

45th Division News

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THUNDERBIRD



LEGENDS



JACK L. TREADWELL

Jack L. Treadwell was born March 31, 1919 in Ashland, Alabama. His family moved to Snyder, Oklahoma while Jack was still an infant. He graduated from Snyder High School.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army on 29 January 1941 and assigned to Co. G 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. He rose in rank to become a platoon sergeant and served in combat with the 180th Infantry Regiment.

Treadwell was awarded a battlefield commission in early 1944 and was assigned as a platoon leader in Co. K 180th Infantry Regiment.

Jack Treadwell was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in combat on 24 May 1944 near Carano, Italy. (See his DSC citation on next page.)

He was promoted to First Lieutenant and assigned as commanding officer of Co. F 180th Infantry Regiment in November 1944.

Jack L. Treadwell was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life while in combat near Nieder-Wurzbach, Germany, on 18 March 1945. The medal was presented to Captain Treadwell by President Harry S. Truman on 23 August 1945.

Treadwell remained in the Army after World War II, serving 33 years and retiring in 1974 in grade of Colonel, Infantry. His various assignments included two tours with the Fourth U.S. Army, 8th Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, commander of the 197th Infantry Brigade, and commanding officer of the Infantry OCS at Fort Benning, GA.

He also served in Vietnam as chief of staff of the Americal Division and then as commander of the division's 11th Brigade. For his Vietnam service he was decorated twice for valor and for meritorious

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that we have wrapped up our forty-fourth annual reunion, I hope you are looking forward to the forty-fifth anniversary reunion with the same excitement as I am as your National President. It is indeed an honor for me to serve this great organization as your president and I am looking forward to a great year and an outstanding forty-fifth reunion.

As we begin the new year your new officers and board of directors have our work cut out for us to preserve the current status of the association and make improvements where needed. To help us carry out our duties, I would encourage you to provide us with any suggestions or ideas you may have for making this a better association.

Since membership is what keeps the association going, I encourage you to contact those individuals who were members of the division at one time or another, but who are not members of the association and ask them to join this year. In return, I will pledge that I will work with and through the present commanders of the Oklahoma Army National Guard in an effort to get more of our active soldiers involved in our association.

As you read this newsletter, your board of directors are hard at work making plans for the 45th Annual Reunion of the 45th Infantry Division. I'll also remind you that this year will be the 40th anniversary of the Korean Mobilization and the 50th anniversary of the World War II Mobilization. This promises to be a great year for the association and I am excited to have the opportunity to serve you. Please tell your comrades about us and invite them to join us next year as we celebrate the rich heritage of the 45th Infantry Division.

Sincerely, A. F. (FRANK) MCGILBRA
National President

service by the United States and received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star and the Honor medal, First Class, from the Vietnamese government.

Col. Treadwell was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College. He also received a bachelors degree from the University of Omaha, Nebraska.

Jack L. Treadwell was one of the most decorated soldiers in the Army, being the holder of six of the Army's highest awards for heroism and was probably the most decorated serviceman in the Armed Forces from the standpoint of different U.S. medals earned. His decorations and awards include the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit (w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star (w/V device and OL Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Purple Heart (w/3 OL Clusters), plus the French Croix de Guerre (w/Gold Star) and the Vietnamese awards mentioned above. He was authorized to wear the Combat Infantry Badge (2nd Award w/Star), the Senior Parachutist Badge, and Presidential Unit Citation. He was wounded four times and was decorated five times for valor.

On 5 May 1974, Treadwell was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame based on his military record and residency established when he attended the University of Omaha.

Jack L. Treadwell died at the age of 58 on 12 December 1977 following open heart surgery. He was buried with full military honors in the Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Cemetery.

In October 1978, a new training barracks at the U.S. Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, GA was dedicated and named Treadwell Barracks in honor of Colonel Jack L. Treadwell as a lasting tribute to his exceptional and outstanding performance of duty in the United States Army.

Treadwell married Charlotte Johnson on 20 June 1946 in Snyder, Oklahoma. Three daughters were born of this union, Whittie, Deborah, and Tracee.

Jack L. Treadwell exemplified the high dedication and devotion to duty of the American serviceman. He was a gallant soldier in the true sense of the word and an honorable gentleman.

REUNION RECAP

The Forty Fourth Annual Reunion held at the Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City, 24-26 August was attended by 304 Thunderbirds. Several were attending their first reunion. Friday night activities were attended by 425 members and guests, Saturday night attendance exceeded 500. Attendance was down approximately 15% from last year.

Ladies activities included Friday bus tours to various shopping centers and the 45th Division Museum. The Ladies Luncheon on Saturday was held at the "old" Historical Armory in Guthrie, Oklahoma, festivities included an "1889 Fashions" Style Show. Approximately 175 Thunderbird Ladies attended the activities. Our congratulations to Chairperson Lois Bately for a job well done.

Guest speaker for the Saturday night banquet was Major General Thomas J.P. Jones. General Jones recalled events from his teenage years in Marlow, Oklahoma, when his relatives were members of the 45th Division and he was too young to enlist. He discussed the current capabilities of the Army National Guard and the vastly increased training requirements levied on the National Guard and Army Reserve in today's environment. General Jones is currently assigned as Commanding General, U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

The dance following the Saturday night banquet was well attended. "Forties Music" was provided by the "Moonlight Serenade" band.

Recommendations were received from various sources for improvements in the following areas: Friday night activities, welcoming committees and recognition of "out of State" attendees.

The 45th Annual Reunion will be held 23-25 August 1990 at the Hilton Inn West, I-40 at Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



The President of the United State of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of The Congress the Medal of Honor to

CAPTAIN JACK L. TREADWELL UNITED STATES ARMY

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Jack L. Treadwell, commanding officer of Company F, near Nieder-Wurzbach, Germany, in the Siegfried Line, singlehandedly captured 6 pillboxes and 18 prisoners on 18 March 1945. Murderous enemy automatic and rifle fire with intermittent artillery bombardments had pinned down his company for hours at the base of a hill defended by concrete fortifications and interlocking trenches. Eight men sent to attack a single point had all become casualties on the bare slope when Captain Treadwell, armed with a submachinegun and hand grenades, went forward alone to clear the way for his stalled company. Over the terrain devoid of cover and swept by bullets, he fearlessly advanced, firing at the aperture of the nearest pillbox and, when within range, hurling grenades at it. He reached the pillbox, thrust the muzzle of his gun through the port, and drove four Germans out with their hands in the air. A fifth was found dead inside. Waving these prisoners back to the American line, he continued under terrible, concentrated fire to the next pillbox and took it in the same manner. In this fort he captured the commander of the hill defenses. He then ran across the crest of the hill to a third pillbox, traversing this distance in full view of hostile machinegunners and snipers. The Germans quickly fell prey to his further rushes on three more pillboxes in the confusion and havoc caused by his whirlwind assaults and capture of their commander. Inspired by the electrifying performance of their leader, the men of Company F stormed after him and overwhelmed resistance on the entire hill, driving a wedge into the Siegfried Line and making it possible for their battalion to take its objective. By his courageous willingness to face nearly impossible odds and by his overwhelming one-man offensive, Captain Treadwell reduced a heavily fortified, seemingly impregnable enemy sector.



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to

**SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK L. TREADWELL
UNITED STATES ARMY**

for extraordinary heroism in action:

Second Lieutenant Jack L. Treadwell distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 24 May 1944, near Carano, Italy when an attack by a superior enemy force threatened the security of his company position. Lieutenant Treadwell, weapons platoon leader of a rifle company, promptly brought the fire of his platoon to bear on the enemy. Small groups of enemy under cover of artillery and mortar fire had advanced to within fifty yards of the company position and were beginning to infiltrate through the lines. Lieutenant Treadwell, knowing that two of the rifle platoons were without officers, quickly reorganized them to meet each new thrust of the enemy. Working under heavy fire, Lieutenant Treadwell displayed excellent leadership as he moved from squad to squad over a 400 yard front, controlling the defense of the positions. While directing friendly artillery and mortar fire during this engagement Lieutenant Treadwell adjusted fire on enemy positions extremely close to his observation post. Closing with the enemy in fierce hand to hand combat, Lieutenant Treadwell inspired his men to a vicious and successful defense of their positions.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS
HAS AWARDED
THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

TO

SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK L. TREADWELL, INFANTRY, UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR
EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN ACTION

IN EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS ON 24 MAY 1944

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1945

Lyndon B. Howell
LYNDON B. HOWELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General



Howard R. Callaway
HOWARD R. CALLAWAY
Secretary of the Army

Greater Houston Area Chapter Formed

The Greater Houston Area Chapter (GHAC) of the 45th Infantry Division Association was formed in June 1989, at a well attended first meeting in VFW Post 8790 facilities provided as a part of the Post's community service program.

Members representing seven of the 45th Division major World War II and Korea organizations were in attendance, including four life members of the association.

The GHAC will include at least eleven Houston area communities. Communities represented at the first meeting included Spring Branch, Memorial, Pasadena, FM 1960 area, Alief, Bellaire, Sugar Land and Bear Creek.

The chapter will meet quarterly, and will eventually contact all known former 45th Division members in the area. A newsletter, "The Double Thunderbird" will be published.

The GHAC Coordinator is association Life Member Ted L. Maloy. Any former Thunderbird visiting, moving to, or residing in the GHAC area is invited to contact Maloy at 10227 Metronome Drive, Houston, TX 77043, telephone 713/461-9218.



Left: Lyndon B Howell, Commander VFW Post 8790, Right: Ted L Maloy.

BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Association Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday 10 October 1989 has been rescheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday 17 October 1989.

The meeting will be conducted in the Association office, upstairs in the 45th Division Museum Building, 2145 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A meeting notice and agenda will be forwarded to board members on or about 1 October.

45th INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATED

The 45th Infantry Division Memorial Park in Coalgate, Oklahoma officially dedicated in a ceremony conducted 2 September 1989 in the Park.

Guest speakers were MG Donald, F Ferrell and MG Fred A. Daugherty, Keynote speaker was Senator John Dahl.

Posting of the colors was accomplished by the Governor's Honor Guard. Music was provided by the 145 Army Band and a four-gun salute was executed by Battery B, 160th Field Artillery, Seminole, Oklahoma.

Colonel Bruce Rey, Division Quartermaster during the Korean War, did the master landscaping plan. The 179th Infantry, 180th Infantry and 279th Infantry Associations each donated concrete picnic tables, with benches and a barbecue grill. In excess of 40 trees are planted in the park, paid for and dedicated in honor of a "Thunderbird" by a loved one.

Several views of the park are reflected below.

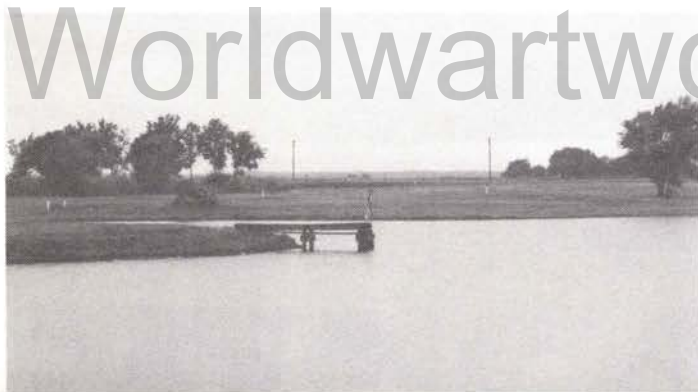


Photo at dedication ceremony at 45th Infantry Division Memorial Park, Coalgate, Oklahoma includes the following dignitaries: MG Donald, F Ferrell, Adjutant General of Oklahoma; State Senator John Dahl; U.S. Representative Wes Watkins; Colonel Frank McGilbra, President 45th Infantry Division Association; MG (Ret) Fred A. Daugherty, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the 45th Infantry Division Museum.

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY NAMED

The State of Oklahoma Transportation Commission has designated State Highway 3 from Colorado to Arkansas as the 45th Infantry Division Memorial Highway. A previous decision by the Commission had named the highway stretch between Ada and Broken Bow in honor of the Division.

This action was taken as a result of a Joint Concurrent Resolution by the House and Senate calling for renaming of the Highway which was subsequently approved by the Board of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

The Highway will be identified at each city, and each intersection with another State Highway, with a large sign with a Thunderbird showing this to be the "45TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

The 45th Infantry Division Association appreciates the support of Senator John Dahl for sponsoring the resolution, The Oklahoma Legislature for approving the Concurrent Resolution and the Board of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for approving the legislative resolution and authorizing performance of necessary work to accomplish the renaming action.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Coalgate, in cooperation with the Board of Commissioners of Coal County, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1198 and Auxiliary, the Coal County Chamber of Commerce and Civic Action Group, and the 45th Infantry Division desires to develop, improve and promote the 45th Infantry Division Memorial Park, and

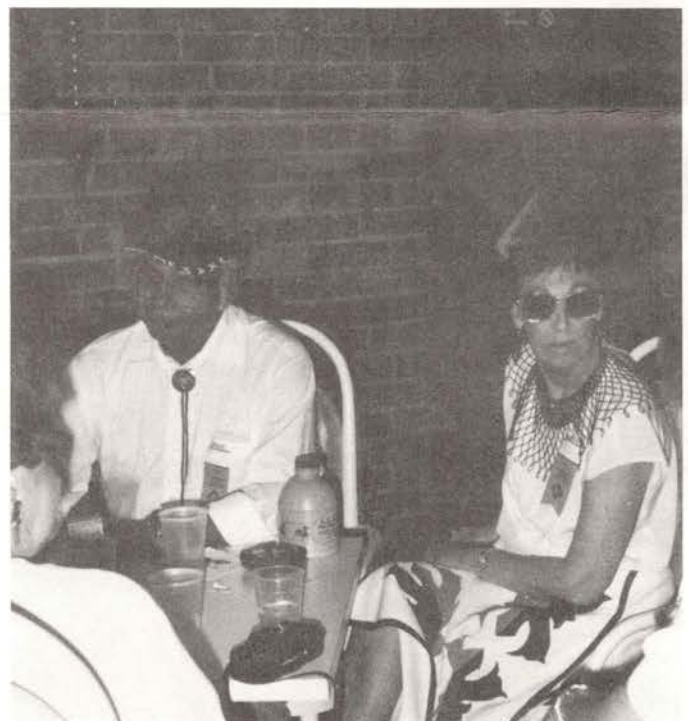
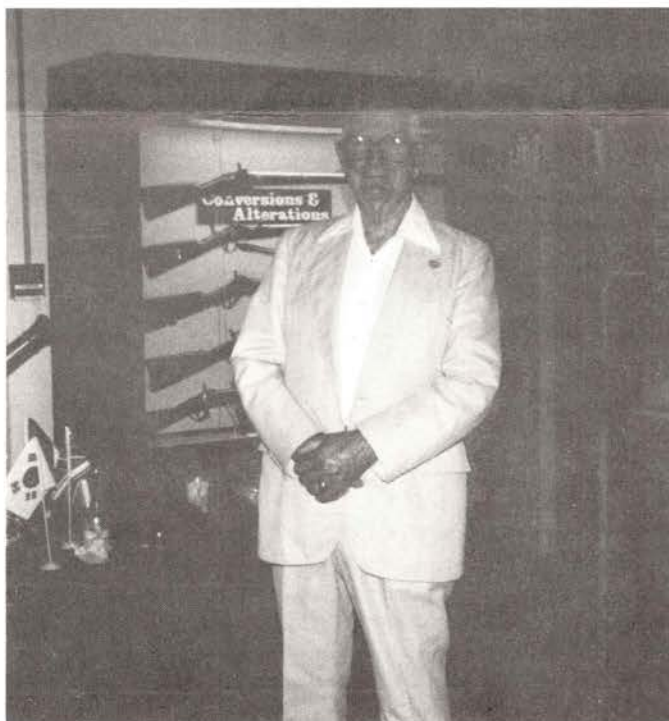
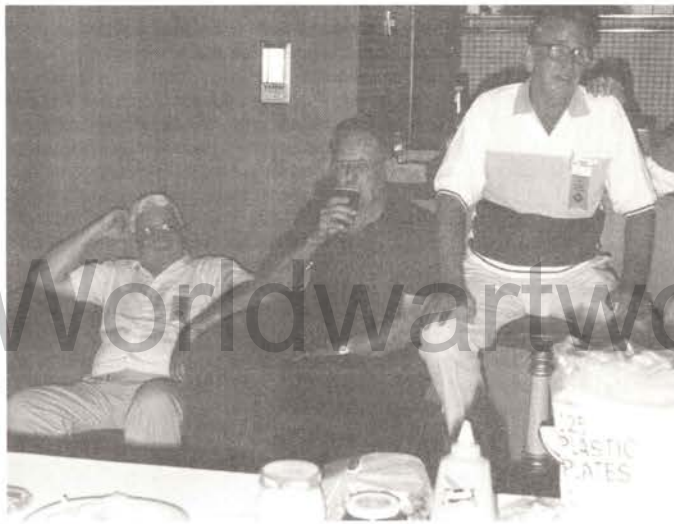
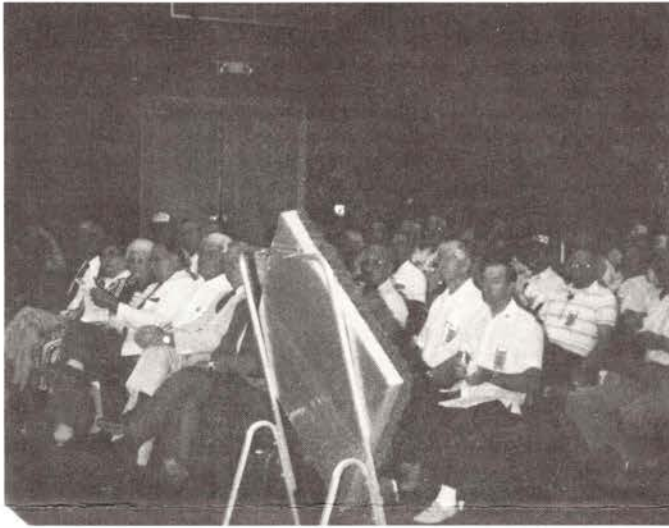
WHEREAS the Citizens of Coalgate and Coal County desire to express their admiration, appreciation and gratitude to the 45th Infantry Division for their faithful dedication and distinguished contributions to the continuous and uninterrupted defense of liberty and freedom in the State of Oklahoma and in the United States of America now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby proclaimed that September 2, 1989 is designated as the date of formal dedication and recognition of the 45th Infantry Division Memorial Park in the City of Coalgate and in Coal County, Oklahoma, and, furthermore,

BE IT RESOLVED that, in addition to the formal dedication of the 45th Infantry Division Memorial Park, other activities, celebrations and festivities as may be appropriate are hereby authorized and encouraged in order to promote and observe the Memorial Park Dedication, to pay proper respects to former members of the 45th Infantry Division who have served so gallantly and courageously in defense of freedom, and especially to pay proper respects to members of the Division who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the State of Oklahoma and of the United States of America.

FORTY FORTH ANNUAL REUNION

24 – 26 August 1989



These pictures furnished by Henry W. Behrens Sr., Jackson, New York

RESOLUTION 1

RELATING TO DESECRATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, acts of burning, mutilation and other actions accomplished for the purpose of desecrating the Flag of the United States of America are becoming more prevalent; and,

WHEREAS, to Americans, and to free men everywhere, our Flag means honor, honesty, integrity, and is a symbol of patriotism; it represents our homes, schools, churches, and a heritage that is ours to cherish and maintain from generation to generation; and,

WHEREAS, since passage of a resolution by the Continental Congress in 1777, adopting the original flag representing the thirteen colonies, the Flag has been a symbol of the "American Dream"; and,

WHEREAS, Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner wrote in 1867, "He must be cold indeed, who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride in country"; and,

WHEREAS, on Flag Day in 1915, President Woodrow Wilson said, "The Flag is an embodiment, not a sentiment, but of history"; and

WHEREAS, the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes has marked significant events in American history. From Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima on March 16, 1945, to the Apollo II landing on the moon on July 20, 1969, the Flag has been a symbol of achievement as well as hope for the future; and,

WHEREAS, in the case of "Texas vs. Johnson", pertaining to a Texas law that prohibits the desecration, mutilation and destruction of our Flag, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that burning of the United States Flag is a First Amendment right, under the "umbrella" of free speech; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 45th Infantry Division Association, assembled in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 26th day of August 1989, recommends to the United States Congress that they take necessary legislative action to assure that desecration of the United States Flag is not a constitutionally protected form of political dissent, but is a criminal act subject to Federal prosecution.

RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS, Colonel James O. "Cotton" Smith departed this life 7 May 1988 at age 77, while attending the annual reunion of the 180th Infantry Association in McAlester, Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard on 6 April 1929, in Company D, 180th Infantry, Okemah, Oklahoma, and rose through the enlisted ranks to become the units First Sergeant, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry on 4 June 1940; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith served with the 45th Infantry Division in all of its 511 combat days during World War II, and in the 2d Korean Winter and Spring-Summer 1952 campaigns in Korea; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith was promoted to the grade of Colonel, Infantry on 18 September 1946, after having served as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Commander, Infantry Battalion Commander, Infantry Regimental Commander and was assigned to the position of Assistant Division Commander, 45th Infantry Division 1 September 1960; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith's military career personifies The Infantry School's slogan of "FOLLOW ME", by having demonstrated both in the training areas and on the fields of battle, his unique brand of professionalism, leadership, humanity, and those intangible assets of all great American Combat Commanders of knowledge, dedication, individualism and overall ability to accomplish the mission; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith's military and civilian accomplishments were officially recognized by the Governor of Oklahoma with his promotion to the grade of Brigadier General in the Oklahoma State Militia on 2 October 1986, and by the Oklahoma Legislature with a concurrent Resolution on 31 May 1988; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife, Mrs. Natalie Dossey Smith, as husband and life companion, and by his daughter Mrs. Cheryl Smith Foster, and sons Colonel Jerry D. Smith, Colonel Orville Mac Smith and Major James Larry Smith, as father and mentor, and by his fellow Okemahans as J. O. or "Cotton", and by those of us in attendance who had the honor

and privilege of having served under his command as Colonel, Uncle Shiloh and Papa-San; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Smith was a Life Member of the 45th Infantry Division Association and was inducted into the Okemah Hall of Fame as one of its most outstanding citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 45th Infantry Division Association in general assembly this 26th day of August 1989, that we applaud the life and service of Colonel James O. Smith to his family, his State and Nation, and that we salute his military service as an outstanding example of the contributions made by our citizen soldiers.

DONE this 26th day of August 1989.

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The form listed below is furnished in response to a motion made during the business meeting at the reunion 26 August 1989. The motion recommended that the Board of Directors provide a means of making contributions to the Korean War Memorial in the name of the 45th Infantry Division and that a contribution by the 45th Infantry Division Association be made in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. A determination of the contribution amount will be made by the board in a regularly scheduled meeting on 17 October 1989.

This form is furnished for your convenience. If you desire to make a personal contribution, complete the form, attach your contribution and mail to the address indicated on the form.

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL DONATION

Made in honor of the 45th Infantry Division —
Combat in Korea 1951-1953

Mail to: KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND, American battle Monuments Commission, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, D.C. 20013-2372

Make checks payable to: Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund/ABMC

Amount of Contribution \$ _____

Donor _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I served in Hq Co 120 Medical Regt (OKC) and the 120th Ordnance Co. (Claremore) from 31 Oct 37 to 27 Apr 40. We wore World War I woolen uniforms with the Indian swatika insignia before Hitler disgraced it. We endured the heat of a Texas summer camp at Fort Sam Houston wearing flannel shirts and wool wrap leggings. And the opposite extreme, a winter exercise at Stringtown, OK. I was discharged in order to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps and served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, retiring after 31 years service. The 45th is justly proud of its war record and I was almost a part of it. WILLIAM "DUFFIE" CLEMONS, 9502 Fairbanks Ave., San Diego, CA 92123

I was one of the very few fortunate draftees that were notified of the first reunion of the 120th Combat Engineer Bn, Co D, at Hollis, Oklahoma on May 26, 1989. My wife and I attended and had a wonderful time in association with the Oklahoma Guard unit after 39 years. We are looking forward to our second reunion that hopefully will be held in early June 1990 in Oklahoma City. FRANK E. JARO, Rt. 6 Box 667, Mooresville, NC 28115

When I was at the 45th reunion in August of this year, I talked to a fellow who heard that I was from the Chicago area. He told me of this friend, in his company in Korea, who was from Chicago.

He said he would like to find him. I took the name of his friend, but didn't take his name. When I got home I found his friend in the phone book, called and verified that he was the correct person.

Could you please print this in the proper place in the 45th Division News, maybe the other fellow can contact him. The person I located is "Richard Bolt", 11075 Belmont Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL, 60005. EDWARD BURNITZ, 214 Ensenada Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110.

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Edward A. Gihorski, last known address of 511 Clay St, Woodbine, NJ, please contact WALTER SYTSMA, 1918 E. Badger Rd., Everson, WA 98247.

I would like to hear from anyone in Hq Co. 2d Bn 179 Infantry who remembers me. L. O. "LINK" KIDWELL, 10191 Kin-Pym Road, Kinsman, OH 44428.

I am seeking information from anyone in 45th Division during WWII who knew my father, Clifford Tucker, unit unknown. GARY TUCKER, 238 Lake Drive, Stanhope, NJ 07874. Phone (201) 691-0762.

Anyone who knows the current whereabouts of Louis Haas, Detroit, Michigan, please contact Raymond J. Noratel, 2823 Georgetown Rd., Baltimore, MD 21230.

REUNION NOTICES

Medical Det., 120th Engineer Bn. (Korea) will have their first reunion on 6 October 1989 at the Best Western/Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. Contact Charles R. Rodd, 26245 E. Baseline @29, Highland, CA 92346. (714) 864-3724.

45th Cav Recon Troop, 9-12 November 1989 in Orlando, FL. Contact Al Desrosiers, 8602 Veridan Dr., Orlando, FL 32810. Phone number unknown.

REUNION REPORTS

Members of D Company 179th Infantry met in Norman, Oklahoma on 12-13 August 1989 for their annual reunion/muster. A brunch, happy hour, banquet, memorial service, a short business meeting, and a lot of reminiscing were included in the agenda. Attendees were from six states, including one from Hawaii.

James T. "Tommy" Williams was elected as the World Wide Coordinator for all activities, which includes the next reunion to be held in Norman on 10-11 August 1990. All D Company veterans are urged to contact Williams at Route 2, Box 91, Lincoln, GA 30817 or Ray Wall, 8505 S. Ross, Oklahoma City, OK 73159.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Company G 180th Infantry Regiment is conducting a membership drive to locate former members of the unit for enrollment in the Company Morning Report and to inform them of the next company reunion that will be held in conjunction with the 180th Infantry Association reunion at McAlester, OK in May 1990. For further information contact Raul Trevino, 7791 Woodchase Dr. No. 1215, San Antonio, TX 78240. (512) 681-9134.

COMPANY D, 120 ENGINEER BN (KOREA)

Thirty seven years after returning from Korea, Company D, 120th Engineer Bn, made up largely of Hollis, OK natives, held its first reunion Friday 26 May 1989 in the Hollis VFW Hall.

A short program was conducted with James Metcalf serving as Master of Ceremonies. A "remember when" session was led by Jay Mathis, who had some interesting stories to tell, especially so, since he was our First Sergeant. Each person was asked to give a brief resume of their personal history for the past 37 years.

Several prizes were awarded including bragging rights for the most grandchildren to Wendell Dearing with 26.

Hostesses for the evening were Christy Gordon and Karrie Cansler.

The next reunion is tentatively planned for June 1990 in Oklahoma City.



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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★★ THUNDERBIRD DEATHS ★★

★NEW MEMBERS★ SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

JEAN L. BOWERSOX, Denton, Texas. Jean was born in Oklahoma city and attended public schools in the Oklahoma City area. He was a graduate of Classen High School.

Bowersox was an employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Denton, TX.

Jean was a Korean veteran of the 179th Infantry. He was buried in the Union Soldiers Cemetery with full military honors. The Union Soldiers Cemetery is located across the street from the 45th Infantry Division Museum, in Oklahoma City.

PAUL E. DOLEZAL, Oklahoma City, OK. Died 12 May 1989 in Oklahoma City. Paul was a World War II member of Battery C, 158 Field Artillery. He was 77 years old at the time of his death.

Paul was wounded in action at Anzio, Italy and lost an arm as a result of his wounds.

Notification of Paul's death was furnished by Lawrence R. Dull, Columbia City, Indiana.

SYDNEY GERSHOWITZ, New London, Connecticut 1915-1989. Died 6 May 1989 at age 73.

Sydney was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 179th Infantry during World War II. He served in all eight campaigns of the 45th Division and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne, two daughters, three grandchildren and one brother.

Lee Kaplan reports that Sydney enjoyed visiting with friends at the last two reunions in Oklahoma City.

WAYNE L. JOHNSON, Alabama, died 22 July 1989. His death was reported by his son Sanford Johnson.

Wayne was a pre-World War II commander of Company B, 179th Infantry. He later commanded First Battalion, 179th Infantry in combat in WW II. Wayne was severely wounded 19 February 1944 during an enemy six division assault on the Anzio Beachhead MLR. He suffered compound fractures of both legs but refused to be evacuated until he was able to personally advise the Regimental Commander COL. William O. Darby of the current situation and his recommendations for the continued defense of the battalion positions.

Subsequent to World War II Wayne was a Professor at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

BOBBY JOE SELF, Graham, Texas. Passed away 13 February 1989 in his home as a result of long-term cancer.

His widow, Doris stated that he was always very proud of being a part of the 45th and of the men he served with. She also said that she was very thankful that he was able to attend one of the reunions before he became ill, and that it really meant a lot to him.

Bobby Joe had continued to serve his fellowman by being a volunteer fireman for 35 years.

Doris expressed her best wishes for a successful 44th Annual Reunion.

GLENA KIMPEL, Shippenburg, PA, died 8 February 1989 from a stroke suffered on New Years Day. He was 73 years old.

He served in World War II with the 45th Infantry Division in Italy, France and Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat at Anzio, Italy.

BERT C. SHADFORD, Fullerton, CA, died 22 May 1989 from a heart attack.

Bert enlisted in the Army 20 January 1941 in Denver, Colorado and was subsequently assigned to the 157th Infantry Regiment. He served in combat with the 157th Infantry during World War II and was a "LIFE" member of the 45th Infantry Division Association.

His widow, Doris, said that he loved all his military associates and that she was happy that they were able to attend a reunion two years ago.

1 Year Memberships

Edwin R. Alley
Gene Altier
James B. Arnold
Robert T. Atherton
Oliver G. Barnett
Herbert T. Bauer
Glenn A. Bay
Louis W. Beckett
A. Michael Beckett
Dr. Jack A. Belmer
David Bennett
Herman G. Bilke
Raymond Bohannon
John W. Born
Charles Boyd
Henry Brass
Earl E. Brooks
Eliot Callender
Leonard L. Clark
Bruce M. Coates
LeRoy Colegrove
John J. Colligan
Tonya D. Copeland
Howard Estes
Theodore Faires
Lon R. Fink
Edward C. Foster
Robert C. Fulton
Darian L. Galloway
Leonard C. Genduso
Delmar L. Graham
Bill Hackett
Oliver G. Hopkins
Garland C. Jordan
Robert Kendrick
Bruce A. Kinkle
Johnny Kolaja
Ernest Krasner
Fred Langley
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Agan, Christine E	Harrah, OK	1988
Blosch, Carol J	Perry, OK	1988
Bresnahan, William T	St. Augustine, FL	LIFE
Cohen, Ezra	Brooklyn, NY	1989
Escobido, Hilarion	Las Vegas, NV	1990
Foster, Earnest P	Lawton, OK	1989
Gilbert, MD	Reno, NV	LIFE
Gillen, Teresa A	Okla. City, OK	1988
Harper, Robert D	Sallisaw, OK	1989
Haynes, Burlint	Plattsburgh, NY	1988
Hope, Mark W	Ft. Smith, AR	1988
Johnson, Albert G	Marlborough, CT	1992
Mackenzie, Thomas M	Inverness, FL	1990
Mills, A Leigh	Spring Hill, FL	1988
Mills, Theodore A	Orangeburg, SC	1988
Mosby, David B	Muskogee, OK	LIFE
Ocker, Douglas K	Salt Lake City, UT	1989
Pattison, William E	Springfield, MO	1990
Rainey, Weldon	Altus, OK	1991
Sanders, John P	Okla. City, OK	1989
Sgambati, Charley	SO PK, NY	1991
Tanner, Terry W	Muskogee, OK	1990
Taylor, Jimmie W	Park Hill, OK	1989
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ITEM	AVERAGE (LAST FIVE YEARS)	APPROVED AMOUNT
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,249.00	\$ 3,000.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,697.00	\$ 2,000.00
POSTAGE	\$ 2,584.00	\$ 3,000.00
PRINTING	\$ 3,159.00	\$ 3,500.00
REUNION	\$ 22,331.00	\$ 23,000.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 3,217.00	\$ 3,600.00
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