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From The President—

Armored Forces Monument

This issue of THE BULGE BUGLE contains an insert pertaining to the raising of funds for the erection of an Armored Forces Memorial at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. This is a most worthy project and should be supported by our membership, particularly those who were tankers, armored infantrymen, and field artillery. See page 9 and enclosed brochure.

New Dates For VBOB Tour

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are forced to postpone the VBOB Ardennes tour one week. Icelandair was unable to confirm the necessary number of seats for September 13 and 23 but was able to confirm for the new dates: September 20 departure, September 30 return. (September 19 departure from Orlando).

The planned itinerary will remain the same.

Icelandair has also raised its group fares, but there is sufficient cushion in our overall tour price to absorb that. We are charging all travellers the same air fare, which is the average of the fares from the various departure cities and with the raises stands at \$562.

Since the APEX fares go down in late September, that makes a shift to the APEX most attractive for anyone wanting to stay over and return on his own: From New York, no additional charge; from BWI, \$50 additional; and from Orlando, \$100 additional. (For lack of travellers, we have had to cancel Chicago as a departure city.)

If you have already submitted your application and elected not to take the APEX fare and now want to change, that can be done.

Just write Charles B. MacDonald/VBOB Tour, 5300 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Va. 22204.

VISA/MC

Visa and Master Card are now available to VBOB Members for payment of dues, purchase of memorabilia sale items and payment of Gallery pledges. See page 13.

New Book

In a "Members Speak Out" item in our April, 1987 edition we advised that BG Oliver B. Patton, a fellow VBOB member would be publishing his 5th book, THE SILENT SNOW, all about the 423rd Regiment, 106 Infantry Division in The Ardennes. This book is now available from New American Library, 1633 Broadway, NY, NY. 10019, at a cost of \$3.95.

The publisher provides the advance praise for THE SILENT SNOW: "Excellent...at long last an authentic novel about the Battle of The Bulge." -- Charles MacDonald, author of COMPANY COMMANDER.

"Most interesting . . . I recommend THE SILENT SNOW to anyone who wishes to learn (or relive) those cold, cold frightful days at The Battle of The Bulge." -- R. L. Lemmon, Editor, THE BULGE BUGLE.

Yours in Comradeship,

George
George Chekan



GALLERY UPDATE

The plans for the Gallery are moving into "High Gear." A memo dated 17 Feb 88 signed by Jody Davis, Chief Curator, Center of Military History, adds "the Ardennes Offensive 1944-1945" to the official mission statement of the Fort Meade Museum. The Battle of the Bulge Gallery is now a part of the Fort George G. Meade Museum!!

Enthusiasm and dedication marked the fourth meeting of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Committee held at Ft. Myer, VA on 27 February. Action was taken to incorporate and to hire an attorney to proceed in an orderly fashion with the development of fund-raising plans. Sandie Fauriol, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial fund raiser, has accepted the position of Director of Fund Raising for the Gallery Project.

Out-of-town members attending the meeting were Dave Pergrin, author of "The Damned Engineers," and Earle Hart, both from Philadelphia and Judge John Goodin, Johnson City, TN.

Other members participating in this meeting were:

Clyde Boden, Vice Chairman
George Chekan, President, VBOB
Dorothy Davis, Chairman/Presider
Eugene Drouillard, Military Liaison
Richard Guenter, Gallery Construction
Brendan Haggerty, Financial Development, American Red Cross
Anthony Ianniello, Architect
Robert Johnson, Curator, Ft. Meade Museum
George Karambelas, Treasurer
Harold Leinbaugh, Co-Author, "The Men of Company K"
Charles B. MacDonald, Author, "A Time for Trumpets"
Eva Popovich, Recorder
Alfred Shehab, Liaison, Ft. Meade

Sandy Fauriol conducted a planning session during the last hour of the meeting to assist the committee in determining the goals they wish the Gallery to accomplish.

The Committee was especially honored to have as their guest Mr. Erle Cocke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion 1950-51. Mr. Cocke is a highly decorated Infantry officer who served on B.G. McAuliffe's staff at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded three times and was actually "executed" by a German firing squad and delivered the coup de grace, but miraculously survived. Stories of such events serve to make the committee ever more aware of the importance of preserving the history of the Battle of the Bulge.

The next meeting will be a weekend retreat, March 26-27, when the Committee Members, Architect/Builder, Exhibit Designers and Director of Fund Raising will gather to develop over-all plans for the Gallery. The important decisions made at this conference will be shared with you in the next issue of THE BULGE BUGLE.

We are always pleased to hear your ideas or suggestions concerning the Gallery -- write or call any of the committee members. The Gallery mailing address is: Battle of the Bulge Gallery, P.O. Box 2516, Kensington, MD 20895-0818.

...C. Boden/ D. Davis

BY LAWS AMENDED INCREASING LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

Article VII A of the By Laws dealing with life membership dues was amended effective March 1, 1988. For age through 49, \$150; for age 50 through 69, \$125; age 70 and above, \$60.

These figures are based on life expectancy for the age group, a reasonable investment return, and complete diminution of the corpus.

VBOB Member Honorary Colonel

In a ceremony in Berlin March 25th VBOB member General William A. Knowlton will become Honorary Colonel of the Regiment for the 40th Armor whose headquarters will be in Berlin. On graduating from West Point, Knowlton's first unit of assignment was the 40th Armored Regiment, 7th Armored Division.

The 40th later broke into the 40th Tank Battalion, the 709th Tank Battalion (which left the Division, but fought in the Bulge as a separate unit) and "E" Troop of the 87th Cavalry Recon. Squadron (Mechanized) of the 7th Armored. It was as an assault gun platoon leader that Knowlton fought across France in August 1944.

By the time of the Bulge, he was in Squadron HQ, but on New Year's Eve he took over what was left of "B" Troop, the majority of which had been cut off on the hill East of St. Vith. He remained with "B" Troop for the rest of the War and then moved to Berlin as Regimental Operations Officer and then Motor Bn. Commander.



AMERICAN SOLDIER STATUE in the town of Clervau, Luxembourg. Dedicated to the GI's who fought in The Battle of The Bulge which will be included in the 10-Day Ardennes Tour, Sept. 20-30, 1988.

The Chaplain's Word

It has been said that patriotism towards country is analogous to faith in God. Like most analogies, this one is not perfect.

However, there are certain similarities between patriotism and faith that are worthy of note. Patriotism therefore is a positive and reasoned act. It also implies loyalty to those persons and entities who deserve our loyalty.

As veterans we assemble for a variety of reasons - sociability, to share a common experience of combat, occasionally for political reasons (American Legion, V.F.W.), but underlying all this, to express our loyalty to our Country. It has been said that "there are no atheists in foxholes." We can attest to this with a responding "Amen." We also know from our shared experience that a patriotic spirit is essential to a strong nation. We profess and believe this, and by our example, call on all citizens to share this spirit.

Msg. Wm. F. O'Donnell

CHAPTER NEWS

Neil B. Thompson, Chief of Staff, VBOB Maryland-D.C. Chapter, reports that last year members of the Chapter assisted in the following State and National activities:

- Membership in Fort Meade Museum 500 Club
- Attended General Membership Meeting in New York
- Carried out Flag Day ceremonies at U.S. Naval Academy Massing of Colors
- Carried out wreath-laying ceremonies-five Veterans' Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day
- Assisted in parade in Lexington Park Maryland
- Membership on Committee of United Veterans of A.A. County
- Chapter members held office at National level

The Maryland-D.C. Chapter is proud to be a part of the National Organization and will do their part as they are called upon. The Chapter membership extends thanks to their now-past President, Wright C. Robinson, and his staff for a job well done.

ATTENTION!! Tom G. Stanish was a replacement in the 4th Armored Division, but never knew to which company he was assigned. Frost bite sent him to the hospital for 82 days. The VA has informed Tom that his personnel records were burned. If anyone remembers Tom and his unit, please contact him at 7252 E. Buena Tierra Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85253.

EDITOR'S SQUARE

Since no one has told you about your Editor, I shall "toot my own horn" for a second or two. The U.S. Army Engineers with whom I served throughout WWII in England and Europe constructed, among many other bridges, the longest and highest and widest timber trestle bridge in the world over the Rhine River at Mainz. We also completed a few other engineer projects immediately thereafter in the Philippines and Japan and then they let me come home. After that, it was Korea, Italy and Vietnam. And after that, I QUIT! so that I can devote my time to be your Editor.

A personal letter to your Editor from VBOB Life Member, André Hubert in Belgium and a member of CRIBA (Center for Research and Information of the Battle of Ardennes), writes to report the death of Dr. Maurice Delaval in Vielsalm last November. Maurice had corresponded with many friends in the US and visited here several times to attend meetings of vet units (especially the 106th Inf. Div. and 7th Armd. Div.) André also reports that a Belgian researcher found dog-tags of J. J. Lukasik of Detroit, MI and Harvan, Michael of Passaic, NJ. Any members who knew these men are asked to write VBOB, ATTN: Editor, THE BULGE BUGLE.

NOW HEAR THIS!!!

In our last edition, we announced that Charles B. MacDonald will serve as our director and tour guide for our battlefield tour to the Ardennes in September. I wish to point out that Charles served as Chief of the European Section of the Office, Chief of Military History, United States Army. He is the author of "Company Commander," "The Battle of the Huertgen Forest," "The Mighty Endeavor," "A Time for Trumpets," and other WWII chronicles. I do not believe we can come up with a more

knowledgeable person to lead us back to the Ardennes. Sign up now; you're sure to cherish your return to the Bulge area. There's not too much time left to do it again, is there?

Movers' Information Services, Arlington, VA, which is responsible for sending our newsletter to you, wishes members to know that some of THE BULGE BUGLES have an orange sticker with a black "S" affixed below and to the left of the address label. If your copy has that sticker, please send a postcard with the date THE BULGE BUGLE was received and your ZIP code to VBOB. This survey will be used to determine the post office delivery time for THE BULGE BUGLE for various locations throughout the United States. This is also applicable to editions with a red or green sticker. Address your responses to VBOB, PO Box 11129, Arlington, VA 22210-2129.

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Monday, March 21, 1988

Obituary

Gen. Bruce Clarke, saw combat in 2 wars

Retired Gen. Bruce G. Clarke, 86, commander-in-chief of the Army in Europe when Berlin was the focal point of the Cold War, died Thursday in Walter Reed Army Hospital after a stroke. He lived in McLean.

Although commissioned as an engineer officer, Gen. Clarke first gained military prominence as commander of Combat Command A, which joined the fighting in Europe in late 1943.

During some of the heaviest fighting in France in August 1944, he won the Distinguished Service Cross and three awards of the Silver Star in a 21-day period.

During that month, Combat Command A captured several cities and bridges intact and liberated other cities, including Orleans.

His World War II combat experience were climaxed in Belgium in December 1944 at the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge. At the hamlet of St. Vith — a vital crossroads in the operation — regiments of the 106th Infantry Division were facing annihilation by overpowering German forces.

In a daring night move, Gen. Clarke led a combat command over frozen roads to open the first gaps in the German assault. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in "Crusade in Europe," described the St. Vith action as a turning point in stemming the German tide.

Before leaving Europe for a high-ranking engineering post in the Philippines, Gen. Clarke served as assistant commander of the 7th Armored Division and commander of the 4th Armored Division.

He again saw combat in Korea, first while commanding the 1st Corps and later while commanding the 10th Corps. In 1954, he was named commanding general of the U.S. Army, Pacific.

From 1956 to 1958, Gen. Clarke commanded the 7th Army in West Germany. The 7th won the Silver Anvil Award of the American Public Relations Association for its work in improving German-American relations.

From 1958 to 1960, he was commander of the Continental U.S. Army, responsible for the ground defense of the United States.

He returned to Europe in 1960 as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army, Europe, and commander of NATO's Central Army Group. With Berlin the focal point of the Cold War at that point, the Soviet Union threatened the U.S. presence and erected the Berlin Wall. He retired from the dual post in 1962.

Gen. Clarke was born in Adams, N.Y., and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1925. He later received a master's degree in civil engineering from Cornell University and a law degree from La Salle Extension University.

Gen. Clarke received three Distinguished Service Medals, three Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal, and Belgium's highest award for a non-Belgian.

Several of his many articles on training and command were published as Army pamphlets, and his book on commanding was translated for use by NATO forces.



Veterans Administration

BURIAL FLAG BENEFIT EXPLAINED BY VA

In 1987 the VA issued more than 350,000 American flags for burial or memorial purposes. The flags are used to drape the caskets of deceased veterans and are presented to the next of kin or close friend or associate of the deceased. Flags are issued at VA regional offices and most local post offices.

In recent years many VA cemeteries and other VA facilities have adopted an innovative way to honor the memory of those who served through the creation of an "Avenue of Flags" program.

Last year alone, over 4,000 flags which had been presented to families or friends of deceased veterans, were donated to the VA. When a flag is donated, a Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the donor and the flag becomes the property of the VA.

On roadways or along walkways at VA facilities throughout the country, standard burial flags are flown from uniformly spaced staffs. VA facilities which participate in the "Avenue of Flags" program erect the display on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. They may also do so on other days of patriotic observance such as Flag Day and Independence Day. If more flags are received than needed for display, a rotation system is used to insure they are all eventually flown.

VA's Department of Memorial Affairs administers the National Cemetery System comprising 111 national cemeteries in 38 states and Puerto Rico. Burial in a national cemetery with available grave space is open to all veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, as well as eligible dependents of veterans.

Information on burial flags and other benefits is available by contacting the nearest VA office listed in the phone directory under U.S. Government.

"This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American victory."

*Sir Winston Churchill
addressing the House of Commons
following the Battle of the Bulge*

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge have launched a membership drive to double its 5,000 total by the end of 1988.

In announcing this campaign, VBOB's Vice President for Membership, Neil Thompson, recalled that the organization's objectives are to perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices involved, to preserve historical data and sites, to foster international peace and good will and to promote friendship.

VBOB is composed of veterans who fought in that six-week Ardennes Campaign in Belgium and Luxembourg in fog, snow, rain and ice in the bitter cold 1944-45 winter and of relatives, friends and history buffs.

The battle of the Bulge has been characterized by VBOB member and military author-historian Charles B. MacDonald, who fought there with the 2d Infantry Division, as the greatest battle ever fought by the U.S. Army. In addressing the House of Commons following that battle, Sir Winston Churchill said "This is undoubtedly the greatest battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American victory."

Of the million participants in that battle, about 350,000 Americans survive.

VBOB sponsors trips to the battleground and plans to hold the 1988 General Membership Meeting there, conducts memorial and other ceremonies, publishes THE BULGE BUGLE, dedicated a plaque and a tree in Arlington National Cemetery, and is conducting a capital fund campaign to build an addition to the First U.S. Army and Fort Meade Museum.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to VBOB-Membership, PO Box 11129, Arlington, VA 22210.

NOTE: Each VBOB member should take this article or a copy of it to their local newspaper editor. You may want to modify and/or add your name, address and telephone number. VBOB Headquarters will provide material you may need.

...Clyde D. Boden



Members Speak Out

Henry H. Coombs, Co. D, 319th Inf, 80th Div, Third US Army, a heavy machine gunner, wishes to hear from other unit members. Contact Henry at Meadow Pond, Islesboro, ME 04848.

Meade Edwards is still waiting to hear from WWII buddies. He was with the 932d Sig. Bn, 9th Air Force, the communications source for General Patton's Third U.S. Army. He can be reached at 333 Ely St, Washington CH, Ohio 43160.

Luther W. Rehrig, Sr., 686th Engr. Base Eqp. Co. as Company Machinist would like to hear from any members of his outfit from whom he has not heard in 43 years. Write him at Star Route, Box 27, Gilbert, PA 18331.

John E. Goodman, Fifth Inf. Div, wonders why there are not more of Patton's Red Devils as members of VBOB. On Labor Day weekend, John passed the word to his Division buddies during a reunion in Battle Creek, MI.

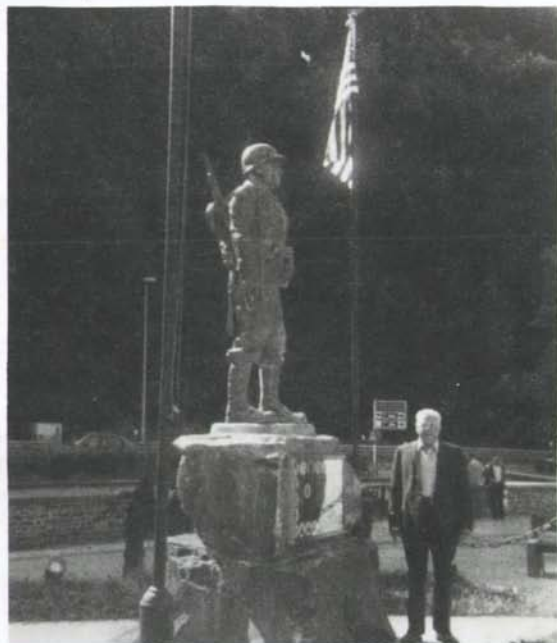
Joseph S. Zanko, 5th Div, 10th Inf. Regt, 2d Bn, Companies E and C was a combat medic. He's like to hear from anyone who served with him. Write Joe at 292 Meiner St, Perth-Amboy, NY 08861.

Art Bertini, 29th FA Bn, 4th Inf. Div, tells of receiving the Presidential Unit Citation for action on D-Day on Utah Beach. He wishes to hear from former buddies of the 4th Division. Contact Art at 1651 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12306.

Grover L. Dix, 127th AAA Bn, tells us he'd enjoy hearing from members of his unit. He can be reached at 1706 S. 11th, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

John Onder, 466th Parachute FA Bn, toured Taiwan last November and made yet another parachute jump with Republic of China paratroopers, the first jump he made since 42 years ago. When asked why, he replied "because I didn't know any better. I guess once a trooper always a trooper."

Harold R. Bohn, 120th Infantry, 30th Inf. Div. sends a foto of himself beside the American GI statue in Clervaux, Luxembourg, last September.



John H. Harris, Btry C, 22d AFA Bn, 4th AD, sends a foto of his "VBOB" (Virginia) license plate for 1988. Thanks, John.

Felipe Rodrigues was enrolled as a VBOB member by his buddy, Floyd R. Ross. Felipe was in H/H Co, 35th Inf. Regt, 90th Div. He has been a barber for many years in Brea, CA. He'd like to hear from buddies - write him at 794 N. Brea Blvd, Brea, CA 92621.

Simon Kulinich, Co. C, 37th Tank Bn, 4th AD, wishes to hear from old buddies. Write him at 11879 Hwy 54, Pittsville, WI 54466.

Robert F. Bennett, 462d AAA AW Bn, is looking for members of the 196th FA who were assigned to the 2d Free French Armored Div. in August, 1944. Write to LTC Bennett, 530 E. 20th St, NY City, NY 10009.





WORKSHEET FOR SURVIVORS

The Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge
P.O. Box 11129
Arlington, VA 22210-2129

When Needed This information is Valuable:

Veteran's Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Place: _____

Social Security No. _____ VA Claim No. C- _____

GI Insurance File No. _____ Service Serial No. _____

Date(s) entered active duty _____

Place(s) of entry _____

Branch of Service _____

Date(s) of Separation _____

Place(s) of Separation _____

Discharge (or DD Form 214) recorded at: City _____

County _____ State _____ Vol. _____ Page _____

Wife's Full Name prior to marriage: _____

Date of Marriage _____ Place _____

Previous marriages of veteran (names, dates, places:)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Previous marriages of spouse (names, dates, places:)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Previous marriages dissolved: (date, county, court, and state)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Children (Names, dates and places of births)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If either you or your spouse had previous marriages, it is important that you list how those marriages ended (death, divorce, annulment) and that you list the dates and places of termination, as the VA must have proof that your marriage to the veteran was legal. Attach a special sheet for listing. If possible, attach a copy of veteran's discharge for your file.

(The above form is the one recommended to every veteran by VBOB to be completed now for use in advising survivors of the things they need to know in the event of the veteran's death. This form will save the family much time and anguish during a period of great stress and make concerned officials' jobs easier and more accurate when the time comes to claim any veterans benefits for eligible survivors.)

ARMORED FORCES

MONUMENT COMMITTEE • P.O. BOX 1146 • FORT MYER, VA. 22211

Mr. George Chekan-President
Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge
P.O. Box 11129
Arlington, VA 22210-2129

Dear George;

Just a brief note to accompany the enclosed brochure regarding the Armored Force Memorial.

I am very much in need of the support of veteran leaders and members such as those that belong to the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge to help get this important monument built. The motto that I have followed through my life and through my military career is; "DEEDS NOT WORDS!" This is what I think is needed to make this fund making drive successful. It is with this thought in mind that I am requesting the support of your VBOB members.

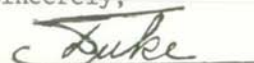
I am aware that within your organization there are many "MEN OF STEEL". Two that stand out are, the recently departed and beloved General Bruce Clark and "Jimmy" Leach, DSC, who was among your first members and very instrumental in helping to make this monument possible. This monument is to be dedicated to the men who served in armored divisions, separate tank and tank destroyer battalions of all wars and all services.

My desire is that at least \$200,000 of the \$400,000 needed to erect this noble memorial will be donated by veterans. If we permit the defense industries to contribute the major portion of the total amount, it is no longer a veterans war memorial, and not worthy to be built. I am of the belief that: NOBLE ENDS MUST BE ACHIEVED BY NOBLE MEANS!"

And so George, please ask your armored troopers to help me in this great endeavor. Incidentally, donations would be very much appreciated regardless from whom sent them.

Thanks for giving me the space in the "Bulge Bugle". Please accept and extend my best wishes to the members of the Battle of the Bulge.

Sincerely,



Col. Duquesne Wolf, Ret.
Executive Director

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Members Speak Out

Clifford Gross, CCA, 7th Armd. Div, was the only member of his division to attend VBOB's general membership meeting in September and says, to members of his unit, "you don't know what you missed. We had a great time..." He thanks VBOB for the best time he's had in years. Cliff also applied for a Life Membership in VBOB and is looking forward to our trip to Europe later this year.

Bob Scanlon, Co. A, 372d Engr. GS Regt, thanks all members of the 513th Para. Inf. Regt. & VBOB members for info received concerning his brother, John.

Andrew (Andy) R. Meurisse, a VBOB member of Bullingen, Belgium asks if any VBOB members remember him when he received severe shoulder wounds on 12/22/44 when he was seven years old and living in Mande-Saint-Etienne some five miles west of Bastogne. He was cared for by the 101st Airborne. He was later evacuated to the 107th Evac. Hosp. in Sedan, France. Please provide any information to the Editor, THE BULGE BUGLE.

Donald E. Lebeau, 80th Inf. Div, 305th Cmby. Engr. Bn, Co. C, writes to say he has not heard anything about his outfit. Anyone with such info, please write Don at 888 100th Ave, N., Naples, FL 33963.

John McFarland, Co. A, 347th Inf, 87th Division, now retired in Northern Ireland and a VBOB Life Member writes to insure he'll continue to receive THE BULGE BUGLE.

Paul J. Worcester, H/H Btry, 33d FA Bn, 1st Inf. Div, wishes to hear from other unit members. Write Paul at General Delivery, Linden Tariff Rd, Linden, NJ 25256.

Joseph M. Guigno, Sr., Co. A, 423d Regt, 106th Div, a POW at 9B and a camp called Berga am Elster, a slave labor camp building underground tunnels to process heavy water for atomic bombs, would like to hear from other Berga members. Write Joseph at 16 Dix St, Waltham, MA 02154.

Felix Cistolo, Co. G, 317th Inf, 80th Div and its past National Commander writes of the honor bestowed upon him as having unveiled a memorial at Heidersheid, Luxembourg in honor of his division. He writes that he is acquainted with many members of CEBA. A sad note, however, is that Roger Kimmes, husband of Tilly Kimmes, whom many of us have met, both here and in Luxembourg, has been seriously ill.

Arthur S. Tozar, Med. Det, 16th Inf. Regt, 1st Inf. Div, was a member of the 1st Bn. aid station. Company mailing lists of his regiment's buddies may be obtained from him at 2722 Bowling Green Dr, Vienna, VA 22180.

Vincent A. Gish, 6th Armd Div, has passed out VBOB brochures and applications to division members. He enjoys THE BULGE BUGLE.

Edward Pacyna, 106th QM Co, 106th Inf. Div. desires to obtain a shoulder patch of the 106th. Contact him at 35 S. Pembroke St, Wethersfield, CT 06109 if you can help.

Earl D. Terry, Co. L, 357th, 90th Div, wishes to hear from anyone who served with him at Prum, Germany and Dillegan. Contact him at 624 Robindale, Fairfield, TX 75840.

Joe Stefancin, Co. A, 329th Inf, 83d Div (or Btry. D, 176th FA, Ft. Meade) wishes to hear from anyone who served with him. Contact Joe at 93 Eighth St, Uniontown, PA 15401.

Willie B. Craft, 141st QM Trk. Co, wishes to hear from old comrades. Write him at 3 Laurie Circle, Jackson, TN 38305.

John Gatens, A Btry, 589th FA Bn, 106th Inf. Div. asks other members of A Btry who plan to join VBOB's Battlefield Tour of the Ardennes in September to contact him. He returned to the Bulge area in 1984. He writes that if any members are "on the fence," GO! The thrill of seeing and being in the area, where many years ago as young kids we came very close to meeting our Maker, can't be beat, he writes.



Reunion~

B Btry, 413 AAA, 28-30 Oct 88, Nashville, TN. Contact Kenneth Reiter, 1318 - 10th St, Rock Springs, WY 82901. Contact Kenneth Reiter, 1318 10th St, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

7th Armd. Div. Assn, 9/7-10/88, Charleston, SC. Contact Glenn R. Fackler, Sr., 23218 Springbrook Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48024.

16th FAOB, 6/24-26/88, Fort Mitchell, Ky. Contact Houston L. Mosley, PO Box 767, Charleston, WV 25323. (Thanks, Dave).

2d Armd Div Assn, 6/1-5/88. Harrisburg, PA. Contact Louis E. Bogart, RD #1, Box 208, Hughesville, PA 17737.

6th Armd. Div, 9/6-11/88, Richmond, VA. Contact Anthony J. Killian, 1033 Hartel Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

80th Div. Vet. Assn (WWI & II), 8/10-14/88, Norfolk, VA. Contact Clarence H. Brockman, 334 Fannie St., McDonald, PA 15057.

527th Engr. Lt. Pontoon Co, third weekend July 1988, Kirksville, MO. Contact Marion L. Munsinger, PO Box 7, Eldora, IA 50627.

462d AAA AW Bn, 8/25/88, VFW Convention, Chicago, IL. Contact LTC R.F. Bennett, 530 W. 20th St, NY City, NY 10009.

11th Armored Div, 8/10-13/88, Phoenix, AZ. Contact Alfred Pfeiffer, 2328 Admiral St, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

468th AAA (AW) Bn, Third US Army, (primarily for members of Co. D), 10/6-8/88, Hot Springs AR. Contact Doyle Rush, 516 N. Hilltop Circle, Burkburnett, TX 76354.

825th TD Bn, 10/26-30/88, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Walter R. Wise, 950 W. Noble Ave, Williston, FL 32696.

106th Inf. Div. Assn, 9/88, Roanoke, VA. For details, contact John F. McDevitt, 188 Queen St, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

7th Armd. Div. Assn, 42d Annicarsary Reunion, 9/7-10/88, Charleston, SC. Contact Glenn R. Fackler, Sr., 23218 Springbrook Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48024.

Co. B, 55th Armd. Inf. Div, 11th Armd. Div, 9/10-11/88. Atchison, KS. Contact LeRoy Ellis, RR 2, Rushville, MO 64484.

28th Division Heritage Assn, 9/7-10/88, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA. Contact 28th Inf. Div, 14th & Calder Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

288th FA Observation Bn, 6/23-26/88, Nashville, TN. Contact Samuel R. Cook, 106 Nolan Circle, Marietta, OH 45750.

10th Armd. Div, 37th Annual Reunion, Labor Day Weekend 1988, Hartford, CT. Contact Carlo Carlson, 2409 Montana, Apt. G-2, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

20th, 54th & 61st Armd. Inf. Battalions. Contact E. "Lucky" Loiacono, 2525 Bucklodge Rd, Adelphi, MD 20783, for dates and locations.

BATTLE OF BULGE REMEMBERED

...I still have nightmares on what I saw in Malmedy. I was with the 83rd Division from Normandy through the Bulge. I don't have to read "the Rise and Fall" either.

I don't write letters very much any more, but I would like to get permission to send the article to "The Bulge Bugle," our magazine. It is the official publication for veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

On Dec. 10, 1944, I celebrated my 19th birthday, and on the 16th of December we were on our way to Duren. On the 17th we heard about the massacre. There were so many reports about the Germans behind our lines dressed in American uniforms that we were issued special cards for identification. I still have mine in a frame with my decorations. That card saved my life a couple of times. A few days later we were really in the thick of it and I got hit by an "American" tank. The concussion messed me up, and as I went through Malmedy I saw the frozen bodies.

As we get into the cold weather, my old bones seem to ache like they did in 1944. I have never been so cold in my life. Well, enough of my rambling about me. Let me say thanks for remembering.

...P. H. Matranga
Co. G, 330th Inf, 83d Inf. Div.
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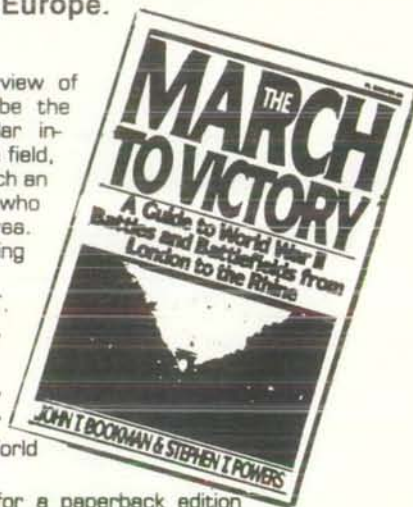
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CRIBA Member Joins VBOB

Pierre Mawet, Liege, Belgium, and a member of CRIBA, writes to apply for membership in VBOB. Here he is shown in his 1942 Ford Jeep three years ago. He states that his father hid an American B-17 pilot in their home for three weeks and that he received a letter of commendation from President Eisenhower which he takes precious care of. Pierre states "it is absolutely necessary that your soldiers know that Belgium has not forgotten them."



Veterans Administration

If a veteran dies while hospitalized in a VA medical center, transportation expenses to the place of burial will be paid by the VA.

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"I wanna long rest after th' war.
Mebbe I'll do a hitch in th' regulars."

PRISONER OF WAR MEDAL

"Army Echoes" publication of Jan/Feb 88 reports that a Prisoner of War medal has been established, but the application form still has not been printed and distributed. Further info will be provided when received.

HOW TO FIND UNIT BUDDIES =====

"Army Echoes" publication of Jan/Feb 88 provides information on how to get in touch with some of the guys from your old outfit. The Community Relations Division of the Army's Public Affairs Office maintains a list of veterans' organizations with their current addresses. To find out if your unit has an organization, write to HQDA, Office of the Secretary of the Army - Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Community Relations Division, Pentagon - Room 2E631, Washington, DC 20310.

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The Last Salute

Joe Cavanaugh (442 Inf Reg, 106 Inf Div), of Bethesda, Md., 73, was buried on March 3, 1988, at Quantico (Va.) National Cemetery with full military honors following a ceremony at the funeral home in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Karen, and brother Bob.

At the funeral home, Monsignor William O'Donnell (346 Inf Reg, 87 Inf Div), VBOB Chaplain, conducted the service at the request of the family.

He was followed by his brother who spoke of the family and other qualities of Joe, remarking that Joe had master's and doctoral degrees and was a demographer and population consultant having served with government and private agencies in Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific. He was a senior advisor to the United Nations and a member of a number of associations and societies.

Remarks, made by VBOB Founding President Clyde Boden (557th AAA Bn, 84 Inf Div), follow.

"Joe, the members of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge have been friends for just a few short years. But this is a good friendship, this is a strong friendship because it is based on the alchemy of battle—the greatest battle ever fought by the United States Army. We endured hardships during that bitter cold winter of 1944-45 in Belgium and Luxembourg, fighting in the fog, the snow, the ice, the rain, and the mud.

Joe, we will miss you.

You have been a faithful member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. You attended general membership meetings and executive council meetings and you participated in other functions and activities. You have been a major force for good.

Yes, Joe, we will miss you.

I am reminded of Psalm 46 which begins with "God is our refuge and strength." This is psalm of adoration that speaks of God's glory, of God's goodness, of God's majesty, of God's mercy, and of God's power. Jean Sibelius used the first two words of the tenth verse of Psalm 46 as the basis for "Finlandia" known as "Be Still, My Soul." Martin Luther was inspired by the seventh verse of Psalm 46 to compose a great hymn—Joe, someday we will join you in that "Mighty Fortress."

God bless you, Joe. God bless you. Amen and amen."

Then, each VBOB member walked briskly to the casket, stood for a moment, saluted smartly, stood for a moment, and returned to his seat.

At Quantico the funeral procession proceeded to the burial area. Joe's pall bearers carried the flag-draped casket to its place of honor and all gathered around for the grave-site service conducted by Chaplain O'Donnell. As the services ended, rifles echoed from nearby and "Taps" sounded. Yes, we now had acknowledged Joe's ascension to the greatest of fortresses and we hand rendered our last salute.

As the strains of "Taps" edged toward the heavens, the words of that hauntingly beautiful bugle call came to mind:

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hill,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest.
God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know,
God is nigh.*

Farewell comrade, farewell.

Many of our readers, especially those who have again visited the Ardennes area, have met



Roger Kimmes and his lovely wife, Tilly.

It was the Lord's will to call to His Kingdom my beloved husband,

Roger KIMMES

Tilly Kimmes

Tilly has advised us that Roger passed away in Luxembourg City Hospital on February 19th. Tilly wishes to tell their numerous American relatives and friends that "we both, Roger and myself, deeply appreciate the great many 'get well' messages, the prayers, masses, telephone calls, telegrams and flowers sent to us from overseas." Tilly will continue to be active in CEBA. She may be reached at 29, rue de Hunsdorf, L-7324 Steinsel, Luxembourg, Europe.

Members Speak Out



Eduardo A. Peniche, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 101st Airborne Air Assault Div, Bastogne, was the guest of honor in December at the Strike Brigade Christmas party. Ed writes that he was deeply touched by having many of the young officers present approach him after his speech to inform him how proud they were to hear from a combat veteran of the Battle of the Bulge and how proud they were to serve in the same unit as Ed. Here he receives a certificate of appreciation from Col. Dean R. Anderson, Brigade Commander, Fort Campbell, KY.



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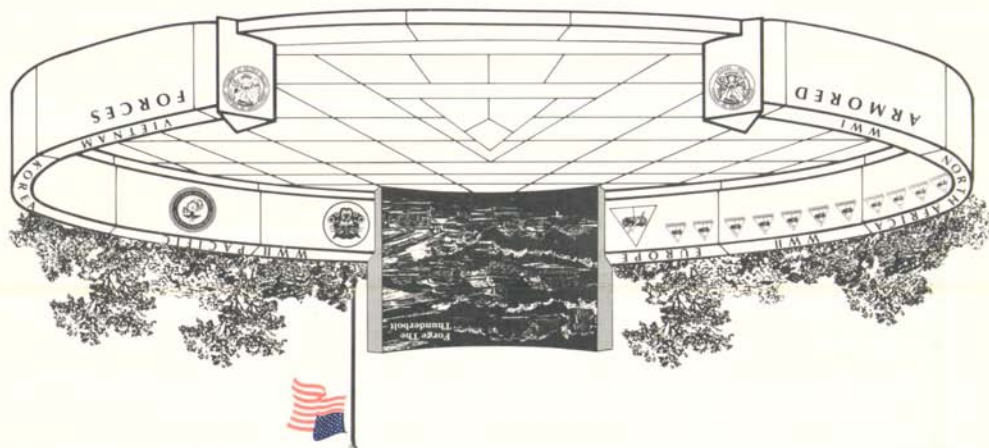
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