

45th Division News

July, 1987

Published in support of the 45th Division Association and 45th Division Museum.

General Chairman Plans Reunion

First VP and General Reunion Chairman William G. Evans is busy finalizing plans for the annual reunion 27-30 August 1987 at the Hilton Inn West, I-40 and Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A hospitality room will be open at noon Thursday 27 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 annual reunion functions until Friday.

Friday activities include registration, evening buffet followed by a social function, bingo and rehashing of war stories. CP's will be open.

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

All necessary forms for reunion registration, hotel reservations, transportation requirements, etc., will be furnished during the month of June by a letter of transmittal.

Information on the banquet speaker is included in this publication.

American Airlines Offers Discount Airfare For Reunion

First Vice President Bill Evans General Reunion Chairman for the 42nd annual reunion 27-30 August 1987, has signed an agreement with American Airlines for "Meeting Saver Fare" discount tickets for air travel incident to reunion attendance.

The following provisions apply to this agreement:

BASIS	RULES/RESTRICTIONS
Cost/basic agreement	40% discount off full roundtrip fare
Valid to/from	Various points and Oklahoma City within the contiguous 48 States
Booking class of Svc	"B" based on availability
Advance purchase req'd	7 days prior to departure
Stopovers	Not allowed
Valid dates of travel	24-30 August 1987
Service fee	\$30.00 when applying for a refund (full or partial) once tickets are issued
Additional discounts	5% if available from your departure city and all tariff requirements are met

The "Meeting Saver Fare" offer is available only through the number listed below for American Airlines Meeting Services Desk:

Call toll free 1-800-433-1790 ask for Star Number **S53266** The Meeting Services Desk is manned from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight Central Standard Time, seven days a week.

Banquet Speaker Former Thunderbird



Major General James B. McGoodwin currently Commanding General, 49th Armored Division, Texas Army National Guard will be the principal speaker at the Saturday night banquet during the annual reunion.

MG McGoodwin is a native Oklahoman, born in Woodford, graduated from Springer High School and Oklahoma State University with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He received his MBA from Texas Christian University.

He enlisted in the 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma Army National Guard in May 1949 and mobilized with the Division in September 1950. He was inducted as a Sergeant First Class and was a member of Co H, 179th Infantry during the Korean conflict.

He graduated from Officer Candidate School in August 1952 and served at Aberdeen Proving Grounds Maryland until released from active duty in 1954.

He returned to Oklahoma State University and earned a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. While attending OSU, he served with the 95th Infantry Division USAR.

General McGoodwin joined the Texas Army National Guard in March 1958. He served in various assignments in the Texas ARNG until assigned as CG, 49th Armored Division in February 1985. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1970, Colonel in 1976, Brigadier General in 1979 and Major General in 1984.

General McGoodwin's civilian occupation is Facilities Project Manager for General Dynamics Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

COMPANY B, 179th INFANTRY will hold a Company reunion during the 45th Division reunion 27-30 August 1987 at the Hilton Inn West, I-40 and Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK. We will establish a Company CP, look for our sign. Contact Charles (Hook) Johnson, 3501 East 30th St., Tulsa, OK 74114

179th Infantry Association, Third Annual Reunion Dinner
Thursday, 27 August 1987, 6:30 PM, "The Old Armory", 431
South Boulevard, Edmond, Oklahoma. Tickets available at the
door or at the 179th CP in the Hilton Inn West.

OOPS, We Apologize

The April 1987 edition of the 45th Division News erroneously listed Charles R. Edwards and H.W.C. Furman in the TAPS section. H.W.C. Furman is alive, well, kicking and jumping as evidenced by his letter to the editor contained in this newsletter. We haven't heard from Charles, but we are sure he is doing well also. We regret any embarrassment our mistake may have caused.

Letters to the Editor

I served in the AGO, Div headquarters in WW II, under Col Henry Roach (now deceased), having joined the Division in Italy, Sept. 1943, and was transferred to the 9th Inf Division until conclusion of the war.

I recently retired after 43 years, from the Kennen-Cashman Co, Boyonne, NJ, as Vice President Sales. Kennen-Cashman Co are industrial Distributors of pipe, valves & fittings.

I would appreciate you mentioning in the 45th Division News that I would like to hear from any of the members who served in AGO. **JAMES A. SUTTON**, 1150 Midwood Drive, Rahway, NJ 07065.

Brother Seeks Information

Wilbur L. Tackaberry, 1909 North Monroe, Litchfield, IL 62056, (1-217/324-3601) is seeking information concerning the death of his brother William Robert Tackaberry, Company K, 180th Infantry. William was killed in action 30 April 1945 in Munich, Germany. Any information you can furnish Wilbur will be appreciated.

45th Division News

Published four times yearly by the 45th Infantry Division Association to support the work of the association and the 45th Infantry Division Museum.

Jimmy R. Jones	President
Bob Wilson	Secretary
Herman Wilson	Editor
Eva Lou Moon	Volunteer Staff
Noma Jo Strickland	Volunteer Staff
Wm. Rex Wilson	Volunteer Staff

Address news contributions and other correspondence to
Editor, 45th Division News, 45th Infantry Division Association,
2145 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111.

Items for Newsletter

We need your continuing support in providing information on items of mutual interest for the newsletter.

News items should be brief, one page preferred and if typed, double spaced to preclude retyping.

You may submit photographs, but submit only copies that you do not want returned. Black and white photos are better than color for copying purposes.

REUNION DATES
27 thru 30
AUGUST

Your Annual Membership Is Now Due

See Newsletter address label for expiration date of your dues.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Certainly, I wish to be a member of the 45th Infantry Division Association. I enclose my dues for:

_____ \$75.00 for a Life Membership
 _____ \$35.00 for a 10-Year Membership
 _____ \$15.00 for a 4-Year Membership
 _____ \$ 5.00 for a 1-Year Membership

SEND TO:
45th Infantry Division Association
2145 NE 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Your Name (Please Print) _____

Address (Street or P.O. Box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone: _____

Former or Present Thunderbird Unit. Give complete designation: _____

World War II _____ Pre-Korean War _____ Korean War _____ Post Korean War _____

(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.)

cut here



Thunderbird Deaths



JACK CLAPP JR

Edmond, OK. Jack was a pre-WW II member of the 179th Infantry and was inducted into Active Federal Duty with the 45th Division in September 1940. After the Korean War, Jack was employed by the Oklahoma Military Department until his retirement. Jack was a major provider of art work for establishment of the 45th Division Museum.

DR. AUGUST "AUSIE" L. BEYER

Coraopolis, PA, passed away Jan 15, 1987. Ausie was a member of Co C 279 Inf Regt from Oct. 1950 to Sept. 1952. He was awarded the Purple Heart for action in Korea.

WAYNE D. WESTFALL

100 Washington St, Charleston, W.VA passed away February 19, 1987. Wayne was a member of 180 Inf.

MERRILL BOMGARDNER

35 Ridgecrest Dr., Chickasha, OK, passed away on March 22, 1987. He was a former member of Svc Btry 189 FA during World War II.

JOHN BRASELTON

Ada, OK, died 20 April 1987, of a heart attack. He was a member of the National Guard and served as an Aid-Man with the 120th Combat Engineers, Co C.

LAMBERT PANKO

Milford, OH, died March 18, 1987. He was a member of 45th Inf Div Cav Recon Troop WWII.

GERALD "PAPPY" PAPPAN

El Reno, OK, died April 26, 1987. He was a member of 45th Inf Div Cav Recon Troop WWII.

RAYMOND OLOWIN

35 Arlington Dr., Warren, PA., died Sunday, October 26, 1986. He was a member of the 45th Infantry Division in WWII.

LLOYD L. CARTER

Star Rt, Box 27, Theodosia, MO, died 18 April 1987. He was killed in a car accident. Lloyd was a member of Svc Btry, 189th FA Bn.

REX C. BROWN

Carrollton, TX. We have received word that Rex is deceased. He was a Life Member of the 45th Inf Div Association.

CHARLES W. LYON

Temple, TX., died 11 March 1987. He was a WWII veteran of the 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Inf Div.

Dalphonse Receives First NH POW Plate

Carmen Dalphonse a World War II member of the 157th Infantry received the first New Hampshire special license plate for former Prisoners of War. Carmen was captured in Germany while serving with the 157th Infantry. He sustained serious wounds when captured and spent most of his 3½ months POW time in the hospital. The special plates are provided free of state fees and are inscribed "LIVE FREE OR DIE".

Carmen is a director of the New Hampshire chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Missing Issues of 45th Division News

The 45th Infantry Division Museum has a complete set of 45th DIVISION NEWS except for the following four issues:

VOL V - No. 5 - Printed in Naples, Italy, date unknown.

VOL VI - No. 7 - Printed in Oklahoma City in June 1948

VOL VIII - No. 26 - Printed in Korea between 23 February and 9 March 1953.

VOL 1 - No. 11 - Printed in Oklahoma City in December 1948.

All Division veterans are asked to search out their closets, scrapbooks and old momentos for these missing papers and send them to the Museum Curator. Papers will be picked up as a donation and the donor will receive the heartfelt thanks of the museum for helping complete this valuable historical collection.

Taps

- ★ Beyer, August "Ausie" L. ★
- ★ Braselton, John ★
- ★ Bomgardner, Merrill ★
- ★ Brown, Rex C. ★
- ★ Carter, Lloyd L. ★
- ★ Clapp, Jack Jr. ★
- ★ Gleason, Cornelius J. ★
- ★ Larson, Orville M. ★
- ★ Lyon, Charles W. ★
- ★ Mattox, James O. ★
- ★ Olowin, Raymond ★
- ★ Panko, Lambert ★
- ★ Pappan, Gerald "Pappy" ★
- ★ Schaden, Robert A. ★
- ★ Westfall, Wayne D. ★

A C Clark Appointed Tennessee AG Commissioner

A C Clark, Cookeville, Tennessee, A World War II member of Company C, 179th Infantry, was recently appointed as Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Tennessee.

Clark received his BS Degree in Agricultural Science from Tennessee Tech in 1948 and his Masters Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Tennessee in 1957.

He began his Extension career upon graduation from Tennessee Tech and has been a longtime leader in this field.

Only In America

He drove his GERMAN car made of SWEDISH steel with interior of ARGENTINE leather to a gasoline station, where he filled up with ARAB oil shipped in a LIBERIAN tanker and bought two FRENCH tires, composed of rubber from SRI LANKA.

At home, he dropped his MOROCCAN briefcase, hung up his SCOTTISH tweed wool coat, removed his ITALIAN shoes and EGYPTIAN cotton shirt, then donned a HONG KONG robe.

More comfortable now, he poured a cup of hot BRAZILIAN coffee into an ENGLISH coffee mug, set a MEXICAN placemat on an IRISH linen tablecloth atop a DANISH table varnished with linseed oil from INDIA. Then he filled his AUSTRIAN pipe with TURKISH tobacco, lit it, and picked up a JAPANESE ball-point pen with which he wrote a letter to his congressman demanding to know why the United States has an unfavorable balance of trade.

(Reproduced from Retired Army Personnel Bulletin, Ft. Sill, OK)

Indian Military Code-Talkers

Information about Indian Military Code Talkers used in World War II, is needed for the 45th Infantry Division Museum archives and research files. Facts and circumstances concerning this means of communication should be forwarded to the Editor, 45th Division News.

Thunderbird Publishes Book

Paul A. Cundiff, 7010 B. Santa Ana Drive, Tampa, FL 33617, has recently published a book on his experiences in the 45th Division during World War II. He was a member of Headquarters 45 Division and his book is based on a personal journal he kept as he compiled unit reports for the monthly division history. Paul retired from the University of Delaware in 1975. His teaching subject was English History. Since retirement in Florida he has written two books on Robert Browning the poet. Dr. Cundiff's book is entitled *45th infantry CP*.

WW II T-Bird History For Sale

I would like a copy of the 45th Division World War II history. Could you please insert this request in the next newsletter? If anyone has a copy they are willing to sell, telephone collect 815/434-0884. Richard R. Terry, 220 Forest Park Place, Ottawa, IL 61350.

Looking for Buddies

JACK L.P. WADDELL, Rt 1, Box 693, Gatlinburg, TN 37737, a World War II member of Company E, 179th Infantry would like to hear from any East Tennessee 45th Division veterans.

NORMAN H. LEVEILLE, P.O. Box 154, Palatka, FL 32078, would like to hear from World War II members of Company D, 157 Infantry. He is semi-retired, and recently joined the 157 Infantry Regiment Association.

MURRAY E. SCOTT, P.O. Box 477, Cathlamet, WA 98612, WW II member of 4th Platoon, Company C, 180th Infantry. Joined the Division at Anzio, remained with the unit until captured after the Division entered Germany. Was a Prisoner of War until Germany surrendered. Would like to hear from anyone with his unit during WW II.

STANISLAW GARDZINA, 457 Cottage Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, WW II member of Company D, 180 Infantry writes that he is proud of his service with the Division and would like to correspond with any of his friends who remember him.

EARL R. OWENS, Northwest Nazarene College, 623 Holly Street, Nampa, ID 83651, would like to hear from any member of Company E or Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion 180 Infantry who served in 1953/1954.

EDWIN S. PHILLIPS, 7440 Cibola Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 9284 would like to hear from anyone from Company B, 120th Engineer Battalion. He joined the company in 1942 when it was in Fort Devens, MA and served until the end of the War.

WILLARD L. TAYLOR, P.O. Box 506, Rainsville, AL 35986 is trying to locate Frank Davis OK, Howard Burger TX, Eugene Day NY, and Lt Gunn who served with him in Company C, 180th Infantry at Anzio and throughout the balance of WW II.

EDWARD J. McKITRICK, 4800 Arney Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111, served in Korea from March 1952 to March 1953. He was a platoon leader in Company F, 180th Infantry and later assigned as assistant S3, 2d Battalion 180th Infantry. He is interested in hearing from anyone who served with Co F or 2d Bn during that same time period.

EDWARD PARDUS, 974 Main Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303 would like to hear from any former members of Anti-Tank Company 179th Infantry who plan to attend the annual reunion 27-30 August 1987. He has been to two previous reunions and hasn't seen anyone from his unit.

★ New Members ★ Since Last Newsletter

1 YEAR

Albright, Robert K.	Keller, Edward G.
Allen, Max D.	Kramer, Ben
Avery, William Max	Lamb, David M.
Beeler, Paul	Lehmbeck, Byron
Brandon, Louis J.	Lynch, Jeffrey L.
Britton, Michael L.	McMillan, Wilbur R.
Brown, Larry D.	Magni, James R. Jr.
Carson, Boyd D.	Manis, James R. Jr.
Chagnon, Roland C.	Meek, Samuel
Chapman, Maurice	Miller, Larry G.
Collins, Darren A.	Mobly, Larry G.
Dillard, Harold	Morris, David G.
Eagle, Jack T.	Perrier, Roger
Edwards, Edgar E.	Plaplan, Nathan
Gormley, Thomas H.	Renner, Fred C.
Greiner, John T.	Reynolds, Robert W.
Guinn, Patrick G.	Satchwill, Walter A.
Henson, Glen R.	Smith, Tracy D.
Hawk, Taylor B.	Staring, Kevin D.
Hensley, Brent M.	Stites, Kirk
Holman, Glede W.	Thomas, Ronald W.
Holmes, Virgil C.	Townley, James Q.
Honeycutt, Tracy	Vanderburg, Thomas T.
Irwin, Billy F.	Watcher, William F.
Jamison, Terry J.	Wadley, Don J.
Jones, Darryl	Weil, Stanley

4 YEAR

Cindle, Ruben	Pardus, Edward C.
Cundiff, Paul A.	Partee, Woodrow W.
Dartez, Randol J.	Segovia, Gilbert M.
Dunn, Ralph E.	Sharkey, Thomas
Escobido, Hilarion	Shunatona, Richard E.
Frye, Louis	Stamper, Joe A.
Graus, Henry J.	Terry, Richard R.
Hicks, Elmer	Tisdale, James O.
Hook, Alfred G.	Todd, Joe L.
Moore, Elza Leroy	Walker, Ralph B.
Olson, John E.	Whiting, Thomas H.
Olson, Lemuel N.	

10 YEAR

Freeman, Jesse G.	Parrish, John B. Jr.
Malone, Albert W.	

LIFE MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Mackey, Patrick H.	Routh, Rob R.
Miller, Steven M.	Ruch, Frederick H.
Mullinax, Robert O.	Stevenson, James W.

MEDAL OF HONOR
WORLD WAR II

VAN T. BARFOOT
ERNEST CHILDERS
AMOND E. FISHER
WILLIAM J. JOHNSTON
★ JAMES D. SLATON
★ JACK L. TREADWELL
★ EDWARD G. WILKIN
JACK C. MONTGOMERY

KOREA

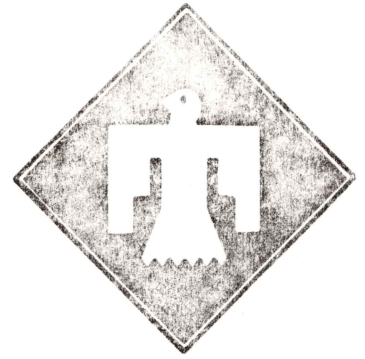
★ CHARLES GEORGE

★ (DECEASED)

45TH INFANTRY DIVISION

- Association -

2145 NE 36th Street,
~~3501 Military Circle NE,~~ Oklahoma City, OK 73111



15 June 1987

FELLOW THUNDERBIRDS:

The Forty Second Annual Reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association to be held 27-30 August 1987 at the Hilton Inn-West, Interstate 40 at Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is now less than ninety days away.

Your reunion committee under the direction of General Chairman Bill Evans is working hard to assure that the 42nd Annual Reunion will be a memorable, enjoyable event for everyone.

Friday activities include registration, evening buffet and bingo. Saturday activities will include a memorial service, business meeting, ladies luncheon and the annual banquet and dance.

The enclosed Registration and Transportation Request Form should be completed and returned to: 45th Infantry Division Association, 2145 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111.

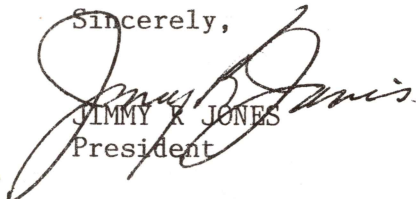
An information sheet on American Airlines discount tickets is enclosed. We will furnish transportation to and from the airport.

Room reservation forms should be mailed direct to the Hilton Inn West.

The reunion committee and I would appreciate a maximum effort by the membership on "ADVANCE" registration. This will permit us to serve you better.

Hope to see you in August.

Sincerely,


JIMMY R. JONES
President

- 3 Encl:
1-Hotel Reservation form
2-Registration & TR form
3-Airline discount info

Whatever destiny may hold in store for our great country and however long that country's military history may continue, readers in the future will search long before finding a chapter more brilliant than that written by the quill that was dipped in the blood of The Thunderbirds.

WORLD WAR II:

511 Combat Days - 8 Campaigns

KOREAN WAR:

429 Combat Days - 4 Campaigns

Worldwartwoveterans.org

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR 42ND ANNUAL REUNION

Complete and mail to: 45th Infantry Division Association
2145 NE 36th St., Okla City, OK 73111

MEMBER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

UNIT I SERVED WITH _____

GUESTS NAMES _____

_____ Enclosed is (check/money order) in the amount of \$ _____

_____ Will pay upon arrival.

<u>CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE</u>		<u>AT DESK</u> <u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>ADVANCE</u> <u>REGISTRATION</u>
Member and one guest	Friday & Saturday	\$ 95	\$ 90
Additional guest	Friday & Saturday	60	55
Member only	Friday & Saturday	60	55
Member and one guest	Friday only	65	60
Additional guest	Friday only	30	30
Member only	Friday only	40	35
Member and one guest	Saturday only	70	65
Additional guest	Saturday only	35	35
Member only	Saturday only	45	40
LADIES LUNCHEON	-----	5 -----	5

=====

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

I will be arriving in Oklahoma City at _____ hours ____ August 1987

Flight number _____, _____ Airlines. There will be _____

persons in my party requiring transportation to the motel.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

Worldwartwoveterans.org

AMERICAN AIRLINES OFFERS DISCOUNT AIRFARE FOR REUNION

First Vice President Bill Evans General Reunion Chairman for the 42nd annual reunion 27-30 August 1987, has signed an agreement with American Airlines for "Meeting Saver Fare" discount tickets for air travel incident to reunion attendance.

The following provisions apply to this agreement:

<u>BASIS</u>	<u>RULES/RESTRICTIONS</u>
Cost/basic agreement	40% discount off full Y roundtrip fare
Valid to/from	Various points and Oklahoma City within the contiguous 48 States
Booking class of Svc	"B" based on availability
Advance purchase req'd	7 days prior to departure
Stopovers	Not allowed
Valid dates of travel	24-30 August 1987
Service fee	\$ 30.00 when applying for a refund (full or partial) once tickets are issued
Additional discounts	5% if available from your departure city and all tariff requirements are met

The "Meeting Saver Fare" offer is available only through the number listed below for American Airlines Meeting Services Desk:

Call toll free 1-800-433-1790 ask for Star Number S53266.

The Meeting Services Desk is manned from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight Central Standard Time, seven days a week.

Worldwartwoveterans.org

Thunderbird Suggests Veterans Monument For NY/NJ Port Authority

Edward I Gavin WW II member of Hq Btry Div Arty a Construction Inspector for the NY/NJ Port Authority was concerned that a Veterans plaque erected in the former port Authority building had not been moved when they relocated to the World Trade Center. Edward submitted an inquiry as to the fate of the monument. As a result of his inquiry, a new plaque was designed and prominently mounted on the 44th floor of the World Trade Center. Dedication ceremonies were conducted prior to Veterans Day in 1986. Gavin was a major participant at the unveiling and dedication ceremony.

Life Of A Yankee With The 45th Division

I joined the 45th on July 1, 1941 at Abilene, TX, being transferred from a basic training camp at Camp Walters in Mineral Wells, TX. I was assigned to Co B, 157 Inf, but was transferred to Hq Co, 90th Brigade the night the 157th left for Louisiana maneuvers. I was the first person assigned from north of the Mason-Dixon line and all I heard was "you sure talk funny". It was with this unit I saw my first real life general officer, Brig Gen Louis A. Ledbetter, the Brigade Commander.

On the way to Louisiana maneuvers we walked one day and rode in trucks the next day. Most of the trucks were old and worn out as they were issued to the Oklahoma National Guard years ago. While in Louisiana near the town of DeRidder, our company commander Lt. Heckenkamper and I were run over by a 6x6 on its way from the railhead. I can still see BG Ledbetter running out of his tent in orange shorts, GI undershirt, and a campaign hat looking over the situation and yelling "ground that driver" (the poor driver had been up for three days).

Lt. Heckenkamper retired as a Lt Col and is now deceased. I don't know what became of WO Cowboy McClure, 1st Sgt Mercer, Sgt Sparger, Alan Nichie, Major Owenby, Lt Col Paris, Jon Anderson, Felker Bill (the first Indian I ever met). Another great character was guy named Van DerVort.

Two boys from Cincinnati who were with our group from Walters were Bill Hodapp, Bud Schlenker (deceased) both of Hq Co 157 Inf and Bud Dumont with the MP's.

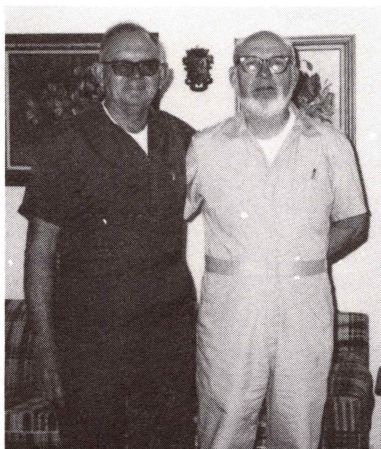
Being a Yankee, I drew KP a lot on the weekend as most of the boys would go

back to Oklahoma to their home towns of Lawton, Durant, Muskogee, etc. So, I will never forget what I was doing on December 7, 1941, cleaning up after lunch.

I would sure like to know how many of the people I have mentioned are alive and well.

I left the 90th Brigade which later became the 45th Cavalry Recon Troop and went to flight training with the Army Air Corps. I still have a Thunderbird bumper sticker on my car—ONCE A THUNDERBIRD ALWAYS A THUNDERBIRD.

ROBERT J. HUGHES, 5581 Windermerer, Fairfield, OH 45014



Pfeifer Checks Up After 42 Years

I am a charter member of Service Battery, 171 FA organized at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in January 1941. I joined the Oklahoma National Guard 9 December 1939 and was assigned to Battery A, 160 Fa, Wewoka, OK.

At the end of World War II while occupying the BMW factory in Munich, Germany I obtained the addresses from many of the members of our battery.

Forty-two years later, I started checking out the names and addresses during a vacation in Florida. My first stop was a visit with Joseph Morrel in Auborndale, FL. He guided me to Vero Beach, FL, where I visited with Ralph "Possum" Walker. On my way back to Texas I stopped in Maurice, LA and visited Randol "Frenchie" Dartez.

I stopped in Bay Cliff, TX to see Charles Hauptman from the maintenance section. Charles says he will at the reunion this year.

After returning home, I began making telephone calls to the home towns listed in my 1945 address book. I have listed names and current addresses for the men I was able to contact. Several of them expressed an interest in the annual reunion. Please furnish them information about the 1987 reunion.

VIRGIL D. PFEIFER, 4101 Kingston, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

International Korean War Memorial

We appreciate an opportunity to clear away any possible confusion between the campaign to erect the international Korean War Memorial and the recently approved federal project for a Korean War Memorial.

Our objective is to ensure that our fallen brothers and all allies who fought for the freedom of the Republic of Korea *and won* are no loner and never again forgotten by erecting an inspiring memorial in our lifetimes.

Famed sculptor Dr. Felix deWeldon who designed the classic Iwo Jima monument has created what he calls his "masterwork" to remind present and future generations that freedom is never free, that its price is vigilance, valor and sacrifice.

The International Memorial, which will be as massive and dynamic as the Iwo Jima monument, features fifteen allied fighting men of all services and races. Low walls encircling it will list the names of the 297,389 allies from sixteen nations who died in the war. The major inscription will read: "We Eternal Band of Brothers".

We plan to dedicate it in December 1988 on a magnificent headland in Los Angeles overlooking the Pacific Ocean. We selected the location after a nationwide search because it symbolizes the last U.S. territory seen by the 54,246 Americans who never came home, including 8,177 missing in action, plus the 389 still officially listed as Prisoners of War.

A "last man" association named The Chosin Few, reuniting the survivors of the Chosin Reservoir battle in North Korea, is spearheading the project. We began the project January 1985 when research revealed the nation's only two major war memorials 'Iwo Jima monument and Vietnam memorial' were both initiated and funded by "grass roots" movements like ours. It also disclosed there are still no national memorials to World Wars I or II in Washinton, DC or elsewhere in the country.

We wish to stress that we are not competing or conflicting with the federal project and, in fact, endorse it. We started long before it was even introduced as legislation. Its start is reportedly five years away and our goal remains to establish a fitting memorial in our lifetimes. With more than 100 Vietnam memorials now across the country, the fact that two Korean War memorials are planned merely means the veterans of the so-called forgotten war are finally going from "famine to feast" in terms of recognition.

CHARLES McCARREN, Chairman, International Korean War Memorial, P.O. Box 952, Valley Forge, PA 19482

★ ★ ★ Letters to the Editor ★ ★ ★

I joined the 45th Infantry Division 15 April 1943 at Camp Pickett, Va. I was assigned to the 45th Quartermaster Company and served with that unit in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. I sustained three minor wounds during my service with the 45th Division. Subsequent to World War II, I joined the Virginia National Guard and was a member of the 176 Infantry, 29th Infantry Division.

I served my country with pride and it was a great honor for me to have been a part of the 45th Division. **WILLIAM T. GOYNE, 6513 St. George Road, Richmond, VA**

I entered Federal Service at Atoka, Oklahoma in September 1940 with Company B, 120 Medical Bn, and served with the 45th Division until discharged in September 1945.

Subsequent to release from active duty, I earned a Ph.D from the University of Wisconsin. After graduation I remained with the University and served in several professional functions, including Dean of the Graduate School and Dean of the College of Education. I left the field of administration in 1979 and returned to a position as Professor of Psychology. I plan to retire on 22 May 1987. **LEONARD J. GARSIDE, P.O. Box 751, Platteville, IE 53818**

I went to Taiwan in mid November 1986 with 87 "old" paratroopers. I was assigned to the 82nd Airborne after leaving the 45th with wounds in March 1945. We trained with Republic of China Airborne and jumped into the rice paddies (with no injuries). I was named leader because I was pushing 65. I do sky-diving on weekends and belong to POPS (parachutists over phorty). I have signed up for a 4 July 1987 jump in Guatemala and will be on the way to 66 by then. Still have blood pressure of 120/80, but that's because F.N. McCorkle, former 157th infantry is my Doctor. **HWC FURMAN, #1 Lafayette Court, Camden, SC 29020**

I was distressed as Mark Twain once said to see that "notice of my demise is greatly exaggerated". I call your attention to the listing of my name in the "Taps" column in the April 1987 news.

I must admit to being a recent contributor to the museum and a recent life member. I had no idea that enrolling for life would be hazardous to my health. I assure you that I am still alive and kicking. In fact, I led a group of ex-paratroopers to jump in Taiwan in November and will be doing the same thing in Israel in June; Guatemala in July; and Mexico City in September.

While making your "Taps" list is disturbing enough, I will probably be even more upset to note that there have been no condolences to my "widow". **HWC FURMAN, Co B, 157 Inf, World War II**

I served nearly four years in the 45th, from 1941-1945, and traveled (or dug my way) with them from North Africa to Germany. Some of the WW II members of 3rd Bn, 180th Inf may still remember when they used to call out to the battalion radio chief, "Hey, Palecek, stop and tell us the news". We had learned to hook up a separate wire to our two jeeps radios long enough to get news headlines.

They would probably not be surprised to learn that I got an M.A. and a Ph.D in history from the University of Minnesota and became a history professor at Winona, MN State University, as well as head of the History-Paralegal Department.

Some years ago I had the pleasure of meeting Bill Mauldin when he drew cartoons at the College of St. Teresa in Winona. When I told him that I had served in his old unit in WW II, he said, "Boy, you sure went through h---, didn't you!"

I would really love to hear from any of the old 3rd Bn gang who went through h--- from 1943 to 1945. **DR. MARVIN PALECEK, Route 1, 78B, Winona, MN 55987**

I am very happy to receive your paper and read about things going on in the association. I know a few of the old gang still around here, and we see each other from time to time. I'll alert them about the Division Association.

I work on F14 Fighter Aircraft for Grumman Aircraft, Beth, NY. I met a fellow worker from the 157th Infantry who gave me your address. One of the inspectors here heard I was from the 45th Division and he said there as an inspector in the next building who was also talking about the 45th Division. I looked him up on my lunch hour and found out he was the medic from my platoon, so we sure knew each other well! It was a big surprise to both of us and we spent a pleasant hour talking over old times.

I would like the address of anyone from Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment. Would sure like to come to the reunion in August. **GEORGE W. MOSEMAN, 34 Spencer Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563.**

It is nice to know there is an association of GI's who served in the greatest fighting outfit in World War II. I am especially proud to have served in such a great unit.

I am currently working for Con-Rail as an IBM operator. I will have thirty years service in July 1987 and eligible for retirement. I hope to visit the museum sometime later this year.

I am a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Finance Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. I was a World War II member of Company G, 157th Infantry. **JOHN L. PIAZZA, 905 Whitten Hollow Road, New Kensington, PA 15068.**

I am still interested in the association and enjoy reading about my fellow thunderbirds. I would appreciate hearing from any of my World War II comrades.

My home state is Pennsylvania and I was a member of the 179th Infantry. **J. PAVLIK, 1738 Pierce Street, Hollywood, FL 33020.**

My brother Henry Nosek is in a nursing home in Bronx, NY. He was a member of Company L, 180th Infantry during World War II, and was wounded during the Italian campaign.

Henry would appreciate hearing from any of his friends. His address is **HENRY NOSEK, Room 614, 666 Kappock Street, Bronx, NY 10463**

I was a member Heavy Mortar Company, 279th Infantry during the Korean conflict. I returned to my old job with the U.S. Postal Service after being discharged from the Army in 1953. I retired from that position in 1984 and subsequently joined the Sheriff's department of Stafford County, New Hampshire. I currently am a bailiff in the Superior Court. **ROLAND C. CHAGNON, RFD #1, Box 283, Silver Street, Farmington, NH 03835**

My son, Michael Graham, was in school at Little Rock, AR, with the Georgia National Guard.

One week-end he went to Oklahoma City to visit the 45th Infantry Division Museum. He thought it was very interesting and wants us to go back there together and spend the whole day. **JAMES GRAHAM, Box 122, Cedartown, GA 30125**

Two years ago the wife & I were able to make the 45th annual reunion. We had a wonderful time and wish it were possible to attend them each year.

I joined the 45th at Camp Polk and was with them until my tour ended in the fall of 1952. Was in HHC. 1 Bn, 279 Infantry.

I see Lyall Borens quite often. He is still in Richland Center, WI. He was in Co A, 279 Inf.

Hope someday to get to the 279th reunion, may see more of the old gang there. Hope the division reunion is a big success again this year. **RODNEY H. ROSSDENTSCHER, 5008 Shore Acres Rd, Monona, WI 53716.**

I was assigned to the 45th from an Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Roberts, CA, to report to Commanding General at Camp Berkeley—in mid April, 1942. (I had just been married, at Camp Roberts, to my childhood Sweetheart on April 3, 1942). The first person I ever met (and reported to) was Major General William S. Key. I was dropped off at the headquarters "Tent" by the Army bus driver during the noon hour. General Key was the only person present upon reporting for duty. I came to have great respect for General Key and learned the meaning of the word "punctilious" from him. I was a former expert rifle and pistol shooter (National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, '38 and '39 on the 8th Corps Area Rifle Team)—and had several pistol matches with General Key and his successor, Major General Troy H. Middleton.

I was assigned to Co L 180 Inf. Col O'Donnell was Regimental Commander, LTC Bryan Nolan was my Battalion Commander, and Cpt Robert G. Cates, Jr. of Atoka, OK was my Company Commander—the most outstanding young man I knew during my service in WW II.

I was discharged in early October, 1945 and immediately entered the insurance agency business where I have been engaged and active for forty-two years.

I have a daughter studying for her PhD at O.U. and visit the 45th Museum each time I am in Oklahoma City visiting my daughter and her family. I am proud of my association with the 45th Division and the wonderful men I met and knew in that thirteen months in the '42-'43 period. **HENRY STAGG RENZ, 5421 E.R.L. THRENTON Frwy @ E. Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75223-1937.**