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## From The President—



VBOB TOUR '88 and 7th General Membership Meeting is now history, and I think I speak for all 137 of our travellers in saying that except for two crises, the tour was memorable and thoroughly enjoyable. Hotels, meals, buses, drivers were excellent, culminating on the last evening with a banquet with orchestra and dancing at a casino near Luxembourg City.

The first crisis involved the flight from Baltimore-Washington, delayed by mechanical problems with the aircraft. The 53 travellers on that flight finally made it on a Pam Am flight from Dulles to Frankfurt, Germany then by bus to the Ardennes, a day late.

The second involved our tour director, Charles MacDonald, who midway through the tour came down with a bronchial infection and had to be hospitalized. Yet Charles had done his homework, and his two assistants were armed with detailed scenarios with which to guide us during his absence.

The tour involved an apt blend of actually visiting the battlefields and of socializing with the people from Belgium and Luxembourg — and how they love us! On one day those wonderful people provided us automobiles and drivers to visit places of individual interest. On another the Belgian Military Vehicle Collectors Club met us at lunch with beautifully maintained U.S. Army vehicles and with drivers dressed in World War II U.S. Army uniforms.

Particularly memorable was the memorial service at the monument outside Bastogne, at which I and the other travellers from BWI arrived just as it was ending. There was a band from SHAEF, a U.S. Army color guard, and Belgian soldiers carrying the flags of the fifty American states. Eight wreaths were presented by representatives of the region of Wallony, the city of Bastogne, the American Embassies in Brussels and Luxembourg City, veterans of the 5th Belgian Fusiliers, CRIBA, CEBA, the contingent of the Belgian Army stationed at Bastogne, and VBOB. Taps and the national anthems of all three countries followed.

*More coverage of VBOB Tour, See Roy Gordon's article page 7.*

## Swan Song

The time has come for me to move down as president of VBOB, and I do so with mixed emotions.

The past two years have been especially rewarding for me. I have had the opportunity of working not only with our wonderful membership, but with an exceptional group of people in our executive committee, the appointed committee, and others as well. I want to thank all of them for the outstanding cooperation and support they've given me during that time.

I feel a number of important things were accomplished during my tenure. There has been a significant increase in our membership. And for the first time in our history, our General Membership Meetings were held outside the Washington area. In 1987 we met in Syracuse, New York, and this year we traveled overseas to Luxembourg.

Now it is with a sense of deep satisfaction and pride that I turn the mantle of leadership over to our new president Bill Greenville. A member of VBOB since its inception, Bill takes office with the best of credentials to lead this fine organization into the future. I know you'll give him, the officers and committees, the same outstanding cooperation and support that you've given me these last two years.

I plan to remain active in VBOB now that my term is over. I'll continue to help with the newsletter, in our many membership promotions, and in any other area where I can be of service.

Again, my deepest thanks for the opportunity you've given me these past two years. We've got a great organization. And we're going to make it better.

Yours in comradeship,

*George*

George Chekan



# REPORT OF THE SEVENTH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge

For many of the members of VBOB, it was an emotional event to be attending the seventh General Membership Meeting in the area where many of them had participated in bitter fighting 44 years ago.

The meeting was called to order by the President, George Chekan, at 0900 hours on Thursday, September 29, 1988 at the Pullman Hotel, Luxembourg City.

The color guards, William Holland and Demetri Paris, (under the command of Elturino Loiacono) posted the colors. Mr Loiacono then led the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by the playing of the national anthems of the United States of America and Luxembourg.

Msgr. William O'Donnell gave the invocation followed by a short memorial service for the 42 VBOB members who had died this past year. As the name and unit of the deceased was read, members in attendance from that unit stood up. At the conclusion of the service, all members rose to their feet while Stewart Boone (VBOB Member) played taps.

The business portion of the meeting began with a welcome by the president. A warm welcome to Luxembourg was also extended by Emile Kriebs, City Councillor of Luxembourg.

William Greenville introduced the special guests:

CEBA--Tilly Kimmes conveyed the deep gratitude of the Luxembourg People to the G.I.s for the liberation of their homeland. Tilly introduced the members of CEBA present at the meeting.

CREBA--Andre Huber and Edward Dennis also welcomed the VBOB members.

The 5th Belgian Fusiliers--were introduced by Frances Doherty. Frances explained that the group was formed in 1944 of very young Belgian teenagers, and was attached to the First U.S. Army. They went into Germany with the American troops and after the war the group was deactivated. Soon after deactivation the Fusiliers reformed into a ceremonial group, participating in many of the ceremonies at the American Cemeteries. Roger Hardy has been the contact person with this group.

On behalf of VBOB, a Plaque of Appreciation was presented to the Fusiliers following the ceremony at la Mardasson on Thursday, September 22.

After the formal introductions, each veteran introduced him/her self and stated the unit served with during the Battle of The Bulge.

A short coffee break enabled the VBOB members to visit with the members of CEBA, CREBA and the 5th Belgian Fusiliers.

The business meeting was reconvened with the reading, by George Chekan, of a Resolution of Appreciation to Charles MacDonald for his fine organization of this trip. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept this resolution.

#### Book of Reports--Questions, Answers and Discussion

Art Gordon made a motion, seconded by William Holland and approved by the membership that: "The Book of Reports be accepted as written".

The following update comments were made:

Membership--In the absence of Neil Thompson, Ollie Chaplin reported that several hundred inquiries about membership in VBOB had been received in response to a short article about the organization in the VFW Magazine.

Regional Cordination--George Chekan commented about the new Chapters formed during the past year, and that Robert Van Houten, Regional Cordinator, had visited a number of areas on the west coast.

1989 General Membership Meeting--Demetri Paris stated that research for a site for the 1989 Meeting was underway and that several areas are being considered.

Battle of The Bulge Gallery--Dorothy Davis and Sandie Fauriol reported on their visits on September 26, 27 and 28 to a number of associations, offices and embassies to discuss with them the plans for the Battle of The Bulge Gallery. The people of Luxembourg and Belgium are most supportive of this project as evidenced by the following offers of assistance:

NATO--Colonel Robert Ulin--Discussed the aid that might be provided in transporting artifacts from Belgium and Luxembourg to the states. Colonel Ulin also stated that an association of Battle of The Bulge museums was in the formative stage and that the Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation would be invited to join this group.

U.S. Embassy, Belgium--Ronald Woods, Charge d'Affairs and Major Robert McBride were most interested in hearing of the Gallery plans and will send a list of helpful contacts in Belgium.

Radio-Tele of Luxembourg--Nic Weber--related some of his frightening experiences as a young teenager during the Battle of The Bulge. He will translate and distribute to the news and radio media, in December, an article about the plans for The Battle of The Bulge Gallery at Fort Meade, MD.

U.S. Embassy, Luxembourg--Met with Maggy La Plume, Commercial and Protocol Officer and Roland Gaul, U.S.I.A. (also a member of the Diekirch Museum staff). Both officials stated they would distribute any information sent to them about the plans for the Gallery.

Diekirch Museum--Frank Rockenbrod and Roland Gaul both offered assistance and stated that they would discuss with their board sharing with the Gallery artifacts from their store house of



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materials collected directly from the battle fields. The Diekirch Museum is considered to be one of the most outstanding and authentic Battle of The Bulge Museums, so this contribution will be most valuable.

Foundation Pescatore, Luxembourg--This was the site of General Patton's headquarters during the Battle of The Bulge and he gave his now famous prayer for good weather in the chapel there. The Director of Administration, Dominique Lieb, offered to provide publicity of the gallery plans in their publications.

Besides publicity about the Gallery, the published articles will include a request for documents, artifacts and stories about the Bulge that the civilian population may like to share with the Gallery.

At the completion of the update on the Gallery, Sal and Virginia Scarpello pledged \$1000 to the Foundation. (Thanks !!!)

Commemorative Postage Stamp--William Tayman reported that the Assistant Postmaster General is most optimistic that it will be possible to issue a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of The Bulge in 1994. Mr. Tayman will continue to follow up on this project.

Report of Nominating Committee--The slate of officers for nomination, developed by the nominating committee, was presented by Elturino Loiacono as follows:

President---William Greenville  
Executive Vice President---Demetri Paris  
Vice President for Membership---Neil B. Thompson  
Vice President for Military Affairs---Eugene G. Drouillard  
Vice President for Regional Coordination--Robert J. Van Houten  
Treasurer---William R. Hemphill  
Recording Secretary---Darrell Kuhn  
Corresponding Secretary---Beverley Van Houten

Elturing Loiacono made a motion to place in nomination and elect by acclamation the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded by Sal Scarpello and approved by acclamation of the members present.

Congratulations and best wishes to the officers for the coming year!!

Two octogenarians, Charles Cilley and Ed Cogan, who were attending the meeting, were given special recognition. Each had an opportunity to make a few comments. Charles Cilley paid special tribute to the nurses who had cared for the many wounded in the Battle of the Bulge.

Dick Whitehead read a letter of appreciation to:

Victor Joyeux and Wife

Charles Teint and Wife

for providing a delightful evening of music to the VBOB group at the Post House Hotel, Leige Belgium on September 27.

Statistics of the Meeting--

\*102 members attended the meeting

\*45 different units were represented including

7 persons from the 28th Division

President George Chekan adjourned the meeting at 1200 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Steinbis Davis, R.N.  
Recording Secretary

## Video Now

In September, 1988, a television crew from The Chesapeake Media Institute accompanied some 100 VBOB members on a return tour of the Ardennes region of Luxembourg and Belgium. The tour was organized by Charles MacDonald, author of A Time For Trumpets who, along with VBOB president-elect Bill Greenville, had been working with CMI on the creation of DECEMBER DAWN: A 90-minute PBS documentary on the Battle of the Bulge.

The production effort begun on this tour will culminate next summer with the national and international release of this very special television project. Unlike earlier film projects on the Battle of the Bulge, DECEMBER DAWN will tell this story from the perspective of those who lived it--GI's, medics, field nurses, gun and tank crews--veterans like yourself recalling harrowing memories that you all share.

While filming on location with the VBOB members, we were inundated with requests to purchase copies of DECEMBER DAWN prior to its national release scheduled for late Summer 1989. As we promised everyone, we have arranged a special pre-release offer to VBOB members and their families.

The release price of DECEMBER DAWN will be \$79.95. But VBOB members can pre-purchase personal copies of the program prior to December 31, 1988, at the discounted price of \$59.95. 20% of this will be donated back to the VBOB Foundation to go toward the construction of the Battle of the Bulge Gallery at the U.S. Army Museum at Fort George G. Meade. CMI is also a

non-profit organization, so all of your pre-release purchase of DECEMBER DAWN is tax-deductable. Please use this order form for purchasing your copies.

Those VBOB members who plan to attend the events in December and would be willing to be interviewed on camera for the project please contact Dr. Lane Jennings at the address below.

We wish to extend our thanks to all those VSOB members who assisted us with our initial filming in September. We shall not forget your stories, your patience and your hospitality.

--Dr. Charles Sterin,  
Executive Director, CMI

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ copy (copies)  
of the television documentary  
DECEMBER DAWN at the pre-release  
price of \$59.95 each.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

City

State 210

Tape Format:  
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Subtotal:                       
\$3 shipping charge per order

Total

Note: Your copy of DECEMBER DAWN will be shipped by September 1, 1989. Sorry, no C.O.D. or credit cards. Please make your check or money order payable to: Loyola College/Chesapeake Media Inst. and mail to 4501 N. Charles St., WTT2W, Baltimore, MD 21210.



# VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE TOUR VISIT SITES OF THEIR ORDEALS, TRIUMPHS

One of the most unique phenomena of WWII is the undiminished affection of the Belgians and Luxembourgers for American soldiers who took part in the Battle of the Bulge, 137 Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and their wives found in a tour from 20 to 30 September.

The people, officialdom and Belgian veterans outdid themselves in a seemingly never-ending series of receptions and honors for the Americans.

A recent survey shows that nowhere else in WWII - Pacific or European theaters - have the liberated peoples shown such a high degree of gratitude for their American liberators as the Belgians and Luxembourgers.

VBOB officials were easily equal to the challenge, as two times VBOB president George Chekan (9th Inf Div) never made the same speech twice as he responded to the many Belgian recitations of sentiment...



American Cemetery at Neuville-En-Condroz



VBOB Members Enjoying Tour



BASTOGNE, BELGIUM - Sept. 22, 1988. CEREMONIES AT CITY HALL. VBOB Pres. Chekan (center) presents VBOB Flag to Mayor Guy Lutzen of Bastogne (left). Art Gordon, VBOB member looks on.

The climax of the Belgian enthusiasm and deep concern for the Americans came on the next to last day when more than 60 Belgian veterans, and members of two groups (*CRIBA* and *CIBA*) concerned with the memorializing of the Battle of the Bulge took the VBOB members in private cars to combat locations the VBOB members wanted to see. The cars were augmented by busses, when there were many VBOBers seeking certain battle sites. The Belgians insisted on paying in the main for the expenses.

As the VBOB contingent left each of the many receptions, the Belgians fought back tears - unsuccessfully.

At one site, an 87-year-old Baron who had recently suffered a stroke, insisted on coming down to speak to the VBOB group.

There are many monuments and destroyed German military equipment memorializing the Battle of the Bulge throughout the area. One site had an ironic touch: A battered Panzer was surrounded by six flagpoles on which snapped brightly colored flags in the brisk wind. The flags advertised a red wine . . .

VBOB members were able to visit foxholes - still identifiable after these many years - and many veterans told their anecdotes, on site.

One Belgian restaurateur, known as "more American than the Americans" has the front of his hotel permanently decorated with three-foot-high-shoulder patches of US Battle of the Bulge units. His restaurant walls are covered with WWII memorabilia. In VBOB's honor, several local collectors of US military vehicles displayed their collection, dressed in WWII uniforms. The vehicles were in remarkable shape. At the luncheon WWII period musical numbers were played after the spontaneous outpouring of sentiment by the Belgians and the VBOB responses.

The Belgians even have written books about the American effort to fight for the Bulge area twice. They do not blame the GI for the fact that this part of Belgium had to be fought for a second time, in the Bulge. The Belgians presented little mementoes to the VBOB contingent of their unflagging appreciation for their liberation. "Without you, we would still be victims of the Nazis," was a recurring theme in their outpouring of feeling . . .

Even with the complete rebuilding of the area, there are American flags hung from balconies of both official and private buildings year-round . . .

Attendees were high in their praise of the Charles B. MacDonald (*Company Commander, Time for Trumpets* author) - organized trip. He is a VBOB member.

Roy Gordon  
VBOB Correspondent  
(9 Inf. Div. 47th Inf.)



7th General Membership Meeting Attendees



Opening Ceremonies



Diekirch  
Museum  
Diorama  
GI Christmas  
Turkey  
Dinner



Clervaux Castle

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COME JOIN US FOR THE  
VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE  
DECEMBER  
CELEBRATIONS & COMMEMORATIONS

The Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge has, each year on December 16, held a special commemorative ceremony at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery. This year, events have also been planned for December 14 and 15. It will be an opportunity for old and new friends to enjoy camaraderie, reminisce together and to celebrate the progress made in the development of the Battle of The Bulge Gallery.

THE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1988--6:30p.m.

DINNER GALA

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND OFFICERS' CLUB

To Celebrate The Unveiling of The "Founder's 500" Plaque

6:45p.m. to 7:15p.m.--Receiving Line of Dignitaries

7:30--Seated for Dinner

Posting of Colors. . . . . Fort Meade Garrison Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

DINNER MENU

Cream of Broccoli Soup

Cesar Salad

Roast Prime Rib of Beef au Jus

Tomato Provencale

Green Beans Almondine

Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Chocolate Mousse Supreme

Coffee and Tea

9:00p.m.-- Introduction of Guests

Comments

Unveiling of "Founder's 500" Plaque

9:30p.m.--Musical Program--First U.S. Army Band

Cash Bar



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1988---9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m.

First Annual Meeting  
Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation  
Fort George G. Meade Museum  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

This will be an opportunity for you to meet the officers and Board of Directors of the Foundation and to participate with your comments and ideas for the development and building of the Battle of The Bulge Gallery. There will be presentations by Sandie Fauriol, Campaign Manager and by Harry Wilbur, Exhibit Designer as well as historical material and documents for you to browse through.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1988

11:00a.m.--Special Ceremonies for The Veterans of The Battle of  
Bulge  
Tomb of The Unknown Soldier  
Arlington National Cemetery

11:30a.m.--Color Guard and Commemoration Ceremonies at the  
Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge Monument  
Arlington National Cemetery

12:00 noon--Reception--The Historic Wainwright Hall  
Fort Myer, Virginia  
Swearing In of Officers for the next year  
Luncheon Buffet  
Cash Bar

We hope many of you will be able to attend some or all of these events and enjoy the comradeship of The Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge and witness the moving ceremonies at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier.

SO THAT WE MAY BETTER PLAN FOR THESE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESERVATION FORM BY DECEMBER 7, 1988.

For your convenience a list of motels near to Fort Meade is enclosed.

The limit for the Dinner Gala will be 260 persons.



## RESERVATION FORM

Return form by December 7, 1988 to:

BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 2516, KENSINGTON, MD 20895-0818

Please make checks payable to: BoBHF

DINNER GALA--DECEMBER 14, 1988

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEL.# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST AT \$25.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

Table assignment for the dinner will be on your name card. If you wish to sit with friends--please include their names with this form.  
DRESS: Business Suit/Black Tie or Dress Blues.

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DECEMBER 15, 1988--9:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION MEETING

☐

Yes, I will attend the meeting. Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

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No, I will not be attending the meeting

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DECEMBER 16, 1988--11:00a.m.

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Yes, I will attend the ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery  
Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_

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No, I will not be attending the ceremonies.

Number of persons attending the Luncheon Reception at  
Wainwright Hall, Fort Myer, VA \_\_\_\_\_

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If overnight accommodations are needed, several motels near Fort Meade:

Holiday Inn  
(2 miles from Ft. Meade)  
3400 Ft. Meade RD.  
Laurel, MD 20707  
Tel.#301-498-0900  
Single/Double Room--\$49.00  
\*If you call or write, mention  
that you are with the VBOB Group

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Marriott--BWI Airport  
(10 miles from Ft. Meade)  
1743 West Nursery Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21240  
Tel.#301-859-8300  
\*If a member of AARP  
Single Room--\$62.00  
Double Room--\$67.00

Best Western  
(20 minutes from Ft. Meade)  
15101 Sweitzer Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707  
Tel.#301-776-5300  
\*Senior Citizen Rate  
Single Room--\$57.00(includes tax)  
Double Room--\$63.00(includes tax)

# Members Speak Out

John (Floyd) Stracener, 511th Engr. Lt. Ponton Co, writes to report a revisit to Europe two years ago and there found a family he met there 40 years ago. At that time the lady was seven years old and her brother nine. They now all correspond with one another.

J. C. Dawson, Co. I, 39th Inf, 9th Inf. Div, was wounded in late January 1945 in Germany. Taken to a field hospital in Belgium, his military record indicates he was wounded in Belgium, however. When he fell, his helmet was partially off and later, three bullet holes were noted in the helmet. He considers himself rather lucky!

Ralph R. Balestrieri, 58th AFA Bn, requests that other unit members write to him at 41 Rose Court, Eatontown, NJ 07724.

Robert J. Smith, Btry. A, 482d AAA, attached to 3d FA, B Btry, 9th Armd. Div, is now retired from a redwood lumber mill (after 38 years) and wishes to hear from other unit members. Write him at 2204 Newburg Rd, Fortuna, CA 95540.

Bill Montgomery, A Co, 4th Med. Bn, 4th Inf. Div, writes of his unit going to Luxembourg to regroup after the Hurtgen Forest carnage. After holding against the left temporary shoulder of the German advance, he moved through Belgium and to the rural areas along the Hindenburg Line. This was in December 1944 although Bill had been in the same area (the same German farmhouse) he had occupied five or six months previously. By this time the German army had left its calling card - diarrhea! For more info re 4th Div. chapters, contact Ralph Lingert, 477 Clubhouse Dr, Mason, OH 45040.

Dudley Atkins, 78th Div, remembers the tough times in the Huertgen Forest, the capture of Schmidt and the Schwammen- auel Dam. Two of his brothers were on the scene, too - one with the 84th Division and another with Patton's Third Army.

Leonard Schafenberg, Hq. Btry, 174th FA Bn wishes to hear from all members of the battalion, particularly vets from New York and Ohio. Write him at 1911 E. 29th St, Brooklyn, NY 11229.

Paul A. Mong, 259th FA Bn, wishes to hear from any of his unit buddies. Write Paul at Box 79, RD #2, Eldred, PA 16731.

Thad F. Conway, A Btry, 575th AAA, 11th Armd. Div, has heard from only one unit member. If there are any other buddies out there, please write the Editor, THE BULGE BUGLE, who will put you in contact with Thad.

Donald V. Tompkins, 801st Tank Destroyer Recon, wishes to hear from "ole comrades," especially those who were lost behind enemy lines in that cold December of 1944. Write Don at 413 Old County Road, Ringgold, GA 30736.

Angus (Scotty) Logan, Btry. C, 589th FA, 106th Div, wishes to hear from other unit members. After 27 years teaching school, he hasn't forgotten his frozen feet during the Battle of the Bulge at St. Vith. Write Scotty at 1708 S. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602.

Wm. M. Brooks, Co. E, 134th Inf, 35th Div, writes that he was wounded four times between St. Lo and Bastogne and spent eight months in hospitals. He'd like to hear from old buddies. Write him at 496 Eastwood Lane, Daytona Beach, FL 32018.

Robert C. Hayes, 84th Inf. Div, Co. I, wishes to hear from unit members. Write him at 6434 N. Moore Ave, Portland, OR 97217.

Wm. R. Watts, Svc. Co, 21st Tank Bn, 10th Armd. Div, writes about the days he spent with his comrades. He sends his love to all of his buddies.

Peter J. Schrader, Co. A, 372d Engr. GS Regt, attended the reunion in Syracuse, but found no buddies. Come on, Guys, write the Editor and he'll put you in touch with Pete.

Leo J. Yost, CCB, 10th Armd. Div, writes that he has visited the battlefields in Europe on two occasions and made a trip to Alaska recently and looks forward to attending one of our reunions.

## ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

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# Members Speak Out

Thomas L. Harris, Hq, 60th Inf, 9th Inf. Div, sends the license plate he used during the early 1980's. On a base of silver, the top line in red reads "First in Flight," the center line in very large blue letters, reads "Ardennes," followed by the bottom line in red, "North Carolina." Thanks, Tom. The plate is being returned to add to your WWII memoirs. (Ed.)

PVT Benjamin S. Franklin, 327th Glider Regt, 101st Abn Div, landed behind enemy lines on D-Day at Normandy. Taken prisoner by the German forces, he escaped. Wounded, he was evacuated to a hospital in England. He was then returned to his unit in France. At Bastogne, Benjamin was killed by the enemy. His brother was at the time in Third Army's 35th Division. Anyone with an knowledge of these incidents is asked to contact Benjamin's brother, James C. Franklin, 229 Bonds Rd, Thomaston, GA 30286.

VBOB Life Member Ralph R. Balestrieri, 58th & 13th FA, writes to advise that "one Gold Star Lapel Button will be furnished without cost to the widow(er), each parent, each child, step-child, child through adoption, brother, half-brother, sister and half-sister of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed while in the active military service during World Wars I and II, Korea or Vietnam conflicts. To request a button, write to the Retiree Community Support Office, Bldg. 142, Rm. 110, Ft. Sheridan, IL 60037-500 or call (312) 925-3179."

Currie R. Polk, Btry. A, 468th AAA AW Bn, wishes to hear from other unit members. He recently completed 34 years' service with the Civil Service. Write to Currie at Rt. 2, Box 144, Gatesville, TX 76528.

William B. Leeseman, Jr., 101st Engr. Combat Bn, 26th Inf. Div, visited Yellowstone National Park in June, wearing his red VBOB Jacket. He was approached by three visitors curious about "VBOB." One young man, perhaps 35, stated, "we are deeply indebted to all of you."

Edward S. Tooma, Co. F, 23d Inf, 2d Inf. Div, wishes to locate any members of his unit during 1944/1945. Write him at 306 Grovethorn Rd, Baltimore, MD 21220.

Robert W. Kockstedler, D Trp, 25th Cav. Bn, 4th AD, writes of meeting in a gab session in May in Indianapolis, renewing old acquaintances and hashing over some old stories. All present made it from the beach to Bavaria. Bob says he still recognized all participants after 43 years.

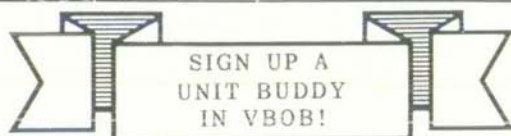
Reid W. McNary, 891st FA Bn, writes to say that VBOB "has been the most rewarding in letter exchange and information given."

Gabriel Carrizales, Co. A, 17th Sig. Opn. Bn, served with First US Army as a motor messenger ("Message Must Go Through.") In this assignment he became very familiar with Malmedy, Uppen, St. Vith, Spa, Verriers, Liege and Brussels. He was one of the last messengers to deliver to Bastogne. He remembers that roads were hard to follow -- too much snow.

Raleigh C. Bennett, Co. F, 2d Inf, 5th Inf. Div, Third US Army, writes to tell us that he finished college after WWII and then to embalming school and subsequent licensing. He retired as funeral director three years ago. He wants to hear from anyone with whom he served. Write to Raleigh at Rt. 2, Box 267-A, Whitakers, NC 27891.

H. E. (Jiggs) Johnson, Bn. Motor Sgt, 48th AID, 7th Armd. Div, retired in 1948 and writes that "it's good to be a part of" VBOB.

Charles R. Miller, Co. A, 290th Inf, 75th Div, was medically evacuated in January 1945 to the 662d Med. Clearing Co. He understands that this was in Spa and later moved to Malmedy. Visiting that area three years ago, he was unable to confirm these locations. Anyone who can provide further data or who served with him in the 75th is asked to write Charles at 2314 Mavis Cr, Tallahassee, FL 32301.





## Refreshments in Bastogne

The picture of Bastogne Town Square brings back many fond memories. I was with the VIII Corps Hq in Bastogne from 17 October to 10 December 1944. General Middleton wanted to stay in Bastogne, but higher Hq didn't want to chance a Corps Hq being captured so we were ordered out; Corps forward to Neufchateau and Corps rear to Arlon.

A few days before leaving we had requisitioned a small hotel just off the town square. A comprehensive inspection revealed that the basement was significantly smaller than the hotel dimensions. By pounding on the walls we came up with hollow sounds and after cutting a hole in the wall, we uncovered a hidden cache -- hundreds of bottles of wines, champagnes, cognacs, etc.

The hotel owner claimed it wasn't his. The mayor said it didn't belong to the city or to Belgium. He also added that the Germans had used the hotel as a Hq before the Americans arrived, so we claimed the booty. But then came The Bulge, so we sealed the wall and hoped and prayed that when we returned, it would still be there.

General McAuliffe's message, "Nuts," may have been his most famous, but he reportedly sent a meaningful message to VIII Corps Hq saying, "We have discovered your cache. Every man has a bottle. We are attacking at once!"

Sure enough, when we returned the cache was gone. Coupled with their heroic stand, it means that the 101st may have been the only outfit in the history of military operations to defend and "attack" simultaneously with equal success. We didn't begrudge them their victories, but it would have been nice if they would have left a few "prisoners" for us to "interrogate."

...Norm M. Porr, Omaha, NE

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### Guest Editorial

## Gaps in Life With Final Taps

By Peter G. Dounis

The spine tingling and bone chilling sound of *Taps* is a feeling most of us have felt at different military memorial ceremonies or funerals, but are reluctant to express or openly admit.

The sound of *Taps* permeating and ringing in the air can fill the bosom with pride and sorrow, cause the emergence of tears in one's eyes with deep swallows and instill trembling in the knees. Some become teary faster than others depending on their private thoughts, but bodies rigid, posture adroit and eyes glossy, is a true as-

sociation with the crisp sound of *Taps*.

We know that silence and respect are proper protocol and paramount; certainly, it being a time for reverence and a genuine test for most of the human senses.

No better tribute and memory activator can conclude the life and project the spirit of a befallen, brave and courageous American hero of yesteryear, who has given in total sacrifice.

Those earthly niches and crypts contain remains whose memories remain with us and are difficult to forget!

Yes, there is a time for bugles and, as long as there are conflicts and wars with the ultimate casualties that result and manifest, we will hear the staccato notes echoing into the heavens and the haunting tone of sounding *Taps*...wherever and whenever appropriate throughout the world.

Prior to the Civil War, the bugle call was called "Tattoo" and in 1862 General Daniel Butterfield of the Union Army composed *Taps*. Also, Cavalry and Artillery units used bugles, but the Infantry used drums for formation "calls". During that period of the Civil War those drum "calls" changed to bugle "calls".

The various stanzas which should accompany *Taps*, but seldom do, are as follows:

### TAPS

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.

It has been difficult to ascertain, either from civilian or military sources, the origin and solemn oc-

casions for the proper and acceptable usage of its different word groupings and something must be said for the Bugler, who creates *Taps* with his masterful technique of articulating to perfection and it is he who stands alone...while all listen.

Emotion is preponderantly omnipresent in varying degrees and an integral part of sounding or resounding *Taps*. If you don't feel anything after hearing *Taps*, you're not human!

Now, we unmistakably know after a century plus, that *Taps* is ingrained and entwined in our national heritage and history. ★

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#### VA MEDICAL CARE FOR VETERANS 65 AND OLDER

VA's eligibility assessment procedures apply to all nonservice-connected veterans regardless of age. Pub. Law 99-272 repealed a provision in The Veterans Omnibus Health Care Act of 1970 that allowed veterans 65 years of age or older to receive care in VA facilities regardless of income.

#### VETERANS CAN FILE NEW DISABILITY CLAIMS

Recent discovery of partial military treatment records by the National Archives and Records Administration may enable many Army and Army Air Corps veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict to file for Veterans Administration disability compensation payments.

To speed these claims, the Administrator of the VA has announced that the VA has introduced special procedures, collectively called Project Expedite, which involve a massive cross-checking of files to determine cases that can be reopened.

Using the new records, the VA now hopes to assist many veterans whose claims had previously been denied because no record was available to confirm medical disabilities that occurred during military service.

Veterans and survivors unsure whether their disability compensation claims are affected should contact the nearest VA Regional Office. A toll-free number of the nearest office is listed in the Federal Government section of telephone directories.

The National Archives and Records Administration on June 15 advised the VA that it is obtaining a collection of computer tape containing some 10 million Army medical treatment records that partially fill a gap created when a 1973 fire destroyed millions of military files at the federal record center in St. Louis. The newly found records cover the years from 1942 to 1945 and from 1950 to 1954.

For certain veterans whose claims for disability compensation were denied since the fire, the VA may now be able to establish documentary evidence to support their claims.

The St. Louis fire on July 12, 1973 destroyed or seriously damaged some 18 million service records, making subsequent disability claims difficult and, in some cases, impossible to process. The newly found medical records are being provided to the National Archives by the National Research Council, a private organization that had been engaged in analysis of Army hospital records in the 1950's. The computerized information reflects battle injuries

treated in Army hospitals and a sample of hospitalizations for other reasons. The records cover personnel who served in the Army and Army Air Corps, as well as personnel from other services who were treated in Army medical facilities. (VA 6/23/88).

#### BURIAL OF VETERANS' FAMILY MEMBERS

Wives of veterans buried in a VA National Cemetery are entitled to burial in the same cemetery. This is also applicable to the veterans' minor children, unmarried children under age 23 attending school and under certain conditions to unmarried adult children.

#### VETERANS WHOSE REMAINS WERE CREMATED

Veterans who were cremated and their ashes scattered may have a memorial marker placed in the VA National Cemetery or in a memorial marker erected in a private cemetery.

#### INCREASE IN PERCENT OF DISABILITY

Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at ten percent, and whose condition has worsened, may be reevaluated for an increase in their percentage of disability. Submit a written request to the VA along with any medical evidence to substantiate your claim.

### **ATTENTION** .....

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OLLIE CHAPLIN, Movers' Information Services, in Arlington, VA -- he who mails your VBOB mail, receives your dues, etc., -- wants you to be aware of the above. Let's help Ollie, and his wife, Dale, all we can by following the above rules and regulations. Otherwise, court-martial charges may be filed against your good name!!!!

.....Ed.





## UNIQUE STORY PLANNED.....

How many of us had memorable experiences Stateside and in Europe during World War II that were funny, sad and unbelievable that we would like to tell, but do not because we do not want them publicized?

For years, Clyde Pierson (C/557th AAA Bn 84th Inf Div) has thought about this and now is going to put together in book form such memories.

He says "...the names used will be fictitious. I just don't think I want my name used on some of these stories. You don't need to sign the letter, but all information will be in the strictest confidence. I do know that not all of our memories are easy to put into words, but if you feel it worth the time, please send something. If I get enough to put together, I will see that everyone gets a copy."

Letters should be sent to Clyde Pierson, 1399 Shadow Oaks Road, Kissimmee, FL 32743. Although the letters should be unsigned, your parent unit should be indicated. ...Clyde D. Boden

## HELP US HELP YOU ~~~~~

Members who have changed addresses in the last year may wish to update their telephone numbers with VBOB. When your address changes, please notify us. Current members are asked NOT to include an application to VBOB when you pay your dues...applications are for NEW members only. When you send in your dues, please write your VBOB membership number on your check. Please do not staple or tape your membership check; this creates delays in processing. Orders for merchandise and books must be on an order form. Since our last edition and to mid-May, 54 orders were received without the order form.

## CONGRATULATIONS ... CASIMER POMIANEK, PRESIDENT OF VBOB's NORTHWEST CHAPTER

At a recent Division Reunion, Casimer signed up 20 new payed-up members to VBOB. Quite an Achievement!

... Ed.



"NOW THIS ONE WAS FOR THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AND WE DON'T NEED ANY SMART REMARKS!"

Reprinted from The Washington Post 10/21/88.

**D**ear Ann Landers:  
I was surprised to see the letter asking about the meaning of the phrase, "feed it to Sweeney." This story might be of interest to your readers.

An American soldier was a prisoner of war in enemy territory. The POWs had permission to write to their families but were advised that strict censorship would prevail and any letter that hinted at negative comment about their treatment would not be forwarded.

One soldier wrote, in effect, that they were treated with consideration, had comfortable quarters and excellent food. He concluded, "I cannot emphasize enough how well we are treated. I want you to tell this to all our friends, but I particularly want to you to tell it to Sweeney."

Obviously the censor-interpreter was untutored in American idioms. The soldier's letter was received at home.—Jan Martin, Santa Rosa, Calif. Dear Jan:

Thanks for a fascinating letter that is sure to revive some great war stories. Any more out there?



## Nurses Pleaded to Remain With Wounded as Nazis Neared

A U.S. ARMY EVACUATION HOSPITAL, France, Jan. 8 (UP)—The eight nurses, in mud-coated woolen shirts, slacks and GI boots, stood before the harried colonel as the advancing Germans drew nearer. Their jaws were set and their eyes red-rimmed from lack of sleep.

"We can't leave now," they protested. "We can't go and leave these men. It doesn't matter what happens to us. Let us stay."



VBOB member, Lt. Ruth M. Puryear, ANC, 107th Evac. Hosp. before the December snow and "breakthrough." This is a STARS & STRIPES article of that time.

But the colonel did not let them stay, not that time nor any of the other times this hospital fell back in the first six days of the Nazi winter offensive in Belgium.

And he didn't leave a single patient behind either.

"Despite the moves, we kept right on working," said the husky, taciturn colonel from Minnesota. "We had to, because the other hospitals fell back to the sides of the bulge and we were the only one available at the tip of the spearhead."

The Germans were so close that at one time the colonel selected volunteers to stay behind with the patients when it appeared that some might have to be left. Twice they abandoned equipment, only to recover it when the German drive seemed momentarily slowed.

"There weren't any heroes because they were all heroes," the colonel said. "The nurses were terrific."

"They sure were," confirmed the chief nurse, Capt. Elizabeth May, of Hampton, New Hampshire.

"All we had been thinking of before the Nazis came was moving to better quarters," said Lt. Ruth Puryear, of Richmond, Va.

Lt. Helen Yancey, of Hinton, W. Va., said: "When I went through the receiving ward I tried to walk casually, like everything was fine. The boys knew what was happening, but all of them kept calm."

The hospital had planned a dance for the Saturday night when the German breakthrough began. The nurses were upset at first when officers who were invited from a nearby infantry division failed to show up, but as Puryear said, "A couple of hours later we found that we had been stood up for good reason."



**Veterans  
Administration**

The VA does not pay special life insurance dividends on lapsed insurance policies. An insurance hoax that has plagued the VA since 1948 is refueled every few years by a distribution of "applications" that claim that Congress has authorized the dividends. There has been no such action nor is there any pending. Annual dividends on current GI insurance policies are paid by the VA to veterans who continue to pay premiums. Dividend payments are made automatically, usually on the anniversary date of the policy, and no application is needed.

## PASS THE WORD ABOUT VBOB

Again, let me re-emphasize the need for each of us to generate new members. We know there are many, many more Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge out there. We know they would be honored to be part of this exceptional organization. They just haven't learned about VBOB. You can be our best advertising campaign.

Talk to eligible veterans and encourage them to join. It's the only way we can continue to grow.

George Chekan, Pres., VBOB

## ALL VBOBers . . . your attention, please!!!

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AND . . . there is no Order Blank either. It is being revised to make it more understandable for you and more usable for us. As of now, use one of the old Order Blanks, please. Prices are the same.





*"I see Comp'ny E got th' new style gas masks, Joe."*

## VFW MAGAZINE ITEM SPARKS VBOB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A well-positioned article in the September 1988 issue of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine publicizing the current membership drive by VBOB resulted in many hundreds of requests for information.

The support of the VFW is not only appreciated; it is treasured. Many, if not most, of VBOB members are active in the VFW in leadership and other roles.

As the 6,000 figure in VBOB membership is approached, all members are urged to be part of this growing international organization by talking with relatives and friends, by placing pertinent items in local newspapers and veterans and unit publications and by contacting local radio and television stations.

Additional information and brochures complete with background data and applications for membership may be obtained from Neil Thompson, Vice President for Membership, VBOB, P.O. Box 11129, Arlington, Va. 22210.

## NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS WILL FEATURE BULGE ARTICLES

The **World War II Chronicle** will include in the November-December 1988 issue a number of items about the Battle of the Bulge. Wayne Sanford, the **Chronicle** editor, is a member of VBOB.

The December 1988 issue of **Soldiers**, an official U.S. Army publication that is distributed world-wide to all Army Installations, will contain an article based on recollections of the veterans of that battle as well as military and historical data.

Efforts will be made to determine the way to get copies of that article. It is expected that the Battle of the Bulge Gallery at Fort Meade, Md., will be featured in the January 1989 issue of **Soldiers**.



## SITES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR 1989 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

After successful General Membership Meetings in Syracuse, NY, in 1987 and in Luxembourg in 1988, action is being taken to schedule the 1989 GMM in the United States. The first four were held in Arlington, VA.

Sites being considered include the Far West, the Mid West and the South, among others.

It is at these meetings that officers are elected, constitutional and by-laws changes are considered, reports are received and other business is transacted. There are other events such as a banquet and dance, social events, tours, the showing of films and time for renewing old and making new acquaintances.

Additional details are planned to be published in **The Bulge Bugle** early in 1989.





## Mary Jonckea's Special Request . . . Place Flowers on Graves

Center of Research and Information Battle of the Ardennes (CRIBA) member Madame Mary Jonckea of Verviers, Belgium is pictured in Arlington National Cemetery where she placed flowers tied together with black, yellow and red colored ribbon, the colors of the Belgium flag.

Mary and her son Eric visited with the family of Bill Tayman, a life member of the Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge for two weeks this summer. Mary had one special request while on her first trip to the United States . . . place flowers on the graves of a WWII soldier, the Korean conflict and Vietnam.

Mary and her son have adopted men in the Henri Chapelle American Cemetery where she and her son place flowers on the graves of American servicemen who gave their lives during the Battle of The Bulge. They each have three men whom they honor as family at special times of the year - a true love and appreciation for the American soldier who died for the freedom of Belgium.

Bill who lives in Reston, Virginia invited Mary and Eric to visit our National Capital for several days, they also visited Mount Vernon, a three day trip to Williamsburg by way of the Chesapeake Bay bridge and the Bay Tunnel at Norfolk. From Jamestown they went to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and a tour of the University of Virginia campus - night in Staunton with the next day driving on a section of Skyline Drive.

On the recent VBOB tour to Belgium and Luxembourg Mary, her husband and son took Bill on a special tour of their country. It is these kind of friendships that make CRIBA and VBOB so rewarding.

## Reunion ~ ~ ~

104th Inf. Regt, 26th Yankee Div, 21-23 Apr 89, Hyatt, Cherry Hill, NJ. Contact Roger Hemond, P.O. Box 3523, Springfield, MA 01101

28th Yankee Div. Convention, 8-10 Jun 89, Quality Inn, Chicopee, MA. Contact Sam Oppedisano, 61 Winthrop St, Springfield, MA 01105.

328th Inf. Regt, 26th Yankee Div, 20-22 Oct 89, (location not yet available). Contact Santo Maruca, 79 Simpson Circle, Agawam, MA 01001.

511th Engr. L.P. Co, 48th reunion, 22 Oct 88, Wayne, NJ. For info, contact Joe Rosania, P.O. Box 412, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

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## Bulge Veterans Conduct 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 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 also of relatives, friends, and history buffs.

The Battle of the Bulge has been characterized by VBOB member and military author-historian Charles MacDonald, who fought there with the 2nd 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*, has 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 2221



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