USN Retired
E-Mail: joker528@nycap.rr.com
Posted on the Society's Website—visit the website for the complete obituary

Craig, John O'Neal, Jr.
441st Antiaircraft Battalion WW II
High Point, NC
DOD December 21, 2003
Reported by Roy Lockhart

Fugich, John Jr.
DOD January 11, 2004.
John was veteran of WW II and the Korean War. He was 89 years young. In WW II he was in Service Battery, 9th. F.A. Bn., 3rd. Inf.Div. He was a Staff Sgt at war's end. A career soldier, he stayed and participated in the Korean War. At the end of his career he was a Chief Warrant Officer.

John was active in our 9th.F.A. social group for many years. Believe he was once a member of the 3rd Society but not sure of that.

He will be missed not only by we fellow 9th. Fielder vets but mostly by his love Lyle, his wife of 62 years, and by his children, grand children and great grand children.

Rest in peace buddy
Submitted by Bruce Monkman

Lichtenberg, Al
CPT Co C/10th Eng Korea '52-'53
DOD: September 14, 2003
Reported by Tom Chilcott, OP 13

Naylor, Robert J.
3rd RECON WW II
Dewitt, NY
DOD: December 15, 2003
Reported by Frank Greene who also served in the unit. Frank says that Mr. Naylor served in the Third from North Africa to Austria.

Personeni, John L.
3rd Quartermaster & 703rd
DOD: November 25, 2003
Reported by his friend Ralph E. Reid of OP 4. Ralph said John is survived by his wife Vernita, a daughter and two sons, two brothers, and lots of grand- and great-grandchildren.

Pilkington, Lois Charlene
Wife of George Pilkington, OP 17
19544 N Il. 97
Cuba, IL 61427
DOD: January 29, 2004
George says he was married to this wonderful lady for 52 + years. "She was instrumental in getting the 3rd Division mini-reunion in Iowa. She was a blessing to my life."

Raymond, George E.
MAJ 30th Inf Regt.
DOD: February 26, 2004
Reported by his son Chip. MAJ was a member of the Society at one time. Friends may contact Chip at chip.Raymond@att.net

Schmidt, Arthur D.
Arthur was a former member of OP 1
1LT 30th Inf/ D WW II
West Bend, Iowa
DOD February 5, 2004
Reported by his son John F. Schmidt. John says his Dad received a battlefield commission and was very proud of his service and his division. He sang "The Dog Face Soldier" to his grandchildren and told them stories. His son said that his Dad spoke often of some of his friends. If you knew 1LT Schmidt, his family would like to hear from you. Contact John by E-mail at john-paula79@hotmail.com.

Vereb, Bernadine
Beloved wife of Eugene Vereb, OP #77 member, served who served in the 30th INF WW II.
9728 Echo Hills Dr
Las Vegas, NV 89134-6616
DOD: February 3, 2004
Ray and Martha Hergenreder along with Lew Connant and Annette Williams attended the services on Saturday, February 14, 2004.

Errata

In "Last Call" of the February issue of "The Watch," the death of Herbert Martin was reported by his wife Dianne rather than his daughter and his rank was LtCol. We regret the error and apologize for any embarrassment or inconvenience it may have caused.



Roll Call

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

Associate Annual		7351 GRADY MAJOR JOHN E. OPMA	7321 SPANBURG DAVID R. OP7	7353 WRIGHT CPT NANCE J. OPMA	
7341 MC DONOUGH ANNE MARIE OP60	436 HILLWOOD DRIVE HOMEWOOD AL 35209-5346	AD-OIF MAJ 231 SHAWN CT. HINESVILLE GA 31313-1359	7INF/1BN CW SGT 2783 GROVEMORE LANE VIENNA VA 22180-7069	HHC/DIV AD-OIF CPT 5 MC INTOSH PLACE FORT STEWART GA 31315-1847	
7342 MORRIS HALEY OP60	436 HILLWOOD DRIVE HOMEWOOD AL 35209-5346	7327 GRELE RICHARD R. OP35	7365 STRANGE CPT CHERYL L. OPMA	7354 WRIGHT MAJ. DARRYL L. OPMA	
7343 SKOOG DOROTHY OP15	13443 108TH DRIVE SUN CITY AZ 85351-2634	123SIG/ CW SP4 2631 EASOM CIRCLE #223 ARLINGTON TX 76006-4121	DIV/FSB/1VA AD-OIF CPT 12300 APACHE AVE. APT. 220 SAVANNAH GA 31419-2318	HHC/DIV AD-OIF MAJ 5 MC INTOSH PLACE FORT STEWART GA 31315-1847	
Regular Annual		7322 HERRMANN SGT M D. OPMA	7350 SUCKMAN ROBERT OP5	7364 YATES LTC VIRGINIA D. OPMA	
7347 BONHAM ROBERT E. OP60	DIV/MP/HHC/3BGDE AD-OIF SSGT 123A LEONARD ST. FORT BENNING GA 31905-2086	C.CO.1-75TH RGR AD SGT 59 N. LIGHTNING ROAD HUNTER AAF GA 31409-4903	7CAV/3SQ/C CW SGT 4 8 MAC ARTHUR DRIVE GLEN FALLS NY 12801-2336	HHC/DIV AD-OIF LTC 3595 JONESBORO RD. FAIRBURN GA 30213-3000	
7369 CARDON COL. EDWARD C. OPMA	HHC/DIV/82D EN BN/ENG.BDE AD-OIF COL 5 WYNN PLACE FORT STEWART GA 31315-1830	7324 HICKMAN CHARLES O. OP60	7356 THOMPSON JR. ROGER G. OPMA	Regular Life	
7348 CHILDS NORMAN D. OP17	HHC/DIV HHC/2ND BCT AD-OIF 1022 SW CAMBRIDGE TOPEKA KS 66604-1716	4INF/2BN/HQ CW E-4 248 N. US HWY 31 SEYMOUR IN 47274-9527	DIV/HQ/3/76FA PT LTG 7808 VALLEYFIELD DR. SPRINGFIELD VA 22153-4118	7338 MOUNT. JR. HENRY F. OP60	15INF/BTL PTL/HQ WW2 CPL 1363 OLD RIVERSIDE ROAD ROSWELL GA 30076-4491
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Spring is a perfect time to stop and give thanks for this great nation and pray for the future. Please join me in that prayer.

Almighty God, You have given us this great land for our heritage; We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of the land and for the great resources of this nation. We also thank you for the freedoms we enjoy, the result of the many sacrifices made by so many men and women of our Armed Forces.

Help us O Lord, to finish the good work begun by them.

Help us to eliminate prejudice and abolish poverty and hate.

Quicken the day when all nations will lift their voices in one united chorus of freedom and liberty. We also pray for our leaders, our Commander In Chief, our elected officials.

May they put duty before personal objectives, funding where it is most needed to support our troops around the world, and may they do all within their power to take care of our veteran's who paid so much and receive so little.

And finally, dear Lord, we pray for all our young men and women, who are serving this great country today. Keep them and their loved ones safe and comforted until they can be together again.

This we ask in Your name, Amen.



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

All members will receive the official bi-monthly publication, *The Watch on the Rhine*, and the national membership roster.

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional amount for outpost activities. At Large members do not belong to outposts but are referred to as "Footsie Britt At Large."

Eligibility

Regular Membership: Veterans with honorable service in the Third Infantry Division. Also, those who were members of supporting or attached units of the Third Infantry Division.

Life Membership: Same as regular membership.

Associate Member: Spouse, parents, children, or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in, or an affinity for the Society of the Third Infantry

Dues Information

Annual Membership (per year):.....\$10.00

Overseas Members (per year).....\$20.00

Life Membership

Recipients of Medal of HonorNo charge

Veterans of World War I.....No charge

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Up to age 39\$340.00

40-49\$300.00

50-59\$225.00

60-69.....\$150.00

70-79.....\$100.00

Over age 79\$75.00

Contact Ray Anderson, Membership Chairman, for information on extended payment plans.

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Please print clearly, detach, and mail this application for membership along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: **The Society of Third Infantry Division, 1515 Ramblewood Dr., Hanover Park, IL 60133-2230.**



Quartermaster

Partial list of 3rd. Infantry Division items available.

IMPORTANT ITEM: The pin pictured here, is 11/8" in length, in 3rd Division blue and white, was created to wear in memory of a loved one or good friend who was a member of the 3rd Infantry Division at any period in time. It can also be worn in memory of a spouse of a 3rd Infantry Division veteran.



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

The second check for \$200 has been sent.

Price\$5.00 each
(Mailing fee: 1-3 items-75cents, 4-6 items \$1.25)

OVERSEAS CAP: White

Men\$18.00 ea.
Women\$20.00 ea
w/3ID patch - \$1.75

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cap cover: \$1.80 (Mailing fee: \$2.00)

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3ID BASEBALL CAPS: Black, w/3ID logo plus "3rd Infantry Division" above and "Rock of the Marne" below. For Korea veterans, "Korea 1950-1953" replaces "Rock of the Marne."

31D\$9.00
Korea\$9.50

(Mailing fee \$1.75 for one, \$4.50 for two/three)

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Have many more items so please write or call for flyer.

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What If?

What if there were an award for the attaining the highest percentage in retention?

Well, according to Ray Anderson, the Society's Secretary-Treasurer, says Carl Duncan would win it. Carl reports he's already at 98% of his goal of 100% for his Outpost.

Perhaps we should ask Carl to give us a block of instruction on his methods while we're all together in Savannah.

Well, in the meantime, the rest of us had better get a move on. If National is handing the dues mailout for your Outpost, your members have already received their gold card. It's not a VISA card, but does need to be paid.

Farewell to Rhoads Mustain, the Society's Medical Officer



Dr. Rhoads Mustain, Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Medical Officer, passed away in Urbana, Illinois, on February 8, 2004. Rhoads, who lived in Dallas, Texas, was also a member of Audie Murphy Outpost #35 and served both organizations proudly and faithfully for many years. We will miss him greatly.

Rhoads was born on September 24, 1914, in Aubrey, Texas. As an only child, Rhoads was active in 4-H and raised cattle and rabbits during his formative years. He was always fond of hunting and fishing, and he rode horses continuously during much of his youth.

At North Texas State Normal College (later University of North Texas) in Denton, Rhoads was president of both his fraternity and his senior class. After graduation with a degree in biology, he taught junior high school for a year in Graham, Texas, before attending graduate school at the University of Texas—Austin, where he studied microbiology. He soon transferred to UT Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where he received his MD in 1941. That same year he married Carolee Blackburn of Denton, Texas.

After completing a year of internship at King's County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, Rhoads became a surgeon in the 3rd Infantry Division, and rose to the rank of Major, while serving in North Africa, Italy, and France. At Anzio, he saw some of the heaviest fighting of the war and was awarded both the Bronze Star and the Silver Star for Valor in recognition of his bravery shown while putting himself in the line of enemy fire to rescue injured soldiers. In southern France, Rhoads's jeep hit a mine; he lost his left leg and returned to the Z.I. In spite of his serious injuries, Rhoads completed residencies in urology and practiced that specialty, first in Dallas and later in Irving, Texas, during his civilian medical career. Throughout the post war years, Rhoads never faltered in his love for The 3rd Infantry Division. He always wore his 3rd Infantry Division bola with the Patch and Combat Medic Badge in expression of his love for and dedication to the Division. In fact, on more than one occasion his private secretary, Luanne Pehle, made reference to Rhoads's ritual of putting on his 3rd Division bola before he would see anyone.

During the past several years, Rhoads health has been poor. He suffered throughout his post war life with complications stemming from his amputation. More recently, a hip replacement did not go well. A vast reduction in activity led to more complications, which finally became overwhelming and made necessary his stay in a nursing home near his home in Dallas, Texas. In December, he moved to a nursing home in Urbana, Illinois, at the request of his son.

Rhoads is survived by his son, Brian; daughter-in-law, Elaine, and grandchildren Andrea, Nathan, Patrick, Stefan, and Adrian. Rhoads funeral service was conducted on February 14, 2004, at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. Interment was at Belew Cemetery outside Aubrey, Texas, near his boyhood home.

In September 2003, Rhoads's secretaries (Luanne Pehle and Pat Shaw) and many friends surprised him with a wonderful party on his 89th birthday. The following pictures, taken by Joe Ball, show this happy time we want to remember with Rhoads thoroughly enjoying his party and all of his guests. Rhoads was a wonderful, intelligent, and sensitive friend, but always a soldier.

Submitted by Lynn Ball



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WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]

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

WORLD WAR II [37 Medals of Honor]

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

- ★ Rhineland
- ★ Central Europe

KOREAN WAR [11 Medals of Honor]

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

PERSIAN GULF WAR

- ★ Defense of Saudi Arabia
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