

92nd Anniversary

NINETIETH DIVISION ASSOCIATION



ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS
JAMES R. REID, SR., EXECUTIVE SEC'Y. / TREASURER
RHODA S. REID, NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY / TREASURER
17 LAKE SHORE DRIVE - WILLOWBROOK, IL 60527-2221
PHONE: 630-789-0204 FAX: 630-789-0499

2010-2011 President - J. Tom Ingram

At right: J. Tom Ingram
Opelika, AL

SPRING 2011



Official web site:

www.90thdivisionassociation.org

2010-2011 Officers

Arthur C. Meier, II
1st Vice President
Huntsville, AL
BG [R] James Spivey
2nd Vice President
Fort Worth, TX
BG [R] Raymond Bell
Secretary
Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY
MG [R] J. Ron Sholar
Assistant Secretary
Stillwater, OK
Tyler Alberts
Historian
Fort Worth, TX
Norm Richards
Assistant Historian
Saint Charles, MO
Col. James Beesley
Assistant Historian
Houston, TX
Henri Levaufre
French Historian
Periers, France
Christian Levaufre
Ass't. French Historian
Mazerolles, France
Rev. Tom Ridlehuber
Chaplain
Burkburnett, TX
BG [Ret] Rev. James Spivey
Chaplain
Fort Worth, TX
Chris Guska
Webmaster
Dublin, OH
Alan D. Twisselman
90th Photographer
Northfield, MI
MG [R] David Bockel
Immediate Past President
Fairfax, VA

It's Almost Time for our 93rd Annual Reunion!

President J. Tom Ingram: Greetings, Tough 'Ombres, families and friends! The time has flown by, and before you know it, August will be here, which means it's time for our 93rd Annual Reunion. After a long winter, bad weather in the spring, and the impatient wait for summer, the Reunion is "just around the corner". Have you made your hotel reservations yet? Remember, if you are planning to attend, the special room rate for 90th members is guaranteed only through July 14. So if you are delaying because you are not sure yet whether or not you will be able to attend, go ahead and make those reservations. You can always cancel them if you need to, but if you wait until after July 14, you have no guarantee you will be able to secure the special 90th Division Association rate of \$92 for 1-2 people & \$102 for 3-4 people + 14.275% tax. The registration form is enclosed in this newsletter, and it is also available on the web site. Please note on the form that if you will be attending the dinner on Thursday night, you need to select your entree choice[s]. There will not be a program that evening, but you will have the opportunity to visit and relax with other Tough 'Ombres. Because we anticipate a lower attendance this year, the reunion will be low key with plenty of time for conversations and relaxation. During the day, you may want to visit the famous "Mall of America" which is a short trolley ride from the hotel. It is a huge place with "carnival" rides and entertainment in the center of the enclosed mall. We have no formal tours or visits planned, but you are free to take advantage of places of interest in the area, which hotel personnel can assist you with. As I stated in the previous issue, if you have artifacts you would like to donate to the 90th Museum in Fort Worth, please bring them with you to the reunion. Remember to invite your children and grandchildren plus other family members. We ARE a 90th family and need the younger ones!

Please note that the hotel has a change of name: from Holiday Inn Select to Crown Plaza. Remember it is now time to pay your 2011-2012 dues. For 2010-2011, only 646 out of 2324 people paid dues, which is not enough to support a newsletter. So if you want the Association to continue to publish a newsletter, more of you need to pay your dues. Now, come one, come all, to Bloomington, MN and join us for another great time together!! I look forward to seeing you!

93rd Annual Reunion - August 4-7, 2011 - Crown Plaza Int'l. Airport Hotel - Bloomington, MN

Editor Rhoda Reid writes...

Dear 90th Members,



This newsletter is reaching you much

later than usual, and for that, I sincerely apologize. Half of it was put together in March, but then circumstances beyond my control changed my optimistic confidence in getting it finished by the end of March. When life hands you unexpected and unplanned for situations, you learn to deal with them to the best of your ability. So, dear readers, it has not been by choice that you are just now reading this edition. I will say this: As more and more of the newsletter is filled with obituaries, it can be rather depressing when that's what the majority of the newsletter is. But that's life, and we want always to honor our 90th veterans with dignity and love. We owe them our lives for what they did for us. Let us always remember that.

Now it is almost reunion time, so you need to get those registration forms completed and sent to the Reids so they reach us no later than July 29 because we leave for Bloomington August 1. There are reminders about that on pages 15 & 19. If you are coming and have any of the T/O lanyards at home, PLEASE BRING THOSE WITH YOU! The 90th funds are tight, so we are not ordering any additional ones.

That brings us to the ever present reminder that it is once again time to pay the coming year's dues. - REMEMBER? We operate on a **FISCAL**, not calendar year: July 1 - June 30. THANK YOU to many of you who have already paid your 2011-2012 dues. Your mailing label reflects that. Any dues received from this newsletter will be applied to 2011-2012. SADLY, you will note on the Dues Payment form that only **646** out of **2324** paid dues for 2010-2011. That is deplorable - really! Once again, we remind you that if the members do not pay dues, there is no way the association can afford to keep publishing a newsletter. As it is, I am limited to a maximum of 24 pages, but if dues do not come in, the size of the newsletter will either go down, or it will not be printed. **THE BALL IS IN YOUR COURT! PAY YOUR DUES!**

This will be the first time the newsletter will be printed on the web. **HOWEVER**, all **addresses, phone #s, and emails** will be blocked out to protect your privacy since the web is more public. You can also find the Reunion Registration Form [2 pages] and dues payment form on the website in case you lose the enclosed copies. **Chris Guska** is doing a great job of up-dating the web site, and he plans to be at the reunion so you will get to meet him in person if you attend. We are not anticipating a large turn-out this year, so the weekend will be pretty low key. Our 312th Army Band will once again be with us, and we will still have karaoke on Sat. night, so plan on that. The Army band has been asked to play 40s music on Friday night with opportunity to dance, so bring your dancing shoes! During the day, many of you may want to visit the "Mall of America" which is a short trolley ride from the hotel.

Thank you for your patience with me. It's been a challenging few months, but I am grateful to my Heavenly Father for many blessings.



Our 90th Chaplains,
BG [Ret] Jim Spivey
& W. Tom
Ridlehuber



[Rhoda Reid, Editor: This edition's contribution is a poem written by a high school classmate of mine who suffers from *Stiffman's Syndrome* and is confined to a "wheel chair bed". She has an amazing spirit and gifted ministry that is truly inspiring. She has advanced degrees, is a talented writer, and very creative. She uses her gifts and talents to glorify God and help people in need - many of them helpless and suffering from physical and mental disabilities. He is blessing her ministry enormously.]

JESUS' LAST TEAR

by J. Neno Winters Atkinson

You went away last night,
They said your eyes were filled with fright.
Did you remember the last time we talked
About my friend Jesus and the road that He walked
To pay the debt for your sins and mine
And for whosoever throughout all of time

You said you wanted no part of that life
Religion's what caused all this world's strife
Besides you had done far more good than bad
So if there's a God, He couldn't be mad.

Did you have time before you died
Did you repent from all your pride?
Did you find Heaven's gate was open wide
And are you rejoicing now, inside?

Or did you refuse His gift clear to the end
Trusting your good works to get you in
Only to find your refusal of Him
Was, as He said, the ultimate sin?

I had a vision the other night
Jesus returned in garments so bright
And the last soul had entered that city of light.
But when the gate shut in that beautiful place
I saw a tear on Jesus' dear face
His heart burst open back there on the cross,
And He still has compassion for all the lost.

Isaiah 53:6 - NIV - "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." - [Recommended reading: Isaiah 52:13-Isaiah 53]



CALL OF TAPS

Talbott, Lt. Gen Orwin C. - 4/27/11 - **90th** - Diede, Robert R., HQ/Finance - 12/22/10 - Taylor, Jr., Tom G., Arty - 08/30/09 - Walker, Herbert L., RECON - 3/19/11 - **315th Eng.** - Larson, Dewey, A CO - 01/22/11 - **343rd** - Schlat, Eugene - 11/21/10 - **344th & 915th/FA Bn** - Rizzo, Capt. Victor P. - 03/11 - **357th** - Cohen, Leonard, E CO - Gibbs, Solomon, D CO - 12/01/10 - Hamblin, William L., POW, I CO - 10/26/10 - Hunt, Leslie R. "Russ", CO E & G - 03/2010 - Lanfranki, John, M.D., L CO - 11/23/10 - Lessel, James C., D CO - 12/02/09 - **358th** - Adams, Adam W., I CO - 06/12/98 - Damiani, Anthony J. "Dusty", A CO - 01/26/11 - DeLuca, Angelo, A CO - 12/28/10 - Ginop, Edward M., F CO - 02/17/11 - Good, Frederick W., F CO - 11/12/10 - Hunstiger, Eugene A., K CO - 08/20/10 - Kroeger, John, C CO - 12/07/10 - Nash, Robert, I & SV CO - Rossick, John, K CO - 4/7/11 - Shostrom, Earl, I CO - 01/10/11 - Silbert, William C. [Bill]. A CO - 4/18/11 - **359th** - Lynch, John P., HQ CO 1Bn - 2005 - Martin, J.W., SV CO - 09/03/10 - **607th TD Bn** - Lucas, Alton E. - 05/06/09 - **915th** - Felice, Rudy - 02/10/11 - Fred, Cpl. Loren E., B Btry - 11/11/10 - Schmidt, Ralph L.W., A Btry - 05/01/09 - **Unit not Listed** - Cerauolo, Jr., Angelo - 08/2008 - Wojcik, Adam J. - Wood, Harold M. - 11/05/09 -

Reminder!

Address Change and / or Death Notice

- * If you are **NOT** receiving all the 90th Division Newsletters
- * If you **ARE** receiving the 90th Division Newsletters and do **NOT** want to receive them
- * If 90th Division Newsletters keep coming to a **DECEASED** person

It means the Association has **NOT BEEN NOTIFIED** of the proper changes! It not only upsets you, it also costs the Association \$\$\$ to have newsletters returned - or sent to people no longer living.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE REIDS OF ANY AND ALL CHANGES!

NEW MEMBER!

Horton, Glen R. - 357? -

"Dear People, I am writing about how to get on your mailing list for the 90th News letter. I was in World War II. I landed on Utah Beach, and was in until the end of the war. I did attend reunions for a long time, until they were so far away that I couldn't drive there anymore. I got this information from Liz Chaffee. Let me know how much it will cost. Glen Horton" [Ed.: Does anyone remember Ed Horton who can tell us for sure which unit he was in?? I just took a guess since that is the unit Liz Chaffee's late husband was in.] Welcome, Ed!!



All 90th Deceased Veterans - by Nancy Sebring, daughter of the late Harry Rasmusson; Duce Piaia; A. Denton Matteson; Charles Schnurr
 Arena, Joe, 358/I - by fox hole buddy, the late Anthony Damiani
 Berky, Dr. John J., 915/FA Bn, HQ/Btry - by the late Loren E. Fred
 Byers, Kenneth W., 90th Signal - by widow, Eleanor L. Byers
 Davis, Clarence, 358/M - by August P. Ciriello
 DeLuca, Angelo, 358/A 1Bn - by fox hole buddy, the late Anthony Damiani
 Good, Frederick W., 358/F - by widow, Margaret Good
 Hamblin, William L., 357/I POW - by friend, Lorriane B. Mathis
 Hoyt, Keen, 357/K 3Bn - by close friend, Jack L. Evans
 Hunt, Leslie R. "Russ", 357/E & G - by comrade, D. Carl Chumley
 Kimmel, William, 357/M - by widow, Anna Kimmel
 King, William, 358/A 1Bn - by fox hole buddy, the late Anthony Damiani
 Kress, George M., Unit ? - by daughter, Lydia Cessna
 Kroeger, John B., 358/C 1Bn - by combat buddy, Charlie A. Hollenbeck
 Mitchell, Bearl, 359/A Med Det - by granddaughter, Darleen J. Perkiins
 Pace, Glen and Berdell, 359/HQ 3Bn - by son, Terry M. Pace
 Pappas, George C., 359/G - by nephew, George S. Pappas
 Rizzo, Victor P., 344&915/FA Bn - by son, John Rizzo & Arthur I. Martin
 Schwartz, Theodore., 357/A - by son, Peter Schwartz
 Shostrom, Earl, 358/I - by his family
 Triano, Joe, 358/I 1Bn - by fox hole buddy, the late Anthony Damiani
 Whitley, John, Unit ? - by son, Rolf M. Whitley
 Williams, Harry C., 357/E - by his loving family

New Members Added to 90th Roster!

Barraco, Maxx, great-grandson, Rudy Felice, 915/FaBn

De Luca, Frank, brother, Angelo De Luca, 359/E

Felice, Ronald L., son, Rudy Felice, 915/FABn

Felice, R. Douglas, grandson, Rudy Felice, 915/FABn

Malik, Col. Peter W., 90th Sustainment Brigade

Mathis, Lorraine B., friend, William Hamblin, 357/I POW -

Palmasani, Michael, 358/B

Palmasani, Joe, son, Michael, 358/B

Pappas, George S., nephew, George C. Pappas, 359/G

Rizor, Robert L., 358/F 1st Plt., 2Bn

Rizzo, John, son, Victor P., 344 & 915/FA Bn

Sedillo, Eddie R., son, 344th B Btry

Whitfield, James C., grandson, Clyde Emmett Pearson, 357/I



Lt. Gen. Orwin C. Talbott

Official photos of General Talbott: at Fort Benning and while he was CG of the First Infantry Division in Vietnam



From : Stephen Talbott <stephen.c.talbott@gmail.com> Fri Apr 29 2011 3:37:49 PM - Steve Talbott -

Lt. Gen. Orwin C. Talbott, 92, Washington, D.C., a former infantry and battalion commander in the 359th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division, died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center April 26 following a heart attack.

Talbott was Commanding General of the U. S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, GA [1969-1973] in 1969 when it became his decision as base commander whether to try Lt. William Calley for murder in the notorious My Lai massacre incident. Talbott decided to try Calley, and the subsequent court martial received worldwide attention. He later served as CG of the U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA. Talbott became head of the Infantry School after serving as commander of the First Infantry Division in Vietnam. He took command of the division in September 1968 after the previous commander, Keith Ware, was killed when his helicopter was shot down.

Talbott had previously served as executive officer to Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer when he served as Army Chief of Staff and then chairman of the joint chiefs of staff during some of the tensest moments of the Cold War, including the Bay of Pigs invasion, the Berlin Crisis of 1961, and the first days of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Talbott commanded G Company, 359th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division, during the Normandy invasion, landing on Utah Beach on June 7, 1944, after his troop ship, the Susan B. Anthony, was sunk when it struck mines.

After he retired from the Army in 1975 as a lieutenant general, Talbott was director of the Maryland Historical Trust in Annapolis from 1975 to 1981. In 1983 he was named by Gov. Harry Hughes as chairman of the Maryland 350th Anniversary Celebration, which included a visit by the Duke and Duchess of Kent in 1984.

During the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994, Talbott gave the introduction for President Bill Clinton at June 6 ceremonies at Utah Beach.

Talbott was born in San Jose, Calif., June 18, 1918. He graduated from Los Molinos High School in northern California in 1936 and attended the University of California at Berkeley but never graduated. He is a graduate of the Army's Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Talbott's decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Soldier's Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the French Legion d'honneur, the French Croix de Guerre, and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Coughran Talbott. They were married Sept. 6, 1942. He is also survived by a daughter, Marinel Mukherjee, Freehold, NJ.; a son, Stephen Talbott, Bay Village, Ohio; a sister, Marilyn Carroll, Indianapolis, IN; and three grandchildren.

Talbott will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. - Funeral arrangements are with Joseph Gawler's Sons, Inc., 5130 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016 | 202-966-6400



From 90th friend, Bruno Ehlich

- "I would like to find out how many GIs from the 90th/357/A CO /1st bn are still around. My idea is to put in a notice and some photos from the castle of Leuchtenberg into the next newsletter. Maybe if they look at the photos and try to remember if they were there, as I was captured by them as a nine year old Hitler youth "Pmpfe" at that castle Leuchtenberg, 15Km south of Weiden near Grafenwoer. on the bridge over the Luhe where I was on an Antitank Gun facing a Sherman. The 357th took off from a place near Weiden called Micheldorf; from there they attacked Leuchtenberg. After the confrontation with the M4, I was captured and spent some time with them. I then was taken to Flossenburg Concentration Lager with them. At that time in April/May 1945, my friend Vern Schmidt was only 12 KM east at Vohenstraus. There is a small reward for the former GI, who can prove to me that he was in that Village. I thank you all. God bless America and all of you. Bruno Ehlich, Sgt. [R] Royal Australian Air Force." [Ed.: In another note dated Jan. 2, 2011, Bruno writes: ...] "I haven't been too well this and last months, and it is not getting any better. My next cancer operation is in February, and I am looking forward to it, for I hope they find out what gives me that terrible pain. I have spent the last few weeks in bed suffering. I had to increase the drug level by 50%, so I am always sleeping. I have canceled all appointments until the end of February, so I can rest and wait on the results of my operation. Getting old and frail is not the best. I love you all and send my love and hugs to you. God Bless. ...I was so ill at Christmas I hardly offered a smile. But maybe next year, with God's help, we will celebrate again. My wife Josie and I wish you all a happy and healthy new year. In the Christmas pictures [right column], my neighbor's son-in-law is learning to cut ham which we had for the festivities...but he tried to cut it with an empty battery in the electric knife, so he had to use a blunt kitchen knife...God help us! We will supply our own Swedish butcher knife next year...ha, ha, ha!" [Ed.: We did not receive any pictures of the castle, but the pictures at right are from their Christmas celebration. I would suggest that you also contact Vern Schmidt, our 2008-2009 President {Kansas City} who is a close friend of Bruno.



Christmas lights & the neighbor's son-in-law attempting to slice the Christmas ham!



Pictures from Bruno at Christmas

For newer members of the 90th Association, you should know that Bruno came to our 90th Reunion in Corpus Christi, TX in 2005 because he wanted to stand before the 90th veterans and say "thank you for saving my life when you captured me as a 'Hitler youth'. There were lots of hugs and tears as Bruno blessed us with his presence.



That was the reunion that almost didn't happen because it was the year Hurricane Katrina smashed into the Gulf and New Orleans. But God was good to us, and we had NO problems. It was a great reunion! We plan to print Bruno's full story in the Post Reunion newsletter.



A sick Bruno



We love you, Bruno!

Bruno has been fighting a very courageous battle against cancer for several years. Please remember to pray for him!





Cohn, Donald, great-nephew, the late Thurston [Ted] Quincy Garrett, Jr., 358/D

- "I'm looking for anyone who may have known my Uncle Ted [Thurston Quincy Garrett, Jr.] and would have information to share with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am the family historian and genealogist. Here is some information about him: Thurston "Ted" Quincy Garrett, Jr. was a 1st Lt. and member of the U.S. 3rd Army, 90th Infantry Division "Tough Ombres", 358th Regiment [not certain which company] during WW II. Uncle Ted trained in Oklahoma's Camp Gruber in the Rainbow Division and received a Letter of Commendation from the Brigadier General for inventing an improved practice mortar shell while stationed at Camp Gruber. Then at some point he boarded a ship headed for the European Theater and his and many other brave soldiers' battle began on D-Day. He fought across France and at the Battle of Metz in 1944, was surrounded and captured as I was told. The Nazis took him and transported him to Poland's Oflag 64 for his imprisonment. Uncle Ted had told me that the Russians were moving westward and the Nazis marched the POWs from Oflag 64 back towards Germany [if I recall] until the Russian Army finally caught up with them and the Nazis fled, leaving the U.S. POWs in the custody of the Russian Army. But instead of welcoming their Western Allies, Uncle Ted said that the Russians held him and other officers as political prisoners until he and several others devised an escape plan and indeed escaped and trekked across the countryside until reaching Western Allied Forces. - I am sad to report with this letter that his widow, the late Ann Tamborello Garrett, recently passed away on November 1, 2010. Aunt Ann was a wonderful person as was Uncle Ted. Their only child, Jacquelyn Ann, was killed in 1966 in a tragic car accident, and Jacquelyn's [the 1st Jacquelyn we call her] close cousin, my mother-in-law, pledged to name her soon to be born daughter after Jacquelyn Ann Garrett. That girl was born in 1967 and was to become my future wife, Jacquelyn Ann Cohn. My wife was like a daughter and granddaughter to Uncle Ted and Aunt Ann throughout the years and were very close. Uncle Ted and Aunt Ann were very important to our family over the years and our oldest son is named Jack Garrett [after Uncle Ted] and our 3rd child is named Anna Clare [after Aunt Ann]. Aunt Ann left her home at Bayou Vista, TX to Jacquelyn, and in the mail arrived the "T O" 90th Division Fall 2010 Newsletter - this is why I am writing this correspondence. --- Uncle Ted was very proud of his service to our great country - the USA. He was proud to be a member of the 90th Division Tough Ombres, and he had a beautiful display of his patches, medals, dog tags, and service awards which were handed down to Jack Garrett. And his brethren of Oflag 64 were always just as important to him as other fellow soldiers of the U.S. Military. **If any of**



you are ever in the Houston/Galveston, TX area, please give us a call. -- Uncle Ted shared various stories over the years and showed us photos from those heroic and scary days of World War II. Again, **if any of your members knew Uncle Ted or knew of him and have any information to share, please do not hesitate to contact me.** Thank you all for your service in protecting our country. Donald J. Cohn" [Ed.: This came in an email dated Dec. 13, 2010. Hopefully, someone will remember Ted Garrett and contact Donald Cohn. We have suggested to him in a reply email that he also contact Tyler Alberts and Norm Richards who may have information to share with him.. But he is looking primarily for anyone who may have known or had contact with his Uncle.]

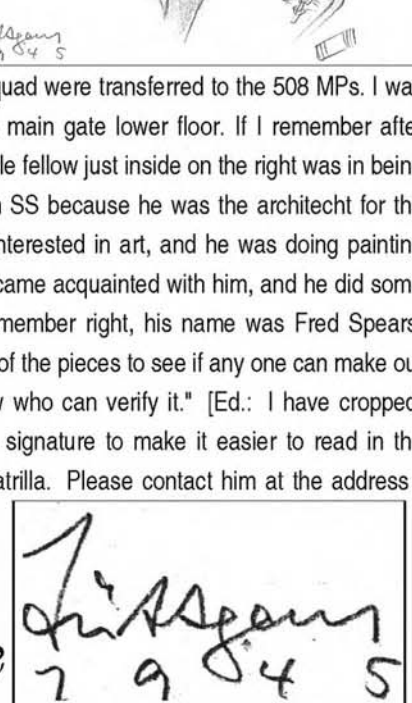
Patrilla, Valmah L., 358/K

am 86 & would like an answer to a question. I was with the 90th as a rifleman in Bastogne, & in Feb. was transferred to heavy weapons as a light 30 cal. machine gun Sgt. i was wounded by an 88, & after a short stint in a rear hospital, finished the war in the center of Czechoslovakia We then drew back to Staubing, Ger. I lacked 3 points of coming home



with the 90th, so I and my squad were transferred to the 508 MPs. I was assigned as a guard on the main gate lower floor. If I remember after some 60 years, a very amiable fellow just inside on the right was in being checked to see if he was an SS because he was the architect for the Reichstag in Berlin. I was interested in art, and he was doing painting and drawing in his cell. I became acquainted with him, and he did some work for me. I think, if I remember right, his name was Fred Spears. This picture is a copy of one of the pieces to see if any one can make out his signature, or if you know who can verify it." [Ed.: I have cropped, enlarged, and darkened the signature to make it easier to read in the hopes it will help Vlamah Patrilla. Please contact him at the address / phone listed above if you have any information that would be of help to him.]

enlarged signature





TOUGH OMBRES TALES



News from veterans of the 90th Division

Ed.: This section contains letters received from veterans only. "Family Album" has letters from family members.

THE TOUGH OMBRES COMBAT TEAM UTAH BEACH TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

357TH INF REGT	343RD FA BN	315TH ENGR BN	90TH QM CO
358TH INF REGT	344TH FA BN	607TH TD BN	790TH ORD CO
359TH INF REGT	915TH FA BN	315TH MED BN	DIV BAND
712TH TK BN	345TH FA BN	90TH SIG CO	90TH MP FLT
773RD TD BN	557TH AABN	90TH RCN TP	HQS & HQS COS

IN 5 CAMPAIGNS AND 318 DAYS OF BATTLE, MARKED BY GREAT COST OF PRECIOUS LIVES AND EXTRAORDINARY VALOR, THE TOUGH OMBRES ACCOMPLISHED EVERY MISSION. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH AMERICAN, FRENCH AND OTHER ALLIED UNITS, THEY LIBERATED EUROPE AND MADE A BETTER WORLD.

90th/HQ

Diede, Robert R., 90th/HQ Finance - sent by Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Billings, MT -

Robert R. "Bob" Diede, 91, of Billings, passed away December 22, 2010. Bob was born in Glen Ullin, North Dakota on September 13, 1919.

After attending school in North Dakota and living in Bismarck, Bob served his country in World War II and was active in the Ninetieth Division Association.

Following the war, Bob moved to Billings where he was the general manager for the Billings Kenworth Truck dealership for 17 years followed by a long career in automotive, truck and heavy equipment financing.

It was in Billings where Bob met his wife Helen and they were married September 9, 1950. The couple raised their three children in Billings.

Bob was a member of the First Congregational Church for over 50 years. He was also a life member of the Elks.

Bob loved spending time on the family ranch near Roberts and enjoyed the many friends he made in that community over the years.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters, his wife Helen and two daughters, Anne and Jeanne. He is survived by his son Phil, two sisters, Pat Robinson and Lou Burd and two brothers, Ray and Marvin Diede.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, January 7th at the First Congregational Church in Billings. Burial will take place in North Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church, Family Services Inc. or a charity of one's choice. Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements and remembrances may be left for the family at www.michelottisawyers.com.

The family would like to thank the wonderful people of Vintage Suites and Billings Clinic. Their compassion and care were greatly appreciated during the past few months.

Bob's quick wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed by those who knew him!



In Memory Of
Robert R. Diede

September 13, 1919 - December 22, 2010

315th

Larson, Dewey, Eng/A CO - sent in by Raymond Hall and daughter,

Sue Ann Loesch of California, MO - The Editor apologizes for the poor quality of the photo of Dewey Larson. It is a "3rd generation" copy which makes it difficult to see.

Dewey Larson, 88, of Wood, SD, passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the Winner Regional Healthcare Long Term Care Facility in Winner, SD, surrounded by his family.

Dewey was born on a farm eight miles south of Vivian, SD, on March 15, 1922 to Lars C. and Lulu H. (Smith) Larson. He was the sixth of eight children. At the age of three the family moved to a farm in Badnation Township. The family moved into Wood in 1930, where Dewey attended grade school, then graduated from Wood High School in 1942.

After graduation he went to National Youth Association Camp in Aberdeen, SD, to welding school. His training was put to use when he was sent to Seattle, WA, to work in the shipyard. Six months later Dewey received notice from the draft board that he was being inducted into the US Army. It was 1942 and World War II was in full swing. He was in Co. A 315th Engineer Battalion of the 90th Infantry Division. In June, 1944, after much training in both the US and in England he was shipped to Normandy, France, where he took part in the invasion of Normandy. On June 15, 1944 he was wounded in action, and was taken to England to the hospital, where he spent three months recuperating and was then sent back to his original unit. Dewey was a much decorated veteran having received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star for Heroic Achievement, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Arrowhead for the Invasion of France, Marksman's Badge, Drivers Badge, European African Middle East Theater Service Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, and three Overseas Service Bars.

[cont. at right]



Dewey Larson Obituary, con't. -

After his discharge from the Army, he returned to Wood, where he started farming and ranching. In 1951 he bought the Mobil Station in Wood from Fred Dimond, and operated "Dewey's Service" for 47 years.

On June 24, 1952 he married June Evans of Wood and together they raised their five children; David, Cheryl, Betty, Rosalie and Gary. Dewey was a member of the Assembly of God Church, Mayor of Wood for some 25 years, and an active member of the American Legion and was a life time member of the organization having joined McBride Post #19 of Wood in 1948. He served as a commander of the post, district commander, finance officer, chaplain and State Area vice commander. He is a life member of Winner Chapter 21 of Disabled American Veterans and for several years served on the Wood volunteer Fire Department. He also served on the Mellette County FHA Board.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife June of 58 years, his five children: David (Eileen) Larson; Wood, SD; Cheryl (Mike) Moser, Franksville, WI; Betty (Mick) Rowe, Carter, SD; Rosalie (Dean) Meyer, Mound, MN; and Gary (Terri) Larson, Sioux Falls, SD, 11 grandchildren: Angie Larson; Casey Larson; Joshua Wintersteen; Latisha Wintersteen; Michelle Rowe; Kip (Lea) Rowe; Larissa Larson, Bailey Larson, Seth Larson, Gabriel Larson; Brock (Jenny) Songer, two great grandsons, Riley Songer and Ryder Songer, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters: Mayme, Gertrude, and Hazel and four brothers: Ernest, Clifford, Arthur and Floyd.

345th

Fothergill, Alan, B Btry

"After reading the Tough 'Ombres Newsletter, I see you didn't have the unit listed for Salvatore Bafima [Call of Taps]. He was in my outfit, Battery B, 2nd Squad, 345th Field Artillery Bn. Will try to come to the Reunion in MN in 2011. My daughter lives there. Your friend, Alan Fothergill [Ed.: Thank you so much, Alan, for sending that information on Salvatore!]

357th

Behrens, Lloyd, A CO

- "Since Marian's passing in February, 2010, I've moved to a new apartment in Loyalton of Rockford, which is closer to Vivian & Curt. Marian & I were blessed with 8 grandchildren & 6 great-grandchildren so far. Joan & John's four sons are doing fine since their parents passing. Susan and family [con't next pg.]



Susie Vivian Lloyd

Tough Ombre Tales - Page 2



357th [con't.]

Behrens, Lloyd, con't. - are still living in the Reno area and visit me when they can. I see Curt and their family often as they live close by. I always enjoy hearing from friends and family. Best wishes always, Lloyd"

Brady, Clyde, G CO

"Mr. & Mrs. Reid: What a wonderful job you two have done and are still doing. So sorry my dues are past due. Just contribute this to OLD age [90]. Enclosed find dues +. My Officers were: Captain Demries; Lt. Reyn; Lt. Brotherton & Lt. Claude Lovett. Thanks for everything. Sincerely, Clyde"

Chumley, D. Carl, G CO

"Dear Jim and Rhoda, Recently received the newsletter [sic. fall edition], and as always, I read it all. I noted several of my close comrades listed in 'Taps' [Benshoff & Williams]. Our comrades are being reduced in number almost daily. I will not be able to attend the reunions any longer but will keep all close to my heart. If you do not already know, I am sorry to report I found out that my friend, Leslie R. "Russ" Hunt passed away in March, 2010. He was an officer with both CO E & G of the 357th. His widow, Ann, lives at: I am

enclosing a check in his memory. Again, thanks for your service. D. Carl"

Gibbs, Solomon, 357/D - sent by daughter, Arlene Eckell

"My Dad, Solomon Gibbs, was a proud member of the 90th Division, 357th Infantry, Company D. He passed away the week of Dec. 3, 2010...another hero gone. He so enjoyed reading the 90th Division newsletter these last few years while he was in a nursing home. I am enclosing a copy of the obituary that appeared in the local paper. I would appreciate your printing it and listing him in 'Taps'. Thanks...daughter, Arlene. I assume you will discontinue the newsletter. Thanks for all your work."

SOLOMON GIBBS

Passed away on December 1, 2010. Sol was a decorated World War II hero, who served in the Normandy Invasion and Battle of the Bulge with the 357th Infantry. He was honored by the cities of Philadelphia and Wilmington for liberating Flossenberg Concentration Camp in Germany.

He graduated from Temple University School of Pharmacy in 1949 and worked for Haverford and Bryn Mawr Hospitals.

[Ed.: For anyone who may wish to send condolences to Arlene, her address is listed above. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew her father. We thank Arlene for sending this in.]

He was a master gardener and loved to travel.

He is survived by his wife...the love of his life and best friend, Goldie; daughter Arlene Eckell (Harvey), son Leslie (Diane), three grandsons, & two great granddaughters.

Funeral services will be private.

Contributions in Sol's memory may be made to Kentmere Nursing Care Center, 1900 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, De. 19806. Our sincere thanks to them for the wonderful care they gave Sol.

357th [con't.]

Hamblin, William, I CO POW - sent in by special friend, Lorraine Mathis

WILLIAM L. HAMBLIN

William L. "Bill" Hamblin, 92, Burlington, formerly of Highland Park, Ill., died Oct. 26, 2010, at his home. He was born Jan. 26, 1918, in Missouri, to the late Charles and Mary (Maise) Hamblin.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a P.O.W.

On Dec. 8, 1945, at Immaculate Conception Church in Highland Park, he married Mary Elizabeth Martin. She preceded him in death on July 24, 1986.

He drove school bus for the Mundelein, Ill., school district. He was a member of the Burlington V.F.W.

Survivors include his sis-

ter, Mary Bagley, Centralia, Mo.; nephews, William G. Timbrook, Sammy L. Timbrook, Donnie Bagley, Billy Bagley; special friends, Lorraine Mathis and Tom and Sharon Ostrander.

He was further preceded in death by his infant son,

daughter, Kathleen, and sister, Letha.

A chapel service was Oct. 28, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights, Ill. Schuette-Daniels Funeral Home & Crematory, Burlington, assisted the family

Lanfranki, Dr. John, L CO, 3Bn

Dr. Lanfranki also served as a member and President (1975-1976) of the Stanislaus County Medical Society, a member of the California Medical Association since 1954, member and Chairman of the State of California Medical Quality Review Committee (1978-1982), member of the California Medical Association Health Planning Committee (1976-1980), Chairman of the Area VI Health Care Providers Association (1976-1978), Delegate to California Medical Association House of Delegates (1976-1999), Charter Fellow and Life Member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (1974-1993).

He also served on the Board of Directors and as President of the San Joaquin-Stanislaus Easter Seals Society Chapter (1976-1977) and as a member of the Patterson Lions Club (1955-1981).

Dr. Lanfranki is survived by his wife, Virginia Gygas Lanfranki of Patterson; sons, John Andrew Lanfranki of Patterson, David Lanfranki and wife Ann of Tracy, Tom Lanfranki and wife Karen of Walnut Creek; daughters, Eleanor Lanfranki of Patterson and Linda Wehrmeister of Concord; grandchildren, Thomas and Ginny Wehrmeister, Lizzie, Katie, John and Mark Lanfranki and three great grandchildren.

Private family funeral arrangements will occur at a later date. Memorial Contributions in Dr. Lanfranki's name may be sent to the donor's choice, Community Hospice Inc. (4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356-9259) or Father James Connors Endowment Trust Fund (P.O. Box 1174, Patterson, CA 95363).

www.modbee.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES



DR. JOHN LANFRANKI DEC 20, 1923 - NOV 23, 2010

Dr. John Lanfranki, of Patterson, died Tuesday, November 23, at his Patterson home.

Dr. Lanfranki, 86, born in Marseilles, Illinois to Teresa and Battista Lanfranki, was the youngest of nine siblings. After graduating from Marseilles High School in 1942 he joined the Army. Serving the 90th Infantry Division, he earned the rank of First Sergeant, was awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and Unit Citation Croix de Guerre.

Attending the University of Illinois, he received a Bachelor of Science in Medicine in 1950 and Doctor of Medicine in 1952. After an internship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital and a residency in Family Practice at the Merced County General Hospital, he moved to Patterson with his family and established his practice in 1954. He served the Patterson community for 56 years until his retirement in August 2008.

During his career, he received the prestigious 2004 California Medical Association's Frederick K.M. Plessner Award for best exemplifying the practice and ethics of a rural physician as well as the 2000 John Darroch Memorial Award for Physician of the Year from the Stanislaus Medical Society.



357th [con't.]

Kroeger, Frances, widow, John B., 358/C

sent a copy of John's Obituary [below]. The John Kroeger Family all attended the Kansas City Reunion in 2009 and were a wonderful addition to the group. There were 14 of them! I am so glad we all got to meet them as it was John's last reunion. Thank you, Frances, for sending his obituary. We offer our prayers and sympathies for you in your loss.



John "J.B." Kroeger

Mr. John "J.B." Kroeger, 86, Palmyra, Mo., died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, at his home.

He was born Sept. 7, 1924 in Marion County, Mo., the son of John Henry and Mary Ursala Rothweiler Kroeger. He was married to Frances Ruth Drebes Sept. 11, 1948 in Palmyra. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include children, Kay Thies and husband, John, Lutsen, Minn.; Charles Kroeger and wife, Julie, Springfield, Mo.; Cynthia Sieloff and husband, Steve, Wildwood, Mo.; Kerry Pancoast and husband, Wayne, Salina, Kan.; grandchildren, Don Morawitz, Chad Morawitz, Brenna Hanaford, Josh Kroeger, Alison Sieloff, Kristin Sieloff, Stephanie Sieloff, Shawn Pancoast, Jessica Pancoast and Danielle

Pancoast; sisters, Mary Hirner, Palmyra; and Maxine Wavering and husband, Larry, Quincy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Florence Shupe, Mildred Kroeger and Delores Whelan; and brothers, Fred, Herbert and Charlie Kroeger.

Mr. Kroeger was a machinist and inspector for Gardner Denver Company in Quincy for 40 years retiring in 1986. He had formerly worked for Rell Hostine at National Advertising Sign Company in Palmyra.

He attended St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mr. Kroeger was a veteran of the United States Army of World War II where he received three purple hearts serving in D-Day plus one, Battle of the Bulge and Normandy.

He was a member of the Boots-Dickson Post #174 of the American Legion and the Norfolk Smith VFW Post #11041. Also, he was a member of the Machinists Union Retirees and Gardner Denver Century Club.

Mr. Kroeger was a former softball and baseball coach, bowled with Robinson-Snow Lumber, was part of the Gardner Denver trap and skeet team and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Palmyra.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 10, 2010 at Lewis Brothers Funeral Chapel in Palmyra with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Burial with military rites was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Palmyra.

90th Signal

MacLean, Robert -

"Sorry about not getting my dues paid on time. My wife had a massive stroke march 29, 2010 causing a lot of problems for us. With the help of Rite-at-Home, we are caring for her at home. Lots to keep us busy. She is much happier at home than in a nursing residence. Please apply check to two years dues. Thank you, Robert C. MacLean"

358th

Adams, Carol, daughter of Adam W., CO 1 - "Please remove Adam W. Adams from your mailing list for the 90th Division Assoc. newsletter. My

dad pssed away June 12, 1998 two weeks short of 84 years of age. He was a member of the 90th Division 358/I and attended several reunions plus two trips to Europe. Yours truly, Carol Adams, daughter."

Damiani, Anthony J., A CO - from daughter-in-law, Anne Marie Damiani -

"It is with deepest sorrow that I inform the Ninetieth Division Association of Anthony Damiani's passing on January 26, 2011. He spoke highly of your Association. I've enclosed the original as well as a copy of my father-in-law's obituary as well as a more detailed one. With love and gratitude, Anne Marie Damiani" {Ed.: Anthony and Angela were regular reunion attendees for many years. They will both be missed.]

In Loving Memory of



ANTHONY J. DAMIANI
January 26, 2011

dance in West Philadelphia.

In 1957, the couple moved to Broomall,

where he operated an auto shop, Larchmont Motors, for 10 years. He then worked for MacAtee Auto Body in Broomall and from 1970 until retiring in 1980 was body shop manager for Ferraro Cadillac in Springfield

Mr. Damiani enjoyed winter vacations in Florida and summer vacations with his family at the Jersey Shore. He had been a member of Llanerch Country Club since 1975. He kept busy with construction projects, his daughter said, including building a deck for her and making doll-houses for his grandchildren. His golf buddies nicknamed him "Dusty," she said, after he repaired a wall in the pro shop at Llanerch.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Mr. Damiani is survived by daughters Sandra Kleckner and Joan Nagle; son John; two sisters; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at D'Anjolell Memorial Home, 2811 West Chester Pike, Broomall. A Funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. at St. Anastasia Church, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square. Burial will be in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Marple Township.

Donations may be made to Cornelia de Lang Syndrome Foundation, 302 W. Main St., Avon, Conn. 06001.

Anthony J. Damiani, 84, of Broomall, a retired auto body shop manager, died of heart failure Wednesday, Jan. 26, at home.

Mr. Damiani graduated from Overbrook High School.

During World War II, he served in the Army with the 90th Infantry in Northern France and Belgium, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Later, in Germany, he was wounded by enemy shrapnel and earned a Purple Heart. He was proud of his service, and attended annual Army reunions, including one this past year in New Orleans, daughter Angela Wrolstad said.

After his discharge, Mr. Damiani, who trained as a mechanic in the military, worked for Morrow Motors in Philadelphia. In 1948, he married Angela Galantino. They met at a



2011-2012 Dues Reminder!

Our Fiscal year ends June 30...which means it is now time to pay your 2011-2012 \$20 dues! SADLY,

9 1,691[!] of you did NOT pay for 2010-2011!!!!



358th [con't.]

Ginop, Edward M., F CO [from widow, Alma]

Edward M. Ginop

Edward M. Ginop, 90, of Levering, passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 at Hospice House in Cheboygan.

A lifelong resident of the area, Ed was born April 12, 1920 in Chicago, Ill., the son of Emil and Frances (Goral) Ginop. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II, and received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat in Germany. On April 19, 1941 at St. Charles Catholic Church, he married Alma Sova. In 1948, with his brother Emil, he began Ginop Brothers, a construction and excavating company, and in 1959, formed Ginop Construction in Levering, retiring in the mid 1980s.

He also raised beef cattle, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading, video recording of family events, traveling and was a life member of the DAV.

Surviving is his wife of 69 years, Alma; his children, Judy Ardune, Edward G. (Linda) Ginop, Tom (Marquette) Ginop, and Mary (Orville) Hill, all of Levering, Rose (Charles) Rice of Goddard, Kan., Henry (Evelyn) Ginop of Geyserville, Calif., Clay (Carol) Ginop, and Colleen (Louis) Rose, both of Levering and 18 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Lorel Ardune; a sister, Anna Tryban; and a brother, Emil Ginop.

Visitation will be held today, Friday, Feb. 18 at 6-8 p.m. at the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home. Rev. Paul Megge will officiate, burial will be at Munro Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bishop Baraga School, or Hospice of the Straits.

Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Good, Mrs. Margaret, [widow, Frederick W., 358/F]

"Dear Friends, It is

with a heavy heart I announce the passing of my husband, Frederick W. Good on Nov. 12, 2010. He was 97 years old on Aug. 6, 2010. He suffered a bad fall backwards and fractured his pelvis bone with internal bleeding. He also hit his head which caused more internal bleeding. He used a walker & was never bedfast until this accident. I am enclosing some items for your information as you see fit to use, if you wish. He was a dedicated leader in Education, and after retiring, continued for over 20+ years as trustee of a technical college. He was also chairman of building committees for 2 libraries in the county. My best to you in all of the 90th. Peace to all."

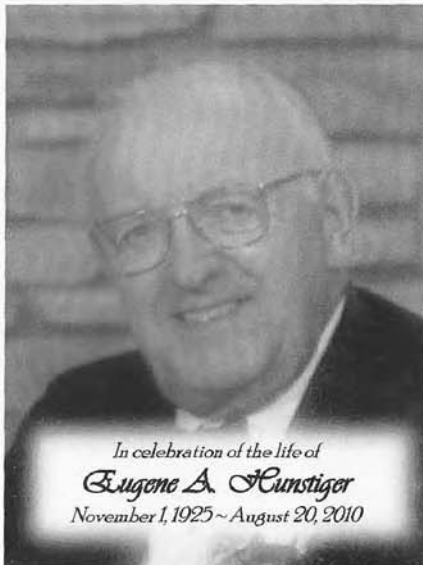


where he had taught adult men's Sunday school; a fifty year member of the Mingo Lodge #171 F&AM, Knight of the York Cross of Honor and Charter member of the Past Masters of Ohio, former member of Logan Hocking County District Library Board and the Ohio Valley Area Library Board, former member of the Ohio Forests Association, had been active in Hocking County Fish and Game Association, Hocking County Beekeepers Association, the Hocking County Retired Teachers Association and had enjoyed gardening as a hobby. Fred is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Viola (Stone) Good of Columbus, Ohio; two sons, Theodore F. Good of Columbus, Ohio and William A. (Jocelyn) Good of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Sharon (Phil) Conrad of Gulfport, Florida and Deborah (Roman) Czech of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, John "T.J." Good of Columbus, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Mindi Conrad, Stasia and Andrzej Czech, Allison, Will and Grace Good. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters Dorothy Stallsmith and Edythe Marvine "Patty" Keller and one brother Carl Good. Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME with Reverend Brian E. Arnold officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery, Logan, Ohio where a military graveside service will be conducted by the Hocking County Honor Guard. Friends may call at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until time of service. The family suggests that contributions may be made in Fred's name to the Kobacker House-HomeReach Hospice, 3595 Olengangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214 or Brighten Your Future P.O. Box 991 Logan, Ohio 43138.

GOOD

Frederick William Good, age 97, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Logan, Ohio, passed away Friday, November 12, 2010 in the Kobacker House Columbus, Ohio. Born, August 6, 1913 in Rockbridge, Ohio, he was the son of the late Robert and Theresa Margaret (Stahr) Good. Fred was a former Superintendent for the former Starr-Washington School District, Hocking County Schools and the Logan City School System and had spent forty-two years in education. He was a WWII United States Army Air Corps Veteran and was transferred to the infantry and served under General George Patton during the Battle of The Bulge. He was an Ohio University graduate and attended Ohio State University where he received his master's degree and had taken additional classes at Kent State University; he was a former member of Hocking College's Board of Trustees for twenty-four years and had been named Hocking College first Trustee Emeritus. Fred formerly attended Trinity United Methodist Church

From Vern Schmidt - E CO -



"Another one of our Tough 'Ombres passed away August 20, 2010 - **Eugene A.**

Hunstiger, 358/K - Gene and Toni were regular attendees at our reunions for many years. Gene was a replacement to **358/K CO** around August, 1944. His wife, Toni, has Alzheimers in full stage. He is

survived by Toni, 6 married children, 13 grandchildren, & 1 great-grandchild. Gene was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Services were held on August 25, 2010 at St. Anthony Padua Catholic Church in Minneapolis, MN" [Ed.: Thank you, Vern, for sending this information for publication in the Newsletter. We do not have names or addresses for any of his children.]



358th [con't.]

Shostrom, Earl R., I CO - FROM daughter, Karen Lehmann

"I am writing to let you know that my dad, Earl Shostrom, died Jan. 10, 2011. Would you please see that this news is included in the newsletter? Please continue sending it until his membership ends. My brother is interested in continuing it at that point.



In Loving Memory
Earl Russell Shostrom
May 2, 1921 - January 10, 2011

A Life Remembered...
Earl R. Shostrom, 89, died peacefully at home in Urbandale on Monday, January 10, 2011. Earl was born May 2, 1921, in Dayton, Iowa to Russell and Elvina Shostrom. He graduated from Dayton High School in 1939 and attended the first annual American Legion Iowa Boys State. His studies at the University of Iowa were interrupted in 1943 when he was called up to the 358th Army Infantry Regiment of the 90th Division. Earl landed at Utah Beach several days after the Normandy Invasion and was wounded and awarded five medals.

Earl married Sarah Homeier, also of Dayton, on November 19, 1944. After Earl completed law school at the University of Iowa, they moved to Des Moines in 1947 when Earl became an assistant attorney general for the state of Iowa. He settled into a lifetime career at Principal Financial as a corporate insurance attorney. Earl and Sarah were members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and supporters of Urbandale High School, the University of Iowa, and Drake University.

Earl began refereeing basketball and football in college and became a Big Eight Conference official, working the Cotton Bowl, Liberty Bowl, Gator Bowl, and Sugar Bowl. He also assisted the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union as Supervisor of Officials, and served as chief observer for the Big Eight and Iowa Conferences. For 60 years, Earl was an official at the Drake Relays. He is a member (as a referee) of the Iowa High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a founding member of the Des Moines Civil War Round Table, helped begin Highland Park Little League, was a longtime member of Sertoma International, Central Iowa American Scandinavian Foundation, the American Legion and Lions Club. He was proud to have served on the committee that raised the funds to build the WWII memorial on the Iowa State Capitol grounds and to have participated in an Honor Flight to the National WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.

Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah, in 2007. He is survived by daughter Karen and son-in-law, Mark Lehmann of Waverly; son Keith Shostrom of Overland Park, KS; sister Lois Kerr of Des Moines; sister-in-law Mary Homeier of Newton; and grandsons Erik Lehmann (fiancée Dana Johnson) and Kirk Lehmann.

Silbert, Elsa, widow, William [Bill] C., A CO

"I'm so sorry to have to tell you of Bill's passing on April 18, 2011. We really enjoyed the 90th Division Association, and it was too bad that he discovered it so late in life. I would like to remain a member in Bill's memory, so please keep sending the newsletters to me. Rhoda, would you kindly put Bill's obituary in the next newsletter. Thank you very much. Elsa Silbert" [Ed.: It is in the column at right. We will miss him and you a lot at our reunions!]



William Charles Silbert [Obituary]

William Charles Silbert died April 18, 2001 at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital after a short illness. A Celebration of Life was held in Westlake Village, CA on May 15. He will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery with Military Honors. Bill was born on October 8, 1924, in Baltimore, MD, to Herbert Sigmund and Alice Amelia [nee Johnson] Silberberg. He lived most of his "growing up years" in

Westbury, Long Island, New York, and attended Greenbrier Military Academy in Lewisburg, West Virginia. He graduated with a BSEE from the University of Michigan and a MSEE from Drexel University. Serving from 1943 to 1946 in the 90th Infantry Division of the Third Army, Bill fought in many offensives across France, including the Falaise Gap and the Ardennes. He was held as a POW in Germany in 1945 and received the Purple heart with an Oakleaf Cluster. In the summer of 2010, with other veterans, Bill attended a ceremony in eastern France where he was honored as the last surviving officer of the offensive to capture Ft. Koenigsmacker on the Moselle River. For his part in this battle, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Bill was deeply devoted to his family, including his wife of 22 years, Elsa, as well as his two children, Richard and Linda, and his grandchildren, Rolf and Halie. After a successful career which included involvement in many charitable and community organizations, he retired in 1990 as the President of the Information management Systems Division of the Contel Corporation in Westlake Village, CA. After his retirement, he and Elsa moved to Grass Valley, CA, where he enjoyed golf, traveling, woodworking, his pets, and life in the beautiful foothills. Bill is survived by his wife, Elsa; son, Richard Silbert [Gwen] of Ventura, Ca; daughter, Linda Silbert [David Stubbe] of Oak View, CA; grandson, Rolf Silbert [Paz] of San Diego; granddaughter, Halina Silbert of Ventura; great-grandsons, Taz and Jax of San Diego; and brother, Guy Russell of Corpus Christi, TX; and a loving, extended family. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Herbert Silberberg and Alice Russell; sister, Carol Larsen; and brothers, Alfred Silbert and James Russell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AnimalSave [PO Box 817, Grass Valley, CA 05945] or the Ninetieth Division Association [17 Lake Shore Drive., Willowbrook, IL 60527].

Stanley, Richard F. [Dick], I CO

"I had a surprise from the Deputy Consul General of France who awarded me the French Legion of Honor. I know there are many 90th veterans who have received this award. I was not even aware of this award. The medal is very inspiring. I would like to hear from others who have received this medal. I'll do my best to try and get to Minneapolis for the Reunion to see nice people like you! Dick Stanley" [Ed.: We have published some of the names in various newsletters of recipients of the medal. Those who have received it...give Dick a call !]

2011-2012 \$20 DUES ARE NOW DUE! R U PAID UP??



90th Arty

Taylor, Peggy, widow, Tom G. Taylor, Jr.

PSALM 121

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO
THE HILLS, FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP.
MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD,
WHICH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.
HE WILL NOT SUFFER THY FOOT TO BE MOVED:
HE THAT KEEPETH THEE WILL NOT SLUMBER.
BEHOLD, HE THAT KEEPETH ISRAEL SHALL NEITHER
SLUMBER NOR SLEEP.
THE LORD IS THY KEEPER:
THE LORD IS THY SHADE UPON THY RIGHT HAND.
THE SUN SHALL NOT SMITE THEE BY DAY,
NOR THE MOON BY NIGHT. THE LORD SHALL
PRESERVE THEE FROM ALL EVIL:
HE SHALL PRESERVE THY SOUL.
THE LORD SHALL PRESERVE THY GOING OUT AND THY
COMING IN FROM THIS TIME FORTH,
AND EVEN FOR EVERMORE.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Tom G. Taylor, Jr.

BORN
July 6, 1912
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

DIED
August 30, 2009
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

FUNERAL SERVICE
HAHN-COOK/STREET & DRAPER CHAPEL
11:00 A.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

OFFICIATING
DR. COURTLAND MOORE

ENTOMBMENT
ROSE HILL BURIAL PARK
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

TOM G. TAYLOR, JR, AGE 97, OF MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009. HE WAS BORN JULY 6, 1912, IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, SON OF THOMAS GRIFFIN TAYLOR, SR. AND EDNA WILLIAMSON TAYLOR. TOM ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA AND SERVED AS FIRST SERGEANT IN WORLD WAR II IN THE 90th DIVISION ARTILLERY. HE PARTICIPATED IN FIVE MAJOR BATTLES INCLUDING NORMANDY AND BATTLE OF THE BULGE AND WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. TOM FIRST WORKED AT J. C. PENNEY AND LATER WORKED AS A SELF-EMPLOYED REAL ESTATE BROKER.

DAUGHTER, MARY JANE TAYLOR, PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, MARGARET "PEGGY" WILLIAMS TAYLOR; DAUGHTER, PATSY TAYLOR LUNDE AND HUSBAND, BRADFORD SCOTT LUNDE; GRANDDAUGHTERS, LAURA LUNDE RINGO AND HUSBAND, JOHN WILSON RINGO, JR. AND SUSAN LUNDE SCRUGGS AND HUSBAND, BENJAMIN STEEL SCRUGGS.

LATE ENTRY

343rd

Oien, Orvin.

"Another reunion coming up, and I probably won't be making it. I know you are doing a great job with the newsletter, and we both enjoy reading it. Not many left that we know. I have made 4 different tapes: one for our County Museum; one for a church pastor; one with Tyler Alberts for the WW II Museum; and one at our school [two times]. My wife and I are still getting around OK but getting slower all the time. Hoping everything is OK with you and your family. Until next time, Orvin and Marie"

359th

Doyle, George T., A CO

- "I miss the group, but as I cannot walk, I will not get to any more reunions. In the past 6 weeks, I have had a shoulder replacement - the flu - lost 16 lbs. & spent Dec. in a rehab center. I also have macular degeneration - not bad for 6 weeks! My

dues are early, but I don't know what will be next. Love to you both, George. P.S. I get home health care from the VA - 5 days a week - 6 times a week - OT -- 6 times a week - PT" [Ed.: We miss you at the reunions, George! You were always such a delight and so cheerful.]

Drew, Robert S., C CO

- "Dear Tom Ingram, Dave B. and Jim & Rhoda et al: Sorry I backslid on my dues. Had a rough year medically - underwent two surgeries with another to go [lung tumor], but I'm doing A-OK with a pretty unusual prognosis for some more quality time if the surgery goes as well as they anticipate. Thanks for a terrific newsletter and all your work. Bob Drew"

Samuels, Carolyn, niece, J.W. Martin, SV CO

"It is with great sadness that I let you know that my uncle, J.W. [son] Martin of Venus, TX passed away on September 3, 2010. We had just had a birthday party for him on his birthday, Tuesday, August 31 when he turned 91 years old. The 90th Division Tough 'Ombres were very important to my uncle, and we have found many pictures of past reunions in which my uncle participated. Please let me know if there is any more information you need to complete your records. Thank You."

Reichlin, Herbert, M.P.

- "January, 1945 -- I was an infantry soldier in one of the convoys that was shown in the movie, "Patton". My 19th birthday had been 6 weeks before. We had been fighting in France near the German border, and now we were heading to Belgium and Luxembourg to help force the retreat of the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. We attacked on January 9. The heavy machine gun squad I was in had 5 men. We took turns carrying the gun, the tripod mount, and the steel cans of ammunition. Our feet were freezing in wet leather boots, trudging through the foot-deep snow with our hands in woolen knit gloves and our frozen "claws" on the metal. We had no decent food for weeks and were exhausted from lack of rest and constant shivering. Late in the day, a German plane buzzed us in a Luxembourg village. Then, in the field beyond, there was a sudden artillery fire from 88s. That's when I was hit. Sixty-three years after that combat day, for the first time I attended a reunion of my 90th Infantry Division. Through an amazing meeting with a replacement to my squad, I learned that every one of the men in my squad had been wounded or killed that day. Who was wounded? Who was killed? I will never know. ...April 2001 -- I was with a tour group traveling the route of General Patton's Third Army. 17 of us on that tour had taken part in the drive. We were given municipal receptions in French and Luxembourg cities and towns. In Luxembourg, we came to Clervaux, a town not far from the monument that commemorates the battle in which I had been wounded. A man came up to thank me personally for what I had done. He had been about 8 years old, living with his family near the fighting. His family had stayed in their cellar for 4 days until the Germans were pushed back enough to end the danger. I learned in the town museum that Germans had drafted Luxembourg men to fight for them in Russia, holding their wives [con't. next page]



359th [con't.]

Reichlin, Herbert [con't.] - and children hostage to force their "enlistment". Exhibits, documents and photographs proved it had happened. In the reception we were given in the Clervaux Town Hall, I was delegated to respond to the town's welcome because I had fought near there. This is part of what I said: "*Each of us possesses a personal value system. We, the American soldiers, kept fighting in that dreadful cold because we believed in the value of what we were sacrificing for -- to eliminate the horror of Naziism and protect America's historic beliefs in Faith, Love, and Charity. It took a year and a half to rebuild and mend my shrapnel torn face and body, but I am still glad I enlisted and was there at the Bulge.*" We are all here today, able to be who and what we are because of all the combat actions our people have suffered and died in. On Veteran's Day, we acknowledge our personal debt to the men and women who fought for us--to thank them, as the man, once a boy, thanked me in Clervaux. -- On my 85th birthday, I was asked to be one of the featured speakers in the special Veterans Day Service that ERUUF [Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship] in Durham, NC planned for November 14. It was a warm experience for two reasons: the stand-up applause from the congregation after my talk, and their disbelief that I could be that old! Their typical estimate was that I was 20 years younger. We WW II survivors are getting to be more and more like old vintage bottles of wine -- value goes up as quantity gets fewer."

Sullivan, Alan P., M CO

- "On June 25, 2010, I was awarded the French Legion of Honor at the French Embassy in Washington, DC. I thought perhaps you and my living buddies of the 359th Reg. would find this interesting..." [Ed.: We have quite a few 90th vets who have received this award] - Here is a brief excerpt of the speech given by a representative of the French Embassy: "...The Legion D'Honneur is the highest French Decoration, and it is being conferred to you to recognize all the personal sacrifices you made for the liberation of France and Europe, in the name of the French Government and in the presence today of your family, and friends. This is significant to me, having been born in the fifties, I benefited, since my childhood until today, from a great privilege: I was raised and went to school, and I am presently serving as a public servant of France, which is a member state of a unified and free Europe. I also have had the privilege of living in a country in peace. And I am very conscious that I owe these privileges to the United States of America and, in particular to you, the American soldiers who participated to the liberation of Europe. We, the French, know that the liberation of our country and Europe began when the allied armies landed on our shores. And we know and will always remember what the price was: 60,000 American soldiers were laid to rest in our soil. Mr. Alan Sullivan, as first lieutenant, then Captain in the 90th Infantry Division, you participated in five campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and

central Europe. You have been awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star."

537th AAA

Unger, Gilbert - B CO

- "Hello Everyone: This if to inform you that I was awarded the French Legion of Honor on November 21, 2010 at the Hall of Champions in Springfield, OH"

607th TD BN

Hattlelid, Kenneth

- "I was a member of the 607th TD BN. We landed on Utah Beach June 15, 1944. I was in Recon CO and we worked as support for whoever need T.D. support. In Normandy, we had 3" guns towed by 1/2 tracks. We were attached to the 82nd and 101st Airborne in Normandy. We were changed to M36 Tank Destroyers for the re-taking of Metz until we ended up in Plaven, Germany. We were in five major campaigns. I don't believe I know any of the 90th Division men, but at 90 years of age, there are a lot of things that are vague. Although I don't see any articles about the T.D.s, we were there and did an admirable job. Sincerely Ken Hattlelid" [Ed.: We receive very few letters from any TD Bns, and we are delighted you wrote so we could include yours! The men of the 90th know you were there!]

773rd TD BN

John, Ward C.

"Very few of 773rd vets are still with us. Most are 90 years plus. The best to all. Have a super time in Minneapolis. My birthplace is Fort Snelling."

ARCOM

Robinson, Billy

"Dear Rhoda, We hope to come this year, but it is a long way up to Minneapolis. I fell 12-23-10 and broke my right wrist. On 1-21-11 I fell & broke my left wrist, and they had to put a plate in! Billy is to have aortic aneurism surgery 2-8-11, so we don't want to schedule anything right now. He wants to come, but we will have to wait and see. June" [Ed.: Yikes, June! Both wrists? That must have been awful - do be careful!]

RRC/RRG

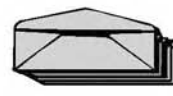
Hanrahan, Commander BG [R] Philip

"Jim and Rhoda", Thanks for all you do for the 90th. BG [R] Phil Hanrahan"

LATE MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

[Ed.: There was not room on the Memorials Page to include these two names, so they are listed here]

Arivello, Sgt. Walter J.; Haley, T/Sgt. William Bryan; Lehtinen, Sgt. Wendell - all 357/B 3rd Bn, 4th Platoon - by Anonymous
Rudder, MG Earl, ARCOM - by friend, Dionel E. Aviles
Singer, Wilburn A., 359/AT - by widow, Margaret L. Singer



915th

Felice, Doug, grandson, Rudy Felice -

- "Thank you for speaking with me about my grandfather, Rudy Felice. My life was much richer growing up with him. Unfortunately [for us], his time here was less than we thought. He passed away peacefully the morning of February 10, 2011 with my father at his side. The service was beautiful. My nephew, Maxx is a Boy Scout, and I requested from the honor guard that when they present the colors, they present them to Maxx, and he will present them to my father. That little guy was AWESOME! When the Color Guard Commander approached Maxx, he snapped a sharp Boy Scout Salute and held it until the gentleman was finished thanking him for Rudy's service. He then turned and presented it to my father, and as my father accepted, he snapped a final salute. There was not a dry eye - even the gentlemen on the Honor Guard were teary-eyed. Afterwards, all of the veterans who participated, lined up to let Maxx know how well he did. It will be a pretty special and wonderful memory for that little guy to have. As you can see from the photos, Rudy was a Tough 'Ombre to the end. The photo was taken on his 97th birthday, January 9, 2011. My father and I would like to join the 90th Division Association and have sent in our dues. Sadly, too many of you fine gentlemen are making roll call for the last time, and I feel that there are younger folks today who will not have the appreciation and honor of knowing any of you personally or for what you and all the young men of your generation sacrificed for our great nation. It is up to us children to pass on the traditions and knowledge of your actions and accomplishments. Again, my sincere appreciation for your time on the phone. Semper-Fi Doug Felice, Governmental Services, Hydro Engineering, Inc. {Ed.: See "New Members" list]

Rudy Felice - January 9, 1914 - February 10, 2011

Rudy Felice left this life peacefully February 10, 2011 with his son at his side. He was the oldest son of Frank and Elizabeth Siletta Felice, born on January 9, 1914 in Helper, Utah. As a young man, Rudy was part of the first Balanced Rock Expedition. During WWII he was a service veteran assigned to the "Tough 'Ombres!" Texas/Oklahoma 90th Infantry Division and participated in the D-Day landings at the Utah Beachhead as a forward observer assigned to the 915th Field Artillery Battalion and continued through the end of hostilities (VE-Day). He was awarded two Bronze Stars. He married the love of his life, Jennie Olive on, July 16, 1947. He owned and operated several businesses through the years, most recently, Rudy's Metro Service in Carbonville, Utah. Rudy loved the outdoors and was an avid skier, ice skater, bicyclist and gardener. He devoted much of his life to the youth in Carbon County. He coached little league baseball and for many years was a Boy Scout leader, receiving the Silver Beaver. He regularly attended the opera and symphony. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, life member of Elks, member of the Moose Club, American Legion and Charter member of Post 2379 Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his son Ron (Joan); grandchildren Douglas (Claudette), Johanna (Andy) Barraco, and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Maxx, Isabella

and Katie Barraco, and Mikenzie Felice; sister Til David; brother Frank (Margaret) Marrelli, sister-in-law Molly Marrelli, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jennie; son Robert; great-granddaughter Mikala; sister Stella Gigliotti; brother Ernie Felice and brother Chuck Marrelli. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church in Price. Vigil service, Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m. at Mitchell Funeral Home (233 East Main Street) in Price. Family will receive friends at Mitchell's Tuesday and Wednesday one hour prior to services. Committal service, Cliffview Cemetery, Price. Family and friends are welcome to share special memories of Rudy at www.mitchellfuneralhome.net - In lieu of

flowers, please make contributions in Rudy's name to the Boy Scouts of America Utah National Parks Council 212 East 100 North Price, UT



84501 or via the internet: <http://www.scouting.org>.

Fitzpatrick, Robert

- "Sorry about the delay in paying my dues. I'm 88 years old and getting forgetful. Moselle Battle Vet."

Fred, Cpl. Loren E., B Btry

FROM: Ginger Merlau, DPOA -

- "This letter is to notify you of the passing of Cpl. Loren E. Fred, Btry B, 915th FA Bn on November 11, 2010 at the age of 99. Know that he served his country well in many different ways, even after his Army duties were completed!!! Thank you. Ginger Merlau"

Safford, Harvey D. -

- "The enclosed Obituary is from a Google search. I last saw Ralph Schmidt early in 1945 when I was in the Army's Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg. He had been burned and was on leave to visit his home in Nebraska. I hadn't been able to locate him since that time. Lt. Schmidt was in A Btry, 915th FA Bn. He was one of the pick-up squad that Lt. Col. Castain led in a charge against an emplaced machine gun. Castain was killed, Lt. Ben Respas [359th] was wounded, the rest escaped. Castain received a Silver Star posthumously that should have gone to the Bn Sgt. Maj. for creative writing. My opinion. Sincerely, yours, Harvey Safford"

Ralph L.W. Schmidt - May 01, 2009

Former Hampton resident Ralph L.W. Schmidt, Ph.D., Colonel, U.S. Army (retired), a resident of Baton Rouge, La., died Friday, May 1, 2009, at age 89.

Funeral services were at University Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, May 6 with the Rev. Patti Snyder officiating.

Burial was at Port Hudson National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice of Baton Rouge (www.hospicebr.org) or the National Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).

He was born in Bradshaw and grew up in Hampton on his parents' farm. He earned an undergraduate degree from York College in York, his M.S. and Ph.D. were both from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

He married his wife, Dolores, on July 4, 1945. She preceded him in death by seven months. He is also preceded in death by his parents, brother and son-in-law.

After his service in World War II, work brought Ralph and his family to Baton Rouge where he worked for LSU as a professor and dean.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Raggio and Dr. Elisabeth (Todd) Schmidt-Burks; three grandchildren, Dr. Michael (Tabitha) Raggio, Anne Raggio and Leslie Burks; four great-grandchildren.



915th [con't]

Rizzo, Dennis, son, Victor Rizzo -




+ Martin, Arthur I., dear friend -

- [on behalf of son, John Rizzo -

- From Arthur Martin: "A dear

friend, Captain Victor P. Rizzo, retired and former Tough 'Ombre who served in both WW II and Korea, recently died at the age of 92. He landed in Normandy, and was a pilot whose duty was to locate enemy activity while piloting a light aircraft. He was a resident of Lawrenceville, NJ. I have enclosed a copy of his obituary along with one of the poems he wrote. His published book of Poems [cc 1994] is "HARDWARE" - Poems From The Field and the Muse. From son, Dennis: "I am submitting the following notification of the passing of my father, Vic Rizzo, who was a member of the 915th FA Bn & the 90th Division Association for many years. He was always proud of his time with the T-Os, and I have fond memories of his stories and tales about life "over there". {Ed.: Arthur Martin sent the printed Obituary from the newspaper, and Dennis wrote a more personal one, which is what is printed here.} Rizzo, Victor Pasquale, 92 - 915th "FA Bn, L-4 Observation Pilot - Capt. [R] Victor P. Rizzo, a long-time resident of Lawrenceville, NJ, and member of the 90th Division Association, passed away March 27, 2011 after a long and determined battle with heart disease. His wife, Ernestine Melanie [Amie] with whom he shared fifty-five years of love and devotion, predeceased him in 2003. Meeting in post-war Austria, they were married in 1948 and moved to the U.S. after which they spent many years on assignment at various military bases in the USA and in Germany. Throughout, they maintained a sense of humor and dedication to their family that endowed their children with a strength and resilience for managing life after they passed. Vic was born in Upper East Side Manhattan, NY to Carmelina and Leonardo Rizzo, Sicilian immigrants. Shortly after he turned five, his father moved the family to Brooklyn to avoid bad influences in the city. His roots in the streets of Manhattan and Brooklyn never really left, and he was proud of his heritage. He had five siblings, Leon, Joe, Mike, Rose, and Leonard. He is the last member of this large clan, leaving his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to carry on the legacy. Vic was an artillery liaison pilot with the 90th Infantry Division during World War II, earning several citations including the Bronze Star with five clusters. He prepared his memoirs, titled "*Battlefield Pilot*", telling of his career from 14th Brooklyn National Guard through 187th FA Bn to 915th FA Bn to service in Czechoslovakia and Austria at war's end. He served again in Korea as liaison pilot and airlifting wounded from the Chosin Reservoir. Vic remained in the army until retirement in 1960. He ran his own insurance and real estate brokerage in Lawrenceville for many years, until health forced him to take it easy. Refusing to heed the doctors, he became a resolute advocate for veteran's benefits, often carrying the battle directly to Washington and going to bat for other local vets who

were not aware of their rights. He and Amie also took time to travel, including one trip where they found themselves witnessing the fall of the Berlin Wall. As his children well know, Vic always had a creative and inventive mind. Having written poetry from an early age, he became a leading member of the New Jersey Poetry Society and recited his verse at many public events. He had poems published in several anthologies over the years. He assembled and edited *The Korean War Anthology*, a compendium of poems by Korean War Vets. This book benefits the NJ Korean War Memorial and the NJ National Guard Museum. Victor's four sons survive him: Dennis [Dr. Elizabeth Van Houtte], Orilla, Ontario; Terry V. [Lena], Lawrenceville, NJ; Bruce W., San Francisco, CA; and John C. [Kathy], Yardley, PA. Grandson, Andy Rizzo, predeceased him. Five grandchildren, Trina Martelli, Drew Rizzo, Michael Rizzo, and "his" twins, Ariana and Zoe Rizzo carry on the legacy."

<p>HARDWARE</p> <p>POEMS FROM THE FIELD AND THE MUSE</p> <p>by Victor P. Rizzo 90th Infantry Division 915th FA Bn - 144th IAHs</p> <p>Place:</p> <p>MOON OVER THE ZEBRA SWALLOW-TAIL Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, July, 1946</p> <p>© 1994, Victor P. Rizzo All rights reserved</p>	<p>DEDICATION</p> <p>To the fighting men of the 90th INF DIV... the "Tough Hombres". The selfless soldiers who, with other gallant and determined men, helped retain our unique way of life at a tremendous sacrifice now known to but a few. We, who remain on fair ground must continue to dedicate our assets, our strengths, our freedoms, to honor our dead, to support those still wounded and to aid the chronically ill. Today, with as strong a determination, we must also strive for legally honest Constitutional Government. Without such a continued direction we have all fought in vain.</p>  <p>50th "TOUGH HOMBRES"</p> <p><i>Victor P. Rizzo</i> <i>March 27, 2011</i> <i>V.P. Rizzo</i></p>	<p><small>Author: Vic Rizzo, 1946 - 2011 - Lawrenceville, NJ</small></p>  <p>The Author</p> <p><small>Victor P. Rizzo was born at the end of the Great War and lived the Great Depression in Brooklyn, New York. Military experience began with the New York National Guard (the old 14th Brooklyn). After OCS, he became a Liaison Pilot (an air observer seeking enemy targets) serving with Third Army units through World War II and with the 10th Corps in Korea. A "fifer", he retired to Lawrenceville, New Jersey in 1961. He began to assemble his memoirs in a unique medium, poetry.</small></p> <p><small>The poems included in this anthology represent a cross-section of personal experiences, others' remembrances, and personal philosophies. As glimpses into the individual reality that is war they are timeless, yet they are current. With each reading heed ever since the emotions felt by those involved and their oft-misunderstood respect for the ideals of freedom, honor, and duty.</small></p>  <p><small>Author: Dr. Day, 1984 - 1991 - Fort Dix, New Jersey</small></p>
---	---	--

DIBS ON THE SKY

I

Wherever I at last am lain, My soul shall sail the sky.
I'll sail along any air-ship lane So I may guide them by.
I'd like them all to see the sun Lift the darkness of the night,
And revel in its speedy run Across the sky and out of sight.
I'll show them, too, the stars in glitter; The flowered gardens of our sky.

And tell them when lights below grow dimmer

As we roam side-by-side so high.

I'll float all day on changing clouds, And test the wind again,
I want to watch and guide aloud; Co-pilot in the vane.

II

I'll want to see the moon in glow And feel its light upon me.

As long as I can feel it so I'll know my soul is free.

I hope to earn a soulful strum In knowing God is near.

To learn those ahead, those to come, Are of good will and cheer.

I shall always be above the ground; To this I did agree.

And always sail around and 'round, A merger -- of sky and me.

No matter where at last I'm lain My trails will paint the sky.

Zooming along all air-ship lanes To guide, then wave them by.



90th Sustainment Brigade News Corner

The 90th Sustainment Brigade [SB] cased their colors on February 19, 2010 and redeployed back home after a successful mission under the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command [ESC], Joint Base Balad, Iraq, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Even though the 90th SB's mission was cut down to five months, unit leaders praised its success. During their short tenure, the 90th provided logistical support to the Warfighters in their area of operations to include food, ammunition, medical supplies and fuel. The 90th was also responsible for the closing, clean-up and re-distribution of supplies from several Forward Operating Bases within a 200 square mile area as part of the Presidential Responsible Drawdown in Iraq. These critical items which stemmed from computers to rolling stock were re-distributed throughout the Southwest Asia area of operations. "Make no doubt about it, you are part of history", said Brigadier General Paul L. Wentz, Commanding General of the 13th ESC. "You provided world class sustainment support and performed the mission with quiet professionalism", said Wentz.. "This brigade has done it all with pride and professionalism."

The 90th Sustainment Brigade continues to provide support overseas support through mobilized units. The Brigade has also continued to grow and has inherited two more battalions as of July, 2010: 1) The 373rd Combat Service Support Battalion out of Beaumont, Texas and 2) the 348th Terminal Transportation Battalion out of Houston, Texas. This will bring the overall strength of the Brigade to 1,498 soldiers.

On February 6, 2011, the 90th conducted a Change of Command ceremony at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, AR. Colonel Peter W. Malik assumed command from Colonel Gary L. Spry. During the ceremony, Colonel Spry made 90th history by placing the "Iraq 2009-2010" flag streamer on the brigade colors. "This is the first time since World War II that a streamer was added to the colors", exclaimed Colonel Spry. Colonel Malik has served with the "TO" patch since 1996, with several units under the 90th: RSC, RRC, and RSG. "I am proud to wear the Tough 'Ombre patch again", said Malik. "The 90th legacy will continue to provide outstanding support to the Warfighter as it has bravely done since World War I." [Ed.: the Ninetieth Association is providing a one year [July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012] Honorary Membership card to all active members of the 90th Sustainment Brigade.]

NEWS Flash!

FROM BG [R] RAYMOND E. BELL, JR.

"February 12, 2011 - "Dear Jim, As the Association knows, I am scheduled to be Ninetieth Association President in 2013-2014 after Art Meier, II [2011-2012] and BG [R] James Spivey [2012-2013]. I regret that I must resign from my position on the Association Board. My injury last year has forced a re-evaluation of my participation in a lot of activities I like to be involved in. I must travel with a companion now where getting around is concerned, and I, being single, have no such companion. Unfortunately, this also means not being able to attend the annual reunion in Bloomington, MN and probably succeeding reunions. I'll still send in my dues and contribution to the 500 Club. I've really enjoyed being associated with the 90th Division Association and particularly with you and Rhoda. Thanks for all you have done and are doing. I pray that you continue to enjoy good health. Please pass my regards along to others on the executive board. I'm sure my replacement will be up to the job. Best wishes, Ray Bell [BG [R] Raymond E. Bell, Jr.] [Ed.: It is with regret, of course, that we must accept Ray's resignation. His contributions and involvement with the 90th Division Association have been numerous and invaluable over the years. He has demonstrated dedication and loyalty to the Association with his tireless work to help promote and maintain the "Legacy of Honor". I'm sure many of you have read some of the outstanding articles he has written for various publications. Ray, you will always be a valued member and friend, and we will miss you at the reunions!]

Did You Know

ALL REUNION ATTENDEES!!

You need to have your Reunion Reservation form with check to the Reids no later than Friday, July 29 ...because... they leave for Bloomington on Monday, August 1 & won't see mail after 7/30!!



**\$ 20 Reminder! 20 \$
2011-2012 Dues are due July 1!**



Happy Eightieth Birthday



HENRI LEVAUFRE!



Letters From Family Members of 90th Veterans

This section offers news from 90th widows, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends

The Widows Write...

Bergdale, Fern, 358/SV

"Dear Family and Friends, Our biggest adventure in 2010 was moving to a new apartment complex in November! So my Christmas greeting has turned into a New Year's greeting. Moving two households, even just a few miles, was more time-consuming than expected, even with grandson Steve's invaluable assistance. We are just now completing the final touches, and finally feeling at home. As before, Lorna and I have separate apartments in close proximity, making it easy for us to visit back and forth. My new address [sic - shown above] is 12360 Richmond Avenue, Apt. 1113 - Houston, TX 77082-2406. Lorna's is the same but her apartment is 1717. Our phone numbers did not change. We are having fun exploring our new neighborhood. It has a much more laid-back, suburban feeling, but is still close to lots of interesting shops and restaurants. We get out almost every day, even if it's just grocery shopping or errands; walking really helps me stay active at 101." [Ed.: WOW!!!] "We also eat out frequently--always seeking new and better hamburgers! My health continues to be good, despite two recent surgeries for different cracked vertebrae. They just break spontaneously; but the surgical results are excellent, providing fairly quick relief. We are now located closer to my doctors, many of whom moved their practices to Sugar Land, TX, which has recently become a major medical center with big, new branches of all the major Houston hospitals. We are now close to a highway that provides a pleasant, scenic 15-mile drive straight south to Sugar Land, and we are enjoying our explorations there as well, including new restaurants and a great new shopping mall. We still have our little miniature pinscher, Tex, who at age 16, is still a constant source of entertainment and affection. He adjusted quickly to his two new residences; after a few rounds of sniffing, he relaxed into his usual King of Everything mode. But he really gave us a big scare about a month ago; he had not been feeling well for several weeks, and was diagnosed with cancer. His recovery after surgery has been remarkable, for which we are so thankful. Steve still enjoys working and living in The Woodlands, about an hour's drive north of us. He visits often, even if it's just a quick trip to Houston after work, for a nice dinner out. He was here for two days over Christmas at Lorna's, which was of course very enjoyable. New Year's Eve was also fun, munching snacks and watching the ball drop on TV at my house. I think of you all so often and so fondly throughout the year, and I wish for each of you the greatest New Year! God's Blessings, Fern" [Ed.: I don't think Fern received the Post Reunion newsletter since we did not have her new address, so it was a delight to receive this letter. I still remember Fern at the 2001 San Antonio Reunion - I keep hoping she'll show up at another reunion - so sharp and spry at 101 - what a blessing!]

Chaffee, Liz, 357/H

"Dear Rhoda and Jim, I have enclosed my check for dues and some extra to help pay for postage, etc. Thanks for doing such an awesome job getting the newsletter out. I enjoy reading it and hope you never quit as you will be impossible to replace. Lots of Love and best wishes, Liz Chaffee"

Glenn, Phyllis, 357/C

"Dear Rhoda. Thank you for sending me the

Post Reunion Edition. I'm sorry I haven't been able to attend the reunions lately. Since the Reunion for 2011 is in Minneapolis, my son and daughter and maybe a grandchild or two will bring me. Would you please send me the information for the luncheons, banquets and whatever? I thank you kindly. Hope you had a Blessed Christmas! Phyllis Glenn" [Ed. I hope you as well as others, like Liz Chaffee, will come to the 2011 reunion - that would be just grand! - The reunion registration form and information is included with this newsletter for everyone's convenience.]

Cichon, Patti, [daughter, Barbara M. Jager, widow, 90th Signal CO]

- sent in the card below about her mother. Barbara, her daughter, Patti Cichon, and granddaughter, Kaitlyn Cichon attended the 2008 Reunion in Irving, TX, and we all enjoyed meeting them! Barbara was a regular and faithful dues payer of the 90th Division Association, and now her daughter, Patti, is carrying the torch. Thank you, Patti.

<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</p> <p>Barbara M. Jager</p> <p>BORN INTO THIS LIFE September 18, 1927 Chicago, Illinois</p> <p>ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE January 21, 2011 Geneva, Illinois</p> <p>PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICES Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. Yurs Funeral Home Geneva, Illinois</p> <p>OFFICIATING Rev. John Nelson</p> <p>INTERMENT Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia</p> <p>Yurs Funeral Home Geneva, Illinois</p>	<p><i>Afterglow</i></p> <p><i>I'd like the memory of me To be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow Of smiles when life is done.</i></p> <p><i>I'd like to leave an echo Whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing Times and bright and sunny days.</i></p> <p><i>I'd like the tears of those who Grieve, to dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave When life is done.</i></p>
--	--



Family Album... Other Family Members



De Luca, Frank, brother, Angelo, 358/E

"Dear Sir, I am not sure this will go through your organization, but I will try anyway. My brother, Angelo De Luca, was a member of the 90th Division in WW II. He has since passed away, and I am not sure if his wife has continued to receive the bulletin your organization puts out. I would like to start receiving it as soon as possible. Mr. Vern Schmidt, who was a very good friend of my brother, gave me the address and the particulars in wishing for this bulletin to be sent to me. I am very interested in this bulletin as I have read it in the past and found many interesting stories and also located a couple of buddies of my brother, Angelo. Enclosed is a check for \$20 for the subscription. If it is more, let me know, and I will take care of it as soon as possible. Thanking you in advance, Frank De Luca. - P.S. I did serve 5 years in the USAF from 1948 through 1953 during the Korean War, but was fortunate to not have to go to Korea. I got stuck in Alaska for 27 months." [Ed.: We welcome Frank to the 90th Division Association!]



Other family cont....

Hess, Donald F., son, Frederick J. Hess, 315/D Med Bn

"Here's my dues plus - keep up the good work. Don Hess, son of Frederick J. Hess, 315th Med Bn CO D"

Kocour, Michele, daughter, Max kocour, 357/HQ 2Bn

"Enclosed please find my dues of \$20 for the July, 2011-June, 2012 membership. I really enjoy the newsletter. Thank you. Michele Kocour" [Ed.: Thank YOU, Michele!]

Madis, M. Arthur & Irma - 90th friends from France

- "Dear Jim and Rhoda, We wish you all the best for the new year 2011. We hope that your health will be fine so that you will be able to travel again to France. You are welcome anytime. As you could not come for the ceremonies of June, 2010 organized by "Moselle River", we send you some newspaper articles and a CD with the pictures that I took and those that our son, Captain Gilles Madis, made during the events. As a member of "Moselle River", he was present during all the week to assist the veterans. Our friends, Ray Shellabarger and daughter, Connie Chamberlain, sent him this U.S. newspaper article. Thank you for the news of the 90th Division that you send to us. We write since 2004 to veterans and families: General Ray Bell; Colonel Meier; Dr. Douglas Beakes from the 95th Division [he will publish a new book about June, 2010]; Mr. Klemmer; Irvin Kaine; John [Tom] Ingram; Kristen Pauk; John Miller... We appreciate U.S.A. and the Americans. We were this year [2010] for the 5th time in your beautiful country. We were invited by our friends to the wedding of their daughter and visited Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Niagara Falls... We have known them for 20 years, and they came also to France to visit us." [Ed.: We remember Arthur and Irma from our trip to the Moselle Region in November, 2004 - the trip of a lifetime. They were so good to all of us and so friendly to everyone, it was a pleasure to meet them. The CD they sent was wonderful, and it made us wish that we had been able to be there in June, 2010 - for French Hospitality!]



Irma and Arthur Madis - Pictures are in "Veterans In The News" on Pg. 18

Morbe, Romaine & Norbert, 90th friends from Luxembourg -

"Dear Jim, Being thankful for all you did for the people of Luxembourg and especially for the people of Berle', we want to give you this enclosed medal. Norbert made the design. Thank you, Jim! Romaine and Norbert" [Ed.: The medal was pictured in the Spring, 2010 newsletter.



Romaine and Norbert are known for their hospitality to our 90th veterans and family members who visit Berle' - Just ask people like Tom Ingram, Norm Richards, Kristen Pauk and others who have experienced their amazing friendship and hospitality - unsurpassed in excellence and warmth. The monument to the 90th in Berle' is dated January 9,1945 - the day the 90th Division liberated Berle'. January 9 just happens to be Jim Reid's birthday date! So it was his 20th birthday on the day Berle' was liberated by the 90th. We love you, Romaine and Norbert!!!

Nelson, LaVern & Loranel, cousin, Lysle Nelson,359/M

"Dear Jim and Rhoda, Here is my dues for 2010-2011. We have our air line tickets and the reservations at the Holiday in Bloomington for the Reunion. We have talked with my cousin, Lysle Nelson in Iowa and hope he will meet us there. We are all getting older and slower, but willing to keep going and enjoying life. Yours truly, LaVern Nelson"

Sedillo, Eddie R., son, 344th/FA Bn, B Btry

- "Hello Mr. Reid, I certainly appreciated talking with you on the phone and hearing the interesting stories and information you had to share. I don't recall if the address you need for the newsletter is electronic [which you have now with this email] or if it will be sent snail mail, so here's my address: Eddie Sedillo, 3732 Valerie Place, NE - Albuquerque, NM 87111-4031 - I've been looking into it to see if I can make it to the reunion this year in Bloomington. Thanks again - Eddie"

Faller, Michael & Kristen [Martens] Pauk , daughter, Martens, 359/L

- wedding announcement

Two Hearts Become One
Kristen Martens Pauk
And
Michael Lee Faller
Were United in Holy
Matrimony
February 10, 2011
At
The Garden Terrace
Saint Thomas, U.S.V.I.



congratulations!



90th Members Out & About - & In the news!



Hinsdale Middle School [IL] World War II Day Brings History To Life

Speakers help eighth-graders understand what life was like overseas and at home



Stanley Spillar and Jim Reid both served in the 90th Infantry and landed at Normandy one day apart just after D-Day in June 1944. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Pictures from a French newspaper sent by Arthur & Irma Madis [p. 17] of the June, 2010 Celebrations and Dedication of Ft. Koenigsmacker Park



Bill Silbert :
« Je n'exagère pas »



Aldo Freda :
« Je m'en suis t



The Veterans in front of L'Horizon Hotel in Thionville

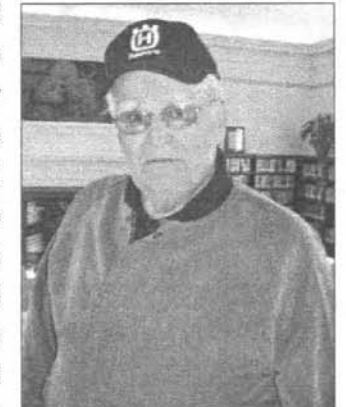
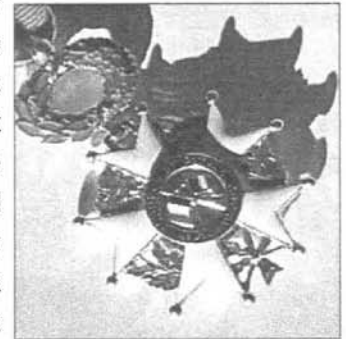


Ray Shellabarger [344th] on left, gets a ride in an Army jeep similar to one he drove ashore from a landing craft on D-Day.

Rossick, Evelyn & John R., 358/K -

"Dear Jim and Rhoda, My husband, John, and I, want to thank you for putting together a great newsletter, as you always do, for all the the Tough 'Om-bres and for their family members to read and share with others who are interested in reading about the sacrifices our men and women made for all of us to have FREEDOM and this great country. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and want to express how much we miss going to the reunions. We did get to a few and loved being welcomed with open arms - and many times a hug. Johnny's health has made us a bit of 'stay-at-homers' because he can't walk very well - not much strength in his legs and a few other health problems. But to quote him, 'I feel fine'. I am enclosing a few articles about Johnny's big moment when he received the French Legion of Honor medal in New York City on Veteran's Day. We are a part of the WW II Veterans Discussion Group at our local library once a month, and they too had a nice article in our bulletin. We love you all, once again for the time and effort you put into the newsletter. God bless and keep you in good health." [Ed.: Sadly, John passed away April 7, 2011, so he never got to see his picture and article in our newsletter, and we are sad about that. He will be greatly missed. The Rossicks are a fine family, and they added a lot of warmth and friendliness to reunions they attended.]

Congratulations to John Rossick! He received the French Legion of Honor medal in New York City on Veterans Day!
(con't on p. 2)



(con't from p. 1)

Above top— the beautiful French Legion of Honor medal awarded to group member John Rossick (above middle) on November 11th for his service in France. Bottom photo— certificate and medal.

Tylers Alberts :
« Pour grand-père »



Remember When...

WE CAN ...
WE WILL ...
WE MUST!
Franklin D. Roosevelt

BUY U.S. WAR SAVINGS BONDS & STAMPS NOW

"Dear Jim and Rhoda, dear friends - Here is a small contribution from Henri & Christian Levaufre, the French Historian and assistant. It is OK if you want to print them in the newsletter but I do not have rights for more. Friendly, Christian" - "I thought that you would like to see those rare pictures and even include them in the next newsletter. They are rare because they were taken by Germans and that they show soldiers of the 90th relaxing and parading after having been taken prisoners. There is no date nor place of a location on the pictures but we assume that they were taken in the second part of June 44, that the soldiers are part of the group

captured by the Germans around Portbail (when the 90th was fighting for reaching the western shore of the Cherbourg peninsula) and we know today for sure that the spot was Angoville sur Ay. How we got those copies is another strange and funny story that I will try to make short for you. - Because I have some interest in plane and aircrew stories during WW2, I have been starting a specific search about the bombing of the Mont de Marsan airfield (today the air Force base where I work) on March 1944. Because of this specific search my CO sent me to a place close to Paris where all the archives of still pictures and movies taken by the military have been stored since their very beginning (Something similar as NARA but for France). - I had been told that they had on their shelves about 300 000 documents from German origin. The story says that a convoy of German trucks loaded with documents going back to Germany had been captured both by US and French troops on the fall of 1944, somewhere on the front line in the east of France. Those documents had then been shared between the US and the French archives. - Among these 309 000 documents less than 20% have a legend and the albums of pictures spread over Norway, Russia, Germany, Greece, Crete, Italy, North Africa, France and other unknown German battlefields and even over Spain for times of furlough and relax. - So I went there and spent 2 days and a half looking at hundreds of shots, hoping I could find some good ones of Mont de Marsan but I was not much successful. - But even if I was there on duty for the French Air Force, I never forget that I have another job as an assistant historian for the 90th association, so I typed a few key words like 90th, Normandy, Périers... on the keyboard and was lucky to find part of a movie shot in the ruins at Périers, some pictures of the 6th German parachute regiment and those pictures of prisoners. - I showed them to my father. If the movie was unknown to him, he had seen bad copies of the same pictures a few months ago. A guy named Michel Pinel has just published a few weeks ago a book which only one or two of the pictures are printed in. He had found them in the archives but did not know where they had been taken. As the only clue was a TO patch on the shoulders, a bad copy of the pictures naturally ended on my father's desk asking for his assistance to locate the spot. This was by the time when Chuck Griffith was staying at Périers and as soon as the place was recognized my father and he went to take pictures at the same place. Some of these new pictures are with this file. - The last detail is that the lady who runs the department in charge of this part of the archives was born at Normandy, very close to where the pictures had been taken. Her father was a German prisoner who had married her mother, a local French girl. - As you can see, as it happens sometimes, our world can become very small and always amazes when a magical clockwork runs its moving parts in order to help you get to your aim. Because of these numerous connections I was given by this friendly lady a copy of the pictures that I send you today. Hope you will enjoy seeing them. **Christian Levaufre**

Happy 80th Birthday, Henri Levaufre!!

From Henri Levaufre: "When I was asked to identify the place where these pictures were taken by the German Army, it was easy because in the 50's, while working in this area for my Power Company I had my lunch in this Café-grocery every day at noon. - The place is downtown the village of Angoville sur Ay, which is south of La Haye du Puits (liberated July 9) and north of Lessay (liberated July 27). - Three times in the Cotentin Peninsula the 90th had many men taken as POW's by the same time. - -The last and third time was Sèves Island.- July 23 - By then Angoville was already in American hands and we are then sure these men are not from the 358th Rg. - The second time was July 7, when I and L companies of the 357th were trapped at Beaucoudray (Le Plessis in French). There is almost no chance that the men on the picture are the men of I and L Cos because the Germans marched always their prisoners toward their rear main line which then was south. Angoville is West of Beaucoudray and was already close to the front line and the Germans were not fool enough to take them in that direction. The prisoners don't seem to be anxious about a close danger. We have other pictures where about one hundred of them parade in the street (for German propaganda purpose. - -The first bunch of American POWs captured in the Cotentin Peninsula were taken 19 of June 44 near Portbail. They were from the 357th Rgt. Portbail is about 10 miles north of Angoville sur Ay. - For that day my files say: Killed: 44 (almost all from 2nd and 3rd Bn 357); WIA 73 (almost all from 2nd and 3rd Bn 357); Missing: 96 (mainly from F and several from H and K companies 357); Captured: 3 (They were from the Medical Detachment and strangely came back to duty September 19.); Injured: 4 - As a conclusion, to me the men on the pictures are the 96 soldiers of the 357th Rgt declared MIA that June 19, 1944. - If needed I have the name and rank of each one. - In the early seventies, came home Sgt. Norman E. Staedtler - SN 37138492 - from St. Joseph, Missouri. We spent then several days to try (in vain) to locate in the Portbail area the place where he had been captured that day. I had then very few files. Norm was liberated by the Russians in May 1945! - If you look at the 90th files, Norm Staedtler had been a President of the 90th Division Association. He unfortunately died many years ago. He was a close friend of Denby Steel." [Ed.: The pictures Christian sent are on the following page]



Remember!

20

If you are attending the Reunion in August, make sure your reservation form + check reaches the Reids no later than July 29!



Remember When... 2

Angouville sur Ay pictures from 1944 and 2010 - sent by Christian Levaufre - very easy to identify which are from 1944 & those of 2010!

WE CAN... WE WILL... WE MUST!
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

BUY U.S. WAR SAVINGS BONDS & STAMPS NOW



2010



2010



2010



2010



Remember When...3

McKnight, Chuck and Ann [Simma] - re: Uncle Clifford Boyles, 612th TD Bn



"Dear Rhoda, I have a story to tell you about my Uncle Clifford Boyles. [He was on page 26 of the 90th Division Fall, 2009 Newsletter. I am also enclosing a check to pay his dues for 2011. I have been going to write this ever since the Fall, 2009 Newsletter. But it has been on the back burner since the last newsletter was already at the printer. I was too late to get the story in that issue. This is a story that really touched our family, and I wanted to share it. Also enclosed is a copy of the story of how my uncle got the watch, written by him. [at left]

April '44 Germany
we were moving pretty fast across Germany toward Czech. Taking lots of prisoners. One group of 12-15 were Age 15-17 SS troops. After some fighting - they threw up the white flag & came out in a group. we stripped them of their weapons & personal belongings & sent them on their way as a group back to the American line. I got the watch - a luger pistol & a ss deserger Fall German Army issue. Name of the watch KM-592. Brought them all home. Only have the watch now. (you know the rest of the watch story)

Cliff
9-16-'10

This is written as my aunt wrote it to our family. "During WW II, Cliff took a wrist watch off a prisoner - brought it home & wore it for years. Well, he dragged it out the other day & decided to have it cleaned, etc., buy a band for it, and wear it to the family reunion just as a conversation piece. Well, he took it to a local jewelry store for an estimate. The estimate was \$96, so Cliff told him he would think about it, but that he didn't really have the money to have that done right now. There happened to be a young man in the store listening to this conversation coming from this old 'Vet'. He told Uncle Cliff 'I just happen to have an extra \$100 bill in my billfold, & I'm paying for getting your watch worked on.' [and he did] Cliff was in shock. After he recovered, he asked the guy, 'Well, what can I do for you?' And the guy said, 'Nothing - you have already done it!' That was quite an experience to have." That is the sweet, sweet story ---- Uncle Cliff got his name, address, and phone #. Then he made him on of his hand-crafted wooden boxes and gave it to him. ---- Barbara Wells-Kime is our niece, and we have attended a few of the reunions with her. My "Uncle prided himself that the 90th Division men were friends of his. he was in a tank battalion that supported the 90th Division. You are loved! Ann Simma McKnight" [Ed.: We love stories like this - thanks for taking the time to send it. Interestingly enough, Chuck is the nephew of a 90th veteran who was 359/I CO. If memory serves me correctly, he was KIA - my apologies to the family if I am in error on this. Chuck and Ann, you need to come to the reunion this year in Bloomington - We do know Barbara and her husband are planning on coming, so how can you not be there??? We will look forward to seeing you in August, OK?!]

Tokarski, Thomas [re: Julius Yuhasz, 343/HQ Btry]

"DUKE AT THE DOCTORS - my 94 year old Father-in-law, Julius 'DUKE' Yuhasz, came to live with us about 2 years ago when he could no longer get around very well on his own. Moving from Ohio to Texas, one of the things we had to do was get all new doctors. We were sitting in one of his doctor's office, and a gentleman sitting across from us noticed his belt buckle. It is a gold military type buckle that he keeps polished and wears all the time. He asked if he had been in the military. My father-in-law proudly said yes and that he was a Tough 'Ombre. The gentleman, who was in the army during the Korean War, said that he had heard of them and what they accomplished under Patton. Then, he asked 'Duke' if he had seen any action. Duke then perked up, and as if a switch had been turned on, started to tell his story. He had 6 other patients and two nurses spellbound for 45 minutes, while he took them from Utah Beach and those 'dammed Hedge Rows' [as he called them], to the closing of the Falaise gap and the taking of Chambois; to the city of Metz, and the crossing of the Moselle River - then, to the Battle of the Bulge; The Ardennes; across the Rhine; and how they were in the Czech Republic on their way to Prague when the war ended. He was in the middle of a good story about the surrender of the 11th Panzers, when the nurse announced that she could not keep the doctor waiting any longer, and it was his turn. Two of the ladies

who were there had gone in to the the doctor - came back out - and sat back down to listen to more. The gentleman said that 'Duke' should write a book or at least his memoirs. I have heard a lot of his stories, but he very seldom tells strangers, because he feels that they will think he is making it all up. At no point did he ever use the words 'I' or 'me'. I was always 'we' or 'us'. He had nothing but pride in the 343rd and the men he served with. While he was in with the Doc, I tried to answer everyone's questions and told them that we had another appointment so had to leave when he was finished here. All the way home, 'Duke' kept apologizing for carrying on about the war, but I know that there are at least 8 people who now know that Patton didn't just have tanks. He had infantry, and at least some of what the Tough 'Ombres went through. My father-in-law is a proud man and and proud of his service and his country. There are not many left from WW II that can tell their stories. Just like the people in the Dr.'s office found out, the stories from the soldiers view is spellbinding. I wish more people could talk and listen to these men." [Ed.: Wow! What a marvelous story! Thomas, thank you so much for taking the time to write it out and send it to us. Readers, have you ever heart such a heart-warming story?? Wouldn't it have been terrific if it all could have been recorded live - spontaneity and all?! God bless you, 'Duke' - keep telling your story every chance you get. Family members, keep a recorder [or cell phone] handy at all times!]

ANGEL IN FATIGUES

2nd Lt. Evangeline Coeyman

ETO Nurse at D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge and Witness to the Concentration Camp Liberations



Coeyman, 2nd LT Evangeline, 59th field Hospital, 90th Infantry Division

- [Ed.: Evangeline sent a very comprehensive newspaper article that I wish we had room to print as it is fascinating & informative. The photos are from the article, and printed here is copy from one of the inserts she sent. Great reading!]

"Evangeline Coeyman [Kwee-man] graduated from Emmaus High School in 1939, and matriculated into the St. Luke's School of Nursing, Bethlehem, PA from which she graduated 3 yrs. later. She joined the Army Nursing Corps & arrived in England on June 8, 1944. She was assigned to the 59th Field

Hospital of the 90th Infantry Division which originated from Oklahoma and Texas. The Field Hospital, consisting of 18 nurses, an 8-person surgical team, 4-6 doctors and 50-70 corpsmen, came ashore on Utah Beach on July 31, via a Landing Ship Tank [LST]. The hospital followed Patton's army across Europe where they were able to provide medical assistance to the wounded following battle. Ms. Coeyman participated in providing medical assistance to GIs following the Battle of the Bulge, and she saw the General several times as they crossed into Germany and Austria. The most unforgettable horrors

were the concentration camps, Gosen and Mauthusen, that Ms. Coeyman aided in liberating. One of her interesting stories related to powdered blood plasma substitute that was just gaining in use at that time. Looking at the bottle during battlefield surgery, Evangeline noted that the manufacturer was in Easton, PA, a company noted for making women's lingerie before the war! Small world. May Evangeline's unselfish dedication to saving lives during the war long be remembered."

Epilogue: "The 59th Field Hospital received battle stars for serving the 90th Infantry Division in Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes and central Europe. Coeyman returned to St. Luke's Hospital after the war and became head nurse in 1952. Seven years later, she joined the faculty of the hospital's nursing school, which she is proud to say is the nation's oldest, dating to 1848. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the U of PA and a master's degree in education from Temple University. She retired in 1989 & has a daughter + 2 grandchildren." 23



Courtesy of Evangeline R. Coeyman

A CORPSMAN who in civilian life was a Hollywood hairdresser fixed Evangeline R. Coeyman's hair for this photo, her 'glamour picture.'



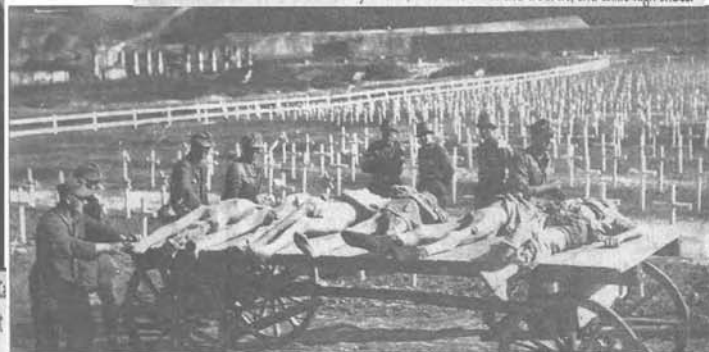
Courtesy of Evangeline R. Coeyman

COEYMAN (fourth from left) bivouacs at Camp Carson, Colo., in the spring of 1944. 'Our uniforms were practical and comfortable. We wore heavy cotton, olive-drab shirts and trousers, and ankle-high shoes.'



Chuck Zwick The Morning Call

EVANGELINE R. COEYMAN, a frontline Army nurse during World War II: 'I felt that I should put up courage... If I would break down, how could I do the pain medications?'



Courtesy of Evangeline R. Coeyman

GERMAN PRISONERS UNLOAD corpses at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, where Army nurse Evangeline R. Coeyman was stationed at the end of the war. A corpsman with her took this photo.



THIS PHOTO OF Coeyman preparing to medicate a soldier appeared in the 1945 Victory issue of Yank magazine, which she is holding in the photo above. The caption reads: 'Many GIs found that Army nurses were the only good part of lying wounded in a hospital.'

Courtesy of E.R. Coeyman

C/O JAMES R. REID, SR.
17 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
WILLOWBROOK, IL 60527-2221

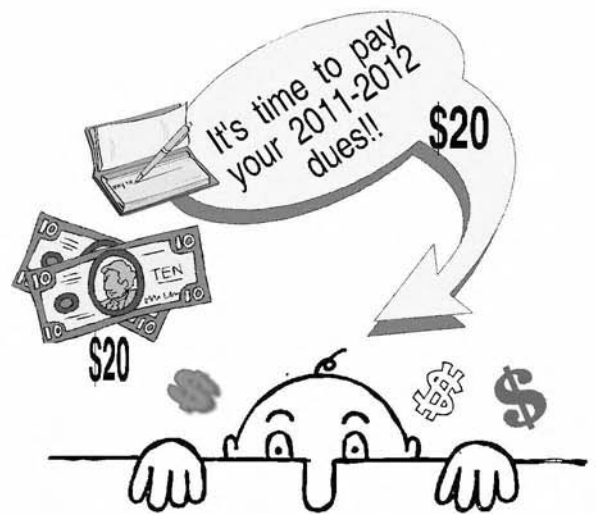
NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #20
OAK BROOK, IL

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



NINTIETH DIVISION
ASSOCIATION

In God We Trust



Your label tells if you've paid for '11-'12