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One Moment in History



Harold Taylor on left and Pat Selmar, July 10, 1943, the morning of Licata, Sicily landing.
Photo from U.S. Army Still Picture Branch, Pentagon, Washington, DC in 1946. Courtesy of Harold Taylor.

Harold Taylor

Yes, as a member of the 15th Inf. Regt. Hq. of the 3d Infantry Division, did I as a radio communication Sgt. participate in the Division's first Military Action, with the landing at Fedela, N Africa, on Nov. 8, 1942.

An account of the landing appeared in the Fort Wayne *Journal Gazette* a day or two after the landing. My parents always knew where I was at, often having their ears tuned to radio evening news usually that of Lovell Thomas or other news commentators that always disclosed what unit was fighting and where. It was during such a program that it was revealed that the 3d Infantry Division landed at Fedela, N Africa. When the enclosed picture appeared in the paper my mother said she picked me out as one of those in the pic-

■ The 3d Infantry Division's first military action – the landing at Fedela, North Africa

ture. They cut the clipping out and presented it to me after the War. Yes, it looked familiar and is why I retained a copy of it.

Nov. 8th, 1942 is a day I will well remember. I recall roaming the deck of my transport ship, *The Elizabeth C. Stanton*, anchored out some miles from shore. As darkness fell, I witnessed the pounding of the Moroccan shoreline by our big Navy guns as well as supporting aircraft at which time the French largest battleship, the *Jean Burt* was knocked out of service.

It was a spectacular sight. What followed, and laden down with radio and

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Salzburg: The Final Action

Lloyd B. Ramsey, MG Ret.

Reprinted from "The Watch on the Rhine" 11/15/1998.

Gen. Ramsey (Then Col.) was the Ex. GO. of the 7th Inf. Reg. under Col. Heintges during this last campaign. He writes:

Lt. Col. Jack Duncan had sent out a patrol during the night to locate bridges and they found nothing. Col. Heintges sent me, his Ex. O., to see Col. Duncan. We both talked to the patrol and were convinced they did not proceed far enough. Duncan and myself, along with a large patrol, found the bridge over the Saalach river, with a locomotive dropped between the tracks. General O'Daniel and Col. Heintges placed me in charge of the bridge with Lt. White as my assistant. Gen. O'Daniel told me in person that no one was to cross that bridge except 3rd Infantry without his personal approval to me direct. Gen. Le Clerc sent tanks to cross the bridge before he arrived. I saw them coming and commandeered a 2 1/2 truck and placed it across the road at the bridge.

When Gen. Le Clerc arrived I met him and he told me that he had seen Gen. O'Daniel and the Gen. told him he could cross the bridge. I informed the General that Gen. O'Daniel told me that he must give me such orders in person. Gen. Le Clerc left to find Gen. O'Daniel. Soon Gen. O'Daniel appeared at the bridge. I asked him if he had told Gen. Le Clerc that he could cross the bridge. His answer was "Yes - But you did not let him through did you". I answered, "No - You had given me specific instructions." His comment, "It's a goddam good thing that you did not let him through."

I was at the raising of the U.S. flag over

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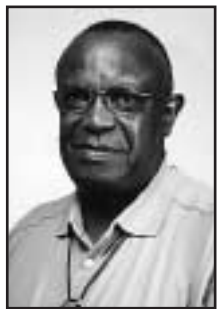
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President's Message

Jerry Cunningham



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

Greetings: The year 2002 is melting away. Only three months remaining prior to the National reunion in Buffalo. Our host Outpost has a well-planned reunion in place. I'm sure each one of us will enjoy the reunion and our stay in Buffalo this year.

If you have not already done so, please make your reservation as soon as possible; September is approaching real fast. The 2002 National Nominations are over, with a full slate of Officers from each region. If for some reason you cannot make the reunion this year, an absentee ballot is in this *Watch*, please vote your choice and mail it back to the Elections Chairman, Robert D. Bailey. The annual Awards Chairman is accepting nominations at this time. It is time to recognize all those dedicated members who have served our Society, Outpost, or Units in an honorable way during the past years. Lets show our appreciation by honoring them with an award or a certificate.

The annual membership renewal drive is going real well, renewals are coming in everyday, thanks to all of you for your great response. The raffle tickets will soon be in the mail, with a change from previous years tickets. Ray Anderson will have information posted in the *Watch*.

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April 26, 2002, I had the privilege of visiting the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) Monthly Retirement Ceremony. What great remarks and thanks given to the retirees and spouses, for their great contributions to the Division and Country. Words spoken by a well known, proud Officer and a gentleman, Colonel Vincent K. Brooks, 1st Brigade Commander, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Sadly to say, Colonel Brooks will be departing the Third Infantry in June of this year headed for the Pentagon. Thank you Colonel Brooks for your leadership and friendship while serving the Rock of the Marne.

I've also had a chance to talk with the retirees and invited them over to the Society side of the house where they can continue on with the Marne Spirit. To our Comrades and family members on the sick list: "You are always in our thoughts and prayers, moreover, we hope for a speedy recovery."

"ROCK OF THE MARNE"

SPECIAL ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

To All Outpost Presidents, Secretaries/Treasurers, Annual Members and Associate Annual Members

By the time you receive this issue of the "Watch," our annual dues collections will be in full swing and you should have received your renewal dues notice. This year we are making the annual dues notification billing directly from the National Billing Center. Please examine your billing statement carefully and pay the amount listed for the Outpost of which you are a member. Pay it in a timely manner. And return it to the National address supplied. Failure to do so will require an additional billing. This is an additional expense the Society does not merit nor need.

DO NOT RETURN YOUR DUES PAYMENT TO YOUR OUTPOST. MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED. (EXCEPTION TO THIS ARE MEMBERS OF OUTPOST 15)

Paying your dues in this manner will save the Society time and expense. Thank you for your cooperation

Ray Anderson
National Secretary/Treasurer

OP Transfer Procedures

Attention All Outpost Secretaries/and or Treasurers

I would like to remind all outpost officers responsible for membership rosters and making member transfers between outposts of the following practice. Any member who wants to transfer must notify his resident outpost of that request. The resident outpost will make the transfer by notifying the National records center along with a courtesy copy to the outpost to which the member will transfer.

We are seeking your assistance here as we have learned that there have been many transfers made without all of the responsible steps being taken.

Thank you for your assistance .

Raymond C. Anderson,
National Secretary/Treasurer

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From the Editor

Jim Drury

Many of you know of the 3rd Infantry Veterans Breakfast enjoyed every Thursday morning at 0800 hrs at Bob Evans Restaurant in Davenport, IA. The group also includes three Navy WWII Veterans. (After all they did bring us home.) The 4th of May, part of our group attended Loyalty Day Ceremonies at Hero Street, USA in Silvis, IL. Member Pete Campos (7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div.) – Korea) was in the VFW Color Guard while Harold Huggins, Marshall Herraera, Jim Drury (All 3rd Division Veterans.) and their wives attended. Hero Street is a short street in

Silvis along which predominantly Americans of Mexican descent lived and many of their young men lost their lives in Defense of our Country in all the Wars. It was an honor to be present again among those hero's families and friends. Any who travel through the Quad Cities on Int. 74 or 80 should find Hero Street to be an interesting Memorial to visit.

We recently helped Ralph Weber, (one of the Black Y Boys, WWII) and Marshall Herrera, (10th Combat Engineers, WWII) celebrate their 80th birthdays.

Jim Drury

HISTORY from page 1

One of the first tasks of U.S. troops after landing in North Africa was to establish communications. Here they are setting up their radio equipment in a tropical setting at Fedala, Morocco.

Photo courtesy of Harold Taylor.



combat equipment, was to make my way down the cargo nets that draped the side of the ship, into the waiting landing craft below. As we approached an area of protruding rocks not visable do to dark foliage and large trees just off shore. The waves buffeted the landing craft rolling it from one side to the other, spilling equipment and personnel from one end of the craft to the other. If the LC had turned over no one would have survived. The craft righted itself and the man at the controls returned to the departure area and receiving further instructions made a successful landing. At daybreak I could see other landing craft had trouble as well with the shoreline covered with debris. Shortly thereafter we were able to set up our radio equipment as shown in the above news clipping.

Later, on July 10, 1943 in the early

The waves buffeted the landing craft rolling it from one side to the other, spilling equipment and personnel from one end of the craft to the other. If the LC had turned over no one would have survived

morning landing at Licata, Sicily I and Sgt. Pat Selmar came under some small arms fire and had to crawl to the area as shown when the photo on page 1 was taken. Having just setup, an Army photographer made an appearance and took the picture. I acquired the picture and some 75 others through the U.S. Army still picture branch at the Pentagon, while working in D.C. All are of the 3d Infantry Division and I have had them since 1945.

Harold Taylor
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Fort Wayne, IN 46835

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

ANNUAL RAFFLE

In the very near future you will receive your mailing of the annual raffle tickets. All members are urged to give full support to this very important Society fund raiser. Money received from the raffle supplements the income received from dues and enables the Society to publish a quality newsletter and maintain membership dues at a minimal level. The annual raffle will be conducted at the National reunion in Buffalo, NY.

This years raffle tickets are in books of 10 at \$2/ticket. Please purchase or sell the tickets and return them in the self-addressed envelope with your check or money order for those tickets purchased. (\$20.00 for 10 tickets)

PRIZES:

All prizes will be United States Savings Bonds (Amounts are the value at maturity)

- FIRST PRIZE \$ 2000.00
- SECOND PRIZE \$1000.00
- NEXT 5 PRIZES\$200.00

The drawing will be held Saturday Sept. 14, 2002.

You do not need to be present to win.

Thank you

Raymond C. Anderson, Jr.
National Secretary/Treasurer

SALZBURG from page 1

Berchtesgaden on 5, May 1945 on the right of Col. Heintges in the picture on page 17, Oct., Watch. The French were in Berchtesgaden at that time and Col. Heintges had a very difficult time with the French, trying to get them to agree that we could raise the flag. Their point was that this was their objective and not the 3rd Inf. Division's. The picture you see is as high as the French would let us fly the flag. It was removed after the ceremony.

Editor's note: Isadore L. Valenti, Medic in K Co 7th Reg. 3rd Infantry Division, writes in his just released book "Combat Medic". In the chapter entitled, "The Theft of Berchtesgaden" another exciting account of the above events is given. Isadore is a retired High School principal.

Fort Stewart Museum

Just a few brief words from Fort Stewart Museum, first we received our weapons from the Divisions recent operations in Kosovo. It is a fine addition to the collections and will tell this chapter of our division's illustrious history well. However, some veterans of the Korean War might recognize some of this hardware. I hope to have some pictures for the next issue.

Second, we continue to receive donations from our veterans and the collection is growing. I would like to acknowledge the following recent donors: Frank T. DeAngelo, Pete Buongiorno, Charles Meier and Russ Hatch. Without your interest in preserving our Division's rich history and culture, our mission would be impossible.

One other thing for everyone to remember is that Fort Stewart Museum's collection is part of a National US Army museum col-

lection. When the National Army Museum comes on line, many of our artifacts will be displayed there as well. Also, when we accept an artifact, we take on a great financial responsibility for the care and preservation of each object. This is so, many future generations will be able to see these objects and remember the great feats of the soldiers that wore the Marne patch.

Last, I will close with a solicitation to the membership. We are looking for a "Battle Patrol" patch to add to the collection. We have none and cannot tell this story unless we can locate one or more specimens. Please let us hear from you. As always, keep the "Marne" soldiers in your thoughts and prayers.

Jeff Reed
Fort Stewart Museum

Ready for War

Retired General Frederick Kroesen, (a former Rutgers ROTC classmate), authored a recent article in the Army Times and quoted in the Winter 2002 Cottonbaler. It included the following paragraph:

"The American soldier is second to none in his ability to cope with the demands of any crisis. But have we taught them that war is a dirty, ruthless endeavor that requires each individual who finds himself in the combat zone be prepared to take lives, establish control and accomplish the mission even at the cost of his own life? We hope that his first thoughts when he meets the enemy will not be of "consideration of others," tolerance and diversity training, but rather the hair bristling of the hunter spotting his quarry. We hope he realizes that his enemy's intent is his destruction, that the enemy's indoctrination and training are designed to produce a fanatical determination to destroy him."

It's a message I had heard 58 years before, but in much more earthy tones. It was my first night on the Anzio Beachhead in Italy in February 1944. I was one of a group of 21 Infantry 2nd Lieutenants reporting for duty with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. We were

given our company assignments by the adjutant, Captain Richard Young, and were then addressed briefly by the Regimental Commander, Colonel Harry B. Sherman. We were in a small barn attached to an Italian farmhouse. The windows were blacked out with army blankets and the barn was dimly lit by the light of a hissing Coleman gasoline lantern, which cast ominous shadows on the floor and walls. The Colonel said, "You're going up as replacements to the best damn Regiment in the United States Army. You'll be expected to live up to the traditions of that Regiment and that Division. You're going to suffer. You came here to suffer. You're going to suffer in everything the Boche can throw at you and you're going to take it like men. Listen to what the men up there tell you about how to kill Germans. You're new but as far as we're concerned, you're every bit as good a man, each one of you, as the best men in this Division - until or unless you show us otherwise."

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

Russ Cloer; WWII Cpt.,
7th Infantry, 3rd Division

Distinguished Award for "Dutch" Schultz

Reprinted from Jim and Donna Hugh's 9th Field Artillery Battalion Newsletter.

Our "Anzio Invader", ILPA member from St. Joseph, MO, Alfred W. "Dutch" Schultz, "has done went and done it again". At this year's annual reunion of American Army Aviation Association, (AAAA), members that was held at Fort Rucker, AL in October, Dutch was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award by the Department of the Army.

The citation read:

For exceptionally meritorious service while performing as an Ambassador for the United States Army Aviation Branch of Service for over 61 years. Your contributions to the United States in both Combat Service during World War II and the years since, have truly marked you as one of the select members of our Nation who have enabled our Country to maintain its position of Honor. Your Lifelong support of our Army Aviation Branch and Heritage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Nation, the Army, and the Aviation Branch.

19 October, 2001

/s/ John M. Curran,
Maj. Gen, USA, Commanding

Editor's note: Members will remember "Dutch" is the author of "Janey" A Little Plane in a Big War. Imagine the lives saved as Dutch directed 9th Artillery Batteries from the air from north Africa through the end of the War at Berchtesgaten. Dutch, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. Jim

Decals Available

Carl Topie again wants all of the members of our Society to know how much he appreciates the many requests he has received for the new window decal and for their donations to the Society. Just send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Carl. If you wish to donate please make checks payable to The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Carl Q. Topie
Public Relations Chairman
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News From The Outposts

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John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Adds to Monument

The Outpost had dedicated a monument to the deceased veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL, on Veterans Day 2001, which was only part of the total project planned for that area by the OP.

On Monday 15 April 2002, the project was completed with the addition of cemetery approved benches being installed on both sides of the monument. Each bench has a small plaque on it indicating that they were dedicated to all deceased veterans of the Third Infantry Division and were donated by Outpost #2. The entire plot is located at the corner of the intersection of two walking paths giving us the advantage of being in a strategic spot where many visitors to the cemetery will see the "Rock Of The Marne" monument.

*Jim Tiezzi,
President*

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Fort George Wright

Spokane, WA

The Outpost held it's scheduled meeting April 6, 2002 at the VFW Post in Hillyard, WA. There were 14 members in attendance over a nice lunch prepared by the ladies of the VFW Post.

Election of Officers was held and other business was conducted. Of course, we had a good visit all a round. The results of Election of Officers, OP 4 The following were elected, at a scheduled OP meeting April 6, 2002:

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* Note! Corrected phone number.

If all goes as planned, OP 4 with assistance of OP 63, will

have placed a wreath at the Third Infantry Division Memorial at Tahoma National Cemetery, for Memorial Day.

I thank the members of O.P. 4 for the support you have provided me as your President. I am sure you will do the same for President John Wiess.

Rock of the Marne

*Dale L. McGraw,
Past President*

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Tommy Thompson

Minneapolis, MNL

The O.P. #12 Spring Social was held at the Amercinn Inn, Kasson, MN on Sunday and Monday May 5 and 6. There were 21 members and guests present. The banquet was held at "Diggers". Excellent meal at a very reasonable price! To all those who didn't attend you missed a very enjoyable afternoon and evening with an open bar and much story telling, some of it probably true!

The annual potluck Summer Picnic will be held starting at noon, on Saturday, August 3rd at Moore Lake Park, Shelter #4, in Fridley, MN. If you have never attended, you should. We usually get our biggest turnout of the year at the picnic.

Call Jerry Manley, Ph:1-763-571-6963 for further details.

Rock of the Marne!

*Jerry Manley,
Sec./Treas. OP 12, Central Region V/P*

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Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

I'm happy to report that in O.P. 15, out of 116 Members, we have 80 members paid up with their dues. We have 17 Life Members.

To the members who have not sent in your dues, please do so. Let's make our OP 15 100% paid. Thanks to all of you for being so prompt.

I will be going on another trip with the bus in June, July and August. We will be going to the Wine Country in California and San Francisco as well as a trip to Sun Valley, Idaho. Following a trip to Key West, FL, it is over the northern Cascades to Washington State.

See you in Buffalo,

*Carl R. Duncan
Sec./Treas. OP 15, Western Region VP*

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

35**Audie L. Murphy**

Plano, TX

The Audie Murphy Outpost, #35, of Texas, will hold its November dinner and business meeting over Veterans' Day weekend in Fredericksburg, Texas. The dinner meeting is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, 11/09/02. Invitations, containing details of the meeting, will be mailed to all Outpost members on or about 10/18/02. Fredericksburg is the home of the Admiral Chester A. Nimitz Museum and has many sites of interest.

We invite anyone who wore the Blue and White Patch, on either the right or left shoulder, to join us in Fredericksburg. Contact information is in *The Watch* under "Outpost Register, Outpost #35."

I made a bad-bad mistake when I sent the pictures of the meeting of Outpost 35, which was held in Fort Worth on 2/16/02. You published our material in the April Watch and for this I thank you.

On page 8, is a photo of Bill and Dot Harper. Apparently, I identified them as Bill and Dot Martin because the photo was so captioned in *The Watch*. I am very embarrassed and have called Bill and apologized. Bill said it was no problem and could be corrected in the next Watch. Would you please do this correction and make our members aware that it was my mistake and not the editor's of *The Watch*. To compound my error, Bill is one of our Outpost founders.

Also, would you please change the city for Outpost 35 from Crockett, Texas, to Plano, Texas for future publication. Our new secretary-treasurer resides in Plano.

I am very sorry about the mistake described above and will ensure that such an error is never again made.

Thanks, in advance.

Yours in the 3rd,

Joe Ball

54**Golden Gate**

San Francisco, CA

Golden Gate Outpost 54 met on May 11 at the Bass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, CA. 36 members and guests were present. Two 3rd Infantry Division veterans and their wives joined us for the first time.

We presented plaques and checks for \$350.00 to the outstanding Jr. ROTC cadets in the San Francisco and Oakland Jr. ROTC brigades. Cadet Col. Many Ann Lieu, Commander of the San Francisco Brigade, will attend pre-law school next year. Cadet Col Brian Thompson, Commander of the Oakland Brigade, will join the Coast Guard and has been accepted into the Coast Guard Academy following his participation in their preparatory school. Both students are outstanding. and worthy recipients of the Outstanding Cadet Award in their respective brigades. The San Francisco award is given memory of the veterans of the 30th Infantry, and the Oakland award in memory of the veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division. Mary Ann was accompanied by Lt.Col. William Powell, (Ret), Director of the San Francisco Department, and Brian was introduced by Lt.

Col. Vernon Clark (Ret.), Director of the Oakland Department. Col. Clark presented a program on the Jr. ROTC program, nationally and locally. It was a very interesting presentation, and it showed us how Jr. ROTC builds better citizens and provides the participants with many skills that will help the students live a more full life.

As always, our raffle was very successful, and is one of main sources of income for our scholarship program.

Our next meeting will be held at the Brass Door Restaurant, Saturday, Nov. 9th. 2002. The speaker will be Evelyn Carter, who served as a house keeper and cook for Lt. Col. Dwight Eisenhower at Ft. Lewis, WA in 1940. Her husband, Nick, was serving in the 9FA at the time. Nick joined the 3rd. Division in 1933. This will be a very interesting program, and we will learn what Ike was like as a Lt. Col. and Chief of Staff of the 3rd. Division. Members, family, guests are welcome.

Respectively submitted

John Shirley, President

Korean Hills

The rugged battle field in Korea,
contained many hills with well known names.
Deadly fighting took place on their slopes,
but sometimes all in vain.

Jackson Heights was such a place,
where a lot of blood was spilled.
The end result was many deaths,
and the enemy controlling the hill.

Outpost Tom and Outpost Dick,
were places of much lesser fame.
Yet, there too men suffered and died,
When shells came down like rain.

Outpost Harry was a critical hill,
one to be held at all costs.
And so men went to their maker,
To insure it would not be lost.

History books on the Korean War,
will have a paragraph that tells.
About the men who defended Outpost Harry,
and how they defended it well.

Donald A. Chase
15th Infantry, 3rd Division

Report of Captain Jesse Fulmer, Fifteenth U. S. Infantry Hdqrs. First Batt. Fifteenth U. S. Infantry Camp at Murfreesborough, Tenn., January 10, 1863

Sir: I have the honor to report that, on the morning of December 31, 1862, the First Battalion the First Battalion Fifteenth U. S. Infantry, comprising eight companies, entered into action before Murfreesborough, Tenn., under the command of Major John H. King.

The number of enlisted men present and entering into action was 304; Lieutenant Ogilby, battalion adjutant, and the following company officers, to wit, Captains Fulmer, Wise, Bell, Ketelas, and York, and Lieutenants Jewett, Wikoff, Woodward, Occleston, King, Semple, Galloway, and Gray, were present and participated in the engagement. The aggregate strength of the battalion on entering into action was 319 officers and men.

This battalion with others of the brigade of regulars, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Shepherd, 18th US, advanced several hundred yards into a dense forest of cedars, about 9 o'clock on the morning of the 31st of December, to engage the enemy. The 15th, with the First Battalion of the 16th Infantry on the left, were moved a short distance from the other battalions of the brigade and formed a line of battle. Captain Keteltas' company was immediately ordered forward as skirmishers, and, as such, advanced them some 400 yards beyond our line. He had been enticed thus to advance by the action of scattering rebels in our front, who, wearing our style of uniform, feigned to be of us.

This piece of deception, however, was timely detected, and a heavy firing between the skirmishers was immediately commenced. Ours were driven back, and the enemy, in two or three lines of battle, hurriedly advanced, with a strong line of skirmishers in front. Our line of battle suffered somewhat by mistaking a body of rebels dressed in our uniform for our troops. When commanded to open upon the enemy, the battalion poured in a heavy fire upon them, but were soon compelled to give way to the vastly superior numbers of the enemy. We fired retreating, until we reached the rear of the position just that moment taken by the 6th Regiment Ohio Volunteers. Here we halted to reform our line, but, while so doing, the overwhelming numbers of the rebels, and, the fierce onslaught they made on the 6th Ohio, forced those gallant volunteers to fall back also; whereupon we moved out of the woods, returning the enemy's fire, and, under cover of Guenther's battery, succeeded in taking favorable position and reforming our line. It was in this engagement that Captain Bell was killed, Captain York wounded, and I fear, mortally, and Lieutenant Occleston severely wounded. The battalion reformed, advanced, and again took position in the woods, as also the others of the brigade. This was done promptly, and with a zeal highly creditable to the men who had only a few moments before been under a most galling and terrible fire. Very soon we were again engaged with the enemy, and, after a spirited engagement for a while, were ordered to fall back. Then it was that Major King was wounded, and the command of the battalion devolved upon me. I continued the movement, firing upon the enemy, and moved up to the support of Guenther's battery. In this affair Captain Wise fell, mortally wounded, and has since died.

For the remainder of that day we acted in support of Guenther's battery, and remained on the front of our lines that night until nearly daybreak, when we moved to the rear. Later in the morning we moved forward again, first supporting the center, then the right.

Friday morning we again moved to the front, supporting Guenther's battery, and remained there until the battle of that day ended.

Advancing a short distance on Saturday morning, we threw up intrenchments in face of the fire of the enemy's skirmishers and sharpshooters. These we occupied Saturday night, supporting Guenther's battery during the brilliant and successful attack made upon the enemy's lines that night.

In addition to the casualties already named, the battalion had 84 enlisted men killed and wounded, 10 of whom are positively known to have been killed outright, 2 captured, and 15 missing, who have, doubtless, either been killed, wounded, or captured. The aggregate casualties to officers and men 106.

The conduct of the officers and of the men engaged merits commendation, and the battalion, in all of the advances movements into the cedars, and in the several actions engaged, did well in aiding to check and drive back the largely superior numbers of the enemy confronted by the brigade of regulars.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Jesse Fulmer,
Captain Fifteenth U. S. Infantry, Commanding First
Battalion.

Poem for Sgt Clyde Delton Blount 19th Inf Rgt, KIA

Two Pictures on the Mantle

In Goodness He Lived, In Love He Died.
His Life Was Craved, But God Denied.
Rest In Peace My Son, For Soon We Will Be Coming Home.

Two Darling Pictures On The Mantle,
We Took Of Him As A Child.
They Stand There As Two Lonely Darlings ,
Adding Tears To Our Smiles.

He Would Have Been Home By Springtime,
But God Called Him Home To The Fold.
Two Darling Pictures On The Mantle,
Worth More Than A World Full Of Gold.

Two Darling Pictures On The Mantle,
Each Line On His Face Has A Story To Tell.
Of A Boy Who Gave His Life For His Family,
And His Country As Well.

His Darling Face Is Dear To Remember,
A Treasure To Behold.

Two Darling Pictures On The Mantle,
Worth More Than A World Full Of Gold.

Sergeant Clyde Delton Blount, our beloved son, was killed in action June 2, 1951 in North Korea at the age of nineteen.

Poem written by his mother, Elva Etta Blount.

New Handbook Updates Veterans Benefits

April 24, 2002

Courtesy, Martin Markley

WASHINGTON — A new edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs' popular handbook Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans.

The handbook is one of the U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) top selling consumer publications

Most of the nation's 25 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health-care program enrollment to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, the 2002 edition of the 100-page booklet provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies. Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, comprising a listing of various toll-free phone numbers, World Wide Web locations and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The handbook can be downloaded free from VA's Web site at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/>.

The handbook is one of the U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) top selling consumer publications. GPO accepts credit card orders for the publication at 866-512-1800 (toll-free) for a cost of \$5 each to U.S. addresses, \$6.25 for international customers. It can be ordered by mail from the Government Printing Office at Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (stock #051-000-00225-3)

In addition to health-care and burial benefits, veterans may be eligible for programs providing home loan guaran-

tees, educational assistance, training and vocational rehabilitation, income assistance pensions, life insurance and compensation for service-connected illnesses or disabilities. In some cases, survivors of veterans who received benefits may also be entitled to continuing benefits.

The handbook describes programs for veterans with specific service experiences, such as prisoners of war or those concerned about environmental exposures in Vietnam or in the Gulf

War, as well as special benefits for veterans with severe disabilities.

Otis Willie

Associate Librarian

The American War Library

<http://www.americanwarlibrary.com>

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

Recomendation for the Silver Star

Luxembourg Army Corporal Raymond Beringer, serial number L/310903, distinguished himself by selfless, heroic action while serving as chief of a heavy machine gun team, heavy weapons company, Belgian (B.U.N.C.) Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. The Belgian Battalion was deployed in defensive positions along the "White Horse Mountain Line" east of the village of Chatkol as the 3rd Infantry Division's far right element adjacent to the Republic of Korea's 9th Infantry Division. During the night of 7-8 April 1953, Chinese Communist forces launched a bitter assault to penetrate the United Nations' lines. Initial enemy successes swept back the forward positioned outposts and threatened to break through the battalion's right flank. On his own initiative and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Beringer single-handedly relocated his heavy, water-cooled, .30 caliber machine gun from the protected confines of his bunker to an exposed position on top of it so as to have a better field of fire. Despite heavy mortar and artillery shelling, which was pinning down his fellow comrades, Corporal Beringer delivered accurate and crippling fire for several hours into the waves of assaulting Chinese troops, estimated to be of regimental strength. His determination and coolness under

fire blunted the enemy attack and was crucial to the successful defense of the battalion's exposed flank. Following the engagement upwards of twenty dead and wounded enemy were found within 200 meters of his bunker.

At the time of this action Cpl Beringer was an extended volunteer, his mandatory tour of duty having expired three months earlier, when the Luxembourg contingent returned home. In recognition of his heroic feat, he was cited in the official Belgian dispatch of 22 April 1953 by his battalion commander, and promoted to the rank of sergeant. His company commander advised him that he was being recommended for a valor decoration, and gave him the choice of an Belgian or American award. He chose the latter, but apparently the paperwork never reached US channels. The only US awards Cpl Beringer ever received were the Korean Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. He served in Korea a total of 24 months, from 27 February 1952 to 25 February 1954. In August 1992, upon confirmation that no official records existed in US Army files concerning his recommendation for the Silver Star, he was presented a "certificate" signed by Secretary of the Army Stone commending his combat service in the Korean War.

*Forwarded by Martin Markley
from our Belgian brothers*



Letters to the Editor

Dear veterans:

Hope you are well. Our association doesn't forget your sacrifice for peace and freedom in EUROPE and especially in FRANCE.

Sorry for not writing so late, I was not well (problems with my health, my job, my family..my car..) now its better. Hope to see you in BUFFALO, in September, I will probably go with 2 members of our group. We want to be with you. Best wishes

Mitchy
Secretary of Rock of the Marne Association, France.

Dear Leo C Jackey,

I read your letter in the last issue of the "Watch" telling a little of your experience in Korea with B Co. 7th Reg. 1950/51.

Your squad leader, Sgt. Louis Raymond, was a personal friend of mine going back to Ft. Devens, where we served a short tour in the MP's together about 1949, and later met again in Little Creek VA, Vieques, (Portrex), and San Juan Puerto Rico and Korea.

While in Korea, I was the first person from my Heavy Mortar Company, 7th Reg., to go on RR to Japan. Raymond asked me if while there, I would try to find a "Parker 21" writing pen and purchase it for him. I did find one and after a time had a chance to locate your company and deliver it to him.

I was directed up a steep high hill, and after climbing for some time ran into some men from your company. I asked if they knew where Sgt. Raymond was, and they told me he was dead. I was told the previous day he and an enemy soldier had shot each other point blank at close range, each killing the other.

He was a good man, soldier and friend. (Left a wife and two young daughters.) It was sad for me to lose yet another good friend. I still have the pen I bought for him, which I planned to deliver to his Wife one day (but never did).

I have some old photo's of him here someplace. If you like I will find them and make a copy and get them to you.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Tennant
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"The Watch" received a nice note and donation from Andrew Sanchez, 903 Willow Court, Tehachapi, CA 93561.

Thank you Andrew. It is folks like you who keep the weary bones going.

Editor: Jim Drury

Dear Jim,

After much soul searching, I'm compelled to let the world know that everyone doesn't agree with the outcome of last year's Reunion in AZ. It irks me, big time, to have been beaten out of \$182.00 by

an organization after President Bush had mandated no one would profit from the tragedy, that kept many of us from attending. Instead of praising this hotel conglomerate for the great job that they supposedly did, I think they should be remembered by us and all veteran organizations for taking advantage of us.

Yours, with much enjoyment of your editorial style and ability. Keep up the good work.

"Can Do."

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PS Jim: It was great talking with you on Thursday. It brought back many memories and I really enjoyed reminiscing with you. I'm looking forward to meeting you one day; perhaps in Buffalo.

Follow up to Post #1142 on the Search Page...

Dear Mr. Heller,

I just wanted to follow up with you as to a message posted on May 1st by Mr. Arthur Abrahamson (request 1142). I got in touch with Mr. Abrahamson and found out that he and my grandfather (Lt. Edgar Danby) both reported at the same time to the 756th Tank Battalion as replacement officers. Mr. Abrahamson remembered my grandfather quite well because they sat next to each other on a flight from Naples to Saint-Tropez and had a long pleasant conversation to pass the time. A few days later, my grandfather was KIA—which Mr. Abrahamson recalled was a sad shock.

For the record, my grandfather was not awarded the DSC. This honor was given to Captain James Coles of Company L / 15th Infantry Regiment at the same battle. My grandfather's tanks were supporting Captain Coles.

I just wanted to pass along this message as another example of the great service this website provides for people like me. Two years ago, I began my research into my grandfather's service and sacrifice with the Third Infantry Division. That journey began with a simple post here that brought a quick response from another researcher who put me in touch with my grandfather's Captain. That led to the discovery of many more leads, many more stories, and many more pieces to the puzzle. Now, two years later, that same simple post continues to bring me such pleasant surprises—like the recollections of Mr. Abrahamson.

It is difficult to imagine how I would learn such things without this website, and without such a great organization as the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Sincerely,

Jeff Danby <rheller@warfoto.com>

(Grandson of 1st Lt. Edgar R. Danby of the 756th Tank Battalion, Company B. KIA August 27th, 1944 near Montelimar, France.)

I was assigned as Sergeant Major of the 3rd Inf. Division Artillery from Jan – July 1956. I returned to Division Artillery as Sgt. Maj. In July 1957, gyro-scoped with the unit to Germany in January 1958 and remained with Div. Arty. until my rotation back to Fort Bragg in March 1961. I served with many fine officers and s in the Division. I was Sgt. Major under Brig Gen. Robert Booth, Brig William Harris, Brig. Gen. David Lewis & Brig. F. T. Unger. During the periods, I was with Division Artillery – we had Hdq. Btry Division Artillery, 1st Btn. 9th Artillery, 1st Btn 10th Artillery, 18th Arty., 39th Arty., 41st Arty. & 76th Arty.

The Division Hq. Was in Wurzburg. Division Artillery Hq. & the 9th Arty. Were in Kitzingen. 10th & 39th Arty. Schweinfurt, 18th in (Aschefenburg?) and the 76th was stationed in Bamberg.

I know the Division is now stationed at Fort Stewart, GA. I do not know which Brigades and other units now make up the Division. I hope to get down for a visit soon.

There are many old friends from the 3rd Division that I have lost contact with and I hope to hear from them.

Editor's note: CSM Humphrey has requested and received an Application for Society Membership and a copy of "The Watch on the Rhine".

Hal F. Humphrey CSM USA (Ret)
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Fresh Lieutenant

I was in the hosp. in Africa recovering from an injury. A 2nd lieutenant who was fresh from the states asked me if I had been in combat and when I replied yes, he asked me how it was. My reply was that I hated to see all those young 18, & 19 year old kids getting hurt or killed. He replied he was 20 and was not a kid. By that time I was a thousand year old 20 year old. I always thought it was kind of funny.

I spent from July 1944 to my discharge in Nov. 1944, because of injuries. Was in the invasion of Africa, Sicily, Italy and Anzio. Anzio sent me to the Hospital in Naples from February until last of June when I was sent back to the states. It took us 30 days from Anzio to Norfolk Virginia. Our ship was having trouble and could only pull 8 knots an hour, so the convoy left us. It's a mighty big ocean alone in war time.

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My name is Tiffany Hartsell, and I am a researcher at LMNO Cable Group in Los Angeles. I am currently working on a television program for the Travel Channel entitled "Secrets of Arlington National Cemetery." The program will profile the history, traditions, icons and people of Arlington, and go deeper into the stories and legends behind them. The goal is to provide an enlightening and engaging look at this national treasure, providing insights that the average person might not have previously known, which will hopefully inspire them to learn even more

about our shared national history.

To illustrate the Arlington's role as a resting place for heroes, we will be profiling a select group of veterans who have distinguished themselves in one way or another in combat. Of course, no show about war heroes would be complete without a segment on Audie Murphy. Right now, we are gathering our research and seeking potential interviewees who could speak about him and his service to our nation. I was hoping that your organization might be able to help us track down some authorities on the subject, and perhaps put us in contact with any of your membership who might have served with Audie Murphy, so that we might more fully capture his legend.

By way of background, LMNO Cable Group has been creating award-winning television for more than 10 years with shows ranging from Bill Cosby's Kids Say The Darndest Things to Intimate Portraits to Behind Closed Doors with Joan Lunden on A & E. Our partner, Travel Channel, is the only television network devoted exclusively to visiting the world's most popular destinations. In conjunction with the Travel Channel, we have produced the Structures of Glory programs, which have profiled the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial, among numerous others. The network is available in more than 50 million homes and is a service of Discovery Communications Inc., which owns and operates Discovery Channel, TLC and Animal Planet.

I look forward to connecting with you in the near future to discuss this project further. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any information or questions you may have. Thank you for your time and thought.

Kind regards,

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Korean War Veterans National Reunion.

The 8th Korean War Veterans National Reunion is being held: 10-13 November. 2002 at The Ramada Express Hotel, 2121 South Casino Dr., Laughlin, NV 89028. This National Veterans Day Reunion is also being held in Seoul, Korea.

Thousands of combat photo's and individual photo's will be on display. 12,958 addresses phone numbers and unit served in, will also be on display. Dinner/dance being held 12th November with awards, entertainment, 50's and 60's music. Memorial services being held 13th November. Tours are arranged. Over 10,000 Registration forms being mailed.

If additional Registration forms desired call 1-800-523-4715 leave name, address, phone # and unit served in. Will mail registration forms, plus anyone listed from the same unit as yours.

Thank you,
Richard R Gallmeyer
Founder, Chairman of the Board
Korean War Veterans Reunion, Inc.
3rd Div, 58th Fa Bn Hq-Btry-Radio

Hard work pays off

Herrera named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year at Ft Stewart

■ Spc. Christopher A. Posey, 123rd Signal Battalion, was awarded the title of Soldier of the Quarter for 2002. Sgt. Cort B. Anderson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Engineers, received the title Soldier of the Year for 2001.

Reprinted from Frontline

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, presents Sgt. Ruben C. Herrera, 3rd Military Police Battalion, with a certificate for Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. The ceremony was held April 2. They have proven they are some of the best in the Marne fighting force, and on April 2, four soldiers' hard work and dedication was recognized at the Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter and Year Luncheon at Club Stewart.

Spc. Christopher A. Posey, 123rd Signal Battalion, was awarded the title of Soldier of the Quarter for 2002. Sgt. Cort B. Anderson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Engineers, received the title Soldier of the Year for 2001. Sgt. Jonathan K. Mallett, HHC, 2nd Brigade, won NCO of the Quarter for 2002 and Sgt. Ruben C. Herrera, 3rd Military Police Battalion, won the title of NCO of the Year for 2001.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith, garrison command sergeant major, earning the title of soldier or NCO of the year or quarter is not an easy task. In addition to going before a soldier review board, soldiers must also perform a four-mile run, weapons qualification, land navigation and meet all Fit-To-Fight standards. He said the soldiers who receive the title are truly

some of the best the Army has.

Posey said he attributes his success to the "purpose, direction and motivation" he received from his fellow soldiers and the leadership at the 123rd Sig. Bn.

"If I didn't have the support, I wouldn't have gotten as far as I have. I deeply appreciate the help of one of my soldiers, Pfc. Shane W. Mattson," Posey said.

Posey has aspirations of one day becoming a sergeant major. He said honors like Soldier of the Quarter are small steps toward his goal.

"I think it's a great start," Posey said.

1st Sgt. John J. Womble, A Company "Gators" first sergeant, said Posey lives up to the standard of excellence put forth in the unit and has the potential to be a great leader.

"He is without a doubt one of the most self-motivated soldiers I have ever run into," Womble said.

The recipient of the Soldier of the Year title was more nonchalant about his own success. He attributed his winning to simply enjoying his job and following his father's advice by putting forth 100 percent effort in all he does. "You do your job and do your best," Anderson said.

As part of winning the titles the soldiers received gifts from local merchants including gift certificates, jackets and framed plaques. The soldier and NCO of the year winners also received DVD players.

World War II Memorial Status

Construction Progressing on Schedule

Report from National Battle Monuments Commission

Construction of the National World War II Memorial is progressing on schedule for completion and dedication in the spring of 2004. Work began at the memorial site on the National Mall in late August 2001.

Now seven months into a 30-month construction schedule, the joint venture of Tompkins Builders and Grunley-Walsh Construction completed site preparation (site surveys and installation of project trailers, temporary parking and utilities, and security fencing); tree protection, relocation and removal; erosion control measures; and much of the utility relocation work planned in the construction area.

The first phase in building the foundation of the memorial – constructing a concrete cutoff (slurry) wall extending from ground level down to bedrock – began in February and will continue for several months. The slurry wall serves a dual function of providing a barrier to prevent migration of groundwater under the memorial and anchoring the outside perimeter of the foundation.

The construction site is located between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, at the eastern end of the Reflecting Pool. The Second World War will be the only 20th century event commemorated on the Mall's central axis.

The American Battle Monuments Commission expects to dedicate the memorial in the spring of 2004.

Reminder

Send new member applications, dues, address changes, requests for newsletters, and all inquiries regarding membership in the Society to: **The Society of the Third Infantry Division, PO Box 70291, Beaufort, SC 29902.**



Looking for...

Dear Sir,

My dad was **Sgt. Joseph J Valitsky**. He served 1953 with the 65th infantry Love co. He would love to hear from his buddies. He is ok but really needing to hear from those he served with. He was with the Puerto Rican regiment and also is looking for a regimental crest to replace on his uniform before his uniform is complete. I would like to buy him one but for the past year cannot locate a white Maltese cross with a black back- ground gold scroll with HONOR ET FIDELIA. Please write to my dad, he is not well. Mr. Joseph J Valitsky 1386 Farmington Ave. Berlin, CT 06037. Thank you and God Bless.

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Thank you so much for responding to my message and plea for help. The patch would be greatly appreciated and I will reimburse for any cost. I told my dad of your message and he was pleased. I have printed a copy for him to read himself. He wishes you well and would love to hear from you more. Dad was in the **65th Regt., 3rd division Love Company 1953**. Army. He participates with the vets from Korea in our area as they attend various ceremonies and parades. My kids love to go and see grandpa and if they shoot a gun oh boy they are jumping for joy. Kids are 5, 8 and 11.

Dad is a retired police officer. 33 years on the West Hartford, CT force. All the best,

Happy Easter
Patrese and Sgt. Valitsky.
spb4889@netzero.net

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“Looking for partners **C. S. C. 1st BN, 30th Regt, 3rd Division from 1978 – 1980**. Would like to hear from anyone.”

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I enjoyed your website. I am very interested in locating any infantrymen

who may have served/fought in combat with my father, Eugene B. Parsons of Candor, NC during WWII.

He was in the 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry Division and was involved with the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy. He took part in battles in Tunisia, Algiers, Lazerno, Salerno, and I think Anzio.

My father carried a BAR, which I am told means that he was a squad leader. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945. His basic training was at Fort Jackson, SC. He was also stationed at Ft. Hood, TX for some period of time, and after returning from overseas he was a drill instructor for a while at Camp Pendleton.

Any help would be most appreciated, i.e. photos, other war records, etc. Some of his permanent records were destroyed by fire according to the Dept. of the Army.

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Dear Sir,

My dad is looking for some of his army buddies. His name is **Wyck Smith**, 3rd Infantry Div. 15th Regt, 2nd Bat. Co. E. He is really interested in finding **Lindy Fedderhoff** (spelling not sure). My daddy was in Korea from Dec '51 to October '52. If you could help us we would greatly appreciate it. You can email me. I am in contact with my daddy on a regular basis.

Thank you for your attention with this matter. your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, a korean vet's daughter,
Liz Smith

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Thank you for your great publication. I have had the honor and privilege to have two family members serve with the 3rd Infantry Division in WWII.

My uncle, Sergeant **Fred Buss**, Company D, 30th Regiment 3rd Infantry Division, served as a gunner on a water-

cooled machine gun. He entered into combat at age 32 at Anzio, fought in Southern France, the Vosges Mountains and Colmar Pocket. He was wounded near Nancy France on 16 March, 1945. Received 3 Silver stars, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, French Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star. Fred passed away on 03 Dec. 1998 in Tripoli, Iowa.

My cousin, Private **Clarence A. Buss**, served as a litter bearer then Medic with the 15th Regiment 3rd Infantry Division. I do not know the Company he served with, but he entered into combat in Africa. I know Fred and Clarence were together at Anzio, and several other areas, but have no other information except that Clarence was wounded while a Medic in France, 21 October, 1944. He was shot through the jaw, but was not discharged until 1946 (medical). Clarence passed away 30 August, 1996 in Dumont, Iowa. If anyone remembers either Fred or Clarence, I would appreciate any information you could give me.

Also, I am searching for a copy of *The 15th Infantry Regiment in WWII*. If anyone has a copy they are willing to part with, please let me know. Send price and mailing address to...

Thank you,

Richard L. Buss
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OP 33 Associate member. God
bless the men of the Marne!

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From the Korean War Project. The 65th was the 1st 3ID regiment in the Korean War combat.trcorral2002@yahoo.com “F” Co. 65th Inf Regiment, 3d Infantry Division Korea 2002-04-0

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Looking for fellow vets, if still around that served with me 1950-51. I am a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. I was known as the “Mexicano”

from Texas.

Carol Anne Perry
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My Uncle, **Dalton Pulsipher**, was in the 30th Infantry Regt., 3rd Infantry Division (taken from his grave marker). We know that he served under Patton but don't know much more. He was killed September 22, 1944. I'm hoping to find out more about where he was killed in France. If anyone has any details regarding the 30th Infantry Regt., 3rd Infantry Division during that time period I would be interested in learning more about it.

Walter C. Benton 1st USA Ret.
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I served with 3rd Infantry Div. 1949-1951 with the 3rd MP Co. The Society of the 3rd Div will hold a reunion at Fort Stewart, GA in 2004. Would love to see all my buddies make that reunion that was in the company at **Sand Hill, Protrax, Japan and Korea**. Looking forward to once again being with soldiers that I served with so long ago. With all the units I have served with during my long military career, I consider the 3rd Inf. Div. to be the *best*.

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(Forwarded by Joe Ball OP 35.)

I would like to be contacted by personnel that served in **Co I, 3rd Btn., 15th Regt, 3rd Inf. Div. from April 1952 to Mar 1953**. I recall several names. The one that stands out is Tomatsu Ito - a fellow from Los Angeles. I was Company Clerk for Item Company, so the names I had to put on the Morning Reports will be very familiar to me once I am contacted. *His uncle is listed in the book, The History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II as a having died of wounds while a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment.*

If you have any information, please contact David at sbaugh1@prodigy.net

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Looking for anyone who knew my

uncle...William Paul Odom from North Carolina. Killed February 1944 at Anzio Beach

Thank you, David

(Forwarded by Martin Markley.) His uncle is listed in the 3rd Division History as having died of wounds while with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

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J.C. and all:

I found out who **Roger Smith** is in relationship to my service days. He was my 57 RR loader when in Korea with 3/15/1/Co A Light weapons Platoon (11/50-2/51 then I moved to Bat. HQ). Roger wondered what happened to me. (see my 4-7 e-mail below to J.C. for background on this)

Roger is interested to talk with anyone from Co A, either during the time he was there or after he left. After being with the 57 RR, he eventually became the 2nd Platoon Ldr (SFC). While the Platoon Ldr he was wounded by machine gun fire and sent back to the States in June 1951. He now has very bad eyesight, as well as recurring problems from his Korea wounds. If you guys would pass the word; that would be greatly appreciated. He does not have a computer, although his 'kids' near him do.

Roger is at: 601-835-1540, 687 Alderman Ln, Brookhaven, MS 39601

Roger reminded me that Cpt. Hutter was the Co A CO at the time he and I were together. Maybe some of you guys know the Cpt and/or Roger.

Thanks.

Can Do, Bill Strong.

<http://billstrong.homestead.com/page3.html>

♦♦

Original Message

Thanks for the comeback Bill...I recall you told me that before but like I told Merv recently...I have pretty good memory way back but from the 70's on my memory is not to be bragged about. I do recall that Cpt. Tucker started to assign me to a 57 RR and changed his mind to the 60 Mortars, but not before offering the flame thrower but I sure didn't want any part of those damned things. I have always been grateful for not drawing that 57RR, as it was a most dangerous

weapon to be a part of. The mortar could be operated from behind cover but the 57RR was always direct fire and required firing and immediate movement or Charley would cook your goose in a hurry.

Well Bill here's wishing you and yours all the best and don't take any wooden nickles!

Later,

J.C. Poe

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J.C. Yes, we have communicated via e-mail over the last 6 months. Thank you for your compliments about my Web site and signing the book.

When I was informed around the early/middle of Sept '51 that I was going home for discharge, I did not assign myself to any more Patrols nor Outposts. At that time I was the 1st HQ, I&R Non-com Sect Ldr. My period with Company A was from around early Oct '50 til around Feb/Mar 1951 (a couple months after we evacuated through Hungnam/Hamhung around late Dec '50, if my memory serves me at all).

After I was peppered with light weapons fire (one went through my jacket), I decided that it was safer being in front of the lines than firing that 57 RR. To be quite honest, I do not remember any of my Co A Buddies while in Korea. I am not sure why not, but I don't. I had a Roger Smith contact me by US Mail about 7 yrs ago and indicated he believed he knew me (I am not sure at Ft Benning or Korea). I responded and never heard from him again. I do not even remember who was my Platoon Ldr. at either location. I am not even sure if I was with the 30th or 15th at Ft Benning. I am sure about my outfits in Korea and some of my encounters though.

As far as Sgt Yoda, no, I do not remember him. He may have joined Co A after my move to Btn. Intel and Recon around Feb/Mar '51. I do remember some of the Buddies names at Ft Benning (you saw their pic) and a couple of the names in my I&R Section (also pics on my Website).

The name of my Co A 1st Sgt in one of the pics also escapes my memory as well as the company clerk that the pic is on the Website. You may use any of the

pics if your choosing, but I do not have any story to go with them. I had about three rolls of film in my pack that was on a tank that went through a high bridge. I do not know what happened to the tank guys. We did not stick around to find out, as we were advancing. I never recovered my pack.

About all for now. Hope you have a GREAT week and year.

Bill Strong

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I am searching for information about my Grandfather **William Walter Pierce**. Serial Number 83539913. He was in Bad Wildungen/Germany at the end of the 2nd WWII. Who can help me to find him? My Grandmother was Erika Porges.

Sabine

P.S.: I have some old pictures from him

William W. Pierce is listed on page 498 of Taggart's book as a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment. If you can help, please contact Sabine.

Martin Sabine ZastawniakMannheim/Germany <Zassy1007@aol.com>

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Please contact me if you were in my M company 7th Infantry Regt., 3d Infantry Division at **Chosin reservoir**. Thank you

John W. Doughty
bellyacres@cooke.net
Gainesville, TX

✉

I am looking for information on **Sgt. Walter Henry**, 15th Regiment, 3rd Division. He was KIA on 1 February 1944. Would appreciate hearing from anyone that knew him or the circumstances of his death. Need ASN if possible for a headstone.

Thank you,

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In the April issue of *The Watch*, you printed the minutes of our OP 35, 2/16/02 meeting. I want to thank you for that. Your assistance in getting our Outpost built up has been very valuable and I

appreciate your help.

In the minutes, there was reference made to Bill Harper and the 601st Tank Destroyers. Soon after Society members began receiving *The Watch*, I received a phone call from **Ed Drabczyk** from Tonawanda, New York. Ed was badly wounded on 3/19/45, in a German rocket barrage (screaming meemies). He was hit in his legs and back and was unable to move, even though he was out in the open (not a good place to be). A G.I. on a 601st Tank Destroyer jumped down to help him. When the 2nd barrage came in, the 601st guy could very easily have gone back to his tank destroyer and been safe. He didn't do that. He pulled Ed up onto the tank destroyer, told him to hang onto the gun barrel, and took him about 100 yards back to an aid station. This G.I. from the 601st saved Ed's life. Ed wants to find the guy who saved his butt that day.

I gave Ed Bill Harper's phone number and they talked about the incident. Bill didn't remember the action but gave Ed the name of a guy near Tonawanda that might possibly be able to help. Bill also will contact some vets he knows who might be able to contribute some insight to the action on 3/19/45. Ed was a rifle jockey in L Company. I don't know what regiment.

Wouldn't it be great if, due to your efforts, and mine, Ed found the G.I. who saved his life? I know your salary is the same as mine in service to the Society. I just wanted to tell you that we don't always know how much good we do.

I look forward to shaking your hand in Buffalo.

Yours in the 3rd,

Joe Ball

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My father, **Roy H. Landis** was a PFC with the Third Division in France during World War I. His serial No. was 553 096 and he served from June 27th, 1917 to Sept. 2, 1919. I know that he served with a machine gun battalion, but don't know the particular company, regiment and battalion. Strikes me that it might have been the 7th machine gun battalion but I can't say for sure. At present I am holding his World War I service medal showing all the battle sectors you show on your WEB

site. And I also have a medal (the Croix de Guerre) that he received from the French Government for gallantry in action. Unfortunately, I don't have a copy of the original citation certificate. Would appreciate any help you can give on finding his unit # and to where I might go for further info on his Croix de Guerre specifics.

Sincerely,

Forrest E. Landis
Mandf44@aol.com

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I am looking for anyone who might have served with my grandfather Carl Edward Gaddis. He served in the Third Infantry Division around 1944. Please, if anyone knows anything about him contact me. He died in 1969 before I was born, and I never got a chance to know him.

Thank you,

Holly Gaddis
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(Carl E. Gaddis is listed on page 516 in the History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II as a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment.)

✉

Dear Joe [Ball],

On the morning of March 19, 1945, my machinegun section mounted a 90mm. tank destroyer of the **601st TD Battalion**, and we began to move out.

After awhile, the road ran through high, heavy brush which scraped the sides of the tank. After traveling about another hundred yards or so, we heard the sound of a German machine gun ahead of us. The column stopped and we waited. Most of us took advantage of the delay to make what we now refer to as a "pit stop.

While standing around, we heard the awful noise of "screaming meemies" fill the air. I immediately hit the ground as shells exploded all around me. Although I was hit in a dozen places, one piece of shrapnel hit me along side my spine another tore away a good part of my thigh. These caused the most damage. I tried to raise myself up, but I couldn't move my legs very much. Many of us were hit. I could hear the cries of "medic!" all around me.

What happened next is why I am alive and able to write this.

One of the men climbed out of the tank and came over to me. He tried to help me up, but I became faint, and he set me back down. Suddenly a second barrage came screaming in. Without hesitation he laid on top of me and shielded me. Luckily neither of us was even touched. Stretcher bearers were unable to get through the thick brush.

Suddenly I felt myself being lifted, and laid on the sandbags on the front of the tank. He wrapped my arms around the barrel of the gun, and the tank backed out. Because my leg was flopping around, he walked along side the tank, holding it still. As we approached the clearing, the "screaming" began again. I yelled for him to take off, and he ran off after his tank that was leaving. I never got the chance to thank him, because I never saw him again. Because of the amount of my blood loss, I know that without his courageous and quick action, I never would have made it out of there alive.

March 19th is also St. Joseph's Day, and as providence would have it, not only was that tanker there for me; but, as soon as we got to the clearing, a jeep bearing stretchers suddenly appeared. I was soon on my way to an aid station. My guardian angel was surely looking out for me that day. I spent the next nine months in the hospital, recuperating. The best part was being discharged five days before Christmas.

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Sgt. Co. L, 30th Infantry Regt.,
3d Infantry Division (and proud
to have served in it).

Hope to see all the Marne Men and Women in Buffalo, in September.

Editor's note: Ed would very much like to hear from the soldier who saved his life that day in March 1945.



I am looking for **Sgt Chapman of Hq Co**, the last time I saw him was at outpost Harry in July 1953. White horse, out post Harry some others, but I can't recall.

Richard O Day
HQ CO 3rd Infantry Division
15 Inf Regt

Historic Yellow Springs

Historic Yellow Springs was once a campsite for the Lenape Indians. Early Colonial settlers learned from the Indians the secret of the curative powers contained in the yellow-colored mineral springs flowing through the village. Word quickly spread to Philadelphia. Physicians, including Dr. Benjamin West, ordered their patients to "partake of the waters" and thousands did. By 1720, quality roads had been built to accommodate travelers from as far away as the West Indies. Two inns and several comfortable bathhouses were added. Yellow Springs soon became a self-sufficient village. In 1774, as the clouds of war were gathering, Dr. Samuel Kennedy purchased the springs.

Knowing that Washington had been petitioning the Continental Congress for a medical facility to improve the health conditions for his army, Kennedy offered to loan parts of the Yellow Springs property to Congress to construct this hospital. Typhus, dysentery and typhoid epidemics had quickly overcrowded the outlying general hospitals that had been used to treat the ill and wounded soldier. With the outbreak of small pox within his troops in 1777, Washington demanded that Congress immediately begin construction of a "commodious building" to serve as the Yellow Springs Medical Department Headquarters and as the principal hospital for the Valley Forge encampment.

From early 1777 until its closing in 1781, the hospital in Yellow Springs cared for 1300 American soldiers. Only 1/6th of those soldiers died within the walls of Washington Hall, a credit to the medical staff that insisted on a neat facility and clean medical tools. Unfortunately, Dr. Kennedy contracted

typhus while caring for the ill, and died in his hospital in June of 1777. Dr. Bodo Otto, a leader in the small pox vaccination program, became director of Washington Hall and remained its head until it closed.

Washington returned to Yellow Springs several times and boosted morale enormously when he stopped to greet each one of his ill soldiers. Following the Battle of Brandywine and the Battle of the Clouds in Malvern, the British began advancing on Washington's right flank. He was forced to retreat into the village. He spent two days here while planning his march to the Warwick Furnace to replenish cannon and ammunition. In letters sent from the Yellow Springs Inn he ordered his officers to ensure that not one bit of ammunition be used by his soldiers. "Not one gun is to be fired," Washington wrote from the village, "...as not only their own safety, but the salvation of their country may depend thereon."

In later years, the hospital served as a hotel, a Civil War orphanage and part of a movie studio until it burned in 1962. It remains today as a ruin and a witness to the brave Continental soldiers who suffered and served here. An effort is underway to restore the once fashionable community to its rightful position as an historic landmark and memorial. Thousands visit Yellow Springs each year during cultural events and in guided group tours of the beautiful 162-acre property. Historic Yellow Springs extends an invitation to all who visit during this 225th anniversary year, to stop for a moment and pay homage to the spirits who stand silent guard around the hospital site.

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