



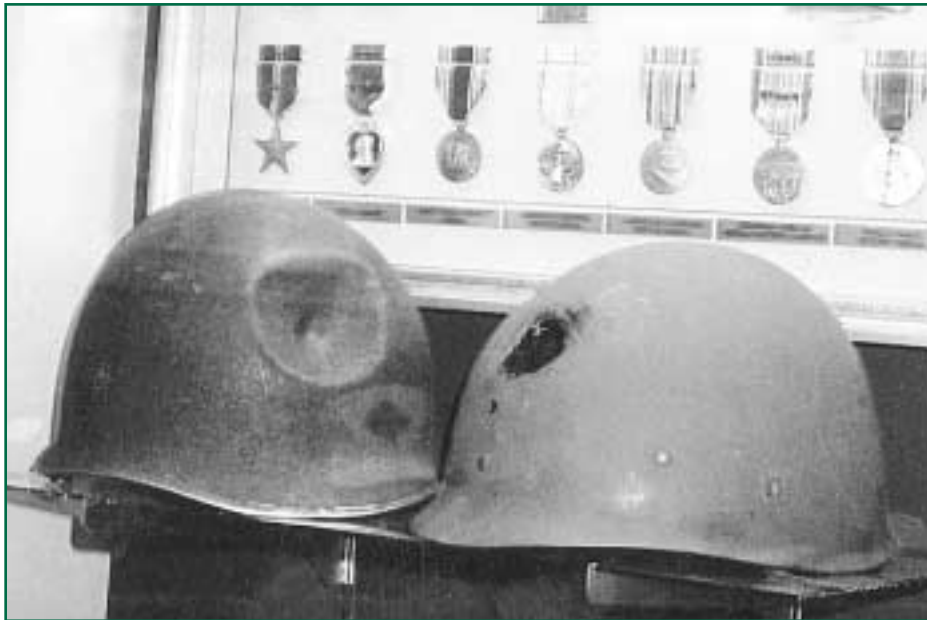
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The Lifesaving Helmet



Helmet, service medals and awards of Malvin Richard Pike, E/2/8 displayed in National Museum of the *USS Kidd* in Baton Rouge, LA.

By Lee Rung

A lifetime of 57 years would be rather short. But having 57 years added to your lifetime would be a precious gift. It was a gift not wasted or unappreciated when given to T/Sergeant Malvin Richard Pike, E/2/8 Infantry, on January 5, 1945 in Germany.

Pike at 25 had already been wounded three times since wading ashore on Utah Beach the previous June. After each injury he was insistent on returning to the frontline to serve with his buddies. In fact, he turned down numerous field promotions to stay with his unit. It wasn't Pike's persistent will that added years to his life, but the imperviousness of a single layer of steel and plastic issued to every infantryman – his helmet.

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Malvin's helmet came off when he was hit by a German sniper in the Hurtgen Forest as he was briefing some of his squad leaders.

Hurtgen Forest as he was briefing some of his squad leaders. He was knocked down. His head was bleeding. There was a deep indention in the steel helmet and a hold through the plastic liner. Pike's head wound was treated at the aid station and once again he returned to duty. The doctor who treated Pike realized the significance of the battered helmet – another saved life – and recovered the helmet from the trash where Pike had thrown it. The doctor got Pike's mother's address and sent the

helmet to her in Louisiana.

Pike eventually returned to Louisiana with four Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star with Cluster, and the Presidential Unit Citation for his five years of military service.

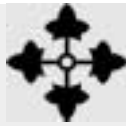
Pike lived on for another 57 years. Years he would quietly share with his wife of 55 years, Mary, six children, 22 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Malvin was a hard working man, best known to others as a man of integrity. He lost his last battle with leukemia in November 2001.

The service medals, awards and Pike's battered helmet are on display in the National Museum of the *USS Kidd* in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Over the years, the helmet has been a reminder of many sacrifices freely made, of heart-breaking losses and occasional miraculous gifts – gifts of life.

Preserving the history..



Roger Dufek presents a \$500 check to Sid Winchester for the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle, FL.



From the Editor... Gregory A. Rollinger

Pictures for "The Ivy Leaves"

I received an email from our publisher of *The Ivy Leaves* requesting that the pictures I submit for publication be of better quality. What that means is the following:

1) What reproduces best is professionally processed originals. (I'll return any originals sent to me after publication.)

2) Pictures printed on an color inkjet printer, newspaper pictures, and photocopies (Xerox) may look great but do not reproduce well at all

4) If you send pictures in jpg format from your digital camera, the higher the resolution – the better the picture. Try to save images at 300dpi minimum.

5) If you have a high quality home scanner and do not wish to send originals, scan in the picture at the highest resolution (300dpi or higher) so that we can get a good quality picture from your file. It does not need to be in color.

6) And lastly, do not embed photographs in wordprocessing files. They are almost impossible to extract and reproduce at the quality level we require.

Corrections

In an article by Bob Babcock in the December 2001 issue, "Current Units of the 4th Infantry Division" the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry was incorrectly listed as the 1st Battalion.

June 2002 Deadline

Deadline for articles for the next issue is May 1, 2002.

WWII Facts

■ When allied armies reached the Rhine the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it), and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).

■ German Me-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they determined it wasn't worth the effort (a one way trip?)



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Veterans History Project Needs You – Join Now

By Bob Babcock

I have recently signed up the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society and myself personally, as a Partner of the Veterans History Project. We would like to have you help us, too. This project will honor our nation's war veterans and those who served in support of them. How? By creating a lasting legacy of recorded interviews and other documents chronicling veterans' and other citizens' wartime experiences and how those experiences affected their lives and America itself. The U.S. Congress voted unanimously for legislation to create the Veterans History Project on October 27, 2000, through Public Law 106-380. Congress recognized the urgency of collecting wartime memories, which become more precious as the number of veterans, dwindles by 1,500 every day. Congress also saw the value of engaging the American public in its own history.

Today's generations and future Americans have much to learn from those who served. A national collection of personal histories on audio and video tape as well as letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and home movies will be of immeasurable value to historians, educators, students, authors, filmmakers, and family members (plus our archives and the various museums, including the 4ID museum at Fort Hood).

The Veterans History Project encompasses veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars. By "veterans" we mean all veterans, men and women, those who served in war and in support of combat operations, all ranks in all branches of service – including Merchant Marine, those involved in home front activities and citizens who supported the armed services. The first priority is to focus on the most senior veterans and those who served in support of the, especially those from World Wars I and II, and the Korean War (this includes all our WWII and Cold War vets and their wives).

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Now that we are well into the New Year it is time to make your plans to meet new and old friends in Spokane WA for our 84th National Reunion. Since last year new chapters have formed and Linda and I look forward to seeing all our friends again.

In the last issue of *The Ivy Leaves* there was a survey with 7 questions on page 21. If you haven't sent yours in yet please do. This will help the Executive Board of the Association determine the future direction of our association.

In the past few months the association lost two past presidents. Silvio D'Anella 1953, and Gerry Gramp 1990. Gerry was also the treasurer of the Monument fund and a driving force on getting the Monument

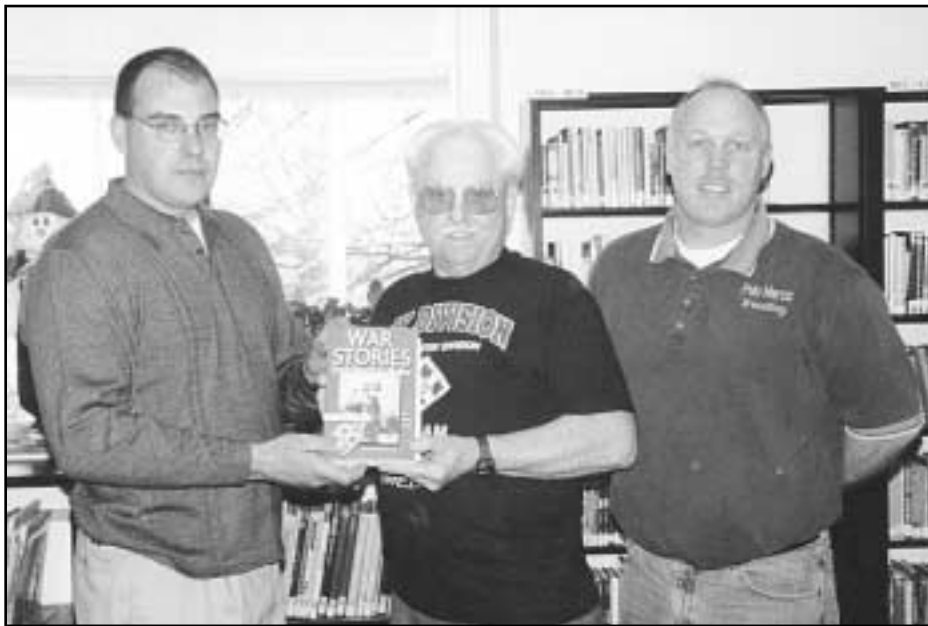
built. They and all other 4th Division members who past before us will be sadly missed.

If you haven't done so yet take the time to post the full-page advertisement for the Association out of the last IVY Leaves and post it at your local Wal-Mart, Vets club, or grocery store. This is by far the best and most cost effective way to gain new members for our Association. Any place that has a public bulletin board would be a good place to post this advertisement. Putting your phone number on it would also be a good idea as a local contact. Remember the person that will see and answers this advertisement will most likely be a new member for your chapter.

Steadfast & Loyal

Roger R Dufek

Hometown School Gets "War Stories"



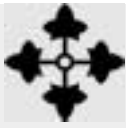
Principal, Major Bill Faller (USMCR) on left accepts book from Keneth L. Bender at Aplington Middle School, Polo, IL. Mark Downey, right, is a teacher at the Middle School.

By MSG Kenneth L. Bender (ret)

On November 2, 2001 Aplington Middle School, Polo, IL was the recipient of a copy of "War Stories Utah Beach to Pleiku". The presentation is captured in the enclosed picture.

I also gave a copy of the book to the Polo Public Library and the Polo Community High School. They all were thrilled in receiving it.

I read my copy and loved it! I was the 1SGT of Company D, 1/12th Infantry from 23 August 67 to May 68 under the command of Captain Geo H. Wilkins and Captain Lance Wildermood. And I had HHC, 4th Inf. Div from May 68 to Aug 68. I am 70 years old and a career man of 20 years participating in the Korean War in 1951-1952 with the 9th Inf., 2nd Div.



Congress has passed and President Bush has signed legislation providing a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for compensation paid to service connected disabled veterans and surviving family members. The raises are effective December 1, 2001 and payable beginning January 2002.

By law, the COLA is set at least that of Social Security benefit increases, and both are tied to the annual inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This year's COLA is calculated at 2.6%.

The following chart reflects the amounts for service connected disabilities for 2002:

Disability Rate	Monthly Rate	
	2001	2002
10%	\$101	\$103
20%	194	199
30%	298	306
40%	427	439
50%	609	625
60%	769	790
70%	969	995
80%	1,125	1,155
90%	1,255	1,299
100%	2,107	2,163

Statutory Awards	Monthly Rate	
	2001	2002
K	\$78	\$80
L	2,621	2,691
M	2,891	2,969
N	3,290	3,378

O or P	3,677	3,775
R1	5,255	5,396
R2	6,027	6,188
S	2,359	2,422

Clothing Allowance	\$565	\$580
DIC Rate	\$911	\$935

Under the newly enacted Agent Orange presumptive ruling regarding Type 2 Diabetes, Vietnam veterans are now receiving an average of 20% as a service connected disease. It is important to understand that VA compensation is TAX FREE - federal, state, or local.

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Now Linked to Persian Gulf Service

During a recent media session, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi announced the granting of immediate service connection of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) - commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease - for Persian Gulf vets.

This action covers members of the armed services who deployed to Southwest Asia from August 2, 1990 through July 31, 1991. The VA-DOD study, which began in March 2000, involved nearly 700,000 formerly deployed service members and 1.8 million who did not deploy.

Report

Monuments and Memorials Committee

Contributions continue to come in to support our Monuments all over the country/world. Arlington Monument Dedication coins and videotapes are still available. Order the tape from Gerry Howard and the coins from John Kapior.

Gerry Howard
3614 Montclair Rd.
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

John Kapior
10404 S. Keating Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL. 60453-4763

Our short term goal is to have the Arlington Monument listed in all the Washington D.C. area tourist guides, magazines, and a post card made for distribution to all the gift/souvenir shops and vendors.

In the long term, suggestions will be looked at for improving our presence at the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, the 4th ID museum at Ft. Hood, and other locations both in the U.S. and overseas.

Please fill out and send in the questionnaire in this issue.

Gerry Howard SR VP

HISTORY PROJECT from page 3

If you're ready to volunteer or need more information on how you can participate and help, you can contact me or you can go direct to the web site at www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/. Or write them at Veterans History Project, Library of Congress, American Folklife Center, 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20540-4615 or call them at 888-371-5848. We need your help and participation - both to give us your stories, and/or to help us collect stories from others. And we're not just talking about 4th Infantry Division guys here, this is your opportunity to collect American history from your friends - men and women alike - from all parts of the military service and their home front supporters who made American history. I can't wait to get started on this exciting project! Deeds not Words!

MOVING?

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POLICY FOR MULTIPLE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIPS

January 28, 2002

Many of our members have expressed a desire to belong to two Chapters within the Association. This mainly stems from the emergence of “Unit” Chapters within the Association as members feel loyalty towards both a geographic Chapter and a unit Chapter. In an effort to accommodate our members we have drafted the following policy towards multiple Chapter memberships:

- A member may choose to belong to the Chapter of their choice within the Association.

- A member may belong to two or more Chapter’s within the Association by paying full dues to both Chapters. This shall be known as a “Dual Chapter Membership”.

- A member may have a membership in a “Secondary” Chapter by paying only the Chapter portion of the annual dues to the “Secondary” Chapter (\$5). This shall be known as a “Secondary Chapter Membership”.

DUAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

- The member shall have full membership in two or more Chapters within the Association.

- The member shall be required to pay full membership dues to all involved Chapters.

- The member shall be issued a membership card for each Chapter involved.

- Life and Paid for Life membership covers only one Chapter. Full annual or additional Paid for Life fees must be paid for additional memberships.

- As per Article V of our By-Laws, only one IVY LEAVES magazine will be sent to each “household”.

- As per Article VII of our Constitution the member shall have only one vote in National elections/votes.

SECONDARY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

- Secondary Chapter membership is a courtesy provided by the Secondary Chapter. Chapters are not required to extend this courtesy and may refuse to do so at any time.

- The member must have full membership and be a member in good standing in one Primary Chapter to which they pay full dues.

- Secondary Chapter dues shall be \$5 per calendar year. This is equal to the Chapter’s portion of annual Association dues and is charged to cover the costs of Chapter mailings, etc.

- Billing for Secondary Chapter membership dues shall be between the member and the Secondary Chapter. National will not bill members for secondary Chapter dues nor attempt to keep track of secondary dues. Secondary Chapter dues are not to be sent to National.

- Life and/or Paid for Life members who elect to belong to a secondary Chapter must pay the annual fee for secondary Chapter membership. Their Life or Paid for Life status covers only their primary Chapter membership dues.

- It shall be up to the secondary Chapter as to whether or not secondary members have voting rights or be allowed to hold office within the Chapter.

- Members will not receive a second IVY LEAVES for secondary Chapter membership.

These Rules & Regulations do not supersede the Constitution & By-Laws.

Hometown Library Gets “War Stories”



Photo by Jerri Donohue

Leo S. Jereb presented a copy of “War Stories – Utah Beach to Pleiku” to the Branch Manager of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Rosemary Kneale.

By Leo Jereb



Chapter Reports

A/1/8 Chapter Report

By Ken McCormack

A/1/8 to meet in June! Pack those bags and get to Florida!

That's right the A/1/8 Chapter's next reunion/meeting is going to be in Beautiful Key West Florida at the equally special and beautiful Wyndham Casa Marina Resort and Beach house. And in order to avoid any conflict with the National reunion in Washington in the fall has been moved up a few months to June 21-23. Check our website for details and a view of the Hotel @ <http://www.a-1-8.org/>.

Convention Chair Jerry Horton has secured quarters, oops, I mean rooms, very luxurious rooms, for \$139.00 per night and has promised a full slate of activities on the water, in the water, on land, and a world class Beach Party Saturday Night. Come one, come All! Celebrate your service in the 4th ID with us!!! As always all 4th ID members are invited to join us, as we are all brothers aren't we? More info will be sent to A/1/8 Chapter members. Others interested can contact Ken McCormack, Secretary/Treasurer, A/1/8 Chapter, 4IDA, 4208 North Rogers Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91977

Our membership campaign took off a little slow but has gained momentum and we now have 37 members (7 Paid for life, 7 secondary, 23 paid renewal) and I expect a few more this week as several people have requested the paid for life form. Remember guys you can join us too! Secondary memberships are only \$5.00!! Send me the money! And receive our fantastic Chapter newsletter, which comes out about every six weeks.

And that's all there is from the A/1/8 Chapter. See you in Florida!

Arizona Chapter Report

By Mike Irving

The AZ Chapter held its Fall Get-Together on Friday, November 16th at the Beefeater's Restaurant in Phoenix. We held a Happy Hour prior to the Dinner. The meal was outstanding and everyone had a good time. Those in attendance were: Jerry Burch, Michael and Jane Irving, Roy Agee and Carol Chapman, John and Sheralyn Barclay, Clay and Ruth Beck and Guest Ginney Hall, Wayne and Jerry Brown, Ann Dickman, Gary and Pattie Krek, Jake and Marie Powell and Rod and Nellie Rodriguez and daughter Virginia.

We will hold our Spring Get-Together 17-20 April 02, at the Ramada Express Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV. We are going to try something different this year by including Friday and Saturday. It is a little more expensive, but if you work during the week you could make it Friday and Saturday. Rooms will be:

- Apr 17 and 18 (Wed and Thurs.)\$19.00
- Apr 19 (Friday)\$35.00
- Apr 20 (Saturday)49.00

To make reservations call 1-800-243-6846. Tell them you are with the 4th Inf. Div. Group number 6601 and you want the

East Tower. To get the rates you must call before Mar 17, 2002. We will have a Dinner Saturday night in the Santa Fe Room. I will be sending a letter to all chapter members with all the information about the dinner and the meeting.

For those of you not familiar with Laughlin, NV its 80 miles from Las Vegas, has several casinos and 3 Golf Courses, and it is located on the Colorado River. You can take a boat to all of the casinos along the Colorado River. The weather at this time of year is outstanding. If you are not an AZ Chapter member and want to attend call me at 1-702-566-0422 for information. My new email address as of 1 Feb will be: mjirving@earthlink.net. Looking forward to seeing you in April.

Carolinas Chapter Report

By Rick Adams

The Carolinas Chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members: Donald Eisenman, Shallotte, NC, A/124 SIG (C); Earl Eskridge, Rome, GA, C/4/42 FA (V); Charles Hawkins, Marietta, GA, A/1/12 INF (V); Douglas Keen, Turkey, NC, A/1/14 INF (V); Jerry Martin, White Plains, NC, B/2/8 INF (V); Patricia Roy, Douglasville, GA, (M); Francis Starnes, Grover, NC, (M); and Doziene Waldrop, Greensboro, NC, (M).

Mark your calendars and make your hotel reservations now for our Chapters 10th Charter Reunion. It will be held April 26-28, 2002 at the Holiday Inn – Airport, Exit 111-B on I-26, Columbia SC. Call the hotel at 803-794-9440, mention the 4ID reunion to get our rate of \$ 65/ Dbl. room. We are looking for a big turnout. Please pre-register so we have an accurate count. Contact Rick Adams if you have any questions 864-576-7359.

Sadly, I must report the death of William "Bill" Tulluck, Sr. (90) of Orangeburg, SC, on January 1, 2002. Bill served with HQ/12 INF in WWII.

Colorado Chapter Report

By Eugene F. Carter

In his first official duty, the new Chapter President led the Colorado Chapter during the Veterans Day Parade on November 10, 2001. It was estimated that more than 30,000 people viewed



Colorado Chapter poses during the Veteran Days Parade, Nov. 10, 2001.



The Colorado Chapter was represented at Memorial Park by CSM William Ulibarri and SSG Jones of the 1st BN., 8th Inf., 3rd BCT, Ft. Carson, Colorado.

the parade on this beautiful, calm and sunny morning. In attendance were: Chapter President, Gene Carter; past President, Ken Vegoren; past President, Ed Wegner; past President and current Secretary/Treasurer, Vic Lopez; Jose Barerra, 1/8 Infantry Society Chapter; Jack Pace, member. C Company, 1st BN., 8th Inf., 3rd BIT provided the Color Guard from Ft. Carson, Colorado. NCOIC of the Color Guard was SSG James D. Jones. Other members were SPC Baker, SPC Mesa and SPC Prock. Marchers and banner carriers were provided by the Fountain Fort Carson High School JROTC. Included were: Albert Terracas, Jeremiah Shuler, Rachel Eldridge, Joshua Cooley, James Devoy and Brenden Hechman.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2001 the Colorado Chapter was represented at Memorial Park by CSM William Ulibarri and SSG Jones of the 1st BN., 8th Inf., 3rd BCT, Ft. Carson, Colorado. Over twenty chapters and organizations were present for the ceremony. The wreath was placed on the 4th Infantry Division Memorial by the chapter president, CSM Ulibarri and SSG Jones. Others in attendance were: Jack Pace, John Lamerson, Jim Howard and Vic Lopez.

A survey was published on page 21 of the December issue of The Ivy Leaves that addresses several issues which will affect our dues as well as the future of our association. We must give each of these issues careful consideration, particularly the issues involving money.

Eastern PA Chapter Update

By Joe Grinkewicz

Ann and Joe Grinkewicz along with daughter Jeannette Ullrich, who had attended the Lehigh Valley Chapter holiday dinner in early November were pleased to see Lehigh members Joe Motil and Alfred Jaindl attend the Eastern Pa Christmas Dinner in December in Cherry Hill, NJ. They were welcomed by President Alex Cooker who also spoke honoring members who could not be with us. This was followed by a live bagpipe performance of Amazing Grace. This surprise guest bagpiper - personal friend of Jeannette - played many other songs, which added to the joy of the luncheon for all. As always, the pleasure of being together during

the holiday season has been enjoyed by: Paul and Bernadette Blackstock, Vera Burlew, Vincent, Kaye and Al Carroza, Alex and Marion Cooker, Clara VanDyke and daughter Pam, Joe Engle and guest Linda, Lucille Fuss, Joe and Ann Grinkewicz, Al and June Hoffman, Alfred Jaindl, Angelo and Marge Marsella, Joe Motil, Jake Ruser, and Jeannette and Fred Ullrich. We look forward to the usual events of a spring gathering, a summer picnic and this September, the convention in Spokane, Washington.



Bagpiper Walt Crowder poses with Joe Grinkewicz.

Florida Chapter Report

By Edward J. McEniry

The Florida Chapter held it's Fall Reunion 16-18 November 2001 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Stuart, FL. Friday afternoon and evening, the Hospitality Room was the scene for our traditional fellowship and good cheer. A business meeting was conducted Saturday morning with a number of important items covered. A proposal for placing a Chapter Monument in the Florida National Cemetery located in Bushnell was approved by the membership. (Anticipate Monument will be in place by May 2002). Annual election of officers was held. Robert Krause was reelected President and Treasurer, Bryant Middleton 1st VP, Steve Zawacki 2nd VP, Edward McEniry Secretary and Dom Argiro Chaplain.

Following the meeting the Hospitality Room was the gathering place for a delicious buffet provided by Dom Agriro and the ladies of the chapter. Saturday evening, the hotel banquet room was the setting for a cocktail hour, followed by the traditional Flames of Remembrance Ceremony in honor of our dear departed comrades.

Following a delicious dinner, everyone returned to the Hospitality Room to cap off the evening's festivities. Sunday morning a Continental Breakfast was served in the Hospitality Room and farewells exchanged before departing for home.

Attendees: Dom and Helen Argiro, Edwin and Maralee Baker, Helen Bogdanski, M/M Bill Buell, Norb and Merle Croucher, Othel and Fran Drummond, Jack and Peggy Fox, Wesley and Catherine Gregory, Floyd and Margaret Hudgins, Edmund and Pat Hynes, Jeff and Pam Jones, Bob Krause, M/M Lloyd Kuehn, Ed and Marie McEniry, Barbara and Anna Martens, Bryant and Regina Middleton, Mitch and Wanda Radon, Jerry and Darlene Sadler, Ed and Bea Thompson, Bob and Ethel Williamson. The Chapter Spring Reunion will be held 3-5 May 2002 at the Quality Hotel Westshore, 1200 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607, (813) 282-3636. Toll free (800) 449-4343.

Illinois Chapter Report

By Rick Sover

Once again I begin this report on a very sad note. Several members have passed away. Walter J. Laszczak Co I 12th Inf. Walter was from Chicago and joined the 4th Div. Co I 12th Inf. WW II in February 1942. We were on a training program at Camp Gordon Johnson, in Florida. While attacking a fortified building, there was a terrific explosion and Walter was hit with shrapnel. His eyes were injured and his elbow broken. He was sent back to camp and the hospital. His wounds were so severe that he was given a medical discharge. He never went overseas. His time with the 4th was Feb. 1942 to Sep. 1943.

Charles Shimkus Co F 12th Inf. WW II was a member until the year 2000, when he became very ill. He passed away January 12th, 2002. On these same lines our recent Ivy Leaves stated that Frank Dvorsky Co I 12th Inf. passed away. Frank was a personal friend of mine. And, last but not least Gerhard Gramp, Co I 12th Inf. WW II, past national president, another personal friend of mine. May your souls rest in peace.

Yours truly is now recuperating from cataract surgery on the left eye Jan. 14th and the right eye Jan. 28th. According to the doctor everything went as planned. In checking my calendar, I noticed that we are nearing the end of 2002 membership and are far from a 100% renewal. Please send in your checks at the earliest. Let's make Illinois a 100% chapter. Our hard working President Jerry is in the midst of planning a Illinois Chapter reunion; sometime in April. Let us make this a dual chapter program-a 100% membership and a good turnout for the Chapter Reunion. Steadfast and Loyal

Michigan Chapter Report

By Merle Davies

The Michigan Chapter has continued to be active, but not "Newsy" over the past months in "The Ivy Leaves". Ours are gatherings at Monthly Luncheons, a Spring and Holiday Banquets, Annual Spring Weekend Reunion at various Michigan locations.

Members gather for Monthly Luncheons, each 3rd Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, average attendance of fifteen persons, including our ladies. West location is Mitch Howsey's, 28500 Schoolcraft Rd (I-96 west service drive), between Inkster and Middle Belt Rd; the East location at Applebees, corner of Gratiot and 23 Mile Rd. (near I-94). Both sites are adjacent to Interstate Highways.

Our Holiday Gathering at Mitch Howsey's brought together twenty-eight members and ladies. Our dessert was a sixty-second Anniversary Cake presented to Roy and Mary Cheff. Roy is our oldest, active member, but Mary is younger. Current Chapter President Philip Menendez and wife Brenda, bought a round of drinks, so to collect needed number of votes to insure his reelection.

Michigan Chapter currently registered all but 9 of 100 members, and is awaiting those delinquent mailings. The year 2002 Membership registration was improved with the assistance of Roger Barton supplies.

Attending: Phil Menendez (President) and Brenda, Merle Davies (Secty / Treasure) and Arlene, James and Arlene Roan; Norman and Jean LeVasseur; Ernest and Bernice Teckman; Donald

and Betty Cole; Sigmund and Helen Nelson; Roy and Mary Cheff; Murney and Lynda Bell; Steven and Joan Bradshaw; Sabastian LaFatta and Friend; John and Rosemary Russell; Rodney and Carol Kelley; William and Lilia Pelfrey; Donald Fleck, and Al Klone.

"Taps" took a active member. James Bickerstaff, found in his home November 4th, 2001 by family and police. He had passed the previous day at age 72. James served as CO of Tank Company of 22nd Infantry in Germany...1955 to 1956. He has left our activities for a better place.

Michigan Chapter Spring Reunion is scheduled for May 16 to 18, 2002 at Midland, Michigan Again, our accommodations will be with the Fairview Inn, 2200 Wickerly Rd, adjacent to US 10, Eastman Exit. Rooms can be reserved at (800) 422 2744, under "5/18 IVY" at rate \$ 68.67 before May 1st, 2002. A Banquet will be held Saturday May 18, 2002 at the Midland American Legion Post # 165. Come join us for fellowship and fun weekend.

Mid-South Chapter Report

By Lee Rung

From time to time someone extra special passes our way and then they are gone. Just last November, a fine gentleman and one of our "loyalist" chapter members passed away at the age of 82. Malvin R. Pike will be sadly missed at our forthcoming reunion in Biloxi in April. Malvin and his wife Mary had planned to be with us at the Chapter's and the National Reunion last year in Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the monument. However, they had to cancel out as Malvin's battle with leukemia sent him to the hospital. He died on the 6th of November.

Work continues on our 2002 Reunion to be held on the 26th, 27th and 28th of April, at the Biloxi Beach Resort, Biloxi, MS. "Frenchie" Adams will be our host. The information packets have been mailed out and returns are already coming in. This is a great area with many, many things to keep you busy and to enjoy. Do not wait, but call to reserve your room and return the registration form. Those of you who live in the area of Biloxi are of course welcome to stay at the hotel with us or if you prefer you can join us in the hospitality room and the banquet. We are promised a very interesting speaker for the banquet so do plan to join with us.

The Chapter wishes to extend a special welcome to a number of our newest members, whom we hope to meet at our reunion. All of the newcomers are from the Vietnam Era. Paul Eugene Hignite served with A/1/12 INF and resides in Pea Ridge, AR. James J. Burke, was with B/4/S&T and lives in Prattville, AL. David H. Mills was with A/5/16 FA and resides in Elizabethton, TN. We are sorry to lose Patricia O'Malley Roy, who transferred to the Carolinas Chapter. Patricia is the widow of Major Richard O'Malley who served with 2/12 INF and was KIA in July 1944.

Some 130 dues notices were mailed out in November. As of the end of January we have received payment from 105 of these members. Additional reminders have been sent to those we have not yet heard from. Members are asked to give thought to signing on as a Life Member of the Association. The cost of a life membership depends on one's age. Please contact Lee Rung if you have any questions on this or otherwise.

The very best of health, wealth, and happiness to all of you in 2002

Northwest Chapter Report

By Bob Reilly

New Secretary/Treasurer Hit by Stroke: As I was finalizing the transfer of the books and files to Larry Stromberg, he suffered a minor stroke. With a history of strokes in his family, resulting in at least two deaths, he wisely thought it best to not assume these new and stressful duties. That does leave me in a bit of a bind. *I could use some help!!!* I can do the three offices of president, secretary and treasurer for the rest of the year because they mesh fairly easily—it would probably be more troublesome to switch at this point than not—but *I need someone to relieve me as chair of the Spokane reunion.* Everything is in place but needs a person who can pay close attention to detail to honcho it from here through completion of the reunion. I will, of course, be available to assist and to M.C. the banquet. If you can handle this challenge, please step forward NOW.

National Reunion, Spokane, WA: Spokane, Washington is the site for the 84th National Reunion and we are the hosts. We're going to need full involvement of the Chapter to make this a success. What all of you chapter members can do now is to gather items for the welcoming goody-bag and for a silent auction, whether you donate them yourself or get businesses/individuals/organizations to donate. We need high quality items. Consider that most attendees will need to transport items home some distance, so size matters. If items are too big to ship, consider including shipping costs, as well. Washington-made or grown products are especially wanted.

Early registration is important: Get your registration forms in to me ASAP. Note that the registration fee increases as we get nearer to the reunion date and is tripled at the door. We really don't want people to show at the last minute because it raises Cain with food orders and seating...hence, the penalty...and we can't guarantee you'd get the desired entrée choice.

Make your hotel reservations directly with the DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane Center, in Riverfront Park, as early as possible: (509) 455-9600. To get the special rate (\$88/night, single or double and \$98 for 3 or 4), be sure to mention that you are attending the 4th Infantry Division Association National Reunion. Dates are: 23-29 September 2002.

Tour Information: Ray Harton from the SD Chapter asked some good questions about the tours during the reunion. Others probably have some of the same questions, so here's what we told him: The tour operator is experienced in providing tours for seniors, so all of those scheduled are senior-friendly. The jet boats for the Hell's Canyon tour seat 45 people and are very safe; do not expect to get wet. There can be as little or as much walking as is comfortable for you on the Age of Elegance tour...great enjoyment with minimal effort. There are some stairs at the Patsy Clark mansion but lunch will be on the main floor. There is a ½ block walk to the boat for the Lake Coeur d'Alene lunch cruise and there is a wheelchair ramp. The only walking necessary on the Silver Valley and Crystal Gold Mine tour is into the mine itself (about 500 feet, a sweater is advised) and minimal walking at the Cataldo Mission, from the bus into the church. You will not find yourself rushed...the tour group is accustomed to working with senior groups...ENJOY!

Victor Julian Dies: Our loyal Life Member Victor passed away January 3rd in Spokane after a long period of infirmity. Victor was a member of Co. L, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf Regt and saw service in WW II. His daughters will be helping the reunion committee in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at: PO Box 6008, Spokane WA 99217-0901.

Fourth Division Memorabilia: We've ignored inflation and absorbed costs to the point where we made zero profit on some items. We can't continue to do that, so new prices are now in effect. Order all of our products in black, white or your preferred branch color. These are Made-in-the-USA products whenever possible: jackets, polo/golf shirts, sweat shirts, tee shirts, and baseball-style caps. [The fine print: Every color in every item may not always be available but we'll get your permission before any substitution is made. Please include your phone number(s)]. Check or money order payable to "4IDA" with order, please. We are not equipped to handle credit cards. Send a SASE (\$.34 postage on a #10 envelope will do) to get our brochure Address: NW Chapter 4th IDA; c/o Bob Reilly; 107 Schafer St #7a; Wenatchee WA 98801-6340.

Dues Are Way Overdue: The dues year is the calendar year but we begin collecting at the September chapter meeting. If not paid by now, national HQ may already have dropped you. If you haven't already returned the envelope, please do it immediately—if not sooner. In spite of two mailings, as of 1/13/02 a whopping 21% of our chapter members had not renewed!!! It's hard to stay alive with that kind of attrition. If it's because of something I'm doing, or not doing, please tell me.

Thanks to Donors: You may not know that the chapter only receives \$5 from the dues you pay each year. That's not enough to operate day to day. Most of our income is derived from selling 4 IDA memorabilia but members' donations help a lot. Thanks to these donors for their generosity. As of submission of this report (end of January), we owe thanks to: Robert E. Weatherly, Marshall Dana, Stephen W. Smith, Judson Miller, Gil Porter, Louis Roumagoux, John Adams, Hank Henderson, John Tolleshaug, Richard Hubert, Herbert Roemke, Delbert Gillam, Bernace Burgmeier, Vaughn Downing, William Harden, Michael Albert, Jonas Figueroa, Roland Hoffer, Clarence Smart, Harry Hendron, Donald Suzuki, Beverley Galbreath, Gary Brandt, Vern Capoeman, Warren Wolff and Bill Wooten. (National association donations are also included.)

Y'all come to Spokane, 23-29 September 2002!!!!!!

Ohio Chapter Report

By Ray Dunkel

Greetings Buckeye Ivymen, the cold winds of winter are winding down and we find ourselves ready to embark on another year of opportunity. While much progress has been made in the war against terrorism the fight is far from over. Our armed forces have preformed magnificently here at home and fighting in far off lands. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them continued success and God Speed in all their future endeavors. *"United We Stand"*

The sudden passing of Gerhard O. Gramp PNP, on December 12, 2001 was unexpected and a great shock. Gerry was an ardent

supporter of the Ohio Chapter. Accompanied by Mildred his wife, he faithfully attended our Chapter Mini-Reunions, traveling a great distance from their home in North Haledon, New Jersey. Gerry will be missed and our sympathy goes out to Mildred and the Gramp family. Additionally, R. David "Dave" Thomas a member of our Chapter and the founder of Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers restaurants died on January 8, 2002. Dave served with distinction while with the division in Germany during the Korean Conflict. Our sympathy is further extended to his wife Lorraine and the Thomas family. The dead 'they pass from life to eternal life'.

In my last report I made reference to the Chapter purchasing ten copies of Bob Babcock's book "War Stories, Utah Beach to Pleiku" to be presented as a community service to various community groups. It is hoped the readers of "War Stories" will be better able, to appreciate the sacrifices, accomplishments and devotion to duty the individual soldier of the "Ivy Division" has made in the defense of the nations freedom. To date several copies of the book have been distributed. Sydney J. Krause, "K" Company, 12th Infantry Regiment, WW II, a Professor Emeritus of American Literature, Kent State University presented a copy for placement in the Kent State University Library to Victor Hill, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Kent State University, Kent Ohio. The Very Reverend Richard E. Thompson "A" Battery, 44th Field Artillery Battalion, WW II, presented a book to Mickey Burnsworth, Head of the Reference Department, Main Warren-Tumbull County Public Library. Rosemary Knealy, Director, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library received a copy of "War Stories" from Leo S. Jereb, "L" Company, 8th Infantry Regiment, WW II. Additionally, Leo will present Jerri Donahue, Veterans Project Director with George L. Skypeck's 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division print. Harley S. Little, Service Company, 8th Infantry Regiment, Cold War, of Jackson, Ohio presented a copy of "War Stories" to J. David Mauer, Library Director of the Jeanette Albiez Davis Library, University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio

The Western PA Chapter is hard at work preparing for the Spring Mini-Reunion to be held 16-19 May 2002, at the Day's Inn, Meadville, PA. Lets make it a point to attend and return the support they give us by attending our Chapters' Mini-Reunion in the fall.

The 84th Annual National Reunion will be held in Spokane, Washington, 23-29 September 2002. It is not too early to make your plans to attend with your family. It is an excellent opportunity to get together with old comrades' and meet and make new friends.

While I am on the subject of reunions, please be reminded that Elmer and Stella Klaus are actively engaged in making arrangements for the Ohio/Western PA. Chapters' Fall Mini-Reunion to be held at the Comfort Inn, Austinburg, Ohio (located just outside of Ashtabula), 3-6 October 2002. Do you remember the "Casino Night" hosted by Pat Tomay and his staff? What a fabulous time we all had! Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend.

A recent press release by the Department of Veterans Affairs stated that the Veterans Administration Co-payments for Outpatient Health Care are to be lowered. Upon passage of Public

Law 106-117 (December 1999) by Congress it gave the Secretary of the Veterans Administration authority to change the outpatient and medication co-payment. Therefore effective December 6, 2001 the new regulations changing outpatient care co-payments took effect. On February 4, 2002 the medication co-payment change will take effect. If you are a veteran registered with the VA Health Care System receiving care through this program and are not familiar with the details, check with the facility providing your health care for additional information.

Also announced was that The Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to enroll all veterans in its health care system for the next year. There existed the possibility of limiting future enrollment for those veterans who had no service-connected medical problems, whose income exceeded the low-income threshold, and who were not already enrolled.

Please be advised the Monument Committee is still functioning. Donations to this committee may be sent to the Treasurer: John Kapior, 10404 S. Keating Avenue, Unit 3, Oak Lawn, IL 60453-4763.

Finally, Elmer and I thank those members that promptly paid their 2002 dues. For those members that are delinquent we encourage you to send your payment to Elmer so you can be reinstated as an active member. This will enable you to continue to receive the benefits of membership, which includes the Association Quarterly Newsletter "The Ivy Leaves." Should you be in arrears because of a temporary financial problem let us know. I am sure we can find a solution.

Your suggestions/recommendations are welcomed. Send them to me; my address is listed under "Chapters" in "The Ivy Leaves"

Ray

Texas Chapter Report

By Doyle Volkmer

Doyle Volkmer attended a Frocking Ceremony for Colonel Rick Lynch (Promotable), Assistant Division Commander (Support) at Ft. Hood, Texas. Although the pay doesn't start until February, Colonel Lynch was vested with the rank of Brigadier General with all rights and privileges at the Iron Horse Parade Field in a ceremony on December 12, 2001. There was a musical prelude, the formation of the troops, an inspection of troops and then the presentation and honors. Colonel (P) Lynche's wife Sarah and their two children, Susan, age 18, and Lucas, age 16, accompanied him on the parade field.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the 4th ID Headquarters Building. Colonel (P) Lynch is a graduate of the Engineering Officer Basic Course, the Armor Officer Advanced



Colonel Rick Lynch (Promotable), Ass't Division Commander (Support) at Ft. Hood, TX, with his wife Sarah.

Course, the United States Army Command General Staff College, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prior to the ceremony, Doyle had a conversation with the gentleman sitting next to him named Robert J. Sunell and found out that he was the First Brigade S-4 in Vietnam under Colonel Austin in 66-67. It turned out that Mr. Sunell spent 37 years in the Army and is a retired Major General.

Wisconsin Chapter News

By: Roger R. Dufek

The Wisconsin chapter has finalized the plans for their spring reunion. The weekend event will take place in Madison, Wisconsin April 19 and 20, 2002. The planning committee has been busy; tours of the Capital and the Monona Terrace Convention Center are part of the schedule. There is a wonderful Veterans Museum in Madison and the committee said there will be time to tour that on your own. Hospitality room snacks and raffle items would be appreciated. Please mark your calendar, and plan on attending this reunion. The registration form is included in this issue.

Saturday March 2nd several members of the chapter under the direction of Ken and Cam Schmidt assisted the AMVETS at Kings Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin with the annual Bingo Day. Details and names of those attending will be in next Ivy Leaves. This is a very rewarding experience, if you have not attended this event please consider participating next year.

Our chapter is considering co-hosting the National Convention with the Midwest Chapter in 2004. We are looking at Branson, Missouri for the site of this reunion. If we can iron out the details will need your help. Please plan on attending our next mini-reunion for the latest update. Your opinions and ideas are very important to us, to make this endeavor successful we will need you.

Photo file...



Ft. Hood
24 Oct 2001

Change of Command Ceremony



The Things They Carried

They carried P-38 can openers and heat tabs, watches and dog tags, insect repellent, gum, cigarettes, Zippo lighters, salt tablets, compress bandages, ponchos, Kool-Aid, two or three canteens of water, iodine tablets, sterno, LRRP- rations, and C-rations stuffed in socks. They carried standard fatigues, jungle boots, bush hats, flak jackets and steel pots.

They carried the M-16 assault rifle. They carried trip flares and Claymore mines, M-60 machine guns, the M-70 grenade launcher, M-14's, CAR-15's, Stoners, Swedish K's, 66mm Laws, shotguns. 45 caliber pistols, silencers, the sound of bullets, rockets, and choppers, and sometimes the sound of silence. They carried C-4 plastic explosives, an assortment of hand grenades, PRC-25 radios, knives and machetes.

Some carried napalm, CBU's and large bombs; some risked their lives to rescue others. Some escaped the fear, but dealt with the death and damage. Some made very hard decisions, and some just tried to survive.

They carried malaria, dysentery, ringworms and leaches. They carried the land itself as it hardened on their boots. They carried stationery, pencils, and pictures of their loved ones - real and imagined. They carried love for people in the real world and love for one another. And sometimes they disguised that love: "Don't mean nothin'!"

They carried memories

For the most part, they carried themselves with poise and a kind of dignity. Now and then, there were times when panic set in, and people squealed - or wanted to, but couldn't; when they twitched and made moaning sounds and covered their heads and said "Dear God" and hugged the earth and fired their weapons blindly and cringed and begged for the noise to stop and went wild and made stupid promises to themselves and God and their parents, hoping not to die.

They carried the traditions of the United States military, and memories and images of those who served before them. They carried grief, terror, longing and their reputations. They carried the soldier's greatest fear: the embarrassment of dishonor. They crawled into tunnels, walked point, and advanced under fire, so as not to die of embarrassment. They were afraid of dying, but too afraid to show it. They carried the emotional baggage of men and women who might die at any moment. They carried the weight of the world.

THEY CARRIED EACH OTHER

*Author Unknown Remember the Vietnam Veteran
Submitted by Roger Barton*

I am working on this on Memorial Day, 2000, nearly 56 years after one of our own family died defending our country, during the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest, in Germany during World War II.

This memorial began when I reread a letter, written by the Chaplain's Section from the Headquarters of the 22nd Infantry Regiment, to my great Aunt Beulah. She evidently had written to find out details of his death. The letter described how Elbert had died on November 25, 1944, when shrapnel from an enemy artillery shell landed near his foxhole and mortally wounded him. The letter further described how this event occurred near Grosshau, Germany, as his Company was preparing to attack German positions, and was part of the battle of Hurtgen Forest in a very hilly and wooded area.

I had read this letter long ago, put it aside and not thought too much about it. But as time passed, other events made me think about the letter and I reread it. Perhaps because I am named after him, I began to research the battle that my uncle died in and started to understand some of the significance of circumstances of his death. I don't want to depress anyone today, but some of the details are sad. Yet I also feel much admiration for his contribution to the freedom I enjoy today and this gratitude has helped me just a little in doing a little less complaining as I go about my life today.

I started my research for this memorial by using the Internet. What else would I start with in this day and age? It was a fruitful search. Much of the detail in the article comes from a book entitled "A Dark and Bloody Ground" written by Edward G. Miller, an active duty ordnance officer stationed in Germany. I found this book on the Net and ordered a copy to read.

I also found inspiration in a movie originally airing on HBO called "When Trumpets Fade". I also learned about the movie from my search on the Net and eventually found a copy of the movie at our local Blockbuster. I believe this movie accurately depicts much of the horror of this particular battle and made me deeply appreciate the contribution made by my uncle to the freedom I enjoy today

As mentioned above, Elbert was part of

Our Own Family Hero

By Elbert M. Worland

The 22nd Infantry entered the Hurtgen Forest expecting a low-cost success. Instead the regiment fought its way through the woods virtually unsupported in a battle of attrition against three German divisions and elements of two others.

the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Following are excerpts from the book "A Dark and Bloody Ground":

"The experiences of the 22nd Infantry are among the best documented of any regiment that fought in the Hurtgen Forest. The commander of the regiment was Col. Charles T. ("Buck") Lanham. He was a 42-year-old native of Washington, D.C., who had a reputation as a writer and poet. Before the war, he contributed frequently to the Infantry Journal and his writings caught the attention of senior officers like George C. Marshall. Lanham also served on the War Department General Staff. He performed well in that capacity, but he wanted to spend time with troops in combat. He took command of the 22nd Infantry in July 1944.

Lanham was the regiment's third commander since D-Day. When he arrived at the CP, the thin, graying colonel told one young officer; "I am Colonel Charles T. Lanham. I have just assumed command of this regiment, and I want you to know that if you ever yield one foot of ground without my direct order, I will court-martial you."

On the morning of 28 July, Lanham was going over operations maps in his CP, when the S-3 announced the arrival of a war correspondent that would remain with the regiment until after the Hurtgen

Forest. The visitor needed a shave, and he sported a worn uniform without insignia. The newcomer announced in a quiet tone, "I am a correspondent for Collier's. My name is Hemingway."

This was my first fascinating detail that I found in my research, that very likely my uncle knew Ernest Hemingway. Of course, he knew him before he became the very famous author of "The Old Man and the Sea" and so many other American classics. But he probably knew him, perhaps spoke with him or shared a meal together.

I found an excellent overview of the battle on a web site dedicated to the 22nd Infantry. (www.22ndinfantry.org). This is a summary of the 22nd's experience in the Hurtgen Forest, immediately preceding the time that Elbert was killed:

"On 16 November 1944, the 4th Infantry Division attacked into the Hurtgen forest as one of ten divisions participating in a combined offensive by First and Ninth U.S. Armies to close to the Rhine river.

As a one of the infantry regiment's of the 4th Division, the 22nd Infantry spent eighteen days in November and early December, 1944 in the Hurtgen forest. In a battle many believe mattered little in the big picture, the 22nd suffered 2,773 casualties, or 85% of its normal complement of 3,257 soldiers to take one village and 6,000 yards of forest. Each rifle company went into the action averaging 162 soldiers. Seven days later, the rifle companies averaged 87 men of whom 42% were replacements who had arrived during the battle. By the end of the battle, losses in the rifle companies reached an estimated average of 151% in of their original strength. Although the 22nd infantry suffered these very heavy casualties, the United States Army's practice of replacing casualties when units were still in combat kept the unit from ever falling below 75% strength. Total replacements amounted to 1,988 soldiers.

The conditions of the battle negated the impact of American superiority in aviation and armor and made the battle an infantryman's fight from beginning to end. Although massive amounts of artillery fire assisted the forward movement of the regiment, the infantry still had to take the ground.

The 22nd Infantry entered the Hurtgen Forest expecting a low-cost success. Instead the regiment fought its way through the woods virtually unsupported in a battle of attrition against three German divisions and elements of two others. Although the 22nd suffered more casualties than any other regiment in the Hurtgen, it lost no ground not immediately recovered. The last days of the battle saw fresh German battalions breaking through decimated companies of the 22nd, only to be cut off, killed or captured by other equally attrited companies rushed into the breach. During the battle the 22nd captured 764 Germans. There are no extant casualty figures for the German units outside those captured, but it must be assumed the German casualties were at least as high if not higher than those of the 22nd."

The book describes well the terrible details of the battle. For two weeks, there was rain and sleet, which kept the men cold and miserable, even in their foxholes at night. Tanks were part of the battle, but were not very effective because of landmines and the tendency to become mired in the mud. Casualties were so great that the operation was halted on the 19th of November, to give time for reorganization and resupply. The 22nd Regiment's 1st and 2nd Battalions renewed their drive to Grosshau on November 20th. A biography of Ernest Hemingway reports that he fought with the American soldiers during this battle, such was the intensity of the battle.

By November 22nd, the Regiment was within 600 yards of Grosshau. However, the German soldiers quickly mounted a counterattack. November 23rd was Thanksgiving Day. Turkey sandwiches and luke-warm coffee was the feast sent to the front lines. There was little battle this day and the next.

On the 25th, the day that Elbert died, the drive to capture Grosshau began in earnest. The German defenders were waiting when the attack began. Six tanks were destroyed and the infantry was driven back into the trees by the artillery barrage. There were 235 casualties that day. More leaders fell on this day than on any other day of the battle, including 11 officers and 46 NCOs.

It took another two weeks for the

Americans to capture Grosshau. Later in the battle, a series of dams in the area were captured, important to the eventual outcome of the war. What I have read about this battle convinces me that Elbert gave his life in a battle, which was not necessary, but did contribute to the liberty that we all are privileged to have in this country.

Dad had a copy of a "V-mail" sent to him about a year earlier from Elbert. He talked about getting a letter from Grandma Worland, the first he had left since he left England. This leads me to believe he was part of the D-Day landing force, though I have no direct proof. Further, he talks to hitting the "joints" with Dad after the war or when he might be meeting him on leave. He asked how the Chevy he had was running or if he had traded it in for a Dusenbergl. In short, he was a typical young man, the same as you or I at that age.

Most of the above is historical information from books. I spoke with Dad about Elbert and found out a few other things. His full name was Elbert Harold Worland. He was born on February 26, 1920. So he was not quite 25 years old when he died in battle. Dad says he had tried to enlist before the war, but was turned down because of eyesight. However, after the war started, restrictions were lifted and he was able to join the Army.

Dad told me about the last time he spent time with Elbert. He met him in Ludlow while on leave from his base in Texas. Dad had come from another direction and met him there. While on leave, they visited relatives in Los Angeles. Afterwards, they shared the trained part way back across the country to their units. It was the last time Dad saw him.

I asked Dad if there was anyone special in his life. He told me that Elbert was ladies' man, but that there was no special person that he left behind besides his family. He told me that Elbert was artistic and smart.

Following are two poems I found in Beulah's little book of poetry:

My God Child Elbert

He was a soldier and a man
But still a boy in years,

Who had not really harvested
A life of smiles and tears.

He was a fighter, yes, but he was
also full of fun
And when a task confronted him
He always got it done.

His pleasing personality was quick to
Make a friend,
An everyone who met him once,
Adored him to the end.

He gave his life for liberty,
And now his smile is gone.
But all his bravery remains
For us to carry on.

This second poem may not have been written by Beulah, but was included in her book of poems, and edited as a remembrance:

Let Me Rest In Belgium

Do not disturb my bones, but let me rest
Here in this hallowed ground where I was
slain.
And having spilled my blood on this Earth's
breast,
Leave me in Peace, I have not died in vain.

Although, you cannot come to bring me
flowers
Nor pause for Prayers beside where I must
sleep,
Remember that it is beyond our power
To comprehend just why, but we can keep

Across the span of day and night
And miles of land and sea—we can share a
tryst,
And I would want your faces wreathed in
smiles.
And so I ask that you will
Let me lie, at Peace as time goes by.

In memory of my
Godchild Elbert. World War II.

Many others in the family have served their country during World War II, the Korean conflict and at other times and places I don't know about. Amanda is presently serving during peacetime in the Navy. But Elbert gave it all. In reading the books and articles I talk about above, I wondered about what his experiences were during this battle, how he felt, and similar thoughts. One will never know. But the details above did give me a great appreciation for his life and that is why I entitled this "Our Own Family Hero."

How I arrived at the 22nd

By George Brown

I was drafted on August 5, 1965, from Pittsburgh Pa. A group of us were locked in a rail car for the night and then sent to Fort Jackson, SC. After a couple of days at the reception center we were told to gather up our duffel bags and get ready to load on trucks for basic training. Everyone was handed a folder with the company assignment on the front (mine read E 1 1). My turn came to load on the truck and as I was throwing on my bag I heard my name being called and being told to grab my bag and stand off to the side. I moved to the side with three other people, all of us wondering what was going to happen next. Finally after everyone else was loaded and on their way a Sgt. came over to us and asked if we were left handed. After verification that we were left handed and we were whom we were supposed to be we were loaded and sent to tank hill.

The next morning we fell out for company formation and it was then we found out that we were a special company of hand picked draftees to conduct tests on new types of weapons. After all the men were assembled the Army realized that they did not have enough left handed people to run a bona fide test. The four of us pulled from our original assignments were the last men assigned to C 1 1. There were four platoons and each platoon was assigned a different weapon. The four weapons were the standard M14, the modified M14, M16 and the Stoner 63. I was issued the Stoner 63 and basic training started, which turned out to be one of the most enjoyable basic training ever. We not only had the regular compliment of officers and cadre, we also had a Major from the pentagon who was in charge of the tests.

We had strict orders to never discuss that we were part of a test group and never to give anyone our weapon except our platoon leader and or Platoon Sgt. Did we ever get read the riot act more than once by a lot of Generals up to three stars. What was really great was that we were supposed to be so secret we rode in covered trucks to all our training, the Army didn't want us marching around the post carrying these secret weapons. All in all we did minimal marching. After basic we were all assigned to the same Company for AIT, with the

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same orders as basic not to discuss or give up our weapons to anyone.

After AIT we were again all assigned to the same Company, this time for three weeks of special training with these so-called secret weapons. After these three weeks it was the consensus that the Stoner was the better weapon only because it was lighter than the modified M14. The Stoner fired under all types of conditions while the M16 continually jammed and held up all our firing exercises. Colt who made both the Stoner and the M16 convinced the Army that the M16 was already in production for the marines and the costs would be prohibitive to change production schedules. To all of you who had your weapon jam at the most inopportune time you can blame the marines for not doing their homework.

All our special training was over and our pentagon Major informed us that the Army always paid its debt and they owed us for being part of the tests. After those who qualified for OCS, the paratroopers, and other volunteers were assigned, there was 96 men waiting for assignment. Once again our terrific Major informed us that the Army was so indebted to us that they decided to repay us by not sending us to Vietnam but rather they were going to send us to the Fourth Division at Fort Lewis to help train the men coming out of basic.

The end of January 1966 found the 96 of us being loaded onto a plane and headed for Fort Lewis. When we landed we were met by a group of Sgts and for the first time since the beginning of basic we were split up into three groups of 32 ea. One group was assigned to the 1st of the 8th, one to the 1st of the 12th and my group to the 22nd. I always felt being assigned to the 22nd was a really nice break on my part.

If there is anyone out there that was part of that company please contact me at my email: Manygatess@aol.com or 500 Jackson Road Danville, PA 17821.

Ivyman Profile

MajGen Raymond T. Odierno



Major General Raymond T. Odierno is a native of Rockway, New Jersey. He received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Regular Army commission as a Second Lieutenant of Artillery

from the United States Military Academy in 1976. He earned a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Effects Engineering from North Carolina State University and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategy from the United States Naval War College.

MG Odierno's previous assignments include three tours in the Federal Republic of Germany. During his first tour, he served as a support platoon leader, a firing platoon leader, and an aide-de-camp with the 56th Field Artillery Brigade. On his second tour he served the Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery in 3rd Armored Division. During this tour he deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as the Executive Officer for 3rd Armored Division's Division Artillery. His final tour in Europe was as the Chief of Staff for V Corps and the Assistant Division Commander for 1st Armored Division.

MG Odierno commanded at all levels from Company to Brigade. After attending the Field Artillery Advanced Course, he commanded Alpha and Service Batteries in 1st Battalion, 73rd Field Artillery, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. From 1992-1994, he commanded the 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division (Light), at Fort Ord, California and moved the Battalion to Fort Lewis, Washington. After attending the Army War College, he was selected to command the Division Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas from 1995-1997.

Other assignments include service as a Nuclear Research Officer and Chief of the Acquisition Support Division for the Defense Nuclear Agency from 1986-1987. He also served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Military Advisor for Arms Control. MG Odierno departed Washington

D.C. to take command of the Division, where he served as the Director, Force Programs and as the Director, Requirements and Force Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, on the Army Staff.

MG Odierno's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, The Legion of Merit (three oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

MG Odierno is married to the former Linda Burkarth. They have three children: Tony, a graduate of the USMA, commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry; Katie, a junior at Samford University in Birmingham, AL; and Michael, a freshman at Killen High School.

Museum gets monument photo..



Roger Dufek presented a framed photo of the 4th Division Arlington Monument to Sid Winchester and Linda Minichiello at the camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle, FL.

Book Corner



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by Bob Babcock

"War Stories - Utah Beach to Pleiku" by Robert O. Babcock. Since published in June of this year, over 2,000 copies have been sold to our veterans. Those who have read it have given very positive reviews. This 720 page book has 450 stories from veterans of the 4th Infantry Division covering the years from 1940 to 1970. There are 325 WWII stories, 25 Cold War stories, and 100 Vietnam stories. Price is still \$25 each for one or two copies, including shipping, or you can buy three for \$70 and \$22 each for all copies over three (shipped to the same address). If you want to buy a full case of 12 books, you can get a case for \$250. An order form is included in this *Ivy Leaves*.



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My Friend Gerhard Otto Gramp

(AKA Schnapps)

By Jim Roan

■ Gerry would not mind my telling these few stories for we have had many laughs in our conversations concerning our past adventures. He told many stories about me.

It was the latter part of July 1944 when I met this young man named Gramp. We were both pulled from our line Company assignments, I from Co. H, Gerry from Co. I, both of 2nd Bn., 12th Inf. We were transported about two miles behind the lines and were ushered into a tent erected in an open pasture. It was late at night and raining quite hard. The tent was occupied by a group of GIs all bending over small portable typewriters. Coleman lanterns fastened to the poles holding up the tent furnished the dull light. To us, this was like being ushered into a suite at a high-class hotel after spending time in a foxhole and wondering if we would be next on the casualty list. Compared to the rest of the personnel assembled, we looked like we were coal miners.

We each learned that we were now assigned to our respected Company as assistant Company clerks and that this would be a permanent assignment. It would be quite difficult for anyone to wipe the smile from our faces. Both of us joined the Division as replacements. I at the age of 19 and Gerry age 24. Thanks Dad for buying me that old ancient typewriter.

We learned quite fast and probably owe our lives to an Underwood typewriter. As the Regiment moved so did we working in any kind of shelter, becoming a close family. Like most GIs, we had many experiences both good and bad. It was in Esch, Luxembourg on a very cold, wet, November evening that we camped in an open field in our Pup tents and decided to go for a walk. As we passed this house, a door opened and a middle-aged man, speaking broken English, said 'You want Schnapps?' Naturally we said yes and the

four of us were ushered into a dining room, sat at a large table and joined the man's family at their main meal. We were asked if we would like to stay overnight and were ushered upstairs into a bedroom containing a large double bed and a cot.

Gary's dad was born in Germany and wrote Gerry a letter while we were on a free tour of Europe during our war years in which he instructed Gerry to surrender, that his captors would not harm him because of his name and the fact that he was German.



Gerry Gramp in Paris

Three of us piled into the bed, sinking into the soft mattress and covered up with a deep down comforter. We did take our shoes off. We stayed with this family for four days and became very good friends. Both Gerry and I, with our wives, have visited them many times since WWII and have an open invitation to stop by any-time. The old folks are deceased but the child, who at the time was age three and is now married to a very pretty French girl, are our hosts. We learned that Gerry liked Schnapps and he was stuck with that nickname for life. I acquired the name of Peep Sight but that is another story.

On one of our trips in 1992, we rented a car and had a great time getting lost. Gerry was on the monument committee then and we took a zillion detours checking 4th Division monuments from WWI that the association has the responsibility of their upkeep. Gerry was always busy; he was a volunteer and couldn't say no to anyone who asked for his help. He served as National President and as the treasurer of the Arlington memorial fund. He was the President of the NY/NJ Chapter, Quartermaster of a VFW Post, past Commander of an American Legion Post, a very active member of his Church. He was a member of the North Haledon Fire Company, a life member of the Emergency Ambulance Service where he served for 25 years. Believe me, he drove a car like he was behind the wheel of an ambulance in an emergency. Gary's dad was born in Germany and wrote Gerry a letter while we were on a free tour of Europe during our war years in which he instructed Gerry to surrender, that his captors would not harm him because of his name and the fact that he was German. I know that Gerry would not mind my telling these few stories for we have had many laughs in our conversations concerning our past adventures. He told many stories about me.

There is a song that we would hear over the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) during WWII, whenever we had the opportunity of a radio which was twice during my six month visit to England. It was sung by Beatrice Lilly that went something like this: "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day." I'm sure we will Schnapps.