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CO. D, 8th INFANTRY, in England after the War in 1945.

Standing - L-R, Sal Balestrucci, N.Y., Unknown, Unknown, Jesse Ehrlich, NYC,
 Keith Scott, Mich., Tony Greco, Brooklyn.

Kneeling - L-R, Warren Bailey, Neb., Fred Bayman, Ind., Earl Kohlberger, N.J.,
 James Swan, Pa., Marion Brich, Mo.

Photo - Earl Kohlberger

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From The President

Our continued efforts to increase membership must be enlarged if we are to maintain the current status alone. Every member must strive diligently to get a new member. Please put forth your very best efforts to sign up a 4th Division veteran in 1984.

A check of the roster reveals that we have only 136 paid up Vietnam Vets reater than the 300 figure that was cited previously. Our Viet Vets must contact their buddies and urge them to come into the Association if we are to grow. During 1983 we were successful in signing up 17 new Viet members. We hope that Russ Armstrong's endeavors will prove fruitful but we believe that personal contact is our only salvation. Each Viet Vet must extol the Association to his friends and buddies!

Greg MacDonnell, George Margan and Ed Potts are commended for their efforts to make the memorial in Luxembourg a reality. The 4th Division will be honored for its

stalwart defense of this magnificent Grand Duchy if present plans can be successfully carried out.

Our thanks to Walt Berry for his detailed explanation of the Luxembourg memorial to the Ohio-W. Pa. members at their mini-reunion in St. Clairsville on October 21, 22 and 23 which I also attended. We must also thank Walt and Helen for their generous hospitality to Maire Michel de Vallavielle on his trips to Washington, D.C. to research material for our present memorial and museum on Utah Beach.

To all Association people; members, families and friends, I send Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Fourthfully,
Vince Angeloni, President

From The Editor

We remind our readers that their prompt notification of change of address to our Registrar, Andy Lento, saves us money and assures them of receiving IVY LEAVES on time.

The European Tour scheduled for May 28th, 1984 has about 80 members signed up with Galaxy as of this date. Contact Greg McDonnell, 1 Crestview Drive, Dover, NH 03820 or Bernie Larkin, Galaxy Tours, King of Prussia, PA 19406, telephone 800-523-7287, for details about signing up.

Our apologies to JVP Ed Thompson for omitting his name from the officers and to our historian, Richard A. Sover, whose job we gave to Leo Jereb.

Mary joins me in wishing everyone Seasons Greetings and all the Best for 1984.

F.X.B.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
NATIONAL 4TH INFANTRY (IVY) DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Adopted July 30, 1983

CONSTITUTION

Article I — Name

SECTION 1. The name of this Association shall be "The National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association".

Article II — Object

SECTION 1. The object of this Association shall be to organize the veterans of the 4th Regular Army Division of the United States, in order to honor and perpetuate the memory of the officers and men who distinguished themselves by their services and sacrifices while with the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to perpetuate the memory of the achievements of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division and its members; to assist in the relief and education of their children to the betterment of American patriotism and American citizenship; to promote the National Defense; to encourage historical research in relation to the World Wars; to acquire and preserve the records of the services of the members of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division as well as documents and relics; to mark the scenes of activities of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division with appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the World Wars; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and at all times to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article III — Membership

SECTION 1. Membership shall be as follows:

(a) *Active*—All persons who served in the United States Army with any unit of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division at any time, or who are now retired or in active service, or shall have been honorably discharged therefrom, shall be eligible for active membership.

(b) *Associate*—All persons who were attached to any unit of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division as members of any welfare organization recognized by the War Department, shall be eligible to Associate Membership and shall be entitled to all privileges except those of voting and holding office.

(c) *Allied*—All members of the Allied Forces who were assigned or attached for duty or training to any unit of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division shall be eligible to Allied Membership and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except those of voting and holding office.

(d) *Memorial*—A widow, father, mother, child, brother or sister of a deceased 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division member who would have been eligible to membership in this Association if living, shall be eligible to Memorial Membership and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except of voting and holding office.

SECTION 2. Dues for Associate, Allied and Memorial membership shall be the same as for Active Membership.

Article IV — Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall be: One or more Honorary Presidents; a President; a Senior Vice-President; one or more Junior Vice-Presidents; a Secretary; a Financial Secretary; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; an Historian; a publisher of the Ivy Leaves; a Registrar; a Judge Advocate; a Chaplain; a Sergeant-at-arms; and a Publicity Chairman.

SECTION 2. All National Officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Reunion Meeting, to serve for a period of one year except; the publisher of Ivy Leaves, Secretary, Judge Advocate, Assistant Treasurer, Publicity Chairman, and The Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be appointed by the incoming President for a like period.

SECTION 3. The Financial Secretary shall collect the annual dues fixed by the Association, deposit them in an authorized checking account and submit a report to the Treasurer setting forth the nature of such collections. He shall also maintain a record of the membership by chapters.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer shall disburse all funds, including rebates to chapters and payment of all substantiated expenses. These expenses shall be checked and approved by 2 of the 4 persons authorized to sign checks. All disbursements shall be made by check signed by two (2) of four (4) or more authorized signatures. Such authorized signatures shall be those of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, President and Sr. Vice-President. The Treasurer shall invest Association funds as directed in writing by the Finance Committee and the sales or redemption of such investments shall require two (2) of the authorized signatures noted above.

SECTION 5. The Financial Secretary, The Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall furnish surety bonds in an amount deemed advisable by the Association, but not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) each; the premiums to be paid by the Association.

SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall prepare semi-annual reports for publication in the Ivy Leaves and an annual report as of June 30th, to be submitted to the membership at the next annual meeting. This annual report shall be made part of the meeting minutes and shall be available for preparation of tax or information returns required by the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S. Treasury Department.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer's books and records shall be reviewed by two or more members of the Finance Committee just prior to the Annual meeting. The Finance Committee may request a more formal examination, including an audit of the Treasurer's records, at a later date, the examination to be conducted by those appointed by this committee.

Article V — Board of Directors

SECTION 1. Between regular and/or special meetings the business of the Association shall be transacted by the Board of Directors at the call of the President or of a majority of the Board of Directors which shall be composed as follows:

- (a) The Officers as set forth in Article IV.
- (b) The five (5) immediate Past Presidents who are in good standing.

Article VI — Term of Office

SECTION 1. The Officers and Board of Directors of the Association shall be elected to serve for a term of one year, or until duly relieved. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, he shall be succeeded by the Vice-President next in line as elected.

Article VII — Elections

SECTION 1. Election of Officers of the Association shall take place at the Annual Meeting. Each Chapter of the National Association contributing to the financial and moral support of the National Association shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each paid-up member in the Chapter whose prorata has been remitted to the National Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Each Chapter with no qualified representative in attendance at the Annual Meeting may delegate a qualified member in attendance at the said meeting

to vote for the Chapter by proxy in writing. However, each proxy written shall contain a specific stand on each issue which is up for consideration.

SECTION 3. Each member-at-large in section where there is no regularly organized Chapter shall be entitled to one vote.

Article VIII — Dues

SECTION 1. The annual dues of the National Association shall be fixed by the association in meeting assembled.

SECTION 2. Effective October 1, 1974, the National per-capita tax shall be three dollars (\$3.00). This per-capita tax may be reduced for members currently on active duty. This reduction may be made at the discretion of the President after consultation with members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. Chapters may determine their local Chapter dues, but out of these local dues the National per-capita tax of three dollars (\$3.00) must be sent to the National Treasurer for the operating expenses of the National Association.

SECTION 4. Dues from applicants living in sections which are not actively organized shall be sent to the National Treasurer and shall be the average dues paid to the Chapters.

SECTION 5. All dues received by the Financial Secretary direct from an applicant living in an area where there is an active Chapter shall be retained by the National Association, but all monies over the National per-capita tax must be forwarded to the Chapter nearest the applicant who will be enrolled in that Chapter.

SECTION 6. Life Membership in the Association may be issued to any member who has reached the age of sixty-five (65) and has paid his dues for the last five consecutive years. The Life Membership Fee will be thirty dollars (\$30.00), one-half of which will remain with or be remitted to the Chapter to which the member belongs.

Article IX — Chapter Charters

SECTION 1. The National Association shall, at its option, grant Charters to State or Sectional Chapters who agree to operate under the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall be empowered to withdraw such Charters of said Chapters who do not operate in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 2. A membership of not less than ten (10) members in good standing shall be necessary to obtain a Charter for a Chapter.

Article X — Annual Meeting

SECTION 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting held during each year at which the Officers of the National Association shall be elected, the Finance Committee's Report presented, and other business pertinent to the welfare of the National Association shall be transacted.

SECTION 2. The time and place of this meeting shall be provided for by the Directors.

Article XI — Amendments

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of all active Chapters by proxy of regular delegates present and voting at any regular or special meeting of this Association; provided however, that notice in writing of such proposed amendments shall have been given to all Chapters at least sixty (60) days prior to said meeting.

SECTION 2. All amendments to this Constitution must emanate from an active Chapter of this Association and shall have been approved by a majority vote in a regular business meeting of such Chapter.

SECTION 3. All resolutions national in scope must emanate from an active Chapter, or from the National Resolutions Committee appointed by the President.

BY-LAWS

Article 1 — Committees

SECTION 1. The following Standing Committees shall be maintained:

(a) *Membership*—This Committee shall consist of those whom the National President shall appoint. The National Senior Vice-President shall be Chairman of this Committee.

(b) *Welfare*—This Committee shall be appointed by the National President and shall stimulate in Local Chapters the operation of Chapter Welfare Committees charged with visiting ill and hospitalized comrades and providing for their comfort, and giving assistance to their families when that is provided.

(c) *Finance*—This Committee shall consist of the two immediate past presidents in good standing, the President, the Treasurer and two or more additional members appointed by the President. It shall develop ways and means of improving the Finances of the Association including the determination of investment policy. It shall oversee and be responsible for the activities of the Treasurer's office, including review of the Treasurer's records and shall arrange for the filing of all required reports. It shall meet at least once a year at the annual reunion.

(d) *Nominating*—The National President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of five immediate National Past Presidents in good standing and a representative from each Chapter, which shall nominate the officers for the ensuing year and shall report to the first Annual Business meeting. No current elected National officers shall be part of this committee.

(e) *Resolutions*—This Committee appointed by the National President shall submit to the National Association such resolutions as may be duly presented to them by Active Chapters and originate such other resolutions as they deem necessary.

(f) *Memorial*—This Committee shall consist of Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, with committee vacancies filled by Presidential appointment, subject to the approval of the other committee members. This committee shall be responsible for the maintenance of Association monuments and memorials and shall maintain liaison with the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Mayor and/or people of Ste. Marie-du-Mont. It shall review the financial status of the Monument Fund, trustee by the Riggs National Bank under agreement, for adequacy and shall maintain its own cash and/or investment accounts and fund-raising authority. The Committee shall submit an annual report of its activities and finances at the annual meeting which shall be made part of the meeting minutes and its financial report shall be available for preparation of tax or information returns required by the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S. Treasury Department.

(g) *Scholarship*—This Committee is the administrator of the 4th (Ivy) Division Association Foundation under which a scholarship has been granted to the surviving child of each member of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division who was killed in action or died in line of duty while serving as a member of the Division in Vietnam during the period 13 October 1966—31 December 1973. This committee is organized and functions under terms of Trust Agreement made August 2, 1969, by and between the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association and the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C. as Trustee.

(h) *Advisory*—This Committee shall consist of six members in good standing, including the National President who shall serve ex-officio. Upon adoption of this By-Law the National President shall appoint five members whose terms shall run for a period of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively. Thereafter the National President shall appoint a member to fill the expiring term during his period of office,

said appointment to be made not less than three months prior to the Annual National Reunion. This Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the National officers with reference to any matters involving the objectives or administration of the National Association. Meetings shall be held not less than once a year at a time and place agreed upon by a majority of the members, providing all of the members are given reasonable notice.

Article II — Fiscal Year

SECTION 1. The fiscal Year of the National Association and of the Local Chapters, shall begin October 1 of each year. Officers shall be elected as near this date as possible. Dues for the new year shall be payable October 1, but will cover membership and the Ivy Leaves subscription for the full ensuing year beginning January 1, and the membership cards shall so state.

Article III — Expenditures

SECTION 1. The Secretary shall have a working fund of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to meet expenses of his office. When properly signed vouchers showing monies expended by the Secretary are received by the National Treasurer, he shall reimburse the working fund an amount necessary to maintain it at the figure set forth in this section.

Article IV — The Ivy Leaves

SECTION 1. The National Association shall publish The Ivy Leaves, the official publication of the Association several times a year as funds may permit, and shall mail a copy to each member in good standing.

Article V — Commemorative Dates

SECTION 1. It is suggested that Local Chapters appropriately commemorate as many as possible of the dates which are of historical importance to the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division.

Article VI — Memorial Ceremony

SECTION 1. At least once each year there shall be a special Memorial Ceremony in memory of the honored dead of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division, observed by the National Association at its Annual Meeting, and by each Chapter at each reunion. It is recommended that the impressive Candle Lighting Ceremony of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association be used on these occasions.

Article VII — Amendments

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of all Active Chapters by proxy of regular delegates present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the National Association, provided however, that notice in writing of such proposed amendment shall have been given to all Chapters at least sixty (60) days prior to said meeting.

SECTION 2. All amendments to these By-Laws shall emanate from an Active Chapter of this Association and shall have been approved by majority vote in a regular business meeting of such Chapter.

SECTION 3. All resolutions of National scope shall emanate from an Active Chapter, or from the National Resolutions Committee.

Vietnam Vets unfairly portrayed according to Westmoreland

WASHINGTON — The Army general who commanded them said yesterday that the Vietnam veteran is "a man of pride and initiative" rather than the "drug ridden psychotic outlaw" portrayed during the war "by partisan politicians, intellectuals, the media, and 'crusading' groups."

Speaking here to the annual mid-winter conference of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland told a standing room only audience that the incorrect impression also suggests the veteran was "an unwilling participant of an unpopular war."

He noted that 91 percent of the veterans polled by a 1980 Harris Survey said they are "glad to have served" and 74 percent said they enjoyed their time in the military. Two-thirds would serve again, even knowing the outcome of the war, the survey added.

Westmoreland reported that two-thirds of the men who served in Vietnam enlisted compared to two-thirds who served in World War II who were drafted.

He said that volunteers accounted for 77 percent of combat deaths in Vietnam, 86 percent of whom were white, 12.5 black, and 1.2 of other races.

The 97 percent honorable discharge rate was no different than for the 10 years before Vietnam, Westmoreland added.

Citing government findings, he said there "is no difference in drug usage rates between veterans and non-veterans of the Vietnam age group,"

the veterans are less likely than non-vets to be in prison, and "only half of a percent have been jailed for a crime."

Frequently interrupted by applause, Westmoreland described as "smoke screens" the propaganda devised by the Communists from the statements of American public figures during the war.

He also described college draft deferments as "an unwise policy... injurious to our society, degrading to our academic institutions, and a hindrance to the war effort." He said it "was discriminatory, undemocratic and resulted in the war being fought mainly by the poor man's son."

On the college campus, Westmoreland continued, the deferments resulted in "emotional anti-war sentiments" coming from "a guilt complex and the frustration of possibly having to participate in a war controlled by a no-win political policy."

When draft deferments ran out, he said, the services received thousands of privates with advanced degrees, many of whom "came from emotionally-charged campuses" who were better educated than their sergeants and some of their officers. He blamed this with attempts to thwart military discipline in the name of dissent against national policy. Descriptions of career military as "lifers" and volunteers as "paid killers" were examples of the result, he added.

Westmoreland acknowledged there are many veterans in need of help and asked for support of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership program "run by Vietnam veterans for Vietnam veterans."

The above article appeared in the MOUNTAINEER, April 8, 1983.

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA IN '84

(Editor's note - The following article appeared in the Sunday World-Herald Magazine of the Midlands, November 8, 1981 and is reprinted here with the kind permission of that paper and the author.)

A Soldier Remembered: 'I'm Proud of the Uncle I Never Knew'

by James Martin Davis

Continued from September 1983 IVY LEAVES

This man was the author. Rev. William Boice had been the regimental chaplain for the 22nd Infantry Regiment during the war. But he could tell me nothing about my uncle, for the regiment had been composed of three battallions and over 5,000 men, but he did tell me about the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

He was proud of that unit. It had been the first unit to hit the Normandy beaches on D-Day. It had fought through France, and it had survived the siege of the Hurtgen Forest.

It had helped turn the tide during the Battle of the Bulge, and it had penetrated the Siegfried Line and had driven into Germany.

Rev. Boice wanted to help me. For years after the war he had kept many of the various companies' records at his office, including those of H Company, but he thought they were now long since gone. He told me he would look very hard for them and instructed me to call him back in several days.

He also gave me the names of three people who had been in the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Two of them he believed may have been in H Company. George Wilson, he thought, had been the company commander. His wartime address was in Grand Ledge, Mich.

Ruben Snitkin had been in H Company, and he lived in Florida. Swede Henley, from South Carolina, had been at the battalion level but might be able to provide me with some additional leads.

I called George Wilson. Yes, George had been the company commander but not until after the war. He did not know my uncle. However, he gave me additional names.

I tracked down some of the people who belonged to the names he gave me. None had known my uncle. They gave me other names. The story was the same. These soldiers either had not been in H Company, or were replacements later in the war and never knew my uncle. I was getting discouraged.

I finally reached Ruben Snitkin in Holiday, Fla. He had left H Company in December of 1944, but he never knew my uncle. However, there were two brothers in Mississippi, both of whom, he believed, had been in my uncle's company. Their last name was Guinn.

I tracked down these brothers, but neither of them could provide much help. They gave me more names of other soldiers in other cities. I called Oakland, Pa., Chicago, and Birmingham, Ala., and numerous other cities. These leads resulted in nothing.

Several days later I reached Clifford "Swede" Henley. He found the diary he kept during the war. While he could give me few names, he provided me with what I thought was my first real information.

On March 5, 1945, my uncle's company was operating inside Germany in the Schwirzheim-Hillesheim area. On that date the battalion command post had been located at a place called Duppach, Germany. My uncle probably had been wounded not far from there, he told me.

When I returned home that evening, I checked my atlas. I continued

to look. No Schwirzheim! No Hillesheim! I went out and bought the best map of Germany I could find. None of these names was on the map. Next, I tried to telephone the few people that he had mentioned. Nothing!

By this time I had spent a fortune on phone calls, and my office work was piling up. I could find no one who knew my uncle. I could find no records at all of the action that killed him. I could not even find where he had been wounded.

I called Rev. Boice but he no longer had any records for H Company. It seemed like a dead end, but he did tell me that on or about March 5, 1945, H Company had been in the neighborhood of Prum, Germany. David Roderick, he thought, had been in H Company, and he lived in Lancaster, Calif.

When I got home that night I went back to my map. Prum, Germany? I found it! It was in the tri-border area where Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany come together.

I called David Roderick that night. Yes, he had been in H Company, but he had left the company in the fall of 1944 and did not know my uncle. He did remember the name of one of the platoon leaders in H Company. His name was Elmo Meister, and he lived in Maryville, Calif.

I obtained the listing for Elmo Meister and dialed. No, he had not been my uncle's platoon leader, but my uncle's name sounded familiar. He told me to get my uncle's letters and call him back. Lt. Meister was going to help me.

I got the letters from my aunt and called him back. "What's the name of the censor on the front of the envelopes?" "A.H. Brennan," I replied.

"That's Andy Brennan," he said. "Andy Brennan was your uncle's platoon leader. Your uncle was in the 2nd Platoon. Andy is alive and

lives in Fair Haven, N.Y. Good luck, Mr. Davis."

I got the number for Andy Brennan from long distance information and called him. My uncle's name rang a bell, but he did not specifically remember him. Brennan had been the platoon leader for the 2nd Platoon for only a few weeks before March 5, 1945, but Andy Brennan remembered the date March 5, 1945, vividly.

It was on that same date that he, too, had been wounded. I pumped him for every detail he could remember about that action. We talked for 45 minutes. Since he had been the platoon leader for such a short time, he could not remember the names of any of the other members of the platoon who might have known my uncle.

However, he said there had been a combat medic named Mickey Lieberman, and he lived in Stamford, Conn.

My mind clicked. A medic? I remembered a story my grandmother had told me a generation ago. There had been a "first aid man" she said who had come back after the war looking for Jim. He had talked about Jim. He had served with him, but my grandmother never quite understood what he told her.

I related this story to Brennan. Brennan stated that the man may have been Mickey, because Mickey traveled the country after the war visiting some of the guys in the platoon. It couldn't be, I thought.

It was now at least 11:30 p.m. in Connecticut. I could not wait until morning. The man who answered the phone stated his name was Mickey Lieberman. I told him who I was, and I told him all of the details of my search. I gave him all of the background information I could.

The medic spoke. "Young man, I knew your uncle very well." I could not believe what I was hearing. I

was speechless. The medic continued. He had been a very close friend of my uncle's. It had been Mickey who had pulled my uncle off the hill on which he had been wounded on March 5, 1945.

And yes, it had been Mickey who had visited my grandparents in 1946. After the war he had traveled the country. He thought that perhaps my uncle had pulled through, and he had stopped by in hopes of seeing him.

For an hour Mickey Lieberman, the combat medic, told me about my uncle. My uncle, he said, had been full of life. He always had a smile on his face. He told me about the good times they had together, and the times that two, three and sometimes four of them spent nights freezing in foxholes.

He also gave me a detailed description of the action that resulted in my uncle's fatal wounds.

Mickey remembered that there had been two other staff sergeants from the 2nd Platoon that had survived the war. Staff Sgts. Bernard Lyons of Pittsburgh and Gerald Crane from Chicago had been good friends of my uncle's, he said.

If I tried, I could probably reach them because they were both still alive. I could not sleep at all that night.

The next day I called Bernard Lyons, and I told him my story. Bernie Lyons said, "Mr. Davis, I'm really sorry; I didn't know that Jimmy had gotten it."

Bernie Lyons had been wounded three days before my uncle, on March 2, 1945, and he spent two years in the hospital after the war. He had never known that Jim had been hit.

He told me that all the staff sergeants in the platoon had been close; they were older and better educated, and they stuck together.

Lyons used to play poker with

Jim, go into town with him, and talk about the future with him. Both of them had been interested in journalism. After 60 minutes of conversation, I hated to hang up the phone.

Then Gerald Crane told me he had been a lawyer before he entered the service, but somehow Army logic turned him into a staff sergeant in a machine gun platoon. Crane had been a buddy of my uncle's.

On March 5, 1945, he had also been a participant in the bitter action of that day, and he had survived. He had been an eyewitness to the events that killed my uncle.

Crane described the battle to me and answered question after question. We talked until I had page after page of notes, and until I had exhausted him.

The next day in the mail I received a letter from Elmo Meister. In it he included a photocopy of several pages from William Boice's book on the 22nd Infantry Regiment. The pages contained two brief paragraphs about the unit's action on March 5, 1945.

I sat back and reviewed all the materials I had compiled. I just could not make myself believe it. After all these years, I had been able to find out exactly what had happened to my uncle. The entire story was laid out before me. I had collected all of the pieces of the puzzle.

The 22nd Infantry Regiment had been a part of the 4th Infantry Division, and the 4th Division had been a part of Gen. George Patton's famous Third Army.

In early March of 1945, the Third Army was inside Germany, pushing toward the Rhine River, and was involved in Operation Lumberjack.

This action was designed to clear the German defenders out of an area extending from Cologne to Koblenz, north of the Moselle River. By March 3, 1945, the Third Army had fought its way to the Kyll River.

On March 5, 1945, the village of Duppach was secured, and it became the 2nd Battalion command post. The battalion jumped off from Duppach, and encountered very stiff resistance on a hill nearly 1,000 yards to the southeast of Duppach.

The 2nd Battalion's mission was to take a hill known as Queen's Hill, and H Company was the lead company, despite the fact that it was a heavy weapons company.

Jim Laferla commanded two squads in the 2nd Platoon of H Company. He was in the point element, moving up the hill on line with the rifle companies.

And halfway up the hill, the 2nd Battalion ran into troops from the 5th German Parachute Division, The fanatical German paratroopers, along with elements from the equally rabid Volksturm, composed mostly of Hitler Youth members, overran one of the rifle platoons, and they began killing the American wounded in place.

Elmo Meister's platoon moved up quickly in support of the rifle platoon and pushed the Germans back.

The point element of the 2nd Platoon, led by my uncle, was the closest to the top of the hill. It was caught in a cascade of enemy machine gun and artillery fire, but it held. However, Jim's machine gunner was hit and put out of action.

Jim personally began laying down covering fire with his M-1 rifle in the direction of the German guns, while his assistant gunner took over the machine gun and tried to set it up. Jim then attempted to direct the placement of his other gun.

Jim managed to get to the gun under a hail of fire. He grabbed the gun and began firing, and while swinging the gun around, he was hit in the abdomen by the German machine gun fire.

Medic Mickey Lieberman saw that Jim was hit and raced and

crawled up to him, picked him up and attempted to carry him down the hill.

Staff Sgt. Gerald Crane, the lawyer from Chicago, was further down the hill directly behind my uncle's element, and he saw what had happened to Jim. He immediately got his guns set up and provided covering fire for my uncle's squads and for Lieberman.

Lieberman was on his way down the hill carrying my uncle when he was hit in the shoulder with automatic weapons fire from a German paratrooper located in the brush a few yards away. He also took a round through his helmet, which narrowly missed his head.

While crouched down, he took a hand grenade from my uncle's belt and tossed it into the brush and started back down the hill. Mickey asked my uncle, who was only semi-conscious, how he was.

Jim's only reply was, "Oh, Mickey, I hurt." Those were the only words Lieberman remembers my uncle uttering.

Mickey Lieberman got my uncle down the hill where Jim was quickly removed by stretcher to a field hospital. Later Mickey Lieberman and Lt. Andy Brennan, both wounded, made it back to an aid station accompanied by a German prisoner.

The 5th day of March, 1945, had been H Company's worst day of the war. Eight men had been killed and numerous others wounded. But by dark the 2nd battalion had captured this important hill — line of departure for an assault on the river.

On March 6, 1945, the entire regiment was able to cross the Kyll River into Hillesheim. On that same day, charred medical records reveal that a Maj. M. Sarkisian of the Army Medical Corps operated on Staff Sgt. Jim Laferla to repair a perforation wound of the abdomen that had penetrated the gall bladder.

On March 7, 1945, less than 20 miles northeast of where my uncle had been wounded, assaulting American troops from the Ninth Army found the Ludendorf Bridge still standing across the Rhine River at an obscure place called Remagen.

This bridge was seized, the Rhine River was crossed, and for the first time American soldiers poured into the heartland of Germany. The Nazis' days were numbered.

And on that same day, the war was over for Staff Sgt. Jim Laferla. At 0250 hours that day my uncle died — a long, long way from Omaha, Nebraska.

The 22nd Infantry Regiment remained in Hillesheim for several days. Then, after having spent 199 straight days in combat, the regiment was relieved and sent south to Lunneville, France.

The casualties that H Company had suffered on March 5, 1945, were the last casualties that H Company took during the war.

When my uncle died on March 7, 1945, sadly he was, most probably, the last man from H Company who was killed in the war.

I have recently obtained a World War II grid map for this area of Germany from the National Archives. Gerolstein, Hillesheim, Schwirzheim and Duppach are all clearly marked thereon. Also depicted on the map is a place called Hill 520. This is Queen's Hill.

I can now pinpoint within a few hundred yards the spot in Germany where my uncle was hit. I have promised myself that someday I am going to see that hill.

Now, after 36 years, my uncle is no longer a rumor to me. I think about what Bernard Lyons told me: "You can be proud of your uncle. He was a hell of a good guy and a hell of a good soldier."

My search is now over. It was all worthwhile. I am proud of the uncle

I never knew, the uncle I never saw. I also am proud of the men with whom he served in the 22nd Infantry Regiment. No one can ever truly measure what we owe them.

I went back to Holy Sepulchre recently. I still do not like cemeteries, but his time when I went, I went for a purpose. I went back to silently tell my uncle that I had talked with his platoon leader and to his buddies Lieberman, Lyons and Crane, and that they had not forgotten him.

But mostly, I went back to silently tell him that all of us were so very proud of him, and that we all loved him.

I spent a long time at his gravesite, and before I walked away, I saluted for the first time in 11 years.

In the Army it is always a matter of military courtesy to salute heroes. Somehow it seemed the proper thing to do, considering the fact that I was standing on a hillside full of them.



Monument at Dickweiler, Luxembourg, dedicated, 1981 (Photo-JackPort)

An open letter to 1st Bn. 8th Infantry and Mr. John C. Ausland from Peter N. Russo, 91 Summit Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231, 2/12/83

Gentlemen:

I am a recent subscriber to IVY LEAVES. If articles such as the December 1982 Huertgen Forest written by Mr. John C. Ausland have been printed for many years, I am indeed a big loser.

Mr. Ausland, please relate if you can. I will pick up where you end your story, "The Eve of the German Winter Offensive."

I remember a fire order command to our Battery B, 29th F.A. Bn which encompassed a 270 degree area. We were called upon on three ordered fire missions covering our extreme left flank, center and right flank. I believe the order called for 300 rounds from four pieces "105 mm Artillery." I have been plagued by the lack of knowledge of the devastation created by our weapons. Mr. Ausland, the lanyards were removed from our guns, "against orders from ordnance" since D-minus. We fired with the trigger fork and the gun never went into recoil. We fired as a shell was slapped into the chamber. We clocked the firing time on multiple rounds at one second each. I estimate that 50 to 60 rounds were fired in one minute's time at Luxembourg. I can not formulate in my mind a picture of this type of devastation because we were never subjected to this type of fire. I am aware that the 88's and 76's did have this capability. I do not believe that the rapid fire potential was achieved by anyone but ourselves.

I recall that a 155mm supporting unit left their position and visited ours to see the new rapid fire weapon the U.S. had come up with. These G.I.'s were dejected to find old 105's and angry because it would avail these artillerymen nothing to try the trigger fork technique because 155mm artillery pieces are separate loaders. "Shell

and powder pack are separate" and destined to about three rounds per minute. I believe this occasion of multiple rounds was fired in Huertgen Forest.

In conclusion, I will state that the order preceding the fire mission was for destruction of our weapons. A few moments after our saturation of the 270 degree perimeter, the destruct order was cancelled and we were informed that the drive was halted. Was this shelling the prime factor in stopping the German Drive to Paris?

/s/Peter N. Russo, formerly
B Battery, 29th F.A.
4th Infantry Division

How The Allies Fooled Hitler

by John Ausland

One of the reasons the Normandy landings succeeded was that Hitler was convinced that these were a deception and that the main landings would take place elsewhere. Anthony Cave Brown's *Bodyguard of Lies*, which is an account of the intelligence side of the war in Europe, throws some light on why Hitler made this costly error.

In order to confuse the Germans as to where the invasion would take place, the allies undertook an elaborate program of deception. This delusion involved the creation of dummy armies which had the "mission" of invading Europe at various points. The main effort, which was successful was to persuade Hitler that the primary attack would take place on the Pas de Calais, the part of France nearest England.

One of the reasons that this ruse was successful was a mistake made by a German intelligence officer, Col. Alexis Baron von Roenne. Annoyed that higher headquarters was always cutting his estimates of allied troop strength in England in half before

forwarding them to Hitler, von Roenne doubled his estimates. Higher headquarters stopped, however, cutting them in half and forwarded von Roenne's original estimates to Hitler. Von Roenne was then stuck with his totals. There is evidence that he even began to believe them himself.

The net result was that, when the 4th and other allied divisions landed in Normandy, Hitler was convinced that it was a diversionary operation.

The allied deception worked so well that the invasion fleet of 6100 vessels managed to cross the channel without even being detected by the Germans. We were helped, however, by the bad weather. The Germans were convinced that the allies would not attempt a landing with such rough seas and did not send out their patrol boats.

According to *The Bodyguard of Lies*, the Germans considered the British and Canadians much better soldiers than the Americans. This misconception also worked in our favor. The Germans expected the breakout to come in the Caen area, where the British and Canadians were located. Otherwise, there might have been more German forces concentrated in the St. Lo area, where the breakout actually took place.

As it was, the Panzer Lehr division, one of the Wehrmacht's finest units, was opposite the 4th. Had we been confronted with an additional division, I hesitate to think how difficult it would have been to break out from the beachhead.

IVY LEAVES IN BAMBOO

Claymore

When they wanted German soldiers to keep their distance from the fox-hole line in World War II, 4th Infantry Division GIs set out antipersonnel mines. One standard antipersonnel mine, the metallic M2A4 "Bouncing Betty" flew into the air when somebody kicked it off, exploded, and rain-

ed steel on nose German night patrols. Demanding all the respect of a rattlesnake, the Bouncing Betty had to have a safety pin cautiously inserted before an Ivyman could disarm it.

By the time the 4th shipped out to Vietnam's Central Highlands, combat troops carried the new Antipersonnel Mine M8A1 Claymore, named after a wicked Scots broadsword. Like a broadsword, the deadly Claymore mine cut down everything at a man's height in a 60 degree arc. Unlike the older Bouncing Betty, a soldier could control the Claymore's firing with an electrical device. Defending an artillery position at night, eyeballing a jungle trail for North Vietnamese regulars, one squeeze of the Claymore's firing handle and a 4th Division trooper "blew away" the enemy. Propelled by 1¼ pounds of explosive, the Claymore expended 700 death-dealing steel pellets for over 50 yards.

There were other ways to "zap" the enemy with the 3½ pound fiberglass Claymore. One could arm it for non-electrical firing and move a greater distance from the small antipersonnel mine. Only 8½ inches long, 1 3/8 inches thick, and 3¼ inches high, it could be activated by pull type firing devices and trip wires much like the Bouncing Betty.

The Claymore mine provided 4th Infantry Division soldiers in Vietnam one more weapon with which to survive. Like their predecessors in World War I and World War II, no Ivyman went into Pleiku Province expecting a picnic.

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**Please reserve
August 5 - 12, 1984
to be with 4th
Division friends in
Clearwater, Fla.**

Capital Chapter

Bill Thompson reports that the Capital Chapter held its summer meeting on Sunday, August 21st at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant just off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Dorsey, Maryland.

President Larry Schwartz called the meeting to order promptly at 1 p.m. (already thinking about the table-full of steamed crabs awaiting).

Doris Lindner read the minutes of the previous meeting in the absence of Leo Stermole. Bill Lindner gave the treasurer's report.

Since Leo Stermole resigned his post as Secretary after many years of service, President Schwartz called for nominations for the post and succeeded in getting one. In record time E.W. (Bill) Thompson was elected (in absentia).

The future location of chapter meetings was discussed with a view to alternating between Maryland and Virginia. A fall meeting at the Bud Whalen's in Silver Spring was tentatively scheduled for early November.

Tallie Crocker, Logan Lowers, and John Symanski were appointed to arrange a mini-reunion in Virginia with a view to attracting the scattered Virginia members of the chapter. Many of them are more than one hundred miles from Washington, D.C.

Tallie Crocker gave a report on the Scholarship Fund. Walt Berry gave a report on the visit of Mayor Michel de Vallevielle. No cut and dried reports these; they were terse but intensely interesting.

Steve and Anna Kovall (4th Division, Germany, early 50's) were welcomed as new members of the chapter.

President Schwartz closed the meeting when cracking crab shells threatened to drown out his roar.

Then followed a concerted and successful attack on dozens of famous Maryland crabs. Sorry, but attackees were unwilling or unable to claim total victory.

Attendees were: Walt and Helen Berry, Tallie Crocker, Bill and Midge Gay, Steve and Anna Kovall, Joseph and Helen Lefko, Bill and Doris Lindner, Logan and Billie Lowers, Ed and Mae Phillips, Ed and Frances Pope, Ken and Winnie Rose, Larry Schwartz and Norma Blackburn, Albert and Sarah Small, Bill Thompson, and John and Winnie Wolfe.

The Capital Chapter will host a mini-reunion on April 13, 14 and 15, 1984, at the easy-to-find Ramada Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia. The Inn is located on Virginia Route 3, just one-fourth mile west of I-95, handy to a large shopping center and two miles from historic Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock River. This area was the scene of four major battles during the Civil War. (and yes, there was a 4th Division). Self guided tours are featured for both the battlefields and historic homes of the area while Shannon Air Museum is a modern attraction for visitors. Downtown Fredericksburg has many small shops in which members may browse. Any athletes are invited to bring their own silver dollars should they wish to emulate George Washington's famous throw.

President Larry Schwartz promises to have the hospitality room open by 6 p.m. on Friday evening and on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. prior to the reunion dinner scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Capital Chapter wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Scholarship Fund

At the suggestion of the new Secretary of the Scholarship Fund, Tallie J. Crocker, we are happy to print the following items of interest to Vietnam Veterans.

One of the great things that Vietnam Veterans of the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division did was to raise funds to provide scholarships for the children of their fellow infantrymen who made the supreme sacrifice fighting in Vietnam. When General Stone wrote to the Association about having it take charge of the funds and administer the scholarships, your editor was the National President. Through the efforts of my successor, the late Bryce Rhine, and Colonel Gerden Johnson, Henry Harken and others, an agreement was drawn up with the Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C. to administer the funds and run the scholarship program. The members of the Association responsible for its administration, especially Colonel Gerden Johnson, did the spade work necessary to make it the success it has been. The Association can be proud of their work which coupled with the efforts of the Riggs National Bank people has seen it progress from an original stipend of \$1500 to the present \$4500.

As of June 30, 1983, 125 scholarship awards with a value of \$244,200 had been redeemed. This number represents 57% of those scheduled for payment and leaves a maximum liability of 232 awards to be paid by the end of 1989. Using the historic 57% redemption rate, the expected number to be redeemed is 127.

The net worth of the fund on June 30, 1983 was \$422,600, an increase of 35% over the worth of \$350,490 on June 30, 1982, despite payment of \$39,700 in scholarships during that period.

Here is a summary of the fund activity since its inception on September 1, 1969, to June 30, 1983.

OPERATING ACCOUNT Sept. 1, 1969 — June 30, 1983

INCOME:

Dividends	\$ 81,875
Interest	211,364
Total Income	\$294,239

EXPENSES:

Shipping	51
Principal Fees	8,816
Trustee's Commissions	8,778
Miscellaneous	61
Total Operating Expenses	17,706
NET INCOME (Transferred to Capital Account)	\$276,533

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

RECEIVED from 4th Inf. Div. (Vietnam)	\$341,618
TRANSFERRED from Operating Account	276,533
CONTRIBUTION	15
TOTAL FUNDS Received	\$618,166
DEDUCTIONS:	
Scholarships Paid (125)	\$244,200
Adjust to cash value	48,634
Total Deductions	195,566
BALANCE June 30, 1983	\$422,600

Scholarship Fund

While the preceding facts and figures are illustrative of the financial structure of the scholarship program, how about a little information on a couple of recipients?

Leigh Anne Palmer's father was CSM James H. Palmer, HHC 3/12th, KIA 4/27/70. His daughter, Deborah redeemed her \$1500 Scholarship on 12/3/71. Leigh Anne redeemed her \$2500 Scholarship on 5/19/83 and received the additional \$2,000 on 8/30/83. Mrs. Palmer has called Secretary, Tallie Crocker, twice to talk about the Scholarships and to tell us how much she appreciates them.

Leigh Anne, a student at Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Maryland, has written in part,

"I received your letter informing me of an increase of \$2,000...I was pleased to hear this news and do accept the increase of \$2,000 per Scholarship rules. This increase will help me a great deal with my finances for school and you can depend on me to make the 4th Division and my father proud of me.

I know my father would be so proud to be a part of a group of men who truly fulfill the Army motto, "We take care of our own." End of quotation.

Pamela J. Smith's father was PSG Elmelindo R. Smith, C/2/8th, KIA 2/16/67. Her letter states,
Dear Sir,

I am writing in reply to your letter of August 3, 1983, concerning the additional funds available on my scholarship.

Yes, I can use the additional money. It will enable me to continue my undergraduate studies throughout the 1983-84 school year. Please send the check to : Office of the Registrar, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164; to be credited to my account.

I am deeply grateful to the Scholarship Committee and the members of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association for their help in making my educational goals obtainable. Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to them for all the help they have extended to me.

May I take this opportunity to share with the members a most unforgettable memory of a very special event. In November, 1981, my sister, Kathleen, and I were guests of honor at the Dedication Ceremonies of the U.S. Army Museum located at Ft. DeRussy, Hawaii, and we participated in the many activities and parades held in conjunction with the Medal of Honor Convention in Honolulu that year. Because the 4th Infantry Division bestowed upon my father, PSG Elmelindo R. Smith, the Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, and since he is one of only six Medal of Honor Winners from the State of Hawaii, his portrait and Medal are prominently displayed in a special central location within the Museum's Hall of Heroes. Both my sister and I were greatly impressed and honored to have had a small part in this truly memorable week and we hope the members of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association are just as proud, too.

Thank you, again, One and All!

Very sincerely yours,
Pamela J. Smith

N.E. Chapter

Secretary-Treasurer Bill Hartigan reports that Chapter members and friends had an enjoyable meeting on October 22, 1983 at the Sheraton Mansfield Inn & Conference Center in Mansfield, Mass.

President Paul Brunelle opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the playing of a tape of the Salute to the Flag which he obtained at the Freedom Foundation last year. It is very well done and explains the meaning of the phrases in the salute. After listening, the body saluted the flag and then Fred Lopes lit the candles while Bill Pembroke called the roll of honor for our solemn candle light memorial service.

After dinner, Nominating Committee Chairman Bill Pembroke proposed that our current slate of officers be reelected which met with the overwhelming approval of the membership. Our 1983-84 Chapter Officers are: President, Paul Brunelle; Vice Presidents, W.W. I., Louis Minsky; Vietnam, Peter Samon; W.W. II., Ed Rayn; Publicityman, George Morgan; Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Hartigan and Sgt-at-arms, William G. Young.

Greg McDonnell spoke briefly about the 1984 trip to Europe and explained that Jean Nesser and Tilley Kimmes and other members of CEBA are striving to have a monument to the 4th Division at the entrance to Luxembourg Airport which should be dedicated during the trip next year.

Everyone signed a card for George Morgan who was in Quincy City Hospital recovering from an infected shoulder. We are glad to report that George is well on his way to complete recovery after his long bout of illness.

Among those in attendance were: Joe and Lorraine Costello, Dom and Jeanne Gragnano and Ed Potts from the NY-NJ Chapter. Viola Norton, her daughter-in-law, Anne Wilson and granddaughter, Kathy Wilson came from Somerset. Others present included: Bernie Colbert and lovely daughter, Lisa, Al and Flora DeChristopher, Frank and Gilda Corio, Bill and Dot Merola, Jeanne Donahue, Tom Duffy, Bill Young, John Mancinone and guest, Ray and Irma McCarthy, Roy Fullen and guest, Bill and Kevin Hartigan, Ken Leavitt, Bill Pembroke, Bob and Marilyn Mahn, Bill and Olga LeGendre, Dick and Thelma Ready, Irv and June Bradbury, Dave and Terry McCreddie, Dom and Florence Alfano, Paul and Betty Brunelle, Fred Lopes, Frank and Mary Bradley and Gladys Derba, Fred and Bertha Corey, Greg McDonnell and Ted and Stella Hantzes.

The Spring meeting of the N.E. Chapter will be at the Sandy Bay Motel, Main Street, Rockport, Mass. over the weekend of May 18, 19 and 20, 1984. All 4th Division people are invited to this picturesque motel where we have a special rate of \$48 for singles and \$52 for doubles. Reservations must be made with the motel by April 2, 1984 so why not make plans for a spring vacation on the North Shore? The town of Rockport offers a variety of arts and crafts among its many shops and numerous art galleries, Motif #1 is there for any aspiring artists or photographers to reproduce in their own medium.

The New England Chapter sends Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to all.

Clearwater awaits 4th Division people!

Memorial Fund

The expenditure of funds on behalf of the Maire and Utah Beach Museum will seriously deplete our fund balance so we must appeal to the members for donations. Checks payable to the Memorial Fund may be mailed to Henry R. Harken, Treasurer, 7 Beacon Drive, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050, or an additional amount may be paid with your dues, allocated to the Memorial Fund.

Florida Chapter

A quick report from Andy Lento via telephone revealed that 75 members, wives and friends gathered at Lani Purcell's Holiday Inn in Plant City over the November 11 and 12, 1983 weekend to elect officers and to discuss plans for the 1984 National Reunion at the Sand Key Hotel in Clearwater.

National President Vince Angeloni gave a brief talk and reminded members of the pending 1984 Trip to Europe and urged any members interested to contact Greg McDonnell at 1 Crestview Drive, Dover, NH 03820 for more information.

Officers for the 1983-84 year will be: President, Ken Zisler; Vice Presidents, Ed McQuillen, Ed Brown and Dom Argiro; Secretary, Angelo Bavosa; Treasurer, Jim Deegan and Registrar, Andy Lento.

Readers are advised that Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, 1984, will be the dates for the next Florida Chapter meeting. It will be at Lani Purcell's Plant City Holiday Inn

again because of its convenient location for most members. The excitement of the weekend will be the Strawberry Festival for which Plant City has become world renown.

Publicityman Ralph Jones has promised complete details of the 1984 National Reunion events together with the registration form for the March IVY LEAVES.

1984 Dues Now Payable

Our Financial Secretary, Ruben Snitkin, 4705 Waterview Drive North, Holiday, FL 33590 reports that 1984 membership cards are ready for mailing to members who pay their dues. Members may pay either their local Chapter treasurers or Ruben. Should you get a dues statement and already have paid please ignore it and know that things have crossed in the mail. Your prompt payment saves the Association much time and money and your patience alleviates much distress on the part of our treasurers. Should you fail to receive your '84 membership card within a month, please inquire of the treasurer to whom you remitted your '84 dues.

Anniversary Noted

According to the official Department of the Army Lineage and Honors, the IVY Division was organized on December 10, 1917 at Camp Greene, N.C. so we are celebrating the 66th anniversary of the Famous Fourth Division.

L.V., N.Y.-N.J & PA. Mini-Reunion

Larry Flanagan reports that the Lehigh Valley, New York - New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania Chapters have formulated plans for a mini-reunion on May 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1984 at Stouffer's Valley Forge Hotel in King of Prussia, Pa. On Thursday evening at Lilly Langtree's in Valley Forge, a dinner and floor show have been planned. On Friday plans have been made for a bus trip to the Casinos in Atlantic City. On Saturday evening, the traditional dinner and dance will follow the solemn memorial candle light service for our departed 4th Division comrades.

All members of the Association are invited. Complete details will appear in the March IVY LEAVES.

Mississippi Chapter

Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Gray reports that the Mississippi Chapter was proud and honored to appear on the front cover of the September IVY LEAVES.

New members welcomed to the chapter include: J.W. Tilley, Mulberry, Ark., Co. B., 8th Inf. Vietnam; Philip W. LaBorde, Moreauville, La., Hq & Hq. Co., 8th Inf. W.W. II; Robert L. Clouse, Lewisville, Tx., K Co., 8th Inf. W.W. II; Walter E. Gray, Dallas, Tx., Vietnam; William J. Christianson, Bishop, Tx., 124th Sig. Co., Vietnam;

Euel J. Wiggins, Waco, Tx., and F.W. Widener, El Paso, Tx., 8th Inf. W.W. II.

There is a notice in "Taps" about Woodrow Willard Morris of E Co., 8th Inf. who just joined the Association and the Mississippi Chapter.

Dennis reports receiving a Post Card from Jack and Eleanor Carter who made a 17 day tour of Europe. Chapter Vice President, Malvin Pike and wife, Mary, are going to Europe and will spend some extra time in Scotland with their son who is serving in the U.S. Navy there and then will go to England to visit relations.

Mississippi Chapter sends Season's Greetings and Happy New Year wishes to all.

Illinois Chapter

Rick Sover reports that membership dues payments have been coming in well and only about 50 members had not paid their dues as of October 13, 1983. No response to the question of a mini-reunion for the Illinois Chapter so that appears to be a dead issue.

Luther Williamson, Rt. -3, Box 16A1, Nashville, IL 62263, is on the Chapter sick list and Rick urges the members to send a get well card.

W. Pa. Chapter

President Jim Hawkins says that when June 1, 2 and 3, 1984 roll around, it will be time to get the troops out of the hot sun and into the shade of the Sheraton Inn, Route 30 East, 100 Sheraton Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601, telephone 412-836-6060. Singles will be \$37 and doubles will be \$44 for this D Day

commemorative meeting. W. Pa. members have already started plans for an even better than usual Hospitality room.

Association members should save these dates. W. Pa. and Ohio members will receive a letter with final plans which will be in the March IVY LEAVES also.

The Sheraton Inn is a choice location near two shopping malls, a nine hole Executive Golf course and various sites of historical interest.

It is not too soon to start making plans for this June mini-reunion with the W. Pa. Chapter whose officers and wives join in sending Season's Greetings and Happy New Year wishes to Association members and friends everywhere.

Lehigh Valley Chapter

On September 16, 1983 at Hellertown American Legion Post, the LV Chapter had a nice meeting at which the following officers were elected: President, Edward Thompson; Senior Vice President and Secretary, Charlie Knop; Junior Vice President, Thomas Carlton; Treasurer, Joe Motil and Sergeant-at-arms and Chaplain, John Snyder.

Notch Information

We reported in the September IVY LEAVES in the Mail Bag an article about this problem by Dick Ready of the N.E. Chapter.

Rick Sover has a further report. All members of the 4th Division Association who were born during the period 1917 to 1921 and have retired or plan to retire are being

short changed by the Social Security Administration in the amount of about \$100 per month. To correct this unfair situation, H. R. 4093 has been introduced by Representative Edward R. Roybal, (D-California), Chairman of the Select Committee on Aging. All Association members in this category are requested to write to their Congressional representatives and the President, to urge that this bill be placed in committee and acted upon. The Sooner, the Better. Remember it is your money. So write, we have to be heard!

Richard A. Sover,
Past National President 1981-82

Clervaux, 1983

by George Morgan

With great pleasure during the week of September 8 to 15, 1983, I participated in a special CEBA Memorial Tour which was nostalgic, sentimental and emotional.

CEBA stands for Cercle d'etudes sur la bataille des Ardennes. It sponsors luncheons and ceremonies for the various military units which return to tour the Luxembourg area and it keeps alive the memory of the sacrifices made by American soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge.

We arrived in Brussels on Friday, September 9th and just relaxed prior to a welcoming cocktail hour and dinner. On Saturday we departed by bus for Luxembourg via Houmont and Bastogne where we had lunch and visited McAuliffe Square prior to a reception at the Town Hall.

We stopped on the outskirts of the little town of Houmont which was nearly destroyed during the 101st Airborne's defense of Bastogne. A member of the 101st Airborne

remembered this little village and collected donations of \$747 from his Airborne friends to help the people rebuild their church. At a reception in the meeting house of Houmont the gift of money was presented. We were all touched by this act of generosity and took up a collection from the tour members to add to the donation. We shall never forget this emotional scene. Since the townspeople do their own labor in restoring the church, these funds will be used only to purchase materials.

After the ceremonies at Houmont and Bastogne, we motored to Luxembourg City to Des Ardennes, a delightful small hotel in the center of the city, for three days of dinners and receptions.

On Sunday morning, September 11th, 4th Division members Greg McDonnell, Ed Potts and I temporarily left the tour. Jean Nesser, a Vice President of Luxair, met us at the hotel and drove us to the airport for lunch at the building where the inflight meals are prepared. Jean who was a teenager during the war, lived in Shattrange. His home was the Command Post for G Company, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Division. After bicycling home from school each day, he would practice his English by speaking with his G Company friends who were billeted in the barn. Twenty-five years later when the 4th Division people returned to Normandy to dedicate a monument at Utah Beach and continued on to Luxembourg for wreath laying ceremonies at Hamm Cemetery, the final resting place for so many 4th Division men and General George Patton, Jean renewed his friendship with Walter Berry of G Company who was one of the G.I.'s living in his barn. This renewed friendship still continues at the present time.

We met with Jean to consider his plans for a monument to the 4th

Division and to all U.S. units who fought in the area. The monument is to be placed in a prominent spot at the entrance to the airport for all arriving and departing visitors to see. Plans call for this dedication to be held during the 1984 4th Division Association Tour which is being run by Galaxy Tours.

Jean Nesser drove us back to Clervaux in time for the dedication of the monument which is the result of many years of planning and collecting money. The U.S. Veterans assembled at the Railroad station under overcast skies on this misty afternoon. They boarded Jeeps and other restored military vehicles, remnants of battle field action, and were paraded to the site of the dedication. This very touching gesture to us back 39 years.

After many speeches the Grand Duke Henri and the Grand Duchess Maria Theresa unveiled the monument. It is a beautiful bronze statue depicting a G.I. standing on a large rock with a star for its foundation and a plaque bearing the words, "To Our Liberators 1944-1945." Another plaque displays the insignias of the following U.S. Infantry Divisions: 4th, 5th, 8th, 26th, 28th, 35th, 76th, 80th, 83rd, 87th, 90th, 94th plus the 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th and 11th Armored Divisions and the 17th Airborne Division, who played a vital role in achieving victory and restoring freedom to these brave people.

Following the ceremony, a cocktail hour and reception was held at the Clervaux Castle. We mingled with various dignitaries and I met Charles B. McDonald, a former Army historian who wrote the book, "The Company Commander," and also "The Hurtgen Forest." He is now researching a book on the Battle of the Bulge. We chatted for quite some time because he and other Army historians used a quote from a combat interview I gave after

the 22nd Infantry Regiment was relieved from the Hurtgen Forest. We went into a defensive position in what was supposed to be a quiet sector but was to be the site of the German all-out offensive on December 16th, 1944. That offensive failed and for all intents and purposes was the beginning of the end of World War II.

We returned to our hotel on Sunday evening and on Monday visited the Hamm Cemetery in Luxembourg for a brief wreath laying ceremony. Jean Nesser took us then to the little village of Gostingen to which Hq. Co., 1st Bn, 22nd had moved after being relieved by the 83rd Division on December 3, 1944. We stayed there until Christmas morning when we moved out in pursuit of the Germans.

It was in Gostingen around December 18th or 19th when I was startled by an American fighter plane which was limping back to the American lines and crashed right next to the building in which I was located. Its pilot parachuted safely to earth.

We returned for lunch to the airport where Fred Karen of Echter-nach joined us. He is an author, war historian and collector of memorabilia. He drove Greg, Ed and I through the various villages where the 4th Division fought. He took us to Dickweiler and Osweiler, two villages the Germans could not take during the Battle of the Bulge.

We went into some wooded areas the American units had defended to find some foxholes still existing and an exploded phosphorous grenade which Fred took for his collection. We visited Fred's home to inspect his collection of war memorabilia and to exchange a friendship toast from a bottle of bubbly he opened. We returned to Luxembourg to get ready for an early morning departure. On Tuesday, September 11th,

we were back again on tour to visit St. Vith where the 106th Division was annihilated and then Malmedy, the site of the infamous massacre. We stopped in Germany for lunch in the romantic village of Monchau which Hitler loved and never wanted destroyed. It has remained the same for many centuries. We purchased some souvenirs there before continuing on for another visit to Clervaux to see the Castle and Museum.

One member of the tour had a cousin killed in action with C Company, 22nd Infantry. His grave is in the cemetery at Henri Chapelle and we stopped to pay our respects before journeying on to the Holiday Inn in Liege, Belgium, where we stayed the night.

Wednesday, September 14th, we traveled on to Brussels to the Hyatt Regency Hotel to spend the day touring the city. In the evening we had our farewell dinner at the hotel and said our goodbyes to the tour members who were leaving Thursday or were continuing on their own to other places on different airlines.

Thursday brought a great deal of confusion when a general strike was called and no flights were leaving the airport at Brussels. Pan Am bussed us on a four hour trip to Paris where they had a 747 waiting for us at Orly airport. Since we traveled first class we could look out the windows to see the Invasion Beaches and the White Cliffs of Dover across the Channel. When we reached the west coast of Greenland, we sighted huge icebergs floating in the ocean. After a flight of 7 hours and 35 minutes, we arrived at Kennedy airport in New York. What more can I say? IT WAS A GREAT TRIP!!

Membership

Membership Chairman Joe Motil reports that he has been busy since 1973 trying his best to sign up 4th Division soldiers for our great Association. Joe will continue his hard work to sign up new members and hopes that the idea of togetherness will spur all Ivypeople to join with us in seeking to make 1984 a banner year for membership. Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year to all.

Fourthfully,
Joe Motil

Saving Stamps?

Herb Lathan, 631 Carla Street, Chula Vista, CA 92010 is the new address for mailing the stamps members have saved for veterans. Mr. Lathan is a past department commander of California, D.A.V. and will see that veterans in nursing homes, hospitals and medical centers receive the material. The stamp program in Oregon has been discontinued.

TAPS

Fred Lopes, H Co., 12th Inf., 45 Oliver Street, Bristol, R.I. 02809 died on Sunday, November 20, 1983 in Rhode Island Hospital at the age of 66. He was a retired teacher and a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve Medical Corps.

Fred traveled a great deal and made nearly all the National reunions, and the mini-reunions in the eastern part of the country.

He is survived by two sisters and three brothers. Following a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Elizabeth's

Church, he was buried with full military honors in the North Burial Ground.

Our thanks to Frank Corio for this information.

Mary Grauwiler, wife of NY-NJ Chapter Secretary, John Grauwiler, 8th Infantry, died suddenly on October 19, 1983. The mother of four daughters and two sons, Mary suffered a heart attack while at the wake of a daughter's fiance who was killed in a blazing automobile accident. Mary was taken to the hospital where she later died. She is also survived by a grandson and brother. Following a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Francis de Chantal Church, she was buried in St. Charles Cemetery.

Joseph L. Robinson, Co. A, 4th Combat Engineers, 3218 N. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134 died at the age of 67 according to information provided by Henry H. Simpkins, 115 N. Blackhorse Pike, Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059.

William M. Christie, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 8th Infantry, 205 Pisgah Forest Drive, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768, died on September 26, 1983.

Walter L. Albaugh, B Co., 4th Med. Bn. W.W. II, R.R. 1, Dennison, Ohio 44621, died on January 3, 1983, after suffering a sudden severe heart attack according to word from his wife.

Grant I. "G.I." Deckard, G Co., 8th Infantry, W.W. II, R.R. -1, Box 115, English, IN 47118, died on July 13, 1983, at the age of 69, after suffering a massive heart attack.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Mary, a son, three stepchildren, five sisters, one brother and nine grandchildren.

Following services at the Flummerfelt-Goodwin Chapel conducted by Rev. Wally Harmon and Rev. Eugene Snider, Grant was interred in Memorial Park Cemetery, Vincennes, Indiana.

William G. Lorber, Cannon Co., 12th Inf. W.W. II, died on September 19, 1983. A retired Baltimore City Firefighter, Bill is survived by his wife, Isabelle, two sons, a daughter, a brother and sister and four grandchildren.

Following a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rose of Lima Church, Bill was interred in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville. Thanks to Jim Mullen for this information.

Frank P. Meyer, Btry C, 44th FA Bn., W.W. II, 2865 West 31st Street, Erie, PA 16506 passed away on September 3, 1983 in Ashtabula, Ohio, General Hospital, at the age of 58.

Survivors include his widow, Irene, two daughters, two sisters and three brothers.

The Rev. James McCormick officiated at services in Westminster United Presbyterian Church where Frank was an elder and teacher of a Sunday School class and Bible course. Frank was laid to rest in the state of Florida.



Frank P. Meyer

Milton X. Huller, 1st Bn. 8th Inf., W.W. II, 24 Beech Drive So., Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 passed away the last of May, 1983 according to word received from his 'buddy', Ken McHenry, of Ulysses, KS 67880.

Woodrow Willard Morris, E Co., 22nd Inf., W.W. II, Farmersville, LA, died from an accident at the age of 67 after felling a tree. Survivors include his wife, LaFayne, four daughters and one son.

Jack Turner, Air Section, 44th FA Bn. & Div. Artillery Hq., 112 Circle Drive, Osceola, AR 72370, passed away during the summer at the age of 69 after suffering a severe illness over a period of 14 months according to word received from his widow by Marv Wold.

William G. Beeson, G Co., 12 Inf. W.W. II, 1221 S. Pittsburgh Street, Connellsville, PA 15425 passed away on July 30, 1983.

Frank Curtis, 13822 Fresh Meadow Lane, Apt. 14-G, Seal Beach, CA 90740 passed away on May 11, 1983.

William McDonough, 287 Massabesic Street, Manchester, NH 03103 died on July 14, 1983.

John G. Smith, MD, 200 Wildwood Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 26701 died July 12, 1983. He served with A Co., 4th Med. Bn., W.W. II.

Anthony (Tony) Veverka passed away in Reno, Nevada, on August 31, 1983 at the age of 68, after suffering a heart accack, according to word received from his brother, John of 10059 Huron Trail, Marblehead, Ohio 43440.

Mail Bag

Joseph L. Beck, 3310 W. 71 Terrace, Prarie Village, Kansas 66208 who served with Co. D, 4th Engineers, 4th Division in World War I reports that at last count there were only 33 members left. He wonders how many D Co. men are

still around. We regret that we have no list and hope that any Co. D., 4th Engineers, W.W. I., people will write to Joe.

Paul Eiben, 2250 Morrow Road, Pittsburg, PA 15241, (412) 835-7179 writes, "We have mini-reunions but did you ever hear of a mini-mini-reunion? Such an event occurred in Brookhaven, L.I., N.Y. on August 26, 1983 when six "engineers", Logan Lowers from Baltimore, Harry (Steamboat) Fulton from Philadelphia, and Paul Eiben joined Peter Tiskevics (our host) Karl Koebel and Jerome Vitale, from Long Island for a small but very happy reunion. Mike Migliaccio and Lucy from Philadelphia had planned to come but a family committment in Florida prevented their doing so.

It was a typical 4th Division celebration, with tears of happiness for the ones who had not seen each other since 1945, to be together again.

A wonderful picnic dinner, prepared by Peter's wife, Helen, was served at a table enhanced by a floral centerpiece. It was sent by their son, Don and his lovely wife, Barbara, for 'Mom and Dad's friends of the Fourth Division.' Just as happy to be present were Billie Lowers, Frances Vitale, Chris Fulton, Claire Koebel and Bea Eiben, wives of the engineers."

Paul would like any members of the 4th Engineers who have not attended a reunion to contact him at the above address or phone number.



L-R, Karl Koebel, Peter Tiskevics, Harry (Steamboat) Fulton, Paul Eiben, Logan Lowers (front) and Jerry Vitale.

Catherine E. Jacobs reports that her husband, Albert, R.D. 1, Box 44C, Monticello, NY 12701, suffered a stroke on May 8, 1983. She reports that his condition is improving but that he has a "long haul" ahead of him.

Clarence A. Himel, 8th Infantry, 201 Alex Street, Houma, LA 70360

says here's a real get together. The Old Pro, CWO Larry Knecht, 8th Infantry Ass't adjutant (W.W. II) just left my home after visiting me for 2 days and 2 nights. We had a ball. We were real buddies, even hitting the same hole often during "88" attacks. Best wishes to all!

Don Wade, Vietnam, P.O. Box 1111, Marietta, GA 30061, 404-422-7369 is an "Amelia Earhart" researcher who would like to contact anyone with information and those wishing to discuss her fatal around the world flight in 1937.

Thama A. Lawrence who was 1st Sgt. in Co. E, 12th Inf., Amelia, VA 23002 sent in the name of his closest friend, Paul J. Dugger, Rt. -3, Box 23-D, Amelia, VA 23002 who served in Hq. & Hq. Co., 8th Infantry Regiment.

J. Blair Easter, Hq. Co., 1st Bn, 22nd Infantry, 2554 Antelope Trail, West Branch, MI 48661 would like to hear from any buddies in his outfit.

Allen F. MacDonald, Co. C., 12th Infantry, W.W. II, 28 Fort Shantok Road, Uncasville, CT 06382, writes that according to the list of people at the Chicago reunion, he would not have met anyone he knew. Usually, C Co., 12th. has a big turnout but Allen, look at all the new 4th Division friends you could have made. Don't be a stranger, join us in Clearwater in 1984.

Adam C. Mercer, I Co., 22nd Inf., 315 Griffin Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33801 writes that he is looking forward to the 1984 National reunion at the Sheraton Sand Key in Clearwater Beach.

Arnold Lee "Gung Ho" Gaines, A Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cav., 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam and 7701 Lindbergh Boulevard, Apt. 404, Philadelphia, PA 19153 would like to hear from any of his buddies, he was a 60 Cal. machine gun man in combat who went "where some men feared to go." He served between August 1967 and August 1968 and would like to hear from Chuck Perkins, Palmyra, NJ especially. Gung Ho was caught in a cross fire in Pleiku, Central Highlands between his fire support base and Chu-Kan-Yan hill on which the North Vietnamese were located. He as on ambush

patrol when two "gooks" came down the trail and ran into his 60 caliber machine gun fire.

Ernest L. Simmons, Co. D., 8th Inf. and 537 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 is proud of the **BEST** Division in World War II and enjoys reading IVY LEAVES. We hope that he likes the picture which Earl Kohlberger, 206 Tryon Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 sent us of his platoon taken in England right after the war.

Hugh Steinberger, Svc Btry, 44th FA, Apt. 314, 4550 North Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 reports that on vacation trips to England and Europe he has looked for campsites but has not always been successful in finding them. He feels current vacation trips are much more pleasant than his 1944-45 escapades.

Mike Russo, K Co., 22nd Inf. W.W. II, 446 Belgrave Drive, Kearny, NJ 07032 obtained a new member, Tom Hawks, 524 Devon Street, Kearny, NJ 07032. Tom gave his dues and a contribution to Mike who matched the contribution and sent along his own dues to Ruben. That is the way to increase membership. Good work, Mike!

William C. Montgomery, Co. A, 4th Med. Bn., Box 3131, Long Beach, CA 90803 is doing some reasearch and would like to be in touch with anyone who knows if there is a battle diary or log of either the 4th Medical Bn., or the 8th Infantry Regiment in W.W. II.

Maynard W. Shafer, Co. F, 12th Inf., 611 Weymouth Road, Medina, Ohio 44256 sent a nice donation to Ruben. Maynard sent his 12th Infantry Book from Camp Butner along to your editor who looked through it and took it to Mansfield, Mass. where other 4th Division people in the N.E. Chapter also enjoyed looking at it. We thank Maynard for his generosity.

Nick Gomez, L Co., 22nd Inf., P.O. Box 1327, Coamo, P.R. 00640 and his wife, Madeline, report that they are sorry to have missed the reunion in Chicago and want to send their very best wishes to all their friends especially to Jeanne Donahue who sat with them on the plane trip from Philadelphia on the way home from King of Prussia.

Ed Phillips, Co. C., 12 Inf., 605 Liberty Road, Federalsburg, MD 21632 and his wife, May, report that they had a great time at the Chicago reunion and sent along a clipping from the Chicago newspaper with a picture of Monsieur le Maire, Michel de Vallavieille which we could not reproduce in IVY LEAVES but we thank them for their efforts.

Bill Clayton, I Co., 8th Inf., 623 Oak Park Road, Hatfield, PA 19440 and Luther Anderson, L Co., 8th Inf., 400 Spruce Street, Lansdale, PA 19446 send their thanks to all who sent them cards, good wishes and get well messages during their recent heart attacks. Both are making a good recovery and we hope to see them at future 4th Division events.

Raymond M. Seubert, Hq. Co., 1st Bn. 22nd Inf., 9 Winmar Crescent, New Hartford, NY 13413, sent best wishes to his buddies along with his dues and a contribution. He is looking forward to the 1984 National reunion in Clearwater.

Dom Ventrone, K Co., 12th Inf., One Franklin Avenue, A 10, Nutley, NJ 07110 just heard about the Association from Pete Russo and joined up. He enjoyed the IVY LEAVES and would like any information about three fellows who were POW's with him in September 1944. Pvt. Wilbur Weyhausen, New Jersey; Pfc Edward Breeden, Florida and Pfc Fred Hondker, Virginia.

Bill Cervinka, H Co., 22nd Inf., 54 S. Pennington Rd., New Brunswick,

NJ 08901 reports that he is "Still kicking the gong around at 75 and enjoying IVY LEAVES."

Tom Lambert, 4th Med. Bn, B Co., Box 111, Elmsford, NY 10523 sends along best wishes to all with his dues and donation.

John F. Myers, L Co. & 2nd Bn Hq, 22nd Inf., 3419 Irwin Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463 sends his thanks to the fellows who work to keep the Association going along with his dues and a donation. He likes the IVY LEAVES and the fond recollections it stirs in his memory.

Harry J. Daniels, 4th Recon, 814 W. Sussex Way, Fresno, CA 93705 reports that he is working with Roy Berzon on the California Chapter roster as he sends his dues and donation along with the observation that we are losing members to the "grim reaper."

Adrean J. Glass, B Co., 4th Med. Bn., 6124-41st Avenue, Apt. -5, Hyattsville, MD 20782 sends greetings to all from Marie and himself together with his dues and donation.

James A. Rogers, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 12th, 57 Dolphin Lane East, Copiaque, NY 11726 also sent Ruben a nice donation for which the Association says, "Thanks."

James R. Townley, 3401 -88th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 is a history student whose relatives served with the 4th Division in W.W. II and Vietnam. He is looking for the pictorial unit histories that were produced at Camp Butner. Any Mississippi Chapter members who could help this gentleman should please write to him.

Hiram Abbott, 22nd Inf. W.W. II, 6517 San Homero Way, Buena Park, CA 90620 is also looking for a book about the history of the 22nd Infantry.

From the DAV Magazine, August 1983, we reprint the following: VIETNAM, 1967-68, J.W. Tilley,

Rte. 2, Mulberry, Ark. 72947 would like to hear from anyone in Co. B, 2/8 Panthers, 4th Inf. Div., Pleiku.

Arnold "California" Erbstoesser, G Co., 8th Infantry, W.W. II, Golden Valley, ND 58541 writes that he reads IVY LEAVES from cover to cover when it comes. In the September issue John A. Hartnett, Rt. 2, Chateaugay, NY 12920 wondered about the 2nd Bn. Raiders. Arnold referred to them as "Commandos" and mentioned Bob Harrington of Red Cloud, Nebraska, who was in G Co., as belonging to that group.

John Staats, H Co., 8th Inf. W.W. II, 622 West Inman Avenue,

J.R. Kimball states that sometime ago a newspaper carried the paid political advertisement headed 'REMEMBER HIROSHIMA, AUGUST 6, 1945' which was signed by 138 people to solicit funds for a nuclear freeze. The ad hit me the wrong way and I wrote the following letter to the editor expressing my feelings.

Gentlemen:

I have just read the political advertisement in your paper dated August 6, 1983 and would like to make the following comments:

REMEMBER HIROSHIMA, AUGUST 6, 1945?

Yes, I remember August 6, 1945. After landing on Utah Beach in France in June 1944 with the 4th Infantry Division, I served the following eleven months in combat until the European Peace Treaty was signed on May 8, 1945. After Two months of Occupational duty I returned to the states and was given a thirty day rest and recuperation furlough, after which I was to return to my outfit for further training for the invasion of Japan.

DO YOU REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR DECEMBER 7, 1941?

Yes, I remember August 6, 1945, that was the day America killed and wounded over 100,000 Japanese, a Nation that, with no provocation, attacked America, starting our involvement in World War II that resulted in the death of over **Twenty Million**, yes twenty million men, women and children of all nations.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH?

Yes, I remember August 6, 1945, that was the day that ended World War II. If it were not for that day some, if not many of you who signed the political advertisement, would not be alive today, because your fathers would have been killed in the invasion of Japan.

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW OUR MEN AND WOMEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR WERE TORTURED BY THE JAPANESE, WITH TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE GENEVA CONVENTION RULES?

All of the above are my reasons for remembering August 6, 1945, but the most important reason of all is that the Department of Defense estimated that **ONE MILLION** of America's young men would have died in the invasion of Japan. Can you think of that for a minute — we saved the lives of **ONE MILLION** of our young men on AUGUST 6, 1945!

Yours very truly, J.R. Kimball, P.O. Box 771, Greenwood, Miss. 38930

Rahway, NJ 07065 writes that he is now getting his IVY LEAVES all right and that he has suffered a heart attack from which he is making a good recovery. Glad to hear that good news, John.

Fred Corey, 220 Crescent Street, Rockland, MA 02370 and N.E. Chapter's Co. B, 8th Inf. reporter tells us that Co. B had a first timer at the Chicago reunion. His name is Steve Skalitzky from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and he is planning to make the 1984 European Tour. Other Co. B men at the reunion were: Fred Yohey, Chuck Sisco and Fred Corey.

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The Way Things Were

12452 Zig Zag Way
Tustin, Cal., 92680
16 September 1983

Dear Ruben:

Thank you for including me in your distribution of the "Ivy" News for June. Although I was a member of the 1st Bn., 8th Inf., for only a few years prior to W.W. II, I still have fond memories of my days at Ft. Screven, Ga., which was my first assignment in the Regular Army after enlisting.

My first assignment in the 8th Inf., was to Co "C" and our barracks were next to Co "D". When I first entered the service, horses and mules were used to haul heavy objects and I remember mules pulling the machine gun carts and ammo for Co "D". We had no organic transportation in those days as we know it now. When we had to go to Ft. Benning each summer for maneuvers, the animal column would leave at least 30 days prior to personnel who were

in the early days delivered to Ft. Benning in those old Liberty trucks with flat, solid tires. Usually these trucks came from some other unit in the U.S., and averaged around 100 miles per day. Later, when the Army was furnished Dodge Trucks, a unit from Ft. Bragg furnished trucks for our ride to and from Ft. Benning. While at Ft. Screven, I had various assignments and at one time served as Personnel Sgt Major at Post Headquarters under then Lt. Col. Raymond O. Barton.

I could go on for days about Ft. Screven, because as I said I have many fond memories of my service there. I left the 8th Infantry in 1938 and went on to retire in 1956 as Lt. Col.

I am inclosing my application for membership in the Association along with my check for \$5.00 dues for the first year.

Had I known how to have become a member, I most certainly would have joined. I wish you and the Association much luck in your undertaking.

Best of luck,
Marvin F. Pound

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