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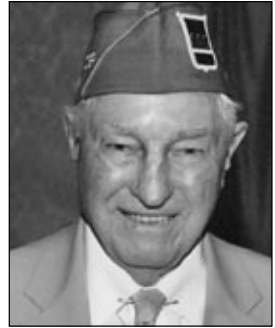
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*Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year*

2005 Reunion will be in Columbus, OH

Mark your calendar for August 24-27, 2005. We are making plans to entertain you. The Marriott North, a beautiful Hotel, will make your stay one to remember.

Please feel free to contact me if you have a question or suggestions. We will do our best to make your visit to Columbus, Ohio enjoyable. The Reunion letter will be out soon.

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— POST ADS FOR 2005 NOW DUE —

Thanksgiving is over and we now look forward to the Christmas Season. All who were in the Battle of the Bulge will never forget 25th December 1944. May we all remember those who aren't with us anymore.

Corrections to the Article run in a few issues back Unknown Soldiers Tomb. Several E-mails have been received correcting some misinformation. They are listed below. The guard does *not* execute an about-face. The guard performs his movements according to the following pattern:

The sentinel marches 21 steps across the black mat, past the final resting places of the Unknown Soldiers of World War I, World War II, Korea, and the crypt of the Unknown Soldier of the Vietnam War. With a crisp turn, the sentinel turns 90 degrees (not about-face) to the east for 21 seconds. The sentinel then turns a sharp 90 degrees again to face north for 21 seconds. A crisp "shoulder-arms" movement places the rifle on the shoulder nearest the visitors to signify that the sentinel stands between the tomb and any threat. After the moment, the sentinel paces 21 steps north, turns and repeats the process.

Item #6; Physical trait: Reference to abstaining from alcohol for the rest of the guard's life.

Sentinels at the Tomb do not have to commit to serving there for any fixed period of time, and the average tour of duty is only about one year. Tomb guards may live either on base at near by Fort Myer, or off base in housing of their choosing. There are no restrictions on guards off duty drinking.

The Tomb Guard Identification Badge is one of the least awarded badges in the Army, second only to the Astronaut Badge. Since the sentinels are held to such a high standard if they ever do anything that is deemed behavior unbecoming a Tomb Guard or brings dishonor upon the Tomb, their badges may be revoked, even after they have left active military service. As of 2002, there have been nine revocations of the Tomb Guard Identification Badge.

MAIL BAG

I received an invitation to the farm of Henry Grant Leonard, a 1st Lieutenant Company H 317th who lives in Norway, NE. Hank was putting on an all day picnic for 30 men and their spouses in the State of Maine who were wounded. Hank was wounded and two soldiers carried him to a Jeep and lay him on the hood and was rushed to the Medical Tent. Hank attributes these two men for saving his life.

Hank had decorated his farm fences with purple balloons and also lined his driveway with them. It was Hanks way to say thanks to all the service men and women who serve their Country. Needless to say the day was spent telling each other what they had gone through.

Memorial Fund Goal \$20,000

This figure is taken from donations sent in before 12/1/2004

Fellows do you or don't you wish a Memorial to the Men of the 80th? This will include you. We got off to a good start however the fund has bogged down. Men have sent in their dues and never mentioned the memorial. At the rate we are going, the memorial will never be built. Come on men; let me hear from you with a donation of any size. Also write your Congressman a letter to help us to get this Memorial in Arlington Cemetery. Widows how about a donation in memory to your man of the 80th. I am looking forward to a good response from all members or those receiving the Newsletter.

We need your help. Write the Congressman of woman of your state and follow the outline of the letter below, asking his or her help in having this moment placed.

Anon	I-318	O'Neil, Eugene Jr.	C-319
Anzaldo, Anthony	K-318	Manganiello, Anthony S.	Dv & Dv Hqs Co.
Ball, Gerald A. in memory of his father		Mascuch, John	B-305 Med
Gerald, 1st Sgt.	M-318	McDonald, Robert J.	C-319
Bowles, Mrs. Angela in memory of		Mosley, William	2nd Bn Hq 318
Husband Lloyd	A/C/Sv-319	Mullins, Elaine in memory of her father	
Claussen, Mrs. Ruth in memory of		Gerald 1st Sgt.	M-318
Her husband	C-317	Neila, Karen B. in memory of her father	
Descendants of the 80th Division Vets.		Gerald 1st Sgt.	M-318
WW 1 & 2		Sell, James J.	Dv Hq Co
Eaton, Edith A.	A-318	Strickland, Frank W.	D-317
Mother of Jeff Wignall		Sweda Sr., Michael	H-317
Gentry, James O'C	F-317	Swisher, A. Jeanette in memory of her	
Hall, Eugene	M-318	husband Ed	80th Signal
Krehbiel, Bill	L-319		Corps
Leonard, Raymond H.	C-319	Szefler, Casimir A.	B-318

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If you sent in money and I omitted your name let me know so I may give you credit. Last date of entry 12/1/2004

Bunn, I.B.	B-305 Med
Dolan, John J. Sr.	C-319
Jarr, Arthur W.	B-905 FA Bn
Kuffman, Murray I.	F-317
Orr, David C.	F-319
Parker, Charles G.	G-319
Russell, Alexander E.	E-317

McBRIDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you paid into the McBride Fund since the last issue and I have omitted your name, send me your name so I can give you credit. Last date I entered a name was credit.

A Letter from Chaplain John O. Woods

Thank you for your letter that you sent after the reunion of the 80th Division held in Pittsburgh last August. I believe there were several enclosures: (1) the program of the Memorial Service on the 14th and (2) a beautiful card with the signatures of those present. John and I have read these things. If possible, would you kindly have a note printed in your next Newsletter that would include the following message: (Arlene you don't have to ask to have a letter printed, any letter from John will be printed.)

Please accept my sincere thanks for the lovely card including the signatures of many comrades from the 80th Division who attended our last reunion in Pittsburgh. I regret that I can no longer attend these reunions, but I hold in fond memory the many occasions I have been with you in the past and served as your Chaplain. My thoughts and prayer go with you all. John O. Woods

Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of John on so many occasions.
Sincerely Arlene Sitler Woods.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF Office of the Superintendent
September 24, 2004

Eugene O'Neil, Chairman
80th Division World War II Veterans
4718 Col. Darnell Place
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-2801

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Thank you for your letter of September 13, 2004 requesting permission to place a memorial here at Arlington National Cemetery to honor the veterans of the Eightieth Division whom served during World War II.

I understand your desire to honor your comrades who served in the Eightieth Division during World War II. However, Code of Federal Regulations 553.22 states: "Monuments (other than private monuments or markers) to commemorate an individual, group or event may be erected following a joint or concurrent resolution of the Congress." Without this congressional action, monuments cannot be placed at Arlington National Cemetery.

Currently, our goal is to preserve the maximum space possible for our veterans to be laid to their final rest.

I am sorry that my response is not more favorable and I trust that you understand our position at this time. Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Sincerely, John C. Metzler, Jr.
Superintendent

Buckenwald

If you were in or near Buckenwald in April of 1945, Thuringia, the University of Jena and the local Teachers and the Memorials of Buckenwald and Dora Haven initiated a student competition, with the goal to get the students interested in the events that took place during the month of April.

The students are in the 9th to 12th grades and ages from 15 to 18. They are being asked to find witnesses to and of events that took place in that area during April 1945. If you care to be interviewed by these students, either by mail or perhaps by E-mail, a questionnaire will be sent to you.

The students will then produce a text, a film, online presentation, etc about their findings from the interviews.

If you care to participate then send your name, Phone Number, and E-mail address if you have one to G. Virgil Myers 320 E. Palm Drive, Lakeland, FL 33803.

In addition to above, were you on the patrol with Colonel Costello the morning of 12 April 1945? Bob Harmon and others from 319th HQs were on this patrol. If you were one of them please identify yourself and write Bob Harmon, 2218 East Galer Street, Seattle, WA 98112-3422, or give him a call 206-322-0078.

Bob is compiling a list of this patrol that rode in with Colonel Costello as a combat patrol in case of the "surrender" turned out to be an ambush.

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are pleased to announce the recent publication of the History of the 80th Division in WW1 . This is the manuscript of Russell L. Stoltz, Division Historian, and was completed in 1926, approved for publication in 1946, but until 2004, had not officially been published. This edition was edited by Lee S.

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Brand, Donald B-313 FA Bn
Morgantown, WV
11/11/04 – Rptd by Lou Shirey

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McMillian Village
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Castle, Thomas B. E-318
Long Beach, CA
2/12/04 – Rptd by Thomas Sexton

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Denville, NJ 07834 Unknown
Rptd by Wife Dorothy

Desits, Joseph J. A-318
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sent in By Kenneth Aladeen

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Fchuler, NE 68661 7/2004
Rptd by son Melvin Jr.

Gardner, Glenn H. Col. D/HQs 318
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Lancaster, OH 43130-8803
11/04/04 – Rptd by son Mack

Gentle, Michael L-317
Hazelton, PA
2003 – Rptd by Angelo Barone

Jester, William J. A/Sv -319
1653 River Street # 503
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8/19/04 – Rptd by Wife Anne

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9/20/03 – Rptd by B. R. Hubbard

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Mejia, Mike 305 Med
Kansas City, Kansas
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119 Lafayette Street
Reading, PA 19605-3116
11/19/04 – Rptd by Angelo Baron

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Rptd by Postal Returned marked
deceased

Streng, Ralph L. L-318
613 Culpepper Drive
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-7256
7/15/04 – Rptd by Wife Ruth

Whitfield, Charles
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Carthage, IN 46115
7/25/03 – Rptd By Shirley Whitfield

Zalutko, Joseph B-317
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Deceased

Help wanted

From:

Alexander E. Russell Co. E, 317

P.O. Box 217, Melstone, MT 59054-0217

Phone 406-358-2340

I joined Company E 317 on or about 16 September 1944 after crossing the Moselle River. I was assigned to the light machine squad. My partner was an Indian by the name of Russell, (no kin) from Brockton MT. I was wounded on 9 November near Epley France. Spent 5 weeks in Hospital. Rejoined Company E on 19 or 20 December in Luxembourg. By this time I had moved up to Staff Sgt. At 1 AM 28 December we crossed the Rhine, and I took a bullet through my left lung. I made it to The Island and crawled out of the boat and blacked out. I came to on an LCM all by my self, I was then loaded into an ambulance, and the next I remember I woke up with a Nurse holding my hand. I hope someone will remember me, I went by the name of "Sandy" and please write me if you do.

From:

Chris Zumbiel

24141 Timberline Way, Tehachapi, CA 93561 Phone 661-821-0448

I am researching my family history. I have discovered that a relative of mine served with the 319th and was killed in action in France shortly after the invasion of Normandy. His name was Paul Gamm and he was a Private. I am trying to get information on his service with the 319th. He was KIA on 26 November 1944.

From:

Ben Loveday, E.I. ESP Associates, P.A.,

P.O. Box 7030 Charlotte, NC 28241 Phone: 704-409-2927

Fax: 704-583-4950

I am trying to track down information on my grand father, George Washington Loveday. He was drafted in Roanoke, VA and was severely wounded in France, somewhere in September/November 1944. He received the CIB and one Bronze Star on his Expeditionary Ribbon. He also received the certificate of merit. Unfortunately we do not know what unit he was in, but we believe it to be the 317th Infantry.

From:

M/Sgt. Floyd, USAF, Ret.

Woodbridge, VA

Phone: 703-730-9046

I am trying to find information on T/Sgt. Raymond E. Floyd formerly of Shelbyville, KY who was Company K, 318th Infantry. He was KIA on 10 February 1945 at Dillengen, Germany. He is now interned in Hamm Cemetery Luxembourg. Any one who remembers him or may have a picture you will share please contact me.

From out of the past... the Southern Shoulder

CONTINUED FROM A PREVIOUS ISSUE

Christmas Day came and went leaving the 4th Armored Division toiling slowly toward Bastogne. The left wing of the III Corps now conformed to the slow, footslogging pace of the divisions on the right and in the center. Both CCA and CCB had an additional rifle battalion when the attack resumed on the 25th, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 318th Infantry had reported to General Gaffey late on Christmas Eve after a cold, miserable, six hour ride from the 80th Division sector. Both battalions, the 1st attached to CCA and the 2nd to CCB, were considerably understrength after the bloody engagements at Ettelbruck. The 1st Battalion, whose officer losses had been very high, had a new commander and so did all its companies.

During the fight at Warnach a few tanks from CCA had tried to drive on to Tintange but had bogged down. General Gaffey therefore decided to employ a part of his infantry reinforcement with the general mission of attacking to reach Bastogne, and the more immediate job of taking Tintange. After a freezing night in bivouack the George W. Connaughton's 1st Battalion, 318th Infantry set off for a line of departure south of the village that was shown on the map as a small creek.

Gaffey had said that the battalion would have to fight for its line of departure. He was right. The two assault companies reached the creek only to discover they faced a deep gorge, with Germans arrayed to defend it. Somehow the infantry scrambled down and up again while their opponents pitched in hand grenades. Emerging south of the village the attackers came under continuous rifle fire, but what stopped them cold was a single large-caliber assault gun whose shells burst wherever the Americans turned. The support, Company B (Capt. Reid McAllister), was given special attention by the German gunners. Tired of taking losses where it lay, the company asked permission to take the burden of the assault on its own shoulders. Two platoons advanced through the forward companies and the enemy infantry inside the village immediately opened fire. In so doing the Germans gave away their positions to the third platoon, which had circled from the east. Return fire coming in from the east momentarily silenced the garrison; galled by its losses Company B rushed the village, captured the maddening assault gun as its crew sought to escape, and took 161 prisoners. This action must be credited to the infantry, but it should be added that eight fighter-bombers from the 377th Squadron had hit Tintange on call, blasting with bombs and rockets just before the riflemen moved in. During the day the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion carried the advance on the west side of the Arlon-Bastogne highway as far as Hollange, pausing here with night coming on and the enemy showing his first intention of making a stand. CCA now had another stretch of woods and villages flanking the Bastogne highway-but the streets of Bastogne still were seven miles away.

The 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry (Lt. Col. Glenn H. Gardner) did its chore of cleaning and village fighting on Christmas Day alongside the armored infantry and tanks of CCB. Chaumont, scene of bitter action two days earlier, remained the immediate objective. This time the enemy was deeply dug in, all through the woods south of the village. While tanks from the 8th Tank Battalion edged around the woods firing indiscriminately into the pines, the foot troops routed out the German infantry

from holes and log-covered trenches where they had sought shelter from the tanker's shells. This was slow, precarious business. Some of the enemy paratroopers could be persuaded that surrender was the better part of valor, but many had to be finished off with grenades and even bayonets. In this manner the 2nd Battalion worked through three successive wood lots, meeting strong rifle and automatic weapons fire in each. Here Sgt. Paul J. Wiedofer made a lone charge against two German machine guns. He killed the crew serving the first weapon and forced the crew of the second to surrender. (He was awarded the Medal of Honor.)

Chaumont village was less of a problem. Prisoners had reported that a large number of Panzer's had come in during the night, but in fact there were no tanks, except the derelict Shermans left on the 23rd. The American light tanks moved in with the infantry and by dark the village was in American hands-most of the enemy had withdrawn farther north after the struggle in the woods. The 2nd Battalion saw nearly a hundred of its men evacuated for bullet wounds mostly suffered inside the woods. Both here and at Tintange the 5th Parachute troopers had been forced to rely on their small arms; the 318th as a result sustained more casualties from bullet fire than at any time since its frontal attack at the Moselle River in early September.

Artillery and large numbers of fighter-bombers belabored the 5th Parachute Division on 26 December. The advancing Americans of the two combat commands and the attached infantry found that more and more of the enemy were willing to lay down their arms after honor had been satisfied by token resistance, but for each point where the combination of American fighter bombers, artillery, tanks, and infantry won quick surrender there was a crossroad, a patch of woods, or a tiny collection of houses to which a tough young officer and a few men clung fiercely. Bravery was matched with bravery. Pfc. O.M. Laughlin of the 318th broke up one German position with hand grenades after he had been hit in the shoulder and could not use his rifle. (He received the DSC)

Spread across a wide front, CCA and CCB could not maintain little contact; nor could the rifle battalions and tank-infantry teams. Much of the American combat strength had to be diverted to screen the flanks of the individual detachments or circle back to stamp out resistance flaring up unexpectedly in area that was supposed to be free of enemy. (CCA, for example, captured a battalion headquarters and a large number of prisoners in a fight at Hollange, south of Chaumont, which had been taken by CCB the day before.) Mines also made for delay. There were more in the path of the advance than ever before, but they had been laid hastily, were not well concealed, and often lacked fuzes. Again the most lethal and in numerous cases the sole German weapons were the rifle, machine gun, or machine pistol. These served the enemy well, and gaps in the ranks of the attackers widened even as the prisoner bag swelled. Captured paratroopers complained that they no longer had artillery support, that moral was cracking when friendly guns could not be seen or heard; nevertheless the dwindling strength of the 318th and the armored infantry battalions bore witness that the enemy still was in a fighting mood.

Despite all this the lines of the 101st Airborne Division were appreciably closer. By dark the 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry, after bitter battle and very heavy casualties, had reached the woods near Hompre, some 4,000 yards from the Bastogne perimeter. Using green and red light signals, learned from prisoners in past two days, 1st Lt. Carr and a four-man patrol stole through the German lines, reaching the Bastogne outposts at 0430. The return trip, with a situation map marked by the 101st Airborne G-3, wrote *finis* to a daring and successful mission.

POST NEWS



A visit to PNC Bredbenner, L-R: Burt Marsh, Frances Rajniceil, Angelo Barone, Harry Nutting, Bob Smith, seated: Ed Bredbenner.

New York Post # 43

Everybody enjoyed our two gatherings in Albany, NY in the spring and in the Fall in Geneva, NY at the RAMADA INN. We plan to return to these same sites in 2005. Memorial Day weekend at the Turf Inn in Albany area, 2005.

Back to Ramada Lakefront Hotel in Geneva, October 2005. We had excellent weather in Geneva and all enjoyed being able to get outside to eat and walk around the park nearby. Most visited the wineries, and there is 40-50 in the area. Hope they did not visit them all? Were able to stock with fruits also.

Have to thank all that brought food and beverages to support the weekends. All officers were re-elected for another year. Have to thank Don Wilkinson for taking over for me as well as Abe Barone and Bert Marsh. Abe always stocks up with beer for us with that great Pottsville beer. Have to thank the ladies for their support and supplies. Have a great and a better New Year, *Ed Bredbenner, Post Secretary*

Greater Reading Post # 32

A correction on the last issue of Reading Post report. It should read I am working with the Boone Area Library. All else is correct.

Not much to report since the Reading Post disbanded last year. Christine Gehman got her new knee and has some discomfort with it, but that is natural. Walking with it though.

Note our AD for Brunch. *Lou Shirey*

Lane Hall Post # 42

It is I again. Hi, so happy to be back, am feeling much better and back in the swing of things again. I have gone back to my Volunteering Services at the Norwalk Hospital, and also volunteering for Hospice regularly. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with your families and I am sure you are looking forward to the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

I have been in touch with a few of our members, and still want to hear from any of you that have anything to report. I was in touch with Mary Brinker and Audrey Blocker making sure that our mends in the storm areas were safe. Hilda Latusek was home when I called and we had a great conversation about old times, our children etc.

Have been trying to call Eunice and Earl King, I called during the storms, but there was no answer, and have been trying to call ever since, still no answer. This is October when I am starting to write this and still no word, if they can, or someone that knows whether things are o.k. with them, please give me a call.

Audrey Blocker called Jim Phillips to tell him that Carl Hendley's wife Katie from Enid, Oklahoma passed away in September. Carl was a medic in the 313th. Flowers were sent to the family from the 313th. Later on I received a beautiful thank you note from Carl, thanking the Post for the flowers. He wrote this note: "Thank you so much for the flowers you sent, they meant so much to me. I know it will never be the same without Katie, but she is in a better place. Love you guys," Carl Hendley.

Ann Hatcher told me Lee is doing much better, the leg problems he had is clearing up and things all around are doing better. She also said that Reba Leussure had gotten married. We all wish her the very best.

I know I mentioned the passing of Jeannette Abbruzzese in my last report, but I just had to add that I received a thank you from a member of her family today, (November 30) in the mail. With this message, "Dear Fran and friends of the 80th Division, we apologize for the delay in sending this to you. Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement, many cards and prayers of support. Your friendship and loyalty means more to "Dad" than you realize. It was signed the Abbruzzese Family.

Spoke to Sophie Ellenberger. She is doing fine; of course, she misses Joseph a great deal. She volunteers at her church and keeps herself active. It was so nice talking with her. She would like to receive the Blue Ridger and I mentioned I would write Bob Murrell about sending her a copy. She is an auxiliary member. Her address is Mrs. Joseph Ellenberger 1312 Hull St. Baltimore, Md. 21,730-5223. Call her sometime, she would love to hear from any of the members of the 313th.

Heard from Jim Phillips, not much to report, but he did want everyone to know that his brother Charles is in the Hershey Medical Center. Charlie has attended many of the Reunions with Jim and Ruth and I know had made many friends among you. If you would like to send him a card or write, his address there is Charles E. Phillips 234 Lewis Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-1331. Jim and Ruth are doing fine, noted that they had not received their Flu shots this year yet, but that he keeps a bottle of Gentleman Jack Daniel's nearby just in case. He and Ruth send their Best Wishes and a Happy Holiday to all their 80th friends.

And my last note: If anyone has changed their address or phone number please write me or call with the correction, I am trying to get a new listing done and it would help me a' great deal. Signing off now. Best wishes to you all. Frances E. Poletti, 28 Arnold Lane, Rowayton, CT. 06853 Telephone 203-855-1928.

Post #44 Company M 318th

I am always looking at those who report sickness in their families never giving it thought that one day I would be doing the same. After leaving the reunion in Pittsburgh my wife not complaining of any aches or pains and enjoying all that went on, a few days after she was home she had a colonoscopy which revealed a tumor of the colon along with several spots on her liver. Having surgery on 14 September it was found the tumor as a little larger than an orange. Staying in the hospital for two weeks, she came home in good spirits. Last week (September 20th) she had a MRI and a Catscan only to find that another spot was found on her liver very high up. Monday (November 1st) she had a Petscan. According to the doctor, was negative. Doctors told her they had removed all the cancer. However, she decided to take Chemo. each week for the next six months, as a precautionary measure She is doing real well. She has had three treatments and no ill side effects.

If that wasn't enough, our daughter Gayle had Gastric By-pass surgery on September 15th. Coming home and being there for approximately three days she complained she was so short of breath. Taking her to the emergency room, it was found she needed more surgery to correct a stitch that had broken loose letting fluid build around the lungs cutting her breath. After being in the hospital for three weeks the first three days being on a ventilator she was send home with a visiting nurse coming to the house every day. Due to the tubes she had down her throat she can't speak only in a whisper. At this writing she has not healed 100%, but is back to work on part-time.

Florida Post # 47

With the numerous hurricanes Florida had this season I am sure many of you encountered some damage but life must go on. Hurricane Frances and Jeanne made meteorological history by coming ashore at the same latitude and longitude three weeks apart. We suffered little damage from Frances but Jeanne was vicious, she was a Dragon Lady. Fortunately we had one of the least damaged places in the park. We only lost our carport and patio (Gone with the Wind). The park was 70% destroyed. We have often been asked why we do not live in Florida all year. One of several reasons is hurricane season. We had no electricity until late October. Thank God for insurance.

I became a member of the walking wounded due to living long enough to grow sufficient arthritis on my backbone that applied pressure on my spinal cord that caused excruciating pain. In September I underwent Lumbar Laminectomy surgery. The first time since the war that I spent overnight in a hospital. After a short stay I was sent to rehabilitation and then home for extended therapy and re-evaluation every few weeks by my surgeon (five foot two, eyes of blue, weight about one hundred pounds, a good wind might blow her away). For the above reasons I did not attend the post meeting in Ocala this year but will be there in March 2005.

Our November meeting in Ocala was a resounding success. It was reported that all had an excellent time enjoying and participating in all functions and discussions. As usual a sumptuous buffet was supplied by the ladies. It was sufficiently copious as to permit the hotel staff to join them. We are happy to report the hotel and Post #47 has signed a contract for next year.

Hoping to see you all in March. *Francis Rajnicek, Sect.*

Company H 319th Post # 33

The area celebrated Veterans Day with military celebrations in almost every city and town.

Talked to Louise Clements sometime ago. She said CD had a fall and had to spend a few days in the hospital, but should be home soon. John and Kate Beebe are still active and living the good senior life. John said Scranton has had its first dressing of snow.

Irv and Hilda Robinson are recuperating from Irv's surgery. Hilda goes so far as they say, "Irv and I are willing to walk to Columbus for the '05 reunion." See you there Irv.

Orin Ledbetter says he often thinks of Company H and all of its members from Camp Forrest to the end of WWII. Orin has the memory of a steel trap. I think he and Tony Kudrna remember all of Co H's incidents. Say, Ken, how are Yuma and Barbara? What about Indiana even if it is about the Colts?

I slipped and had a nasty fall and cracked a rib and bruised my right side. Spent three hours in the ER getting X-rays and other tests. I'm plenty sore when I cough and need some help in getting up. Don't say it!! Yes I know I have it coming!! But that's what I get while doing housework and not being careful.

Hope to see you all in Columbus, Ohio next August. God Bless. *Ohly*

Company L, 319th Infantry

Here we are past Thanksgiving and in the last month of the year—where oh where did 2004 go? Is it me or are the days and weeks and months flying by as never before? I guess as we get older, we lose the sense of time.

Had a big surprise in the middle of November. An E-mail arrived and I almost deleted it because I didn't recognize the name. I opened it and it was from Kellie Underwood, the granddaughter of Don Chism. She said that Don is well and wanted to get in touch with us. He evidently will be spending some time with Kellie and her sister who lives in the same area. Don can be reached at Rickuckinton@aol.com or 3179 West 1925 North, Clinton, Utah 84015.

Speaking of addresses, maybe some members of Company L who have access to computers would like to be able to "talk" to those of us who do correspond. Here are E-mail addresses for known Company L members.

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If you're out there and have an E-mail address, let us know it and we can "talk" to you now and then.

I received a nice long letter from Bill Siebert. He went on a tour that followed the route that Lewis and Clark took on their expedition. He said the people who made the original trip had to be super people based on some of the spots they reached. Bill also got to see the Devil's Tower, Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore, and the Chief Crazy Horse Monument. What a great trip that must have been.

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Helen Soloninka E-mailed that Frank has had some bleeding problem because he is taking Coumadin but he is OK now. Daughter Pattie will spend Christmas with Frank and Helen and they are excited about the visit.

I have had no news from any other members of Company L so I am assuming all are as well as can be expected.

Along with Christmas come the thoughts of all of the nice things the year has brought. High on the list of these things I treasure and has given me hours of pleasure, I place your friendship. All of you are special friends and I wish for you a Merry Christmas and a New Year that brings a happy assortment of life's finest things, Good Health, Happiness, Joy, and Good Luck. *Hank Einolf.*

Rcn Post # 37

Hi Army Friends. My duty is to tell you about the reunion in Pittsburgh, so here goes!

Art and I arrived on Thursday and Jake Clouser who immediately took us under his wing greeted us. Thank Heaven. The only other "Recon" attending the reunion was Kay Stevenson whose son escorted her to the Dinner dance.

Thursday night was the Dug Out Party-wonderful food and great music were the highlights and EVERYONE was so friendly that it was like having ALL the Recon's present.

On Friday, 3 bus loads of 80th Division members and guests journeyed to North Park. It was a very impressive program that included the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocations from various individuals. Presentation of Wreaths for both World Wars, followed by Taps, Benediction and the retiring of the colors. A most impressive affair. Kay Stevenson was present also. After the ceremony we climbed aboard our buses and were taken back to the hotel after stopping for a fine restaurant for lunch.

Friday night Jake and Art along with myself joined one of the Post Parties being held and we were made to feel extremely welcome. One of the members of the post was really talented. He played a guitar and a harmonica "at the same time". Maybe Jake knows his name (Ed. Note: Charlie Noxon)

Finally on Saturday an impressive memorial service of all the 80th Division members took place in the Grand Ballroom from 10 to 11 A.M.

On Saturday night Jake arranged for all the Rcns to sit at the same table at the Dance (5 of us). Jake, Kay and her son along with Art and myself talked up a storm while enjoying the great food and music. When it was over I got my farewell kisses from all and I was happy for all that had happened. *Grace Rehling*

following pages:
Excerpts I have found in the Archives.
FIGHTING DIVISIONS
Taken from the Washington Infantry Journal Press 1946



No soldier's shoulder insignia is worn with greater pride than that displayed on the shoulder of a man who has belonged to a combat division. In World War Two, as in every past war, the major share of our fighting-and the casualties-has been borne by our ground troops, particularly those of the Infantry. Most of our Infantrymen belong to Divisions, which are our Army's principal combat teams, composed of soldiers who are trained and expected to do one primary job-fight. In a huge army made up of bewildering groups of specialists-an army in which the soldiers who actually come to grips with the enemy must of necessity be a distinct minority-our Fighting Divisions hold a unique position. They are the Army's fighting core, and whatever any other forces do is largely preliminary or supporting to their actions.

Most of the combat ground soldiers have returned from theaters of operations, and wear a divisional shoulder insignia. They will rightly expect the citizens for whom they have fought so hard to know something about what they have done and what organizations they served have done. It is manifestly impossible for any person to hope to become familiar in detail with the accomplishments of all our Army Divisions, or to be able instantly to recognize every one of their elaborately varied shoulder insignia. Today, pride in divisional achievements, and knowledge of them, need no longer be limited to the select fraternity of the Division itself. Secrecy does not govern, any more, in any recitation of the deeds of Divisions that fought in any theater of the war. For those who want to know them the facts are available.

"You can't say too much for them." That was the tribute "brass" paid to the 80th Infantry Division Doughboys after they had broken through a ring of German lead and steel to help rescue the 101st Airborne Division, never-say-die defenders of Bastogne.

Christmas Day 1944, side by side with tanks of the 4th Armored Division, Infantrymen of the "Blue Ridge" Division began to batter forward toward the besieged 101st. Though murderous opposition, over frozen, snow-crueted terrain, they bend their heads to bullet and blizzard, and advance 9 miles. Next day the gap between rescuers and trapped was reduced to 4,000 yards. A Blue Ridge patrol, working at night, slipped through the Nazi lines to meet up with an outpost of the 101st, and gather information concerning German strength and displacements.

With this information, the Dough's of the 80th and the 4th tankers drove forward, scorning withering artillery, Nebelwerfer, and small arms fire. They chased the Germans from ridge to ridge, from pillbox to pillbox and, on December 28th knifed through to the lines of the 101st. Relief of Bastogne was completed, Rundstedt's hope for a major breakthrough was finished, and the men of the 80th could proudly reassert their motto: "Ever Move Forward."

It was no untried division that had achieved the drive to Bastogne. The 80th had been in action since it landed on Utah Beach, in France early in August. A few days after it hit France the 80th began fighting at Le Mans, and aided in stemming the powerful armored counterattack by five panzer divisions which sought to cut the Third Army's supply line at Avranches.

Under new orders, the Blue Ridgers were thrown into the battle of the Argentan-Falaise Gap. They were told to take Argentan and the high ground north of the city. A panzer division, a Luftwaffe battalion held this strong point, and Storm Troopers supported by artillery and numerous self-propelled guns. Just before midnight of 19 August, the city was blasted by artillery. The Blue Ridgers stormed into the burning objective. Surging north from this point, the Blue Ridgers had a field day mopping up the wreckage of the once proud German Seventh Army.

After this hard blow to the Wehrmacht, the Division once again became a part of the Third Army, swung south of Paris and spearheaded the Allied drive across France.

The Blue Ridgers crossed the Meuse and with history repeating itself, rolled into St. Mihiel where, 26 years before, during the same month, the World War One 80th had fought. Loading on a small stream that runs into the Moselle River, the 80th crossed without a shot being fired, and the Third Army's spearhead was ready to run wild. In the later stages of this battle the 80th's Artillery commander, Brigadier General Edmund W. Searby, was killed while fighting in the front line with the Doughboys.

In November of 1944, the 80th attacked the Maginot Line. Before the 6th Armored Division relieved its men forward elements of the 80th had penetrated the German frontier less than five miles from Saarbrucken.

After 102 days of contact with the enemy, the Blue Ridgers were withdrawn on 7 December 1944 for a rest. Then came Bastogne. True to their motto, "*The Eightieth only moves Forward*" They were cold... They were Hungry... But they made it hot for Fritz.

With American Forces, Western front, 30 December 1944 (UP) Troops of the 80th Infantry Division, going without hot food and riding in open trucks through freezing weather, made a 150 mile dash into a defense line formed to save the city of Luxembourg, it was disclosed today as more details were released on the part played by Lt. General Patton's troops in stemming the German counter-offensive.

The 80th was not in line when the German offensive opened a fortnight ago. It was resting at the French town of St. Avold after hard fighting in the Saar, and was due to go back into the line on the night of 17-18 December 1944.

So it traveled 40 miles east to Bitche, and then got a sudden order to move north. One regiment was loaded into trucks there at 1 A.M. 19 December 1944 with orders to form a defensive line north of Luxembourg and hold it to the last man. Luxembourg City was a vital communication point, and sheltered at least 50,000 men, women, and children.

It was in line the morning of December 20, registering its guns and opened fire. By afternoon the whole division was in position, although the greater part of its men had nothing hot to eat or drink for 36 hours in the cold weather of Western Europe. Although the line was a defensive one, the 80th was ordered to attack on the morning of the 21st. The order was countermanded and then given again, because the position was a decidedly fluid.

One regiment's trucks had gone back for more troops, so the regiment marched through the snow on foot six miles to the west. It marched back when the orders were changed. Then it set out again to the west—a total hike of 18 miles in all.

At 6 A.M. on the 22nd, it attacked and made 14 miles in the next 48 hours through the savage, rocky ravines and wooded ground. All this a few days before Christmas, with no time to sleep, no hot coffee or food.

It emerged along a road, which formed one arm of a "V", along the other arm of which a German infantry division was moving northwest in close column, not suspecting the presence of the 80th Division.

The 80th Division hit the middle of the German column. "It was pure butchery", said one officer. "The 80th stood at the road junction, emptying its magazines into a mass of struggling men and horses".

The head of the German column fell back in panic and the 80th claims it wiped out about two-thirds of the German division.

The advance continue until Christmas Day

Reprint from the Newsletter Spring 1956

Note: Because the Ardennes campaign remains so indelibly etched in the minds of all ETO 80th men who participated in it, a format some what different than usual is being utilized in this article. A resume of the 80th's outstanding combat record during this period is printed, in regular type. However, interspersed, in Italics area some purely personal thoughts that went through the mind of one GI of the division. It is hoped that this article will recall to all WW II members their personal recollections of that campaign.

Do you remember?

7 December 1944. — XII Corps ordered Infantry Division the 80th to a rest area in the vicinity of St. Avold, France. The 6th Armored Division relieved front line units and the 80th Division closed into assigned areas. The relief of the 80th came after 102 consecutive days of contact with the enemy.

So we're finally going to get a few days of rest. This ought to set a new record, not so much that we're being taken out of the line; but, because, at last, one of those rumors turned out to be true. What I'm looking forward to most is the chance to take a long, relaxing shower. The only real bath I've had in more than 4 months was that one at Pont a Mousson when the QM unit set up their portable shower tents.

8 through 15 December 1944. — During this period units of the 80th continued to rehabilitate and train personnel and service equipment. Plans were made for future operations.

Well, I've finally learned what a rest period is like, and if they were all like this, I'd just as soon be back in combat. I really felt sorry for those guys staying in the old German barracks in St. Avold when the Krauts zeroed in on them with deadly artillery fire; but I've been feeling sorrier for myself today since G-2 discovered that there are time bombs planted in many of the houses in St. Avold where the rest of us are staying. It surely hasn't been a very restful rest period.

16 December 1944. — The 80th Division began movement to a forward assembly area in the vicinity of Binning, France preparatory to launching an attack north to breach the Siegfried Line in the vicinity of Zweibrucken France area.

Well, what do you know? The rest period is over and I never did get that hot shower I was looking forward to. It wasn't a total loss though; those plump chickens we "liberated" really hit the spot, and since we seemed to be all out of that ultra-delicious (ugh) C-ration lemon powder mixture, we had to force ourselves to extra portions of that 12 year old brandy we found in our host's cellar.

17 December 1944 — Units of the 80th Division closed in to a forward assembly area near Binning.

This Siegfried Line assault should be a humdinger. We area to have the most concentrated and most massive air support in the entire history of warfare. One plane load of bombs for every three yards of front coverage. Now all we have to pray for is that the fly-boys don't get overeager and drop their bombs a few seconds too soon, on our positions rather than on the enemy.

18 December 1944. — A few hours prior to the scheduled assault of the Siegfried Line, orders were received from XII Corps alerting the Division for movement to the North to concentrate in the vicinity of Luxembourg to assist in repelling the hostile attack in the zone of the VIII Corps.

Things are not only SNAFU, but also FUBAR, fouled up beyond all recognition. However, this new mission must be extremely important to warrant pulling us out of the Siegfried Line attack after all the effort and planning that was spent on it.

19 December 1945 the 80th began movement by motor to a forward assembly area in the zone of the 4th Infantry Division. The division was assigned to the III Corps.

I've seen it, but I still don't believe it. It is inconceivable that an entire division, plus tank, TD and other attached units could travel 150 miles under combat conditions in wintry weather. All within the space of 24 hours! It just proves again the old adage: If you want the impossible mission performed, call on the 80th and they'll accomplish it.

20 December 1944 — The 80th Division command post opened headquarters in Luxembourg City at 0200 hours.

So this is Luxembourg, I must admit that, until now, I was only vaguely aware that such a place existed and if you asked me only a few days, I couldn't have told you where it was located or how large an area it comprised. Already I like it. The people are very friendly, and the country seems to be quite modern. But I think what I like most about it, is the general terrain is very similar to the area I know and like best of all, Western Pennsylvania.

21 December 1944. — Preparations were made to attack to the north to repel the enemy forces advancing on the city of Luxembourg.

22 December 1944. — The 80th advanced to the north at 0600 with the 318th and 319th Infantry Regimental Combat Teams abreast. The 318th gained contact with hostile forces south of Ettelbruck. The 319th contacted enemy forces first at Merzig. Heavy fighting developed in Ettelbruck. Merzig and Niederfelulen were captured by the 319th.

The people of this lovely country are giving ample proof of how wonderful they are. When they learned that we didn't have winter camouflage equipment, they voluntarily supplied bundles of white garments, even going so far as to strip sheets from their beds. To a layman, this gesture might not appear to be significant, but when you consider (1) they did it voluntarily (2) it deprived many of the last of their few personal possessions, and (3) that many of the "friendly" people in other countries where we fought wouldn't even think of such a thing, and (4) the most important, this gesture saved the lives of many of our men by making them less a target against the snow background, than the regular GI uniform would have done. This voluntary action by the citizens of Luxembourg is shown in the perspective as being a magnanimous friendly act.

23 December 1945. — The attack continued to the north. During the night of 22-23 December, the 2nd Battalion 319 advanced to seize Heiderscheid. The 317th passed through the 318th and advance on Bourscheid, while the 318th had the mission of containing Ettelbruck and protecting the Division's right flank. The 3rd Battalion 319th seized Tadler and the 1st Battalion 319th seized the high ground southwest of Kehmen. The 702nd Tank Battalion destroyed 3 enemy tanks and the 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion destroyed 10 enemy tanks.

24 December 1944. — An enemy counterattack on Heiderscheid was repulsed with heavy enemy losses. The hostile forces also launched an attack against the 1st Battalion 319th positions west of Kehmen. This attack was also repulsed. The 318th Infantry (less the 3rd Battalion) was attached to the 4th Armored Division and began movement to the Bastogne area. The 3rd Battalion, 318th Infantry contained to contain the hostile forces in Ettelbruck.

I certainly don't envy the 1st and 2nd Battalion of the 318th their task of fighting through a ring of steel with which the enemy has completely circled the airborne boys at Bastogne. Despite the severity of the enemy offensive, I was determined to celebrate my birthday by treating myself to the rare luxury of changing into clean socks three times.

December 25, 1944. — Today was anything but Merry Christmas. The Germans gave a typical example of their trickery early this afternoon. Two American planes and three German planes suddenly appeared over the battle area and staged an impressive dogfight. Scores of GI's became so interested in watching that they came out of their foxholes to get a better view. Suddenly, all five planes peeled off and began to strafe the troops. The fight was a fake. The American planes had been captured and flown by German pilots.



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