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EAGLES COACH BUDDY RYAN THUNDERBIRD KOREA VETERAN

(Article furnished by George F. Zuehlke, Jr., Loyal, WI)

You have probably heard of the wrath of Buddy Ryan, but relatively few have ever actually felt it.

The Chicago Bears of the National Football League did during the time Ryan was their vocal, charismatic and sometimes controversial defensive coordinator. Last year the Frederick, Oklahoma native got a large share of the credit when the Bears went 18-1 and won the Super Bowl.

Now, the Philadelphia Eagles are feeling Ryan's hot tongue, since he has taken over as head coach for the struggling franchise.

George Zuehlke, president of Citizens State Bank in Loyal, WI can also tell you a story or two about the "wrath of Ryan".

His stories are of a very young Ryan of 17, and these tales are not of Buddy the coach but Buddy the Sergeant.

The year was 1951 and the place was Camp Polk, Louisiana, where Zuehlke had been assigned to the 179th Infantry, 45th Infantry Division.

For the first couple of months at Camp Polk, Zuehlke's platoon sergeant was (who else?) Buddy Ryan.

Zuehlke said he first realized his brush with the now famous Ryan when he won the coaching position with the Eagles.

"Something that made me think at first that it wasn't the same person that it meant he would have been 17 when I first met him," Zuehlke stated. "Recently, though, when *Sports Illustrated* ran a piece on him, I figured out his age and it worked out that it must have been him."

That's when Zuehlke sat down and penned the following letter:

Dear Coach Ryan,

I hate to bother you during your busy schedule, but I am curious to know if you are the same person as the Sergeant Ryan I had when I was in service with Company H of the 179th Infantry Regiment. We were organized into a training battalion and took our training separately from the rest of the companies. The cadre that come to mind were Lieutenant Young, Sergeant Sheppard, and Sergeant Ryan.

If you are indeed, the Sergeant Ryan I had in basic training, I would be pleased if you could find time to drop me a line.

Best wishes for a successful season,
I remain, Sincerely,
George F. Zuehlke, Jr.

Ryan replied soon after to confirm Zuehlke's suspicions.

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter. Yes, I am the same Sergeant Ryan that was in the training cadre when you came through Camp Polk, Louisiana. Those names out of the past, Lieutenant Young, Sheppard and myself, that was a long time ago, but it wasn't all bad.

I really enjoyed hearing from you and wish you a lot of success.

Your Friend,
Buddy Ryan

Zuehlke said that looking back he never would have guessed that the Ryan he had for a sergeant could have been just 17. At the time, Zuehlke was 22.

"He was the kind of guy who you didn't question his authority," Zuehlke stated. "If he told you to run through a wall you would have to ask how fast?"

Zuehlke also remembers that Ryan was trans-

ferred to Japan after serving as platoon sergeant for just a couple of months.

Before Ryan left, however, Zuehlke overheard him saying that he planned to attend college at Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State of the Big Eight Conference).

That provided Zuehlke with more assurance later when he read that about Ryan in the *Sports Illustrated* article.

Through additional research, Zuehlke said he found that Ryan had joined the National Guard at 16, was a sergeant at 17, and already a master sergeant by age 18.

"He had the leadership qualities that's for sure," said Zuehlke. "From what I can see, he hasn't really changed much from then to now either. He also looks pretty much the same."

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(EDITORS NOTE: SFC James D. Ryan, Frederick, OK, was a member of Company F, 179th Infantry, during the Korean War.

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GENERAL CHAIRMAN PLANS REUNION

First VP and General Reunion Chairman Dale E. Carney is busy planning for the annual reunion 25-28 August 1988, at the Hilton Inn West, I-40 and Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A hospitality room will be open at noon Thursday, 25 August. There are several unit/organization reunions scheduled in conjunction with the Division reunion. The main activity of these satellite reunions is conducted on Thursday night, therefore, there are no scheduled Division reunion functions until Friday.

Friday activities include registration, evening meal, followed by a social function and bingo. CP's will be open.

Saturday morning activities will include a memorial service, followed by the business meeting, ladies luncheon, museum visitation and the annual banquet and dance.

All necessary forms for reunion registration, hotel reservations, transportation requirements, etc., will be furnished early in July.

Son's Salute Surprises Father

Dominic C. Caruana of Tonawada, NY went to an Army ceremony involving his son Saturday 13 February 1988 and got caught in a surprise, the awarding of a Bronze Star he earned in World War II combat in France 44 years ago.

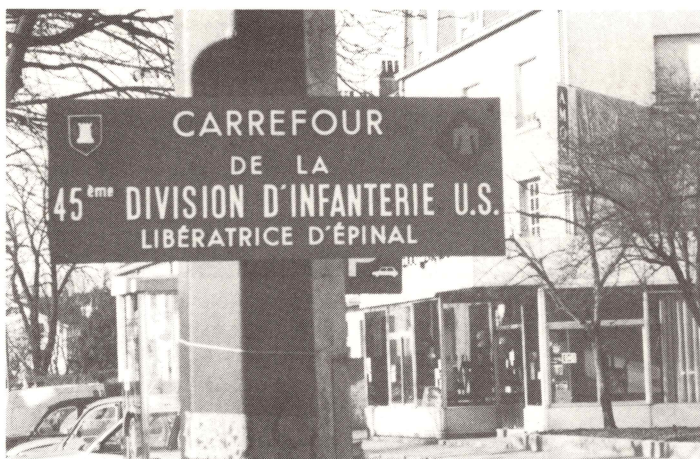
Caruana, a retired postal worker, received the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart from Brig Gen Barclay O'Wellman. The younger Caruana started processing of the award when he discovered that his father's previous award of the Combat Infantry Badge automatically authorized award of the Bronze Star under Army regulations.

The 67 year old retiree was wounded in combat

while serving as a 45th Infantry Division Staff Sergeant. His son commands a Rochester, NY based reserve training group.

INFORMATION ON HOMER WADLOW

Anyone having any personal knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the death of Pvt. Homer Wadlow, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, WWII, in combat on January 15th or 16th, 1945, in the vicinity of Reipertswiller, France, please contact his sister, Mrs. Esquoline Powell, 1370 Brown Ave., Galesburg, IL 61401.



EPINAL HASN'T FORGOTTEN

When I read the request of Mlle Isabelle Rupp of Epinal, France in the last paper, I was reminded of our time there, and wrote her to share some pictures that I had taken. One picture was of a wonderful elderly lady who shared a small house with three of us for a couple of days, and showed us unique ways to cook "C" rations and use the sugar cubes to provide part of the ingredients to make a great apple pie.

She was not Mlle Rupp's grandmother, but she did answer my letter and sent this picture of a sign near the Moselle River in Epinal that indicates they have never forgotten us for those few days of war so long ago.

I thought this might be an interesting picture for the paper or to be displayed somewhere besides in a dresser drawer here in my house.

I really enjoy the paper, and am grateful for all the hard work that goes in it to remind us of the time when we were so close together.

Hugh M. Raupe
106 N. Lambert St., Granbury TX 76048

Thunderbird Directory Planned

Would you please put a brief announcement in the 45th Division News that I would like to make up a directory of all those who were in the 45th at one time or another with their current address and phone number.

I would like individuals by company/battery/squadron and organization. When the list has enough names to make it worthwhile I will mail it to anyone who is on the list or can prove he was in the 45th. The list would be mailed for the cost of the postage plus a very small charge for making a copy.

If a person knows of the address of a former Thunderbird and contacts them for addition to the list, they would have to write to be included. No names would be added without permission.

Robert E. Anderson
1859 Lake Mich Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
Phone: 616/453-3258

(EDITORS NOTE: Please do not send names to the Division Association.)

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Combat Infantry Badge Award Merits Award Of Bronze Star

Veterans issued a Combat Infantry Badge for WW II service may obtain a Bronze Star Medal by writing the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, providing proof that they were awarded the CIB for WW II service and requesting that medal be issued.

The most readily accepted proof of award of the CIB is a copy of the veteran's WD AGO Form 53-55 — his discharge certificate.

The request should be addressed as follows:

Commander, ARPERCEN
ATTN: DARP-PSE-AW
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132



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Looking For Unknown GI

I have been trying for several years to track down a GI from G Company, 180th Infantry (I think) who was separated from his unit and spent a day with a German family in their cellar.

On 18 or 19 March 1945, G Company approached the small town of Nieder-Wurzbach in Saarland, Germany. One soldier, separated from his company, and sheltering in a bakery in the town, was discovered by a young German boy and taken to the cellar where he remained for most of the day. That night the GI left to make his way back to his unit. The next day, when the town was taken, the boy again met "his" GI. They spoke awhile and the GI shared some gum and candy; then the troops moved on.

The boy involved has been trying to find the soldier for 43 years. The town celebrates the event each year. I would appreciate it if you could spread the story around during the reunion and ask anyone with information about it to contact me.

LTC Hugh F. Foster III
821 Dunbar Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

Did You Know PFC Robert Alex Anderson?

Do you remember Robert Alex Anderson, PFC, US 55-129-904, Fox Company, 180 Inf Regt, 45th Inf Div? Killed in action June 12, 1952, Hill 191, Karhyon-NI, North Korea.

Anderson was with his unit in defensive positions on Hill 191. The enemy was assaulting the Hill and were supported by mortars and small arms. An enemy mortar shell exploded near Anderson inflicting fatal head wounds. The body was recovered and positively identified by: Robert C. Seely, III, and James J. Sharron. Report written by Charles W. Hillis.

Anderson joined the 45th Inf Div 9 December 1951 after about 7 weeks service with Fox Co, 5th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div, 18 Oct. - 8 Dec. 1951.

I would like to contact anyone who knew him or was familiar with the action on Hill 191. Contact:

Warren C. Walitzer
6746 Barnwood Dr., Hazelwood, MO 63042
Phone: (314) 731-0993

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

HARVEY A. DIVINE, Rt. 2, Loogootee, IN 47533, is looking for a Crawford, from the vicinity of Danville, IL. He was a member of Co. G 2nd Bn, 179th Infantry during World War II.

EDWARD J. LIVEK, 4400 Wesley Terr., Schiller Park, IL 60176, would like to hear from any member of Battery B, 189th FA Bn. He served with the 45th from Camp Barkley to Munich, Germany.

PATRICK MCQUILLAN, 1421 West Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, MN 55014, is looking for the address of Steve Kovicik, a member of the 180th Inf.

LEO H. MEIER, Box 21, Okawville, IL 62271, is looking for three Thunderbirds, two from Virginia were in Co A, 179th and were captured on Anzio, Feb. 18, 1944, Raymond Graves and a man named Stallard. Also, a man named Phipps who joined Co B, 179th, Jan. 9, 1944. If his recall is correct, Phipps was appointed platoon runner. Any information on these comrades will be appreciated.

★ ★ ★ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ★ ★ ★

I am the widow of Kenneth O. Spurgeon, 120th Medics, Co B, WWII. If you remember Kenneth, this association was half of his life. We looked forward to all aspects of it — the quarterly news letters, our visits to the association office on trips to Oklahoma City . . . so many fond memories of the good times and the wonderful people. A priority for years with us was our plans and attending the Annual Reunions.

It has been most difficult to adjust to his death, and I have not attended the reunion the past two years, but, I may be able to do so in 1988. I know he would want me to as he loved his association with everyone. My very best regards to all. **WILLIE DEAN SPURGEON**, 1041 Sayles Blvd., Abilene, Texas 79605.

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I am a member of the 45th Infantry Division Association and a member of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA). In the current issue of Army magazine, January 1988, the official publication of AUSA, I was pleasantly surprised to discover a full page advertisement, with Thunderbird Patch, proclaiming: "OKLAHOMA GUARD TO GET MLRS" (Multiple Launch Rocket System). First Army National Guard unit selected to field advanced artillery rocket system. I have enclosed advertisement for your perusal. Another mile stone for a great organization.

I am reminded of the difficult and costly battle of the Salerno beachhead and the strong German tank and infantry thrust down the plain between the Sele and Calore rivers. It was a critical point in the battle. The artillery battalions of the 45th Infantry Division performed magnificently and saved the day.

Please extend my compliments to the officers and men of the 45th Artillery Brigade for another job well done.

The tradition goes on.

MARTIN HECHTER, 1333 Farrington Road, Philadelphia, PA 19151.

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$15.00 as dues of membership in the 45th Association. I am not sure what the current dues schedule are set to be, but I have information from a few years ago that the \$15.00 will cover a 4 year period. Should this not be the case, I would appreciate a reply as to the current fee structure.

I was a member of the 45th during the Korean conflict as a member of the 45th Recon Co, inducted into federal service from Claremore, OK. **SIDNEY C. MILLER**, 1606 Rustic Knolls Dr., Katy, TX 77450.

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Have been a member of the Association for some time, and wait for the news letter to arrive.

I do see in your Lost Address Column of someone I know, and have gotten in touch with a few times lately. His name and address is Garland D. Worrell, Rt. 2, Box 24, Godley, TX 76044. I don't want him to miss out on any of the news.

Keep up the good work with the news coming. I am a member of the 279th Infantry and served with Co C in Korea. Would like to hear from the boys from C Co 279 Inf.

I am trying to locate a former friend who I served with. Last known address was in Savannah, GA. His name is Beymer Beville. Any information would be appreciated. **MALCOLM KEATING**, P.O. Box 267, Laplace, LA 70068.

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I am trying to locate someone in the 45th that might have known Lt Michael J. Guyda. Mike and I were in the 75th Division before he joined the 45th. He was reported missing on 23 Feb 1944 while the Division was in the Anzio sector. He was listed as KIA one year later. I am in touch with his brother who would like to hear from anyone who might have known him or have been with him during this time. **JOHN V. WHITE**, P.O. Box 146, Glenville, WV 26351

Being retired for several years, I have had a little time to go through the files that I brought home from the army. In so doing I ran across a roster of the men that served with me in the 45th Division Finance Section of the division headquarters. This naturally makes one wonder about where they are, etc.

I had been a member of the division association when I got out but it didn't seem that important when your interest was to "get on with your life". As the years go by priorities change. At any rate, attached it an application for reentry in to the Division Association and I look forward to seeing the rather new museum that has been established.

Thank you for keeping this "link" going for all the men that have served in the 45th Infantry Division, and I once again look forward to reading the paper that you publish. Usually one can find mention of some names that strike a cord in their memory. **BOB BALTZ**, 123 W. Harrison, Millstadt, IL 62260.

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After my discharge on Sept. 15, 1945, at Fort Devens, MA, I returned to teaching at Quincy High School. I retired in 1970 as Assistant Principal. Since then I have been spending summers on Cape Cod, Winters in Florida and the other two seasons in Quincy.

I keep in contact with Phil Kramer, Pittsburgh, PA, H Co. 179th Regt, and Bill Maver, F Co, 179th Regt, who lost a leg in the push to Rome.

Phil is retired from what used to be U.S. Steel and is not in too good health.

Bill is a retired Quincy City employee, who has never let the loss of a leg stop him from living a full life. His youngest recently finished college, while Bill Jr. was Co-Capt. of Football at University of Connecticut and is, at present, a teacher and head football coach at Acton-Boxborough High School (Mass).

I've love to attend the 45th Division Reunion but cannot convince myself that I should exchange the cool August breezes of Cape Cod for steamy days in Oklahoma City.

Best regards to my Oklahoma friends, especially my old boss, Major Grant Lord. I hope he is alive and in good health. **DONALD E. MacDONALD**, 31 Ocean St., N. Quincy, MA 02171.

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I was a member of the 157th Infantry Regiment during World War II.

I am currently employed by AMVETS (American Veterans of WW II, Korea and Vietnam) as National Service Officer and I have been an employee for 38 years.

I have been representing Veterans and their dependents before the Veterans Administration during my entire employment with AMVETS. **RICHARD F. McCLEARY**, 424 Ocean Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226.

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I was inducted into military Service September 1950 at Fort Leavenworth, KS. I was sent to Camp Polk, LA and trained (also survived January Ice Storm) throughout winter. Sent overseas in March 1951 as part of 179th Inf Heavy Weapon Co.

I arrived in Hokkaido, Japan, spending Spring and Summer in the field at Chitose.

I went to Korea with 179th Inf in December of 1951 and spent Christmas Day at Chorwon on first position 81 Mortars in pouring rain and had a very wet "turkey dinner" in mess gear. "COLD".

Returned from Korea August 1952, released from active duty from Camp Carson, CO.

Spent 7 years wheat ranching in Montana, then 27 years with the City of Fremont, NE as a Power Plant Operator and Supervisor.

I am retiring this year and plan to spend some time traveling to some Reunions with the old company, also plan to attend the 1988 Nebraska Korean Veterans Reunion this August. May make it to an Association Reunion. **CARL D. SNOW**, 849, North H St., Fremont, NE 68025

★ ★ ★ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont.) ★ ★ ★

I joined Battery A 160 FA in Wewoka, in 1933 at the age of 17. The unit commander was E.E. Ogle.

I lived in the Cromwell Community and three of us who lived in the area paid a neighbor 20¢ each to transport us to Drill on Monday evenings. As a private and normal rate of pay would have been one dollar per drill. However, the pay of all Federal Employees was cut 15%. After paying for transportation, 65¢ was left to spend.

This early training gave me a start on a Military Career and my Senior year I was Cadet Colonel of the R.O.T.C. Infantry Regiment at Oklahoma State University (Oklahoma A&M). Upon graduation in 1939, I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry and selected to enter the Army as a Career Officer.

My career was short because I was wounded in Germany just nine days before the end of the war. I retired as a Major and came back to OSU to organize the University Photo Service. After serving in that capacity for more than 30 years, I retired again. The last 10 years at OSU I also served as Military Coordinator for the two R.O.T.C. units.

I am presently a Travel Agent in Stillwater and conduct tours to the Orient. **PAUL E. McCRARY**, 150 South Willis, Stillwater, OK 74074.

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Last summer was the first time that I had a chance to see the 45th Museum and it really took me back a few years.

The Bill Mauldin Section really got me going. You have to live it to enjoy some of the subtle humor. Having met him and Ernie Pyle personally, a lot of times, and had the chance to talk with them, made it more interesting than ever. Even my wife enjoyed every bit of it and to be able to see some of the things that we talk about.

Do you have some one from C Battery, 158 FA, that might know the whereabouts of some of his buddies?

Looking forward to seeing you again next year. **HAROLD GUTKNECK**, 1811 W. Murdock Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

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I just received your Association Letter in the mail today. Thanks to my recent inquiry to the Secretary.

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 for 1 year membership.

My association started in "about" 1-15-45 near Epinal, France from a "Repple Depot" nearby to the Co C 179 Inf. Company Commander's name was "White". He was friends with Bill Mauldin and was supposed to be the model for "Willie" or "Joe" in Mauldin's cartoons.

I stayed with Co C until a few days after the Germans surrendered, and was then transferred to the "IPW" Section of G-2 Division, in Munich, Germany. I stayed with the interrogation team until about September 1945 when the points dropped and I was eligible to go home for discharge.

My immediate superior in IPW was a 1st Lt. by the name of Fredericks from San Francisco, CA.

I returned from Germany with my old unit, Co C 179 Inf, to America on the same English Ship I came overseas on from Camp Miles Standish, MA Christmas 1944. I spent Christmas in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and New Years Eve on a refrigerator ship from South Hampton, England, to La Harve, France. Landed at La Harve on 1/1/45 New Years Day.

I am a recipient of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and 3 major battles of WW II in France and Germany.

I will be 63 on 2-4-88 and in excellent health. I spent the last 29 years in the Mortgage Banking business and now own my own Mortgage Service Company.

I would love to hear from some of my old company buddies. My Platoon Commander in Co C was Lt Miles from Minn. He won his commission after I joined the company and had been an exceptional sergeant previously. **WALTER H. HAAS**, P.O. Box 4994, Rock Island, IL 61204.

I am a native of the Missouri Ozarks. I received basic training at Camp Wolters, TX, 1943-1944, and was assigned to the 45th at Anzio, Italy, June 1944. I was wounded August 26, 1944 in France, and returned to O'Rielly Hospital in Springfield, MO December 1, 1944, where I was a patient until discharge from the Army February 19, 1946.

I went to Southwest Missouri State College under the GI Bill, and graduated in 1950, and married Peggy Turner, a native of Springfield, MO. I am retired from government service and Peggy is still teaching school.

At the conclusion of basic training March 18, 1944, a group picture was taken of the Second Platoon, Company C, 62nd Battalion, and I would very much like information on how to get one. **FLOYD M. CULBERTSON**, 2065 Savoy Court, Springfield, MO 65807.

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I am enclosing dues for 1 year membership. I enjoy the "News" and have seen names of several fellows I served with. I am writing for help locating anyone who served with me in the 45th Division, 180 Inf, Co E.

I served from 5/11/43 to 11/7/44. I served in the European-African Middle Eastern Theater; I landed in North Africa as a replacement in the 45th Division. I was wounded on Anzio Beach, Padiglione, Italy on May 27, 1944. My outfit went on to southern France; I received the Purple Heart, Silver, Bronze and Battle Stars.

Also could you ask if anyone can tell me the whereabouts of Major General W.W. Eagles, Commander and Bernon Cooper of South Carolina, my Squad Leader of Co E?

After discharge I became a 32nd degree Mason of the Suburban Lodge #740, J.V.C. of the V.F.W. Post #6182, Kentucky Colonel; I joined the Suburban Social Club #740, and the American Legion Post #229.

I would like to come to a reunion of the 45th Division in the near future. God willing maybe I can meet some of my service Buddies at that time.

Hope you can print something, so I may find some of them. **LESLIE BARNETT SR**, 3106 Montana Ave., Louisville, KY 40208.

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I joined Co K 179th Inf in 1937. Elmer Croom was the Company Commander. His staff was Lt. Elmer Ward and Lt Edwin Smith and Garvis Robinson was the First Sergeant. Originally, our shoulder patch was the Swastika, but was later changed to the Thunderbird.

In 1940, I joined the Regular Army after getting a release from the 45th Division. I was sent from the recruiting station in Tulsa, OK to the 19th Coast Artillery at Fort Rosencrans, located in San Diego, CA. Because of my previous training in Company K 179th Inf, I was made "acting corporal" in Boot Camp and later was awarded the permanent rank of Corporal after Boot Camp. After a short period of time, I made the rank of Sergeant and was sent to Fort Bliss, TX to train troops on automatic weapons. I departed Fort Bliss and was assigned to the 163rd Gunnery Battalion, AAA. We were sent to Australia where we were given "Jungle Training". We were moved to the Milne Bay, New Guinea staging area. I made three landing with the 163rd Gunnery Battalion at Hollandia. I was then sent to a new outfit out of Fort Ord, CA the 785th AW AAA. We got together at Maffin Bay, New Guinea. After one month, we made the invasion of Morotai Island in the Dutch East Indies. I was wounded in combat at Layte in the Philippines and was evacuated back to the U.S. We landed at Hamilton Field, San Fransisco and then transferred to Hammond General Hospital at Modesto, CA, where I was patched up and later discharged on November 1, 1945. I worked for the City of Long Beach, CA from 1953 to 1964 as a Pest Controller. In 1967, I started work for the U.S. Air Force at McClellan AFB, CA (located near Sacramento), and worked there until my retirement in 1983. **JACK G. MOONEY**, 1245 "C" Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673.

★ ★ ★ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont.) ★ ★ ★

I joined the 45 Division at Fort Devens, MA, and went on with them the rest of the way during WW II as a member of 45 Sig Co, 160 FA and 179 Inf.

In Sept. - Oct. of 1986, my wife and I and another couple traveled in two cars, using CB's to keep in contact, all the way to Los Angeles and stopped at the Best Museum in the Country — The 45th Division Museum, where I decided to become a LIFE member of the 45th. I had been a 10 year member.

In February 1986, I received a Silver Star in lieu of Five Bronze Service Stars. In August of 1985 I received an Army Commandation Medal. In November 1987 by direction of the President of the Bronze Star Medal was presented to me. So you see its never too late to get your medal from so very long ago.

At this stage in life my wife, Miriam and I enjoy working (volunteering) as Co-chair persons on the second floor of Oak Hill Hospital here in Spring Hill, FL. We have now over 3000 hours together. Its a great feeling doing this God-Like-Task and hope to continue for years to come. I have a birthday this month, I'll be 68 years old. We are happily married 42 years. Happy memories to all members of the 45th Division. **EMANUEL HIRSCH, 9424 Carthage Rd., Spring Hill, FL 34608.**

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I enlisted in the old National Guard Armory in Okla. City, OK on September 1940, when some of the first recruits were being enlisted for one year of service at that time. After all those aching shots, we were loaded off for Fort Sill, Okla., where we took your basic training.

Sleeping in those canvas tents, with the wood burning stoves was quite an experience. We awoke many a night to see the stars, and snow coming through the top of one of the tents. There was a very bad epidemic of flu, that winter. From Fort Sill we were sent to Camp Barkley, Texas, where we received the rest of our training. While on maneuvers in Louisiana, those who enlisted for one year, were given notice that they would be shipped back to Camp Barkley, Texas. I was given an honorable discharge on September 11, 1941. After several years, I have made contact with several buddies of Co. E. We try to have a Spring get-to-gather dinner at the Red Carpet Inn. I have enjoyed the ones I have been able to attend. I'm looking forward to Spring meeting of Co E, also the 180th Infantry reunion at McAlester, OK. **PAUL BEELER, RR 2, Box 231-3, Piedmond, MO 63957.**

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To all members, past, present and to the future ones. I am very pleased to apply for membership in the 45th Inf Div Association.

I was a replacement for the 45th and could not have had a finer unit if I planned it. THE BEST!

I have always been grateful to all to have served my Country in times of need with the 45th Inf Division. Thank you for this opportunity.

Hoping to hear from you soon. **ROBERT D. YOUNGBLUT, 210 Evans Road, Apt. 109, Evansdale, IA 50707**

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My first 45th Division Cap I bought was made in USA - as I presume - was my Anzio Vet Cap, although it had no label that I could find. Last year when I paid for my new membership to Anzio Vets I ordered another cap. It arrived but was foreign made. I sent a letter to COL (Ret) John S. Cole (Editor of their Newsletter) along with the two labels - Anzio and the 45th American made. Received a letter from him saying he had forwarded my letter to Mr. Frank A. Perkins (President). In a short time I received a nice letter from him saying he agreed with me that we should "Buy American" and that he will bring the matter up at their next board meeting.

Now at our last 45th Reunion I bought my third 45th cap - Guess what? "produced for you in Taiwan, ROC" - quite a disappointment.

I don't mean to be hard nosed but I am so proud to be an American and being a member of the 45th Infantry Division.

Thank you for reading my little gripe. **STANLEY BAHNER, 1927 Arnold, Topeka, KS 66604.**

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I joined the 45th at Fort Devens, MA in 1942 with Co E 180 Inf and went to Camp Drum in NY, then Camp Pickett, with all Mountain training and amphibious landings, then sailed for Africa and D-Day landings at Sicily and thru all the battles, which were 6. Received Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal and Bronze Star.

I would like to hear from any members of Co E 180 Inf and would be happy to correspond with any member. I was a S/Sgt Mortar Section. **STANLEY KOZA, 515 Andover St., Lawrence, MA 01843.**

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By Felix Sparks

The summer of 1942 was a busy time at our new post in Fort Devens, Massachusetts. All night speed marches, intensive weapons training and unit tactics were the order of the day. We began our first amphibious training with ship-to-shore maneuvers at Cape Cod. Most of our soldiers had never been on a ship before, and seasickness was not uncommon. We also learned that climbing down a swaying net from the deck of a large ship was no picnic. All in all, it was training which stood us in good stead for the rigors of combat. Morale was good, and disciplinary problems were few.

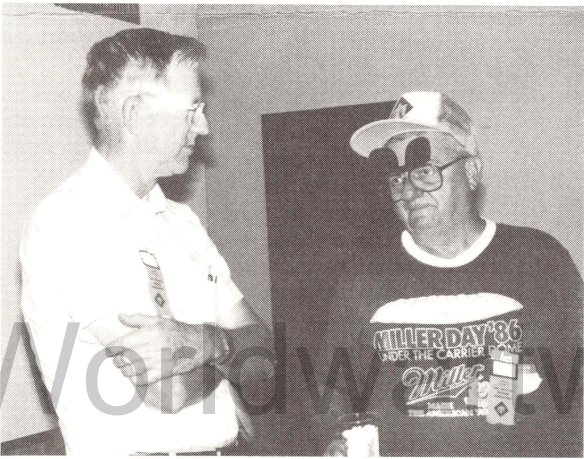
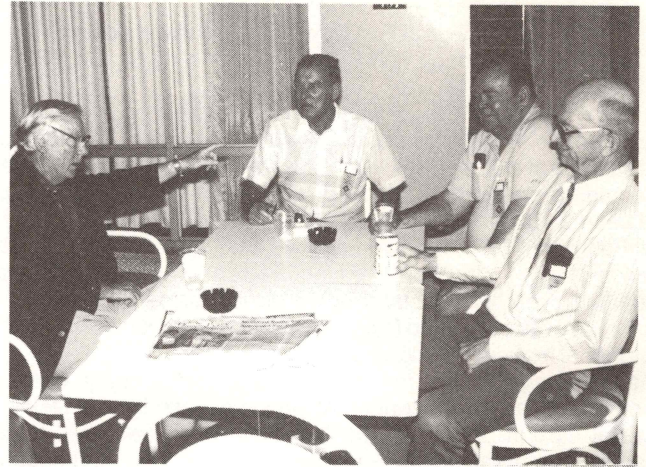
It was at Ft. Devens that the 45th Division took on the configuration that would take it into combat. New enlisted men and officers were assigned to bring the division to full strength. Almost all of these new people were from the New England and Atlantic Seaboard states. New units were also added, including a Cannon Company for each of the

regiments and a Tank Destroyer Battalion at division level. The division furnished a large contingent of troops for a victory parade in New York City, although victory was several years away. I took a platoon to the old Boston Braves ballpark in Boston where we put on a drill exhibition just prior to the ballgame.

Because of the rigorous and exhausting training, social life was somewhat inhibited. However, there apparently was adequate time for some things. Many of the division wives became pregnant, and no doubt a few girlfriends also. The late summer and early fall of New England were periods of great natural beauty and delightful weather. This situation left us unprepared for the bone-chilling cold we were soon to experience at Pine Camp, New York.

(Reprint from the 157th Association Newsletter)

★ ★ Scenes from the 42nd Annual Reunion ★ ★



★ ★ ★ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont.) ★ ★ ★

I will take advantage of the opportunity to write a note. I am an old member of the Association, but notice my membership was out in January, so I am using your handy card for my renewal. Certainly want to continue getting the 45th Division News.

I am a retired former mail carrier, and very much enjoy the 189th reunions. Can't make all of them, since it is a little bit of a trip, and jobs here at home require attention; however, as do all 45ers, enjoy keeping in touch. If possible, say hello to Neal Dodds for me. **JOHN E. HUMPHREY, RR 2, Hamilton, IL 62341.**

I joined the 45th Infantry Division in Anzio, Italy and was assigned as a Command Post Guard, and later was transferred into the Supply Section of Hq 157 Infantry. I can't recall the Supply Sergeant's name, but Leland Routh was his assistant and was a T-5 Corporal. Routh later became Supply Sergeant.

I stayed with the 45th to Munich, Germany and was transferred to the 9th Division and Army of occupation when the 45th Division was shipped home. William Sevey was 1st Sgt. **CHARLES D. HAMBRIC, JR. 108 Travelers Lane, Beckley, WV 25801.**

REUNIONS

157th Infantry Association, 5-11 September 1988, Denver, CO. Contact Felix L. Sparks, Secretary, 7900 West 23rd Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215.

1st Bn 157th Infantry Regt, World War II, October 19-22, 1988, Hershey, PA. Contact William C. Kuhn, 355 Middletown Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

Company D, 179 Infantry, 5-6 August 1988, Norman, OK. Contact Ray Wall, 8508 South Ross, Okla. City, OK 73159, or Gary Robbins, 1740 Saddlespur Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.

Anti-Tank Company, 179th Infantry, June 1988, Ardmore, OK. Contact Robert M. Adams, 62 Broadlawn, Ardmore, OK 73041.

Company G, 180th Infantry, 6-8 May 1988, McAlester, OK. Write or call J.M. Phipps, P.O. Box 347, Clarcona, FL 32710. (305) 295-6758.

189th Field Artillery, 22-23 April 1988, Tulsa, OK. Contact Art Corley, Route 1, Box 336, Big Cabin, OK 74332 (918) 782-9500.

Company A, 120th Engineer, Korean 1988, Contact A.D. Palma, 1430 Thieriot Avenue, New York City, NY 10460.

H&S Company, 120th Engineer, 16-17 July 1988, Shiner, TX. Contact Bernard A. Putksa, Route 1, Box 195, Shiner, TX 77984 or Woody Harris, 26 Preston Circle, Stillwater, OK 74075.

245 Tank Battalion, 20-26 June 1988, Ramada Inn, Altus, OK. Contact Frank E. Flowers, 132 Shalimar, San Antonio, TX 78213.

645 Tank Destroyer, 22-23 April 1988, Tulsa, OK. Contact T.J. Hunker, P.O. Box 127, Wheatland, OK 73097. (405) 745-2433.

45 Calvary Reconnaissance Troop (WW II), 1988 Reunion will be held in Orlando, FL in October. Contact B. Rosenthal, 11638 Sunshine Terr., Studio City, CA 91604.

Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World War II, 21-24 April 1988, Pensacola, FL. Contact National Headquarters, 403 Willow Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771.

45th Infantry Div. Assoc., 25-28 August 1988. 24-27 August 1989, Hilton Inn West, Okla. City, OK.

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— LOST ADDRESSES —

NAME	CITY/STATE	DUES EXPIRE
Allen, Ueal	Blair, OK	1987
Bevilacqua, Alfred	Statin Island, NY	1992
Blakey, Albert	Auburn, WA	1989
Blosch, Carol J.	Perry, OK	1988
Bresnahan, Wm. T.	St. Augustine, FL	LIFE
Bryant, Todd	Okla. City, OK	1987
Burchett, Montie L.	Jenks, OK	1987
Chazin, Harry	Lauderhill, FL	1988
Curry, Elmer L.	Bentonville, AR	LIFE
Davis, Steven B.	Mustang, OK	1987
Day, Donald L.	Santa Ana, CA	1987
Deck, Christopher J.	Okla. City, OK	1987
Ellis, Maradee Lynn	Okla. City, OK	1987
Ferguson, James A.	Tulsa, OK	1988
Haskins, Frederick D.	Lawton, OK	1987
Haynes, Burlint	Plattsburgh, NY	1988
Herrman, George V.R.	Lubbock, TX	1987

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Johnson, Albert G.	Marlborough, CT	1992
Kinnison, Michael R.	Stillwater, OK	1986
Lauderdale, Terry F.	Ft. Collins, CO	1987
London, Merle E. II	Norman, OK	1987
Martinez, Raymond J.	Feasterville, PA	1987
Matthews, H. Ray	Jenks, OK	1987
Miller, David G.	Ada, OK	1988
Miller, Tomie D.	Tishomingo, OK	1988
Mills, Theodore A.	Orangeburg, SC	1988
Mosby, David B.	Muskogee, OK	LIFE
Oster, Gary	Valley City, ND	1987
Riley, Donald	Springfield, MO	1987
Russell, Michael	Ada, OK	1987
Stine, Dennis W.	Nicom Park, OK	1987
Swedlund, Ronald E.	Arvada, CO	1988
Taylor, Hugh C.	Fredricksburg, VA	1989
Westfall, Gene R.	Bonita Springs, FL	1988

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Aldo J. Beltrami	Stanley Koza
John E. Benson	Edward J. Livek
Mont G. Comer	Joe C. McLamb
John J. Connolly	Sidney C. Miller
Joe Douthitt	Merlin M. Mitchell
Harold Gutknecht	Robert Potts
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Jimmy R. Holbrook	Winston D. Shipley
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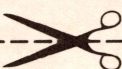
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(SPECIAL NOTE: You are invited to submit a paragraph of current information, or a news item about yourself or another former or present Thunderbird for possible use in 45th Division News. Please submit it on a separate sheet of paper, identifying each person mentioned by present location and former Thunderbird unit.)

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Thunderbird Deaths

WILLIAM W. EAGLES

Age 93, a retired Army Major General who was a decorated combat veteran of World War II, died of pneumonia February 19 at Suburban Hospital. He lived in Washington, D.C.

Gen Eagles went to war in 1942 as assistant commander of the 3rd Infantry Division. The division took part in the American assault on North Africa, landing in Morocco and fighting in Tunisia. He and the division later landed in Sicily, and then at Salerno, Italy, the first successful Allied assault on mainland Europe.

In November 1943, he took command of the 45th Infantry Division, which he led on the battle line in southern Italy, before taking it ashore first at Anzio and then in southern France. He continued to lead the division until he was wounded in November 1944 near Strasburg.

After the war Gen Eagles' assignments included command of Fort Dix, NJ head of the Ryukyus Command in the Far East, and serving on the Army Personnel Board. He retired from active duty in 1953 as inspector general of the Army's European Command.

His decorations included two Distinguished Service Medals, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He also was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his work as an acting regimental commander in Italy with the 3rd Infantry Division.

JOHN C. DEWEY

Watonga, OK, age 68, died Feb. 11, 1988. Born July 7, 1919 in Watonga, OK where he graduated from high school and was the class president. He attended Draughon's Business School in OKC. He retired in 1975 after serving full time in the Okla. National Guard for 33 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church. He was a Navy veteran in WWII and served in the Pacific and was highly decorated. He served in the 179th Infantry, and the 45th Infantry Division in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; his son, John of OKC; his daughter, Carmen Kay Pena, San Diego; his parents, Ray T. and Clara Dewey of Watonga, OK.

MONTE WILLIAM THOMPSON, JR.

Edmond, OK, age 69, formerly of Midwest City, died December 15, 1987. Born Sept. 18, 1918 near Atkins, AR. During his early years, lived in Okemah area, later moving to the Maud-Seminole area. He graduated from Maud High School and Central State University. He served with Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division in WWII and Korea. He was a retired U.S. Army Warrant Officer. A member of the American Legion and lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

JULIAN B. "BARNEY" SHADLE

Marietta, OK, formerly a longtime resident of Edmond, OK, died March 1988. Barney was a member of the 179th Infantry during the Korean War. Subsequent to the Korean call-up, he served as Commander of the 45th Signal Battalion. Barney was a great person and a good friend of many Thunderbirds. We will all miss him.

BERMAN L. "ACE" ARTER

Colton, CA. Died at the age of 68 on October 10, 1987, succumbing to heart failure and related disorders. He resided at 580 East "E" St., Colton, CA. He served in the 45th Division, 180 Inf, 2 Bn, Communications Section in the rank of Staff Sergeant during World War II. Ace (he earned the nickname for his skill in foxhole poker) strung wire and lugged field switchboards to front line command posts from North Africa to Rome, and was part of the first wave of troops to wade ashore in Sicily and, later at Anzio Beach.

A twice-wounded, highly decorated combat veteran, Ace was a member

of such national organizations as the Disabled American Veterans, the 45th Infantry Division Association and the Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World War II. Among his decorations were the Silver Star and a pair of Purple Hearts.

Born in Keota, OK, Ace moved to California after the war, settling in Colton in 1951. After working for years in the Colton Post Office, he decided to become his own boss, and Lee's Texaco Service Station eventually became a Colton institution. Locally, he was also active in the Colton chapter of the Knights of Columbus, in which he achieved Fourth Degree status.

He was buried with full military honors and "the thanks of a grateful nation" at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.

RONALD "BOOB" INGRAM, SR.

Lincoln, IL. Died Thursday, Aug. 20, 1987 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, at age 70. He was a retired painter and a prisoner of war during WW II. Burial was at the Union Cemetery, Lincoln, where military rites were accorded. He was a member of the 45th Infantry Division in WW II.

DEMETRIS MILLS (RED) KIRKPATRICK

Oklahoma City, OK. Died Friday, February 19, 1988 at age 73. He was a member of the Little Flower Catholic Church. He was a WW II veteran, member of the 45th Infantry Division. He was a retired letter carrier for the Oklahoma City Postal Service.

NORBERT JACOB LECHER

Las Vegas, Nev. Died Thursday, January 1988 at age 66. He was a three year resident of Las Vegas.

An Army medic in WW II in the 45th Infantry Division, he was born Jan. 13, 1921, in Milwaukee and was a retired hydraulic pump partsman. He was a member of the V.F.W. in Milwaukee.

JOE (BUCK) BUCHANAN

Oklahoma City, OK. Died Thursday, February 4, 1988. A lifelong resident of Okla. city. He served in Europe with the 45th Division during WW II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was a sales representative for Potts Longhorn Leather Company for 25 years.

WARREN GARFIELD

Dallas, TX. Services for Army Lt Col Warren Garfield, personnel director of Presbyterian Hospital from 1967 to 1984. Burial with full military honors was in Restland Memorial Park of Dallas.

Garfield died at Presbyterian Hospital after a brief illness. He was 65.
Garfield was a member of 2 Bn 180 Inf 1950-1952. He was OIC 2 Bn 180 Inf Aid Station during the Korean War.

Arter, Berman L. "Ace"
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