

45th Division News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

TRADITION — You heard a lot about it during our Forty-Second Annual Reunion last month! As your new National President, I am proud to be a part of the great tradition — I am the son of one "Thunderbird" and the father of another — and I pledge all of my efforts to building on the legacy I have inherited.

Your National Officers and Board of Directors are charged with both the day-to-day operation of the Association and the preservation of the 45th Infantry Division's unequalled past. The Association belongs to you and I solicit your continuing support and your suggestions for improvement as we undertake the following specific goals for the coming year:

- Continue the excellent communications program initiated by Past President Jimmy Jones and the Association's staff last year.
- Provide support and assistance to the Museum staff as they continue to improve and expand an already outstanding facility.
- Encourage closer cooperation between regimental, battalion and separate company associations and their active counterparts in the 45th Infantry Brigade, the 45th Field Artillery Brigade, and the 45th Troop Command of the Oklahoma Army National Guard.
- Begin laying the groundwork for our FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION! (1990 will be here before we know it.)

This promises to be a year of growth for our association and I am excited about the opportunity to serve you. Tell your comrades about us and invite them to join us next year as we celebrate the rich heritage we share as "Thunderbirds."

Sincerely,

W.G. (Bill) EVANS
National President
45th Infantry Division Association

Anzio Memorial At The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier

Upon returning home from a trip to Oklahoma City where we attended the 45th Infantry Division annual reunion, we received notification of a special ceremony to be held at Arlington National Cemetery October 18, 1986, in which a wreath would be laid at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and a plaque placed in the Memorial Building in memory of those killed at Anzio.

From eighteen states, 135 veterans and their families came to pay homage. Our immediate group represented Companies B and C, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division.

What of this place called Anzio? One of the bloodiest chapters of World War II was written on that strip of coast; 30 miles south of Rome, Italy. Combat casualties totalled about 30,000.

Together with Airborne, First Special Service Forces and British Units, three American Divisions bore the brunt of ground fighting throughout the long siege; 1st Armored Division, 3rd and 45th Infantry Divisions. Having been temporarily assigned to the 1st Armored Division, elements of the 179th Infantry, 45th Division, participated in the initial beachhead landing January 22, 1944. Within a week, the full Division was ashore.

While in Europe in December 1950, we returned to Anzio. With the exception of the

American and British cemeteries, few traces of the bloodbath remained. How strange the peace and quiet that sunny day as we lunched by the sea, waves gently lapping the shore.

At the hotel in Washington, we boarded buses for Arlington Cemetery. In the thirty years since our last visit, recollection of the cemetery had dimmed, however, the sudden sight of literally thousands and thousands of gleaming white headstones was absolutely overwhelming! More than 200,000 are buried there, and an average of fifteen funerals take place every day. The first soldiers buried at Arlington fell during the Civil War.

Winding along the road leading up the hill, we were struck by the picturesque grounds. Locating a more beautiful park would be difficult. Stately oaks shade those lying beneath a soft carpet of green.

Originally the cemetery grounds were part of the ancestral estate of Mary Custis, wife of General Robert E Lee. As a young man, George Washington Parke Custis, adopted son of George Washington, moved to the 1,100 acre estate, and built "Arlington House". Upon his death, the property was inherited by his daughter, Mary.

At the magnificent white marble columned Amphitheatre, seating over 4,000, which adjoins the Tomb, elite troops of the Third

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322 Thunderbirds Attend 42nd Annual Reunion

Thunderbirds turned out in force for the 42nd Annual Reunion held at the Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 28-29 August. 322 members were registered for the event and a total of 573 members and guests were in attendance at the Saturday night banquet and dance.

Ladies activities included a tour of the Cowboy Hall of Fame and a luncheon at McKraken's Mill, an elegant restaurant in the northeast area of Oklahoma City owned by the Eng family.

Guest speaker for the banquet was Maj Gen James B McGoodwin, commander of the 49th Armored Division, Texas Army National Guard. Maj Gen McGoodwin served in Company H, 179th Infantry during the Korean War.

During the banquet a painting of Philip Gover, Pawnee, OK, by Brummett Echohawk, a Tulsa, OK artist was unveiled and donated to the museum. The painting was accepted on behalf of the museum by Glenn Lyon, Pawnee, OK. Echohawk and Gover were members of Company B 179th Infantry during World War II and Lyon was their Commanding Officer.

The "Moonlight Serenade" band played for the dance following the banquet. The band played "forties" music and for the first time in several years the dance was well attended.

Members in attendance represented 36 States and Canada.

The 43rd Annual Reunion will be held 26-27 August 1988 at the Hilton Inn West, I-40 at Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1987-1988

Association officers were elected by the Board of Directors for the new year as follows:

President William G. Evans
First Vice President Dale E. Carney
Second Vice President Allan F. McGilbra
Secretary Wm. Rex Wilson
Treasurer Neal E. Dodds



(Left to Right) Allen Jaynes, D.C. McWhorter, Odell Shaw, John Braubach

This flag and its story has been donated to the 45th Infantry museum by Allen B. Jaynes, Capt., Div. Hq. G-4 Section. Capt. Jaynes, of Arcadia, California, on instructions from General Fredricks, had this flag made. It was constructed with limited material and was the only 45th flag the Division had at the time and place flown. It has been flown and preserved for over 42 years by Capt. Jaynes.

45th Division Flag Now At Museum

If a flag could talk, hear and see, this is what it would tell: I was born on May 12, 1945 at a factory in Munich, Germany.

The long battle trail for the 45th Division that began on July 10, 1943 with the D-Day landing on the Sicilian beaches had come to an end. I heard of the terrible price the gallant Thunderbirds paid for victory in Europe. Their casualties: killed, wounded and missing—Officers, 2,541, enlisted men, 60,103.

I flew first over the Division Headquarters at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany and there I witnessed historical events that would never be forgotten. I led the Memorial Day parade at Königsplatz Munich on June 7, 1945. There I heard the heroic Commanding General of the 45th, Robert T. Frederick made this heartfelt statement: "This Memorial Day has a special significance. We have always known it as a day set apart for the commemoration of our nation's hero dead. But, today, in the very heart of conquered Germany, we pause to pay tribute to our comrades who gave the fullest measure of sacrifice for their country. They fell facing an enemy whose objective was the destruction of those ideals which Americans hold dear. They fell in the glorious tradition of the American heritage that fights for the right to live in freedom."

Those men were our friends. With them we shared our dangers, our successes, and our hopes. We cannot bring them back but we can do our part to insure the endurance of those principles for which they died. I ask you not merely to pay tribute to their memory, but to carry on their fight for peace even after the last Armistice is signed. Only by carrying on that fight, unceasingly and without wavering can we fulfill our obligation to our brothers in arms who lie dead in foreign soil.

I emerged after four years of mothballs in the summer of 1950 when the 45th was called again into Federal service in the Korean War. For 429 combat days I witnessed the dedication and ability of the Thunderbirds, as they again faced and out-fought their enemy.

After the wars in Europe and Korea were over I flew during the reunions at Lt. John Braubach's home in San Antonio, Texas, at Major D.C. McWhorter's home in Hereford, Texas, at Capt. Pat McClernon's home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, at Colonel Odell Shaw's home in Oklahoma City, at Capt. Poncho Goddard's home in Center, Texas, at Allan Jaynes home in Arcadia, California, and at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and at Durango, Colorado.

I heard at these meetings of the incredible deeds of the 45th Congressional Medal of Honor winners: Lt. Ernest Childers, Cpl. James D. Staton, P.F.C. William Johnson, Lt. Jack Montgomery, Lt. Van Barfoot, Lt. Almond Fisher, Capt. Jack Treadwell and Cpl. Edward Wilkin.

I marveled at the tales about the commanding generals of the 45th: Troy Middleton, W.W. Eagles, Robert Frederick, H.J.D. Meyer, James Styron, David Ruffner, Philip Ginder, Paul Harkins, Harvey Fischer, Hal Muldrow, Fred Daugherty and Jasper Baker.

I believe the quote made by General Meyer at the inactivation of the 45th Division says it all: "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."

Now my travels are over, I will fly for eternity at the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City. My only hope is that those who view me here remember the valour and the bravery of the mighty Thunderbirds."



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Looking for PFC Donald E. Holder

PFC Donald E. Holder was a squad leader in Co L, 279th Infantry Regiment in Korea on October 18, 1952, when his and the lives of three other squad members were saved by the heroic action of PVT Aivars K. Salenieks. He sacrificed his life by covering with his body the explosion of an enemy hand grenade in a forward bunker. For this extraordinary heroism he was initially recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor but later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously. If you know the present whereabouts of Donald E. Holder, please contact COL Vilmaris Kukainis, 237 Springmont Road, Northfield, OH 44067, who is organizing a memorial ceremony at PVT Salenieks gravesite on Veterans' Day.

John Embry Slowing Down

John Embry commander of the 160 FA during most of World War II is slowing down due to health problems. He is almost totally blind and indicates he is no longer able to attend public functions.

John says he appreciates the honors bestowed on him by both military and civilian organizations during the past few months.

Johns friends can still communicate with him by writing 216 N.W. 33rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118 or by telephone 405/524-2844.

Colonel John sent copies of reminiscent letters he had received from Bill Tharp and Joe Bosa. Bill and Joe both mentioned Ace Conley in their letters. Bill said "Ace was one of the meanest sounding first sergeants I ever knew, but his measure of justice was unequalled. He treated guys from New York and Massachusetts the same as he did the Mattheyer boys."

John summed up their comments as follows: Ace Conley's battlefield promotion was in Battery C, 171 FA Bn and he was killed in action on the Anzio Beachhead. He was dearly loved by all of his comrades and Bill Tharp was one of them and he speaks their sentiments.

Eastern Chapter Seeks Meeting Site

Good luck to Moe Nirenstein and the Eastern Chapter in their search for a suitable site for their regular meetings.

45th Division Museum Seeks Biographies For Archives

The 45th Infantry Division Museum is seeking biographical information and pictures of Thunderbirds for historical filing.

Send a short biographical sketch of yourself, including both your military and civilian career, and mail it to the archivist, 45th Infantry Division Museum, 2145 NE 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111. You may paste or attach your picture on the biographical sketch. Include your present address on the biography.

45th Signal Holds Reunion

45th Signal Company held their 13th Annual Reunion early in August. The meeting was attended by 120 veterans and spouses. Activities included a memorial service, business meeting, banquet and breakfast. The reunion site was Alva, Oklahoma.

Reunions

157th Infantry Association: 6-11 September 1988 in Denver, CO. Contact: Felix L Sparks, Secretary, 7900 West 23rd Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215.

Anti-Tank Company, 179th Infantry: June 1988, Ardmore, OK. Contact: Robert M Adams, 62 Broadlawn, Ardmore, OK 73401.

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

645th Tank Destroyer. 22-23 April 1988, Tulsa, OK. Contact: TJ Hunker, PO Box 127, Wheatland, OK 73097 (405/745-2433).

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

Reunion Dates

1988	26-27 August	Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City, OK
1989	25-26 August	Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City, OK

Looking For Buddies

LAURELL FOSS, 965 South 14th St., Niles, MI 49120, a Korean veteran of Company I, 179th Infantry would like to hear from any members of his unit.

FRED J FOJTIK, Route 92, Bernard, TX, 77435, was a member of the division during the Korean trip. He has lost all contact with acquaintances and members of his unit. Fred didn't furnish us his former unit, so if anyone out there knows him please drop him a line.

MATTHEW P MARINO, 142½ Bay St., Glens Falls, NY 12801, A WWII member of Company L, 179th Infantry, would like to contact the following former members of his unit: Herman K Hartman, Luis F Ochoa Jr., James D Shores, Louis DeFrancesco, Andrew Manjoras, Charles Kilodziej, George Ratz, LeRoy White and Francisco Matarese.

MERVIN E BENSON, Star Route 11, Box 198, Hot Springs, AR 71913, would like to hear from any of his former 279th Infantry buddies.

ROBERT E BYERS, PO Box 717, Eureka, MT 59917 is attempting to locate Harvey Snow (Texas) and "Dollar" Hyde and 1st Sgt Cheek, both from Oklahoma. Robert was a WWII member of Company I, 179th Infantry and was known as "Bear Hunter" by his friends. He is reluctant to attend a reunion until he is sure there will be someone there that he knows.

THUNDERBIRD NAMED CALIFORNIA VFW COMMANDER

JOSEPH I. ROMANO a member of the 279th Infantry during the Korean Campaign was recently named Commander of the California Veterans of Foreign Wars. The organization has 100,000 members and a 40,000 auxiliary. As Commander, Romano will be practically working full time spending three days a week at the department headquarters in Sacramento, attending legislative sessions and visiting Posts and meeting members throughout the State of California.

Romano was born in Chicago, the son of Sicilian immigrants. His father died when Joe was 13, and his mother raised three boys and one girl by sewing in a sweatshop. He joined the Army at age 21 and served in Europe during World War II in an Ammunition Unit assigned to General Patton's Third Army.

Joe retired from the Army in 1963 with 22 years service. He then entered the field of dry cleaning equipment sales, retiring from that business in 1987.

Romano was named "Citizen of the Year" for El Sobrante Valley and is very active in community affairs. He is a member of El Cerrito VFW Post No 6422.

He attributes his election to State VFW Commander to knowing people. "If you don't socialize," he said, "you get lost."

★ New Members ★ Since Last NewsLetter

LIFE MEMBERS

Tandy Allen	James A. Petty
E.A. Cope	Arthur L. Teague
Charles Dillman	Roy J. Urban
William M. Hales Jr.	George E. Welbourne
Phillip G. Johnson Jr.	Bob R. Woods
John Josso Sr	Albert E. Lacy
Morris Olson	

10 YEAR

George T. Blankenship	Joseph Roy Newman
Wayne Burmahl	Louis A. Scott
David Starr Jordan	

4 YEAR

Logan V. Catterall	Billy R. Madden
James A. Clarke	Roy N. Mosburg
Joe Craig	Charley E. Ogle
David J. Crawford Jr.	Harold E. Parker
William R. Custer	Stephen Pelles
Gene W. Denison	Herbert C. Porter
John H. Ezell	Lawrence B. Powell
J. Richard (Dick) Frazier	Norman E. Putnam
Joseph S. Giordana	Marshall Scarbrough
John T. Gordon	Orville E. Stephens
Mrs. W.P. Grace Jr.	Omer Lee Wauhob
M. Lanny Hare	Harold L. Weishuhn
Walter N. Larson	Howard Wetzel
J. Rolf Lukkariila	Charles L. Williams

1 YEAR

Lewis G. Adamany	Joe Kiernan
Robert E. Anderson	Gene C. Kirkpatrick
Royce D. Blaker	Paul Klintworth
Garold W. Burton	Edwin C. Kolakowski
John Mike Bray	Tedd H. Kopp
Kenneth A. Casey	ancel Lamiquiz
Roy C Cox	Jeff O. Leader
Marvin E. Cure	Merle E. London II
Charles T. Currey	Francis J. Luce
Gilbert Curtis	Thomas F. Maclean
Arno Dietze	Matthew F. Madison
Kenneth O Doescher	Michael Mannes
Thomas A. Ebert	Charles L. Moss
Donald F. Ferrell	Orville E. Myers
Richard W. Ford	R.D. Pitcher
Thomas B. Foreman	Brett H. Pyle
Laurel A. Foss	Lester M. Reed
Benson E. Gabbert	Ted C. Rupe
Irgil Godsey	Robert S. Saunier
David T. Harris	Port Schnorrenberg
Leland Edward Harris	Jon M. Shank
Mark L. Hensley	Alvin F. Sheets
John A. Herring	Jack D. Smith
James E. Hickman	Joe D. Synnott
Warren R. Higginbotham	Jimmie Taylor
Harold R. Hodges	Eugene Tharp
James H. Haug	Joe A. Townsend
Robert M. Henderson	Robert E. Wade
S.C. Howe	Charles H. Wilson
Nicanor Jiminez	Waldo W. Wilson
David H. Johnson	Robert J. Wolfe
Harvey R. Johnson	



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.)

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Memorial Service During 42nd Annual Reunion

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Infantry Regiment awaited our arrival, ushering us into the Memorial Trophy Hall. On the left side of the room, glass cases hold plaques presented by Army Combat Divisions; many in sequence ranging from the 1st through the 109th Divisions (including the 45th Infantry Division).

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located on the Plaza of the Amphitheatre. Bearing the following inscription: "HERE LIES IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD", an impressive white monument rests on the grave of an unknown soldier of World War I, placed in the Tomb on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921. Remains of unknown soldiers from World War II and Korea were interred May 30, 1958, and an unknown Viet Nam soldier on May 28, 1984.

Standing on the steps of the Memorial Building facing the Tombs that crisp fall morning, our throats tight, bright sun glistening on our tears, we watched in silent awe as the changing of the guard took place.

Ramrod straight, the sentinel takes 21 paces on the 63 foot rubber mat, faces the Tomb 21 seconds, turns, pauses 21 seconds before retracing his steps. The number "twenty-one" is symbolic of the highest salute afforded dignitaries in military and state ceremonies.

Immediately following the changing of the guard, the special ceremony began: Two platoons of soldiers, fifteen to a platoon, slowly ascended the steps leading up to the Tomb, marching to the Gray Line facing the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers. Carrying the wreath, members of the Third Infantry Regiment, escorting the colors, marched to the Tomb. Accompanied by the Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery, members of the Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World War II Association descended the Memorial Building steps, and laid the wreath at the Tomb. Taps sounded across the valley. Present arms was executed.

Following the ceremony, presentation of the Anzio plaque took place in the Memorial Display Room.

The special ceremony at Arlington, culminated a year's work by members of the Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World War II Association.

The Association was founded by Helen and Bill Bland of Sanford, Florida. Despite confinement to a wheelchair, Bill labored tirelessly, contacting more than 100 newspapers and writing numerous letters to veterans organizations, in his attempt to locate Anzio veterans. Helen did the "leg work." Together, they devoted three years to the project. In those days, they used their own money for postage, printing, mailing and advertising. Their only help was Betty and Frank Perkins of Orlando, Florida. The foursome richly deserve recognition.



Looking It Over

In 1980 there were 79 members on the Association roster. Today, membership has grown to more than 900, a fourth of whom served in the 45th Division.

Though 43 years has passed since the invasion, Anzio is indelibly burned in the memories of those who fought on that distant shore. The moving ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery enshrines, for all time, thousands who fell so far from home. (edited for brevity)

PETIE CLAPPER, 3920 DeKalb Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809.



An Open Letter To My Fellow Thunderbirds From The Korean War

Time has taken its toll; we can not deny that. We are older and, I hope, wiser, but in that wisdom we must not forget what we were, what we are and what we accomplished, tried to accomplish, and maybe failed to accomplish as proud wearers of the Thunderbird as we joined together during Ithuriel's Hour and developed that deep, affectionate regard for one another, one of the discoveries of combat and mortal danger. We shared so much as Thunderbirds whether in World War II or in the Korean War, and when we removed our uniforms and relegated them to the back of the closet, the sharing was often forgotten purposely as we again began our duties, responsibilities and privileges in living as free men. It is *wrong* to forget! We *must* remember with pride this sharing.

What did we share? (I can only speak and write for the Thunderbirds in the Korean War from 5 December 1951 until 27 July 1953.) We shared a common cause, common hopes, common fears and dangers and common dreams. We developed an *esprit de corps* not often seen or experienced as we in the 45th Infantry Division saw it develop and experienced it in our lives as Thunderbirds. Why can this sharing not continue now as the years grow long since we trudged the hills and valleys that were and are Korea and heard the demented screams of shells and the rapid crack of rifles and the staccato bursts of machine guns? Why not redevelop that brotherhood, that comradeship, that helped many of us youngsters (I was only twenty-one when I joined H Company, 179th Regiment) step into manhood, that comradeship and sharing that made our baptism of fire endurable — that baptism of fire that hurled us into the blazing crucible, forged us and made us soldiers?

REUNION



Sharing War Stories



Former Members of Company A, 120 Engineer Bn (Korean War) During Second Annual Reunion, Held 23 May 1987 In New York City.

Were not the days when we proved our mettle — and hopefully came out stronger — good days? Surely they were not bad days or weeks or months, for those days helped make us resolute, made us unflinching in the face of adversity. Fellow Thunderbirds from the Korean War walk tall with with pride of a job well done! Remember Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy, Luke's Castle, Christmas Hill, the Punch-bowl area, and the Mundung ni valley? These names are places we should remember, even vividly, for it was in these areas that events occurred that would forever change us and make us much different from what we were and influenced us in what we are today. No monuments have been erected at these places named above. The place-names have been forgotten by many and never been known by many more, but these places have been etched into our minds and souls, and it is imperative that we do not forget, for if we remember, no monuments are needed. George L. Skypeck in his beautiful poem entitled "Soldier" states in the last two lines:

"At last someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was . . . a SOLDIER."

Comrades, that day is now! We are proud of what we were — soldiers in the Fighting 45th!

I wish to end with a special request to the men of H Co., 179th Regiment from December 1952 to July 1953 to contact me, and I will send a roster of names and addresses of all to all. We must not forget! Contact the Association; order a decal or two of our emblem; place the decal on your car, and other Thunderbirds will make contact with you. In this way old contacts will be reestablished.

God Bless,
Arthur G. Carle

10632 Twilight Dr.

St. Louis, Missouri 63128

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MEMORIES



Gabbing In The Gazebo



Catching Up With Old Friends



Business Meeting During 42nd Annual Reunion



What Else Is New?

45th Infantry Association 2145 N.E. 36th Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Ross Holland Routh departed this life at age 80 on July 22, 1987, in Temple, Texas, and,

WHEREAS, General Routh was a charter member of the 45th Infantry Division Association and served as its President in 1949, and,

WHEREAS, the active support of General Routh in the affairs of this Association has been the result of his most distinguished military service in the Oklahoma National Guard, the Oklahoma Military Department and the Regular Service, and,

WHEREAS, General Routh was an enlisted member of the 45th Infantry Division commencing in October, 1926, was commissioned as an officer in the Division in 1929 and served with distinction as Finance Officer and Chief of Staff of the Division on active duty in World War II and the Korean War, and,

WHEREAS, in addition, General Routh served the Oklahoma Military Department as Executive Officer and Assistant Adjutant General and in active Regular Service was the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for Oklahoma for a total of 16 years, and,

WHEREAS, in all his military service he developed the reputation of being an outstanding administrator and highly knowledgeable and efficient in military activities but of great significance is the fact that he closely touched the lives of many members of the Division through his personal interest, guidance and assistance, causing them to advance their military careers and be of better service to their State and Country, and,

WHEREAS, General Routh was survived by his widow, Fay Campbell Routh, of Bryan, Texas, and four sons and nine grandchildren,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 45th Infantry Division Association in general assembly this 29th day of August, 1987, that we applaud the life and service of Ross Holland Routh to his family, his State and his Country, and we recognize his military service as the perfect example of the contribution that can be made by a citizen soldier.

Be it further resolved that the Association and its members in assembly give thanks for our relationship and association with Ross Holland Routh through the years and send our condolences to his widow and family.

DONE this 29th day of August, 1987.

RESOLUTION 4

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Robert A. Wilson departed this life on July 29, 1987, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wilson has long been an active member of the 45th Infantry Division Association, serving as our President in 1977 and for many years as our Association Secretary, and,

WHEREAS, this active involvement in the affairs of our Association has been the result of Colonel Wilson's dedicated military service in the 45th Infantry Division and as an employee of the Oklahoma Military Department, and,

WHEREAS, through the years Colonel Wilson developed an exceptionally fine expertise in military weapons, equipment and insignia and became a recognized authority in this regard, and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Wilson, from the start of the establishment of the 45th Infantry Division Museum located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, gave extremely valuable assistance as a Museum Volunteer in the acquisition, identity and accession of military artifacts coming to the Museum and in the creation of the Museum displays, and,

WHEREAS, upon retiring from the Oklahoma Military Department, Colonel Wilson continued his dedicated interest in the Oklahoma National Guard and the 45th Infantry Division Museum by becoming the Curator of the Museum, in which capacity he served with distinction and great ability until his untimely death.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 45th Infantry Division Association in general assembly this 29th day of August, 1987, that it express its thanks and appreciation for the dedicated life of military service of Lieutenant Colonel Robert A. Wilson and his most valuable service as an officer of the Association and a Volunteer and Curator of our Museum.

Be it further resolved that the Association in assembly send our condolences to Echo Wilson, his widow, and the members of his family.

DONE this 29th day of August, 1987.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 45th Infantry Division Museum Memorial Day Service

The 45th Infantry Division Museum held a Memorial Day Service May 25, 1987 starting at 10:00 A.M. on the Museum grounds. Over 200 people attended the service. Major General Fred Daugherty served as Master of Ceremonies.

Major General Donald F. Ferrell, the Adjutant General of Oklahoma, gave the dedication address.

Music was provided by the 145th Army Band. Presentation of the colors was accomplished by the Edmond High School ROTC. Invocation was by Chaplain Franklin Rector. Museum volunteers were on duty to serve the crowd and were distinguished by their gold coats. The Honor/Color Guard Group from Oklahoma City Disabled American Veterans assisted by controlling traffic and serving as ushers.

The placing of the wreath by Scott Wells and Jim Bruno was a high point of the service. Four jets from the 507th Air Force Reserve, stationed at Tinker AFB, accomplished a fly-over. All attendees were invited to tour the Museum. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

All Thunderbirds are urged to mark their calendars for May, 1988 and plan to attend the 45th Infantry Division Museum Memorial Day Service.

Reunion Attendees By State

AL	3	IN	9	NE	1	OR	2
AZ	3	IA	5	NH	1	PA	7
AR	5	KS	2	NJ	4	SC	3
CA	17	KY	1	NM	4	SD	1
CO	4	LA	6	NY	10	TN	3
CT	3	MD	1	NC	1	TX	40
DE	1	MI	8	ND	1	VA	4
FL	11	MS	3	OH	7	WA	6
IL	5	MO	5	OK	131	WI	7
CANADA				1			

Who Has An Air Section Patch?

I would like to locate a 45th Division Air Section patch, worn during our Korean service.

If anyone has one for sale or if I could borrow one to have it reproduced, I would be most grateful.

Would like to hear from any pilot or observer in Korea from December 1951 to August 1952.

Loehr M Rigby, 345 Cherry Hills Way, Colorado Spgs, CO 80921.

Thunderbird Laid To Rest

Private Roger Caron, Nashua, NH was declared missing in action in January 1945. He was a machine gunner with Company D, 157 Infantry.

Last year a farmer, Pierre Mahler of Schillersdors, France discovered Caron's remains along with identification tags, weapon, ammunition and other combat accoutrements.

A military funeral was conducted Saturday 29 August 1987 at St. Louis Church in Nashua.

Coincidentally, the 45th Division Memorial Service was conducted Saturday, 29 August 1987 during the annual reunion.

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★	Fitzpatrick, Edward A.	★
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★	Grace, William P.	★
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★	Robnett, Harold Lee	★
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★	Stephens, Ray E.	★
★	Van Brunt, Warren G.	★
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It's A Family Tradition

Edwin S. Moore, Muskogee, OK advises that he and six of his brothers have served in the 45th Division as follows:

Edwin S. Moore - Co C 180 Infantry, 1934-1936, Co K 179 Infantry, 1936-1938. Retired as Colonel, Infantry 1978.

N.B. Moore - Co C 180 Infantry 1925-1927

John R. Moore - Co C 180 Infantry, 1926-1927, Co I 180 Infantry, 1927-1929, Co K, 179 Infantry, 1930-1939, Active Duty US Army 1939-1970.

Thomas E. Moore - Co I, 180 Infantry, 1930

Kelly R. Moore - Co I 180 Infantry, 1930-1934, Co K 179 Infantry, 1938-1939, OCS, Fort Benning 1940, Killed in Action, Cassino, Italy, 1944 with 34th Infantry Division

Kenneth C. Moore - Co C 180 Infantry, 1934-1936, Co K 179 Infantry 1937-1939, OCS, Fort Lee 1942

Marcy M Moore - Co C 180 Infantry, 1937-1938, Co K 179 Infantry, 1938-1945.

All seven brothers served overseas during World War II in various US Army units. One in the China-Burma-India Theater, two in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and four in North Africa and Europe. Five presently reside in Oklahoma, one in Georgia.

Thunderbird Deaths

NORMAN BARKER

Austin, TX. A member of Co D 179 Infantry during WW II and Korea.

PAUL D. BATTIE

East Providence, RI. A member of Co D 179th Infantry in Korea.

WILLIAM E BOUCHILLON

Fountain Inn, SC. A member of 179 Infantry in WW II.

T.P. BRENNAN

Panama City, FL. Former member of Co B 180 Infantry. Information furnished by Morris Olson, Appleton, WI.

GLEN A BRITTON

Cleveland, OK. Served as a member of Hq Btry 189 FA during World War II.

FRANCIS H. GLOVER

Boston, MA. Served as Operations Officer of the 145 AAA Bn in Korea.

EDGAR G HANKS

Member of Co L 179 Infantry in Korea. Calumet, OK.

WILLIAM J. HARLIN JR.

Newalla, OK. Employed by US Dept of Agriculture for 37 years. Served in Co H 180 Infantry during WW II. Wounded in action during Sicilian Campaign.

CHARLES C HOFFMIESTER

Long Island, NY. Served as a member of Co C 279 Infantry during the period 1950-1952 including the Korean War. Info furnished by Lee Fry.

WALTER F. JENTGEN

Roswell, NM. Died 15 April 1987 at age 73. He served in Co I 180 Infantry during WW II. Survived by his wife Lillian.

REV WILLIAM E. KING

San Angelo, TX. Assigned to 45th Division as a Chaplain (Captain) 15 December 1940 at Fort Sill, OK. Appointed Division Chaplain 26 June 1942 and remained in that assignment until the Anzio Campaign. He was then assigned as Corps Chaplain and promoted to the rank of Colonel.

He was a "front line" Chaplain and was wounded in action on two occasions. He served in the US Navy in WW I, enlisting at the age of 16, and was awarded the "Silver Star" for combat action. Info on Chaplain King provided by Stanley Purdy, Okla City, OK.

J.C. MCCLURE

Yukon, OK. A former member of the 45th Division died 28 June 1987.

RICHARD F NEWKIRK

Tonkawa, OK. World War II member of 189 FA BN. Served on active duty from 1940 to 1945.

BRYAN L RAKESTRAW

Oklahoma City, OK. Passed away 3 July 1987. Retired after thirty years of Federal Service in the US Army and US Air Force, including service in the 45th Infantry Division. Retired at the grade of Colonel in 1965. After retirement he was active in many civic organizations and served as Commander of the Military Order of World Wars.

WALTER H. ROLLIN

Midwest City, OK. Died 27 July 1987. A WW II member of 189 FA BN.

FOY RICE

Scottsdale, AZ. World War II member of Co D 179th Infantry.

HAROLD LEE ROBBETT

Cushing, OK. Died 19 May 1987 at his home. He enlisted in the 158 FA at Lawton, OK in 1940 while attending college at Cameron. He served in the 45th Division from 1940 to 1945 and the end of the war in Europe. Survivors include two sons and two daughters. Information furnished by Merle J Brandon.

PAUL C ROLLINS

Springfield, MO. Died 28 October 1986 at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center at Aurora, CO. Paul served as an Army Advisor to the 120 Engr Bn prior to Korea. Upon induction of the division in 1950 he was assigned as a member of the Battalion Staff and served with the battalion in Korea. He remained on active duty and retired in 1966 in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. Paul was a life member of the 45th Infantry Division Association.

RAY E STEPHENS

Austin, TX. Entered active duty in March 1941 and was assigned to Anti-Tank Co 180 Infantry. Served with the 45th Division until the end of WW II. Remained on active duty and retired from the US Army in 1963 in the grade of Major.

HERBERT WILLIAMS

Cedarville, MI. Died 11 March 1987. Served in the 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop during WW II. Info furnished by B Rosenthal.

VICTOR E WINTLE

Portland, ME. Died 4 April 1984 after a long bout with cancer. He served in the 160 FA BN during WW II. Victor's widow Virginia writes that he was very proud of his service in the 45th Division and enjoyed reading the 45th Division News. Virginia said they had discussed attending a reunion many times, but unfortunately waited too long.

LARRY W WISTNER

Akron, NY. WW II member of Co D 179 Infantry.

WILLIAM P GRACE

Arlington, VA. Graduated from Western Maryland College in 1926 and was commissioned as a Regular Army Officer and served in various Infantry assignments prior to WW II. He served in combat with the 45th Division as Battalion Commander and Regimental Commander in the 179 Infantry. After military retirement in 1956 he was an instructor at Davidson College in North Carolina.

ROSS H ROUTH

Bryan, TX. Deceased 22 July 1987 at the Veterans Hospital in Temple, TX. A graveside service was held 24 July 1987 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX. Routh enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard in 1926 and was commissioned in 1929. When the Division mobilized in 1940 he was assigned as Division Finance Officer with the grade of Lt Col. He occupied this position from 1940 to 1945.

Routh was assigned as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for Oklahoma during the period 1946-1965 less three years (1950-1953) when he was assigned as the Finance Officer, Eight United States Army in Korea. Retired as Brig Gen in 1965. He was a scout and scout leader for 69 years and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope.

Survivors include his wife, Fay Campbell Routh of Bryan, Texas and four sons.

ROBERT A WILSON

Oklahoma City, OK. Died 29 July 1987 at his home. Bob served in the 45th Division and Army National Guard from 1951 until retirement in 1984. The most cherished of his many awards was the Distinguished Service Medal presented to him at his retirement ceremony.

A special pleasure in Bob's life was his service with the 45th Division Museum. He served as a volunteer from 1971 to 1985 when he was appointed as the museum curator. He served as President of the 45th Infantry Division Association during the period 1976-1977 and was secretary of the association from 1986 until his death.

★ ★ ★ Letters to the Editor ★ ★ ★

I just returned from the annual reunion in Oklahoma City and enjoyed seeing some old buddies from Company K 179th Infantry. Renewed friendships with J.B. Tewes, Mike Rodriques, John Newman, Dave Crawford and Charlie Michlak. Would like to have seen more K Company members there. **ALBERT SPANEL, 11711 Neff Street, Houston, TX 77072.**

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I was a member of the 157th Infantry on 5 June 1945 and attended a ceremony on the Konigsplatz in Munich, Germany called the "Presentation of the Drum." This drum had been the property of the Gordon Highlanders who had lost it early in the war for Europe.

The drum was supposedly "liberated" from a German trophy room near Baumhelden and General Patch, the 7th US Army Commander decided it should be returned to the Gordons. I believe the Divisions represented at the presentation were the 10th Armored, 45th Infantry and a New York National Guard Division. I would like to know if there is any information available on this subject.

I am particularly interested in the names of the people and units of the actual liberators. **WILLIAM WALSH, 1788 Hassam Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108. EDITORS NOTE: Please furnish information direct to William Walsh.**

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I am writing to try and obtain more information about the 45th Infantry Division Association. My father, now deceased, was a member of the 45th Division during WW II, but ever got the opportunity to attend any division association reunions. After he died I took possession of an original 45th Division book that chronicles the division's campaign through Europe. It was very interesting reading.

I would like to join your association in order to receive news about reunions and actually attend some. I would be delighted to host any 45th Division Association members who may find themselves visiting either Brussels, Belgium or Central Germany. **CAPTAIN ROBERT BRESCIA, NATO SUPACT/593RD ACT, APO NY 09667-5381.**

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My assignment to the 45th Division occurred 9 January 1941. I was a member of Company M 157 Infantry. I was awarded the Silver Star for combat action at the Anzio Beachhead. On 20 January 1945 I was captured by SS Troops near the town of Reipertswiller.

My 45th Division history book was destroyed in a house fire. Please furnish information on obtaining a replacement copy. **ALFRED A. DORRANCE, 1804 Vassar SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.**

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Received a letter the first of June from a buddy of mine, Sgt Edward Ryan, A&P Platoon, 3rd Bn Hq 180 Inf, WW II, asking if I knew of a place to stay in Ocean City, MD. I sent him the info and made arrangements to be at the same motel on June 9th and 10th. Ed hasn't changed one bit.

He rode his bicycle from New Jersey to Ocean City which is 136 miles, so you can tell he is in the same shape as when we were climbing those mountains in Italy. We had a nice reunion, we rehashed the war, talked about some of our friends and the crazy things that happened.

Would like to hear from any of the Pioneers from 3Bn 180 Infantry. **RAYMOND J NORATEL, 2823 Georgetown Road, Baltimore, MD 21230.**

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Enclosed is my application for membership in the 45th Division Association. I was inducted in Santa Fe, NM 20 Jan 1941, sent to Ft Sill, OK and assigned to the 45th. After serving with the 45th for 10 months I was transferred to the ERC in November 1941.

I was recalled to active duty 16 November 1942 and assigned to the 9th Armored Division with which I served until the end of the war.

The 45th has a great record and reputation and I am proud to have been a part of it, if only for a short time. **KENNETH O DOESCHER, Route 1 Box 424, Rogers, AR 72756.**

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I served with Company A 157th Infantry during the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. While in the mountains near Venafrò, Italy I suffered frozen toes and feet and could not walk. During my evacuation to an aid station enemy artillery fire hit in the very near vicinity. I sustained some minor leg wounds from the artillery fire. I was then evacuated down the mountain by mule and taken to a Base Hospital in Naples.

I was given a medical board and reassigned to an Engineer Depot Company for the duration of the war. I have no authenticated records of the details of this incident, therefore, I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can confirm these events. **EDWARD A TITLE, PO BOX 250, Donegal, PA 15628.**

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A former member of HqCo 3rdBn 179th Infantry I moved to California in 1954 for employment with Hughes Aircraft Company. After 23 years I retired in 1977. My wife and I then managed an apartment complex for the next ten years. We are now managing a mobile home park. **A G HOOK, 68-718 Victoria Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234.**

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I was in the 45th during the early nineteen thirties. We still had wool shirts wrap leggings and campaign hats. I carried a bolt action .30 caliber 1903-A3 Rifle. My initial enlistment was in Company F, 179th Infantry, Konawa, OK in 1931. My Company Commander was Herman Burton, my Battalion Commander was Major Earl Taylor. I was called up for State Active Duty and served in Bill Murray's war.

This was before the days of the noble thunderbird. I served under the counterclockwise religious symbol that Hitler stole from us and the American Indians. He degraded it so much that people don't like to write the old Swastika. I would like to join the association. **CHARLES L WILLIAMS, 4933 Eider, Drive, Corpus Christie, TX 78413.**

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This is a follow up to an earlier phone call. I would appreciate help in locating my cousin, Sam Glassman, of Philadelphia. He served in a line company of the 45th Division from North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France to the end of the war. **RALPH GIBBONS, 2021 East Dodge, Fremont, NE 68025.**

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Enclosed is my application for membership in the 45th Division Association. I volunteered for army service in 1941 and was assigned to Battery B, 158 FA Bn, at Fort Sill, OK. After 9 months service I was discharged because of my age. Three months later I was recalled for duty, due to declaration of war against Germany. I was reassigned to the same battalion. I served with the 45th Division until the end of the war in Europe.

When I joined the 157th Infantry Association I assumed that I also belonged to the 45th Division Association, but I now understand that is not the case. I was born 7 Dec 1908 at Fargo, OK. My mother died when I was a few weeks old and I was raised by my grandparents on a farm northwest of Fargo.

I retired as Postmaster of Fargo, OK in 1982 after 25 years in that assignment. **LEE WAUHOB, PO Box 105, Fargo, OK 73840.**

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My association with the 45th Division began when I was assigned to the 160th FA Bn in January 1942 at the conclusion of my basic training at Fort Sill, OK. I served with WO NaSH, Lloyd Gray, Bill Kumpy and Oscar Gordon to name a few who were in my unit. I served my country well and with pride and I will always be proud to have been a part of the 45th Infantry Division, the best. **WILLIAM R. CUSTER, 400 S. Mumaugh Road, Bldg 1, Apt 1, Lima, OH 45804.**

★ ★ ★ Letters to the Editor (Cont'd) ★ ★ ★

I joined the 45th Signal Company at Camp Pickett, VA two weeks before we left the states. Was with them until we arrived in Munich 25 months later. I would be glad to hear from anyone who remembers me. We could share some of the two thousand snapshots I took with my Zeiss camera while with the outfit.

Since retirement from the office supply business six years ago, I have become historian and archivist for my home town, Albany, Oregon. I have assembled a collection of over 1300 old time pictures, converted them to slides and have given thirty Albany history seminars for the local community college and have put on a hundred slide shows for various organizations and retirement homes. **ROBERT POTTS, 5321 Davidson SE, Albany, OR 97321-7197.**

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My personal condolences to the family of August L Beyer of Company C 279th Infantry. I was a member of Company C and knew Augie real well. In fact all the boys in Company C from Camp Polk to Japan and Korea were all like brothers. My deepest sympathy. **MALCOLM KEATING, PO Box 267, Laplace, LA 70069.**

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I was a member of Anti-Tank Company 180th Infantry during WW II. I was wounded in action near Padiglione, Italy (Anzio Beachhead) on 12 February 1944. Does anyone know the whereabouts of Sgt Sam Schmidt. I think he was originally from Chickasha, OK. Would appreciate any information about Sam. **NATHAN PLAPLAN, 1501 Shannon St, New Port Richey, FL 33552.**

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I always look forward to receiving the 45th Division News and enjoy each issue. I served during the Korean War from September 50 to April 52 with the 120th Engr Combat Bn. After leaving the service in April 52 I moved to Dallas, TX and worked for the US Postal Service until my retirement in November 1984.

I am now enjoying retirement life in Highland, CA. It was a great honor for me to serve with the "Thunderbirds". **CHARLES R. RODDY, 26245 E Baseline #29, Highland, CA 92346.**

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Enclosed find my application for membership renewal. I didn't realize that it had expired.

I joined Co M 179th Infantry in August 1950 and served through the Korean War. In 1954 I rejoined the unit and became employed full time with the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Over the next 7 1/2 years I served in several 45th units, was commissioned from the first OCS class in the Oklahoma Guard.

I left the National Guard in 1961, served with the USAR and went on Active Duty in 1977 and presently assigned as the Senior USAR Adviser to the CG, 4th US Army, Ft Sheridan, IL. **EUGENE E MCDOWELL, 3711 B Leonardwood Avenue, Ft Sheridan, IL 60037.**

Attached is my application and check for one year membership in the Association, and a little information about myself.

Enlisted in Company G 179th Infantry in January 1938. Mobilized with the unit in 1940 served until Sept 1942 when I departed Ft Devens, MA for Engineer OCS at Ft Belvoir, VA. After graduation from OCS I served as a unit commander at Camp Edwards, MA, Camp Johnston, FL and Ft Eustis, VA prior to overseas assignment at Weisbaden, Germany as Project Officer in charge of billeting construction.

Returned to the US and separated at Camp Kilmer, NJ in April 1948. After separation in 1948 went to work for Fox Rig and Lumber Co in Ardmore, OK. I retired in 1986. Planning on moving back to Ardmore by the end of this year.

Visited the museum south of Edmond a few years ago before it was completed and plan a return visit soon. **ED HARRIS, 2100 Tanglewilde #13, Houston, TX 77063.**

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I was proud to serve as a member of 120 Engr Combat Bn. When I was overseas, my three little girls wrote letters that everyone enjoyed. I also have one son. My wife and I have been married 53 years this August. I have 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Until I retired I was a carpenter and built houses and did cabinet/finish work. **GRANVILLE S SCOTT, 3 Casey Lane, Claymont, DE 19703.**

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Joined Company B 245 Tank Bn in 1952 as the National Guard Troops were being sent home.

Prior to Korea I was in the 48th AIB, 7th Armored Division in World War II. I served four years in Trieste, Italy with Tank Co 351st Infantry. After Korea I served a of 6 1/2 years with the 510th Tank Bn in Mannheim, Germany.

Assigned to Vietnam in October 1964. Wounded in action 9 November 1964. Returned from Vietnam and assigned to Ft Knox, KY where I retired in November 1967. **JAMES W ROBBLEE, 5773 Olde Wadsworth, Arvada, CO 80002.**

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A friend of mine Lt Greg Burke of Fort Sill recently sent me some 45th Infantry Division material — bumper stickers, 45th Division News, pen, shoulder patch and key chains. He was well aware that I was a proud member of the 45th and knew I would appreciate the items.

I served for 18 months in Korea in 1952 and 1953. I came to the 45th as a replacement for National Guard personnel who were phasing out and served with Maj Gen Styron, working in Div Hq with Col Johndrow and Major Sharpe. I worked closely with Col Johndrow and had the highest respect for him as a military man and gentleman. I was proud to have been assigned to the 45th even if there were some bad times. I guess one could say those were "the best of times and the worst of times." There are many cherished memories of the Thunderbirds at Yong Dong PO and Chunchon. **DR GENE WE DENISON, 611 14th St SW, Huron, SD 57350.**

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