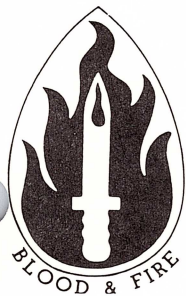


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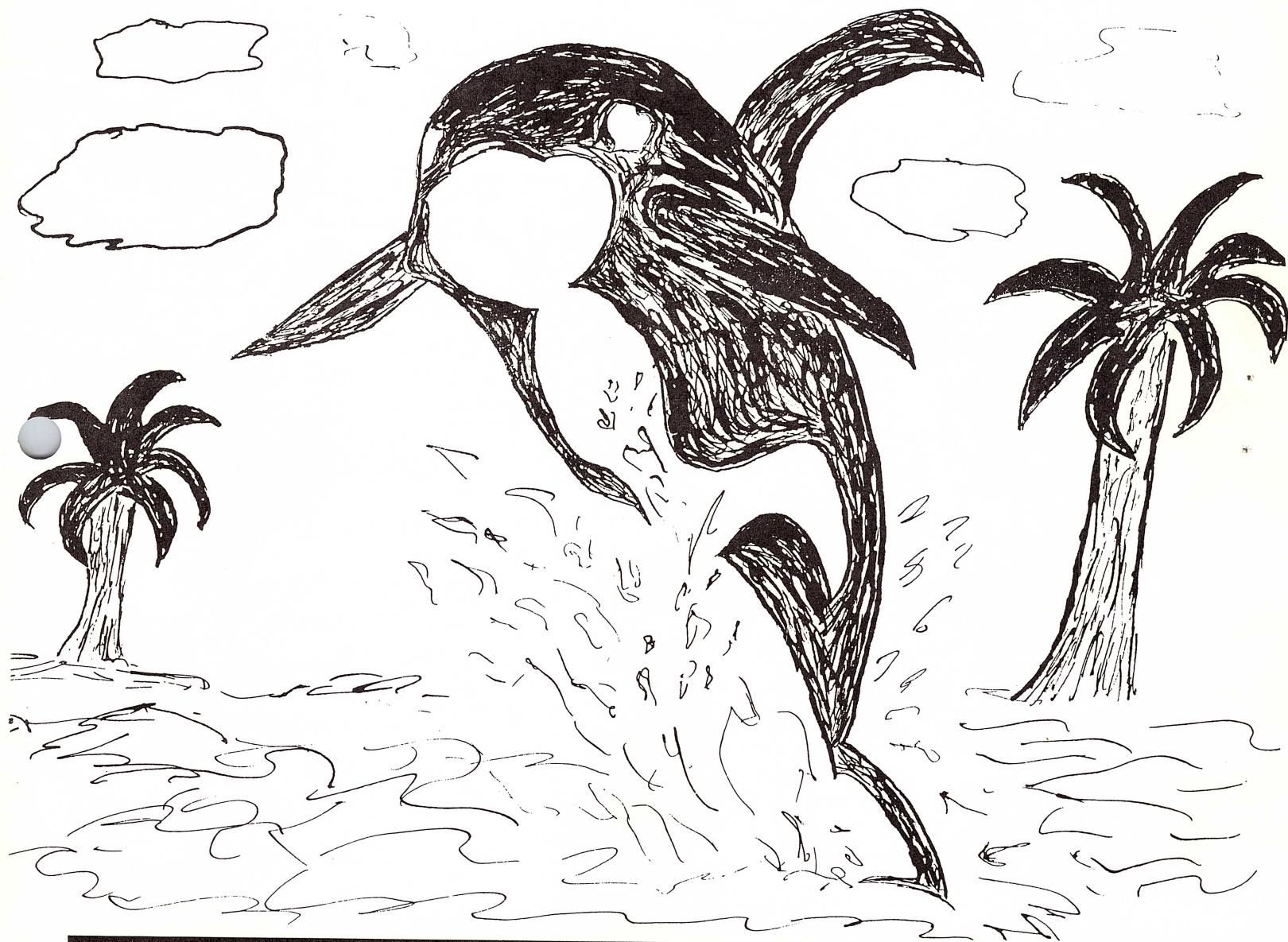


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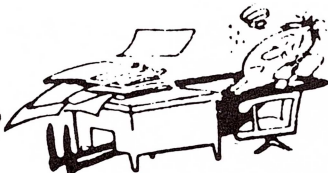
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## WE MOURN OUR LOSS

**TOM LISZKA..SECRETARY/TREASURER  
63rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

Tom Liszka died Friday, Sept. 22, 1989, due to the ravages of cancer. Tom did not give up easily, he fought a valiant battle against this terrible disease. He was a dedicated worker, and an asset to the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

Shortly after being elected as our Secretary/Treasurer, he immediately forged ahead to revamp our records, and bring them up to date, and brought many old timers back into the "fold". They just plain forgot to pay their dues, and were glad to hear from Tom, with his little reminder.

Tom and I, had a very good working relationship, which is essential to any organization. He will be sorely missed by us all.

Our "Sincerest Sympathies" to Lydia and family.



## KEEP GOING

We accept as part of life  
Those times of discouragement,  
Frustration, and pain.

We pause, gather strength  
Consider what must be done,  
As well as how,  
And go on with living.

Minor discomforts and  
inconveniences  
Are taken care of automatically.

Major problems require more  
thought.

Then there are occasions  
When it seems that problems occur  
Faster than solutions can be found.

At such times the "just right" word  
Or something done by a friend  
Takes on special meaning,  
And we find reason  
To live one more day.

—Rev. Carl E. Bergstrom  
DAV National Chaplain

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

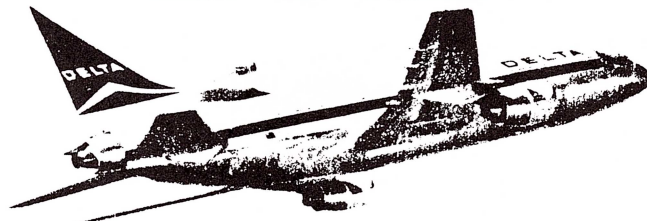
OUR REUNIONS GET SWEETER WITH AGE! JOHN SANTANGELO AND HIS SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTEE, DID A REMARKABLE JOB IN GARNERING NEW MEMBERS, AND OPENING THE FAR WEST TO THE 63RD.

THE FLORIDA CHAPTER IS NOW EAGER TO RUN ANOTHER REUNION, FILLED WITH FUN AND FRIENDSHIP, FOR 1990. OLD AND NEW BUDDIES WILL BE GETTING TOGETHER, AUGUST 29TH THRU SEPTEMBER 2ND, AT THE ORLANDO AIRPORT MARRIOTT.

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LASTLY, I MUST PAY RESPECT TO OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED SECRETARY/TREASURER TOM LISZKA. THE 63RD WILL ALWAYS MISS HIS TIRELESS WORK AND DAUNTLESS FIGHTING SPIRIT. MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS TO BE IN ORLANDO IN AUGUST 1990, TO HONOR TOM LISZKA WHEN TAPS ARE PLAYED.

YOURS IN COMRADESHIP,  
HANK GREENBERG, PRES.



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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING, 63RD DIVISION ASSOCIATION HELD  
AT THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL, BURLINGAME, CA ON  
AUGUST 26, 1989

The 41st Annual Meeting of the 63rd Division Association was opened at 10:10 AM by the National President John Santangelo in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. There were 257 members in attendance.

President Santangelo lead the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This was followed by the Invocation given by the Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in St. Louis were read by Tom Liszka and since there were no corrections or additions, I. Schlocker made a motion to accept the Minutes. This was seconded by Al Conti. The motion was approved.

After reading the Minutes, Tom Liszka thanked Shorty Myers and the Philadelphia Chapter for contributing \$1,291.18 from the sale of the 63rd VCR Tape. Tom asked for a standing ovation for Shorty and the Philadelphia Chapter. Also, a special thanks was given to Gene Rombach and the St. Louis Reunion Committee for their Reunion Profit and to John Santangelo and his Committee for enrolling many new members from the West Coast.

Tom Liszka asked Ed. Witt to read the Officers' Minutes from the St. Louis Reunion regarding Site Selection and to further explain how Site Selection is presented and determined.

Ed Witt also read the Financial Report which was prepared by Tom Liszka. A motion was made by D. VanSant and Seconded by W. Hooven to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

Jerry Rosenberg was introduced and given a standing ovation for being the only member to attend all 41 Reunions. Our Medal of Honor member John Cruz was not in attendance but was mentioned to the membership.

Twenty-seven first-timers were asked to stand and they introduced themselves to the membership. The Membership gave them a big hand.

Mike Baymor, Historian, thanked members who made donations to the Historical Archives. He explained the status of the 63rd Division Historical Book and the need for more input from the membership. Since no estimate of the cost of the book or the printing, etc. was available, Mike asked for donations from the membership to help finance the initial costs. He said he would make a collection after the meeting.\*

The Blood and Fire Editor, Nate Spiegel gave his report. He emphasized the importance of members sending their change in address to him promptly and mentioned the high cost of forwarding the Blood and Fire. He announced that the Reunion Committee will be allocated four pages in each issue. Since some requests have been sent to Nate for "Ad" space, Nate reiterated the policy of the Association. No "ADS" will be allowed. The closing date for the next issue will be October 5, 1989.

#### Site Selection Report:

Hank Greenberg reported on the 1990 Reunion. It will be held in Orlando, Florida on October 10 - 14 at the Court of Flags Hotel. This is a Resort Hotel. He announced his Officers:

H. Greenberg               - President  
C. Young, Jr.               - Ex. V. P.

G. Ludy            1st V. P.  
W. Snyder        2nd V. P.  
N. Spiegel        Treasurer

Two requests were made for the 1991 Reunion: Irv Schlocker of the Philadelphia Chapter made a bid for Nashville Tennessee in Late September or early October. He indicated that the estimated cost per room would be \$65. Mag Froberg of the IOK Chapter made a bid for Columbus, Ohio for 1991 also. The price range for a room would be \$59. to \$65.

After both presentations, a vote was taken and the membership selected Nashville, Tennessee as the Site for the 1991 Reunion.

The Florida Chapter was selected last year to hold the 1990 Reunion. They selected H Greenberg to head the Reunion. H Greenberg as President and the Officers he announced previously were elected by acclamation. Thus H. Greenberg becomes the 1990 National President.

Tom Liszka was unanimously elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Nate Spiegel was also elected unanimously as Editor of the Blood and Fire.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors to serve a three-year term ending in 1992: One extra Board Member was selected to replace R. J. Johnson.

L. D. Tirelli	representing	253
R. L. Ross	"	254
E. Witt	"	255
R. M. Ingle	"	Spl. Troops
A. C. Ash III	"	Arty

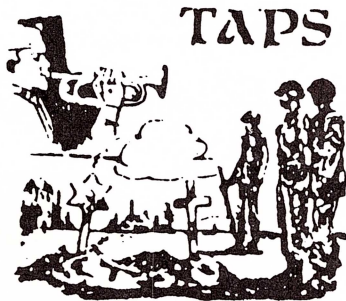
The Fort Sill Bank Account was discussed and Ed Witt suggested that since we are so far from our goal and possibly never will attain the amount needed, that we should transfer that money into our General Fund. After a short discussion, Bill Smith made a motion, seconded by Barney Forrest to transfer the money to our General Fund.

President John Santangelo thanked his Committee for their support in making this Reunion the success that it is. Gene Rombach asked the membership to give John and his Committee a standing ovation for such a fine Reunion.

Since no one had any further business to discuss, A. Conti made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by E. Witt. John adjourned the meeting at 12:35 P.M.

Tom Liszka, Secretary/Treasurer

\* A total amount of \$3,840.00 was collected.



So near to grandeur is our dust,

So near to God is man;

That when duty calls to youth "thou must" I

The youth replied, "I can."

ROBERT STURGEON

Died May 8, 1989.....Co."E" 253rd Inf.  
P.O. Box 40...Tombstone, AZ 85638.....

DONAL M. GOULD

Died Nov. 30, 1988.....Co."B" 253rd Inf.  
5 Putnam St...Danvers, MA 01923.....

AROLD W. PREECE

Died Feb. 23, 1989.....Co."F" 253rd Inf.  
Box 732...Parowan, UT 84761.....

JOHN TOBAC

Died Nov. 8, 1988.....Co."B" 255th Inf.  
1000 Walnut St...Linden, NJ 07036.....

ROBERT KELLY

Died August 7, 1989.....Co."G" 254th Inf.  
151 S. East 21st Terr...Cape Coral, FL 33904

CAPT. ALEX C. MONTAUREDES

Died August 1989.....861st HQ Btry.  
753 Coney Island Ave...Brooklyn, NY 11218..

HENRY SAMPSON

Died July 16, 1989.....863rd "C" Btry.  
872 S. Lincoln Rd...Bay City, MI 48706....

ROBERT WELTY, Jr.

Died August 20, 1989.....Co."I" 254th Inf.  
99 Hitching Post Ln...Lancaster, PA 17602..

WALDO J. NIELSON

Died July 8, 1989.....Co."C" 254th Inf.  
343 Eaton Rd...Rochester, NY 14617.....

JOHN MUTZABAUGH

Died date N/A.....Co."B" 253rd Inf.  
308 Thalia Drive...Newport News, VA 23602..

\* \* \* \* \*  
Editor: I'm sure Joe wouldn't mind, my adding the  
photos to his beautiful written "Patriot".

LARRY PAUCH

Died date N/A.....Serv. Co. 253rd Inf..  
5510 Orchid Ave...Parma, OH 44129.....

CLARENCE DODD

Died May 4, 1989.....718th FA "A" Btry.  
25 Briggs Ave...Fairport, NY 14450.....

OVAL SMITH

Died May 24, 1989.....HQ Co. 255th Inf.  
3500 Frederick-Gingham Rd...Tipp City, OH

VINCENT MILLER

Died Nov. 28, 1987.....Co."H" 254th Inf.  
Box 244...Adams, MN 55909.....

BERNARD BAST

Died Jan. 20, 1989.....862nd FA "A" Btry.  
1105 Park Row Blvd...Manitowoc, WI 54220..

MARVIN W. FERGUSON

Died Nov. 22, 1988.....863rd FA "C" Btry.  
13318 Dixie Hwy. Ll...Holly, MI 48442.....

ERNEST B. GILLIAND

Died May 10, 1989.....HQ Co. 254th Inf.  
1075 Mc Evers Rd...Memphis, TN 38111.....



THE PATRIOT



I once saw a man who looked not too well  
It seemed he'd seen the worst side of hell  
Laying there limp, skinny and white within his bed  
He took the effort to speak, for he was half dead  
He took my hand and looked at me, straight into my eyes  
His dry lips moved and I could tell that these lips knew no lies  
He spoke to me about the war and how his friends had bled  
Then after he died, and I remember what he said

He said:  
"It's up to you  
To be true  
To the red, white and blue  
To fight  
For the right  
To gleam freedom's light  
To fly  
Not to die  
And I'll tell you why  
Don't you forget  
The right's we've set  
This land is the best you can get



And with these words I slowly walked, sadly to the door  
Then looked back upon the man who wasn't with us anymore  
Who gave to me the strength to fight by holding my hand  
Then for him I willed to keep the fight for freedom in this land

"It's up to me  
To see  
That America stays free  
To fight  
For the right  
To gleam freedom's light  
To fly  
Not to die  
And he told me why  
I won't forget  
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Written by Joe Constanza, a student at Montville High School,  
Montville, N.J. (To the Veterans of the wars of the United  
States of America)

# Letters To The Editor



John..Historian's column, will have one of your answers, you can get in touch with Mike Baymor for any additional information you may need.  
Nate...

Dear Nate:

I am writing to tell you that my husband Bernard M. Bast, died on Jan. 20, 1989. I do hope someone who knew him, sees the information. We did have many friends. I was an Army wife, while he was at Camp Van Dorn, transplanted from Michigan.

Cancer and Leukemia have plagued Bern for many years, but he kept "fighting his way back" for 16 years. Guess that was due to being a soldier in the 63rd! He never gave up. You may wonder why I'm returning his Life Membership Card, it is one of the 1st issued, (#21). What a buy! I thought, perhaps you could use it as an artifact in the museum. I have a few other items but do not know where to send them. (Emily, get in touch with Ed Witt or Mike Baymor).

Bern read all the issues of the Blood and Fire all the way through, and so did I. We enjoyed the articles, pictures and looked for familiar names. There seems to be very few men from "A" Btry 862nd FA.

My best wishes for continued success to the Blood & Fire, and all of you, who give your time, and talent, that makes it all.... possible.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Emily Bast

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**WHERE ARE ALL YOU GUYS FROM THE CARMEN SHOW? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR FLORIDA REUNION...NEXT YEAR!**

**Shorty Myers**

**AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL...ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**GO FOR THE MAGIC!**

Dear Nate:

Thirty Five women were lucky winners of various door prizes at the women's meeting. Some of the beautiful gifts were hand-made and donated by the women of the reunion committee. Many thanks to Dorothy Hiller for a beautiful hand made Afgan which was won by Hazel Waters. A grand time was had by all the ladies. (ON TO OUR NEXT REUNION)

Josephine Mucciolo  
Ladies Committee

Dear Nate:

We would like to thank you all for attending our 41st Annual Reunion at San Francisco. A great time was had by all those who attended, and for those who did not come you missed a good one.

Next year, the 42nd Reunion will be held in Orlando, Florida. Support the Reunion by going, and by taking an ad in their souvenir/ad book. We also need more working Chapters.

The California-Western State Chapter, would like to know, how many of you would consider "Hawaii" in 1991 or 1992. A complete one week or 10 days. Including rooms, events, Plane fare from San Francisco. Please contact: John Santangelo, 3339 So. Canfield Ave., #102, Los Angeles, CA 90034 (213) 204-0440.

Sincerely,  
John & Betty Santangelo

Dear Nate:

Enjoy reading the Blood & Fire, and am looking for information pertaining to some of the GI's I knew. Am also interested in the History of the 63d being readied, and about Col. Hatcher's book.

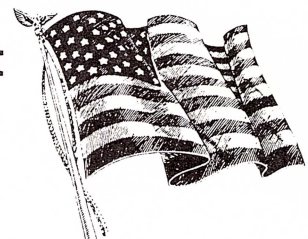
Paul Taubman, a New York City celebrity, was in Div. Hqs., I handled rations money for him as funds became available, and in Co. "H", I gave mail to Tony Beneditto from New Jersey, later becoming Tony Bennet.

John L. Witmer  
DIV. HQS & Co."H" 255th Inf.

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**GO FOR THE MAGIC! FLORIDA REUNION!  
AUGUST 29...SEPT. 2, 1990**

**Protect  
Our  
Flag**



Letters continued...

Dear Nate:

I hope the pressure cooker has eased off since the S.F. Reunion. The reports I've had so far, have been favorable, and I trust everyone enjoyed the occasion.

The 63rd Patch is in place in the Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, and does show up well on a bright sunny day. Quite attractive and eye catching. Thank you, to the Florida Chapter for the window.

I was a member of Co."C" 254th Inf., from Camp Blanding to Nassau, Germany. Left the company August 7, 1945, and returned home Jan. 3, 1946. Reason..I was detoured by way of Bremharven, and a stint in a Port Co. as Acting 1st Sgt., and never did see the docks. Lately I have been searching for members of Co."I" and have had some success. I have picked up a roster of over 100 former "I" members, and also been involved with the Company Reunions in Franklin, NC since 1980. We are working on the next one in 1990. Last time we had 43 attending, and a fine time.

It is with a heavy heart to notify you that Co."I" lost our Ass't. 1st Sgt., Aug. 20, 1989. Robert Welty had a heart attack after an extended illness. He was buried in Allentown, PA. Bill Hagerty attended his funeral as a representative of Co."I". Katherine, his wife was proud of his service to his country in the 63rd Division, as he was, and she did enjoy the Reunions. Robert Welty was a good soldier.

Sincerely,  
Charles H. Jenkins

Dear Nate:

I was glad to see the picture of the ship that I went to Europe on. I was lucky to get on top deck on the trip overseas. Another article I really enjoyed in the Feb. issue of the Blood & Fire, was the article by Alan Brill, the battle for the town of Jebshiem, France. Alan Brill was my platoon leader while I was with Co."G" 254th Inf. In January of '45, I was sent to 2nd Battalion Hqs. on detached duty. I stayed there for the rest of the time I was in the 63rd Inf. Div.

Yours truly,  
Jasper Miller

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**DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES....  
PLEASE SEND THEM IN NOW...  
TO OUR TREASURER!**

Dear Nate:

At a recent function at a Salvation Army facility in Camden, NJ. I noticed their flag in a stand with their motto, it is Blood & Fire. What a coincidence! I sent the Lt. in charge a short synopsis of how our motto was conceived. Their flag was very impressive. (There is a picture of the flag in this issue..Editor) I've talked with the members of the Philly Chapter, also with some members of "I" 254th, and they were as astounded as I was.

Of course the connotation of their motto and ours is very different.

Sincerely,  
Joseph P. Sosna..."I" 254th

Please Note: The following letter was sent to me approximately 16 days before his death. In due respect to Waldo, I have enclosed his letter and story on the ... "Harungshof Raid".

Dear Nate:

Enjoyed the May issue of the Blood & Fire, as usual you are doing a superb job as editor. Was sorry to hear about my friend Roger Johnson. We went with him on the ETO tour in 1987. He did a tremendously good job in organizing and conducting the tour. We will miss him.

You mention that you will be printing interesting articles by members. I would like to submit the enclosed article for consideration, for inclusion in the B&F.

The "Harungshof Raid", was the same one in which the bodies of 3 members of "C" Co. were found 37 years later in 1982. There are still 3 missing. In this one action from 1 PM on March 3rd, to about 10 or 11 PM on March 3rd, there were 17 KIA, and about 50 WIA, from "C" Co. 254th a very costly piece of action.

Best wishes,  
Waldo Nielson  
"C" 254th Inf.

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"TAPS" continued...

Major William P. Keane

Date died June 1, 1989 -HQ Co. 254th Inf.  
5120 Far Hills Ave.....Dayton, OH 45429



## THE HARTUNGSHOF RAID

March 3, 1945

Waldo J. Nielsen S/Sgt Co. C 254 Inf. Reg.

I was platoon guide of the 1st platoon of C Co. The first platoon was assigned the task of flanking the Hartungshof strong point on the right in this screening attack on March 3, 1945. One squad was in the lead, another squad following on the right (this squad hit the minefield) and another squad on the left, close to an old stone wall. I was with this squad on the left. We received small arms fire from the area behind the wall and we engaged them in a fire fight. I was later told that I had hit one of the enemy but I wouldn't know for sure since I was also trying to direct the men. We then ran like hell for the cover of the woods. At the bottom of the draw there was a gully and a small stream.

Just beyond this point I was hit. The bullet entered and exited my left thigh, grazed the scrotal sac, and entered and exited my right thigh. My long johns, OD's and fatigues finally stopped the bullet. I was later told that I fell just like they do in the movies. At first I sat up and then lay down again to make a smaller target. The rest of the squad were in the woods. I was later told that the machine gun bullets were kicking up dirt all around me and that when I lay down they thought I was hit again. It was nothing short of a miracle that the bullet missed my testicles (of course I couldn't be entirely sure of this at the time but since there was no pain I was somewhat reassured).

It was now about 1:30 P.M. I then crawled back a few feet to the gully and rolled into it. It was no more than a foot deep and there was a trickle of water running through it. I was now facing south, away from Hartungshof, so I had no idea of what was going on in Hartungshof. Shortly after, I saw Sgt. Burdett (squad leader of the squad on the right) being treated by a medic, T/4 Heinpold, who then came running across the field toward us (a couple of others had also been hit). There were a couple of explosions and he went flying into the air, about 100 or so feet from where I was. At first I thought he had been hit by shellfire but I believe he stepped on a Schu mine and fell down on another one. I think he died instantly.

Some time later one of the men from our platoon wandered over in my direction. It looked like he had a number of bullet holes in him. I yelled at him to get down. He stumbled around some more and then fell. He died later that night. I lay in that gully all night. By this time I knew that I was in, or very close to a minefield. At our briefing we were told that reconnaissance patrols reported that there were no mines in the area. Sometime later that night our platoon withdrew. Although I couldn't see them, they told me they would send stretcher bearers back to get me. Stretcher bearers never came.

I managed to doze off now and then. Evidently the bleeding had stopped or slowed down. Earlier I had put my hand in my pocket and came out with a handful of blood, and since I was facing downstream, I saw blood trickling past me in the water. The wounds were too close to my groin to even think about applying a tourniquet. There was very little pain except when a shell hit nearby and I was bounced around a bit. It was a hell of a long night. One of the wounded men was calling for his mother; another was praying. Some time later that night, one of the wounded, hit in the leg, left and made his way back.

When dawn came, I noticed a wagon wheel set up in the gully. With the rising mist it looked like something out of "All Quiet on the Western Front". There was a light frost on the ground. For some reason I never gave up hope. I felt sure that I would eventually get out of there. Sometime after daybreak some riflemen from L Co. in Bliesransbach started coming out toward us. I told them about the minefield and directed them to go back up to the road and come down the way we had come in the attack. I had already started making my way back up the hill by sitting up and pushing myself. What a hell of a feeling, not knowing whether or not I would sit on a mine. Shortly after they reached me and carried me back up to the road where a jeep was waiting. It was now about 9 A.M. I believe I was the only one left alive to be evacuated from that immediate area.



NEW MEMBERS  
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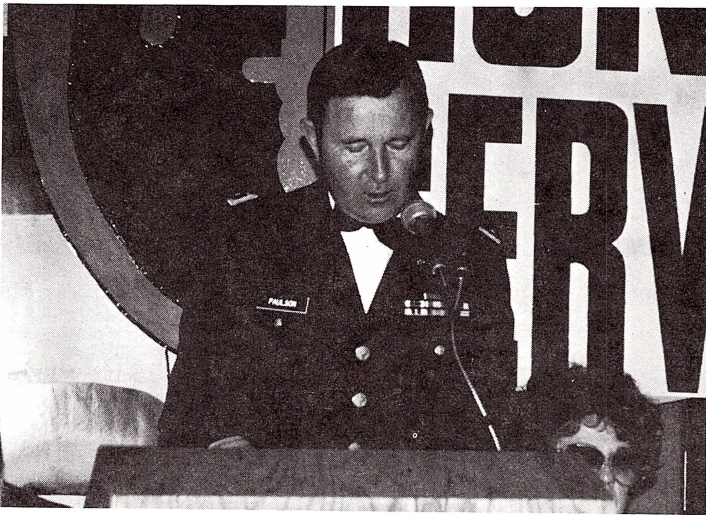
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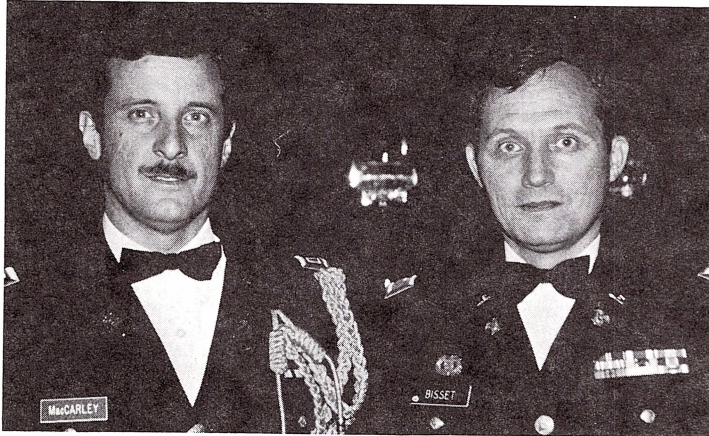
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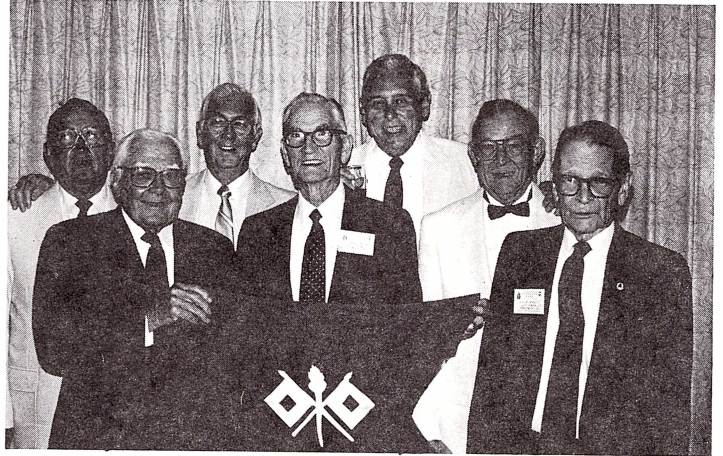
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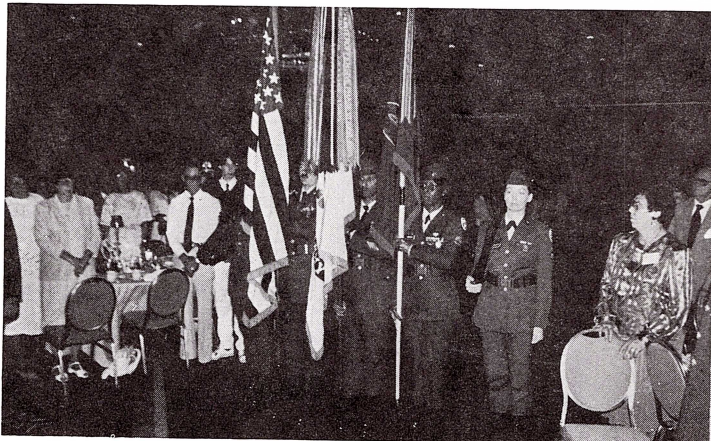
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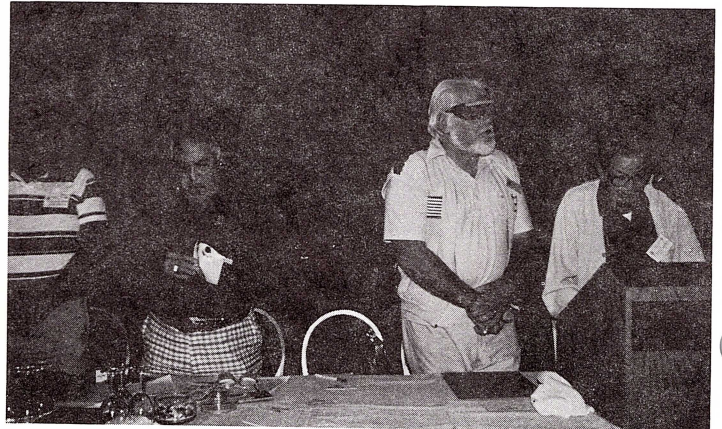
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# CHAPTER NEWS

## UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER...

Pres. Chuck Hathaway

The third annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Chapter was held in Maplewood, MN, June 9th through the 11th, 1989. There were many handshakes and words of recognition as one signed in. There were 5 new and first time attendees and all from B-254th. Many brought pictures, old rosters and "liberated medals", which were displayed on a bulletin board. The evening festivities started off with a cocktail hour followed by dinner. The business meeting was short. Pres. Don Reieux welcomed everyone and then opened for nominations for vice-president. Keith Johnson was elected V.P., without any opposition. Our incoming president Chuck Hathaway will be host for the '90 Mini Reunion, which will be held somewhere in "IOWA".

Some members went to historic Ft. Snelling for a tour and a Musket Review. Saturday afternoon was spent at the home of Don and Pat Reieux for an outdoor picnic. That evening a busload went to the Twins game, this time they won. We had a beautiful Sunday picnic, desert was a cake decorated with the Blood & Fire patch. Goodbys were said with hugs and handshakes, promising to meet again in 'Frisco or next year in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Art Johnson...Sec./Treas.

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## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER...

Pres. Irvin Schlocker

We had a wonderful time at our annual Spring Mini-Reunion on Sunday, May 21, 1989 at the Lily Langtry's Dinner Show .... Restaurant.

The 56 attending members enjoyed the "All you can eat" brunch. A short meeting was held following the brunch. Prayers were said for our sick and deceased members. Our sympathies went to Joseph McElroy, who recently lost his wife, Mary Alice McElroy. Ed & Marge Hooven missed the brunch due to Ed being hospitalized for internal bleeding. Ed is now home and doing great.

Shorty & Betty Myers were awarded the Phila. Chapter 63rd Div. Plaque for their tireless devotion in completing the 63rd Div. Combat tape. Shorty sold almost 299 tapes.

Our newest member, Jacob & Betty Strauss had a good time. They felt right at home with their buddies.

Before the meeting adjourned, we gave away five \$20.00 prizes that were won by, Irwin Lieberman, Joe Mazei, Robert McClurken, Joe Sosna and Mike Jugan. Our fall meeting will be held in the Poconos in October, 1989.

Albert J. Conti..Exec. Vice Pres.

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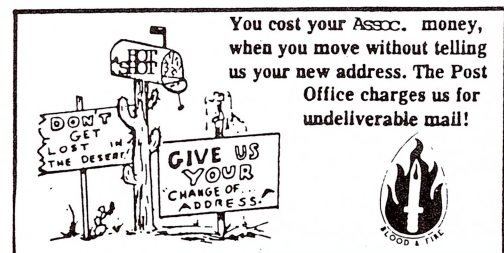
## FLORIDA CHAPTER...

Pres. Hank Greenberg

Our next Mini will be held at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Orlando on Dec. 1-3. It will also include a planning session..... regarding our UPCOMING REUNION, AT THIS HOTEL, ON AUGUST 29 thru SEPT. 2nd 1990. We would like to see all the Florida "Hot-shots" in attendance, and the "Welcome Mat" is out for any of you "Snowbirds" who may be in our Sunshine State at the time.

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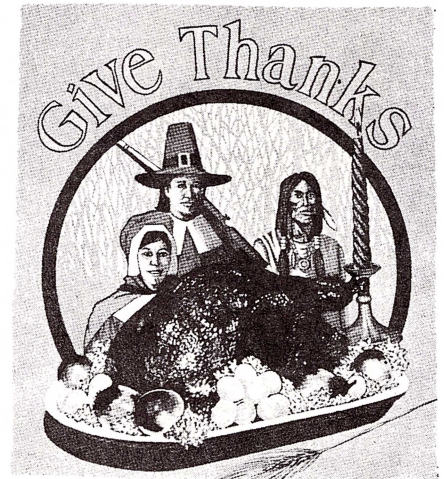
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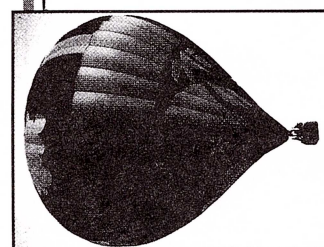
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We wish you and yours,  
A NEW YEAR OF HEALTH  
AND HAPPINESS! Nate & Miriam



Ladies gifts

# HISTORIC NOTES

by Mike Baymor...



The book committee thanks the 63rd members at the San Francisco business meeting, for their generosity. Three thousand three hundred & thirty nine dollars (\$3339) was dropped into the hat as seed money for the purpose of writing a 63rd ID history. An additional \$500, was donated later. Further donations will be accepted. An accounting will be made of all funds received and dispersed. We promised to have a draft copy of the history by the next reunion, and we will do our best to have one ready.

## HOTSHOTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

1. We need HQ Co. Btry. itineraries.
2. We need battle stories, the unpublished kind. The kind one hears at reunions, stories like the private who cracked the Siegfried Line, or the 8 men who were given up as MIA, but were found the next day in a bunker. The company that fought it's way back through the German lines and others.
3. If you write something, and it is published, we will give you credit as a contributor.

We know the stories of our Congressional Medal of Honor winners, Robinson and Crews. I did not know our Distinguished Service Cross recipients. For a long time only one was listed, in 1948 three were listed. I now have seven names, five with the citations. If you know of one, send in his name and a copy of the citation. Starting in this issue, we will publish the name, General Order number, HQ, date, and citation. This should be interesting reading.

To get as much information as we can from our members, we urge the veterans of the 63rd, to complete the enclosed statistical data sheet, and send it to Bill Scott. He is our statistician, and computer expert.

We are still looking for a complete copy of "Burnt Waters", written by a 63rd veteran (A-255). Three chapters were published in May & Dec. 1957, and April 1958 editions of the BLOOD & FIRE. We are also seeking a division history, announced by Sgt. Alexander DiPesa, in the Oct.-Nov. 1954 issue of the B&F. It may be the same book.

My wife and I, enjoyed the San Francisco reunion. It was marvelous being with such

a group of wonderful people.

Mike.....

Editor's Comment...

I could not insert the copies of the original Citations, as they were not sharp & clear enough to put into the B&F. I re-typed them for easier reading.

## CITATION

### FOR AWARD OF THE

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

**ROBERT E. TUCKER**, 019 938, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 254th Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 23 January 1945, in the vicinity of Benwihr, France, the 1st Battalion attacked a strongly defended enemy-held hill, under the command of Colonel Tucker. As the battalion was moving up under heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, the center company encountered an anti-personnel minefield and was pinned down. Colonel Tucker, realizing the hopelessness of further advance acted quickly. With dauntless courage, he moved through anti-personnel minefields under intense enemy fire, from one company to another organizing and bringing the battalion under his personal control. Through his cool, calm and deliberate action, Colonel Tucker was successful in reorganizing his battalion and continuing the attack which resulted in the capture and occupation of the strongly fortified hill. Entered military service from Winthrop, Massachusetts.

Authority G.O. 263 HQ 7th U.S. Army, 24 June 1945, LTC. INF.

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#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Awarded to **GERALD B. STEGERMEYER**, P.F.C., 36817433 Co. "F" 253rd Inf., at his home by the Commanding Officer 7th Corps 7 Dec. 1946.

For extraordinary heroism in action on the 6th of April 1945 in the vicinity of Buchhof, Germany. When the Platoon Sergeant leading the machine gun section was seriously wounded in the leg by a sniper, private first class Stegemeyer unhesitatingly went to his aid, when he observed that the sniper was still firing at the fallen man.

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Before he reached the sergeant however, the sniper hit him again. Quickly applying first aid, private first class Stegemeyer picked up the sergeant, and though it was over four hundred yards to cover, started up the hill. He had gone but a few yards with his heavy burden, when he was hit in the leg by a sniper. However, he continued carrying the wounded man up the hill until he was hit in the leg again. By this time it was impossible for him to walk so he started crawling across the remaining three hundred yards of open ground. When he stopped to fix the sergeants tourniquet the sniper hit him again, though very weak by now from loss of blood, he kept on with the heavy man only to be struck a fourth time by the sniper, this time through the foot. Dispite his painful wounds, private first class Stegemeyer finally succeeded in getting the sergeant to safety, and medical care in time to save his life. His intreped actions reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

Authority...G.O. 92 HQ 7th U.S. Army, 30 March 46, PFC INF.

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Chapter News continued....

FOX CO. 253rd Inf..William "Smitty" Smith  
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numvber to call for reservations- - 1-800  
535-8486. Mark your calender for those  
important dates (Co. Reunion) April 4th to  
8th 1990..

Reason for the change in hotels this year  
was because the Bellemont was under re-  
ceivership last year. Now under new man-  
agement and doing a good job again. The  
Holiday was nice, but no limousine from  
the Airport, and the suite didn't have a  
kitchen and nice easy chairs, etc. like  
the Bellemont. Bellemont is more "Southern"

Short report on our recent bash of the  
Ohio Chapter, and men of "F" Co. 253rd,  
at the Pocomt Lodge, Bushkill, PA. It was  
teriffic, and some hope to return next  
year for a repeat performace of these en-  
joyable four days. We had 29 in attendance  
and anticipating even a larger turnout  
next year.

Smitty....

"GO FOR THE MAGIC" ORLANDO, FLORIDA



Bill and Jane Weaver



Charles and Virginia Cadle



Marge Hooven



Tom Chatham



## Hot Shot Mail Bag



JAMES WARREN..254th Medics..Rt 1 Box 112 Blueford, IL 62814..James has been a very sick man this past year. He was operated on for a brain tumor in March '89. The good news is, that he is slowly on the road to recovery. I betcha' Sarah is the best nurse in town, and are prayers are with you for a full recovery.

RALPH HUISMAN, Jr...."B" 254th Inf..Box 202 Westside, IA 51467..Ralph underwent open heart surgery in April '89 (thriple bypass) and is recovering quite well, and hoped to make the Upper-Midwest Chapter Mini-Reunion in St. Paul, MN. We hope that you and Ruth were able to attend.

ANDREW W. KIDWELL..763 Ord..8 Huntington Cir.#4, Naperville, IL 60540. Andrew and Joyce are enjoying their retirement, and are always looking forward to receiving his Blood & Fire, even though he sees no mention of the 763rd Ord. We can easily solve that problem Andrew, start writing, and send me an article on the 763rd, you may be surprised, and get many replies. One more suggestion, join us at our next reunion in Orlando, Florida in August, besides meeting old buddies, you and Joyce will make many new friends. See ya, in Orlando.

ALFRED P. CIULLO..Co."C" 253rd Inf..90 Crane St., Fall River, MA 02723..Here We go again! Al doesn't care what Tirelli or Froberg thinks, "I'm still the kid of Co. "C". Catherine is Al that young?? Hmmm.

ANTHONY GRUDNOSKI..HQ Co. 255th Inf..Box 162, Marenisco, MI 49947..Anthony enjoys reading the B&F, it brings back old memories, both good and bad. He claims living in the UP of Michigan is invigorating and keeps him young at 79. He still enjoys hunting, fishing and sports on TV.

DALE C. WILLIAMSON.."C" Btry 718 FA..202 Linton, Natchez, MS 39120..Dale had a very critical illness in Nov. '86, and it's been rather slow getting back to normal, but he continues to improve. Dale & Rebecca would love to have anyone who would like to see

the site of Camp Van Dorn, to visit them at anytime. Now that's what you call good "Southern Hospitality". Dale, get those mess-kits ready.

REV. W.E. HARMER, Jr..Co."K" 253rd Inf. RD 2 Box 252, Douglasville, PA 19518... Rev. Harmer would like to hear from men of the 253rd Regiment, who played baseball with him in the summer of 1945. Now men, when you answer Rev. Harmer, it better be the truth of who really won the game, made all the hits and etc. Murray were you in that game??

BEN L. BADEL.."A" Btry 861st FA..1456 Salway SW, No. Canton, OH 44720..Ben is glad to be back into the "fold". Is now retired and would like to hear from the 'old gang', he guarantees a reply. Let's go one better Ben, you take Jane to Orlando in August, and your buddies can save all that money on writing paper and postage, and have a good time as well.

LEONARD A. HUDSON..Co"K" 254th Inf..340 W. Praire, Vicksburg, MI 49097..Leonard would like to know, if there is any mention of him picking his way thru a mine field on March 15 or 16th, 1945, to get a G.I. who had been left behind. He had one leg blown away. This took place in a barnyard near Ensheim. Leonard has since lost both legs. He can't remember who the was, who was killed by the same shell that got him on March 17,'45 near Ensheim. To answer your question Leonard, our San Francisco Reunion was terrific.

MELVIN E. SUMNERS..Cn Co. 254th Inf..Rt 6 Box 228, Mena, AR 71953..Melvin writes, it was great to see old friends from Cn. Co., after 44 years. It was one of the highlights of his life. Melvin retired after 31 yrs.service, and Olive retired after 30 yrs. civil service. He enjoyed wearing his uniform in St. Louis. One lady thought he was the Chief of Police. His closing statement which is hard to top, "May God Bless All Of You Old Soldiers".

ALFRED SCHWARTZ..Co."A" 253rd Inf..3450 Third Ave.#511, San Diego, CA 92103..Al retired as a Administrator & Professor at Drake University. He and Delle state, that 'San Diego is a great place to live'. Al is now working on a writing project based upon hundreds of letters he wrote during WWII. They are planning their next trip to Thailand. San Francisco was their first. Well folks, we expect to see more of you both, at many more.

BILL WHITTLES..Co."F" 255th Inf..2460 No. Oxford, Roseville, MN 55113..Bill was transferred from the 63rd to the 36th Sig. Bn., and was located North of Hurnberg, until being sent home. He worked for Northwestern Bell Tel. for 37 years, and retired four years ago. Bill & Pat have been attending the Upper Midwest Reunions. How about you folks joining us in Orlando Florida, next August 29 - Sept. 2, 1990.

JACK D. BOYD..Co."B" 253rd Inf..2512 No. Lafayette, Evansville, IN 47711..Jack was shipped out of the 63rd in May of '44 and joined the 17th Airborne Div. He will be attending his first Airborne Reunion in Valley Forge, and hopes the 63rd will have one closer to his home, so he and Jeanette can attend. Come on Jack, Orlando, FL is not that far off, and once a 63rd'er, always a 63rd'er.

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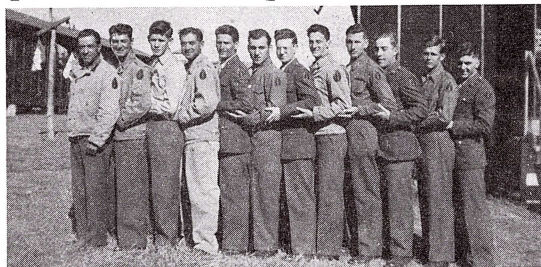
DAVID B. GROTHAUS..Spec. Trps. Medic..520 Dunkirk Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212..David & Hilda attended many reunions including the first in Washington with Gen. Harris. Due to his ill health, they cannot attend anymore reunions, but his thoughts are with us. Take care my friend, your buddies thoughts are with you as well.

MORDECAI BAUMAN..Serv. Co. 255th Inf..49 W. 12th St., NY.NY 10011..In 1952 he and Irma founded "Indian Hill" a summer workshop in

theater for talented teen-agers in Stockbridge, MA. He is also Executive Producer for a documentary film about the life and work of Johann Sebastian Bach. It will be presented on PBS, under the So. Carolina Educational TV Network on March 21, 1990, on Bach's 305th birthday.

REMUS "RAY" MISERENDINO..Co."B" 255th Inf. 630 Gramatan Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10552. In the May '89 issue of the B&F, Jack Kerns article concerning the 'Quarry Battle', this was my first 'baptism of fire! Ray is still working for a major appliance parts distributor. He joined the 63rd as a replacement in January of '45. He was an asst. B.A.R. man with John Deba, and still keeps in touch with William Lawson and Armand Rossetti. Still has many fond memories of time he spent in the 63rd.

REV. CHESTER G. CARSTEN..HQ Btry 718th FA. 733 Westfield Dr., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 Rev. Carsten has been Pastor of the Bethesda Methodist Church in Phila. PA for over 31 yrs. He has never attended one of our reunions, but hopes to, one of these days. Rev. Carsten couldn't attend our San Fran. Reunion, as he was on his way home from Alaska. Enjoys reading the B&F and writes that some issues bring back a lot of memories. (We thank you for your very nice donation you made to our Assn.)



Co. "F" - 255th Inf.  
If you are in this photo, send me your name and address.  
Bernard Horowitz, 2326 Alsace Rd., Reading, PA 19604.

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Jim and Helen Dugan with bust of Gen. Hibbs at West Point.



Infantry Co. A, 253rd Reg., California, August 1989. Front row, l. to r., Eckert, Yuskavich, Vermillion, Schwartz. Back row, l. to r., Cardella, Linscott, Brown, Hooven, Adams, Beavers, Jackson, Ash.



Wives of 563rd Signal Co. members. Front - Jane Grant, Elsie Van Schoor, Lil Wilder. Back - Hazel Waters, Juanita Stewart.



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