



MESSAGE FROM THE PUPS

WE ARE proud to host the 71st reunion of the 104th Infantry Division of World War II this year in our nation's capital.

Washington, DC, is the focus of much attention this election year. It appears that many issues divide us as a nation despite our great similarities as a people. Fortunately, our NTPA mission as the host of this reunion—to honor our Veterans and preserve their history for future generations—remains on its course.

We remember the sacrifices of the “Greatest Generation” to celebrate and to remember the values and ambitions of how much our nation can achieve

when it is united in purpose. In this way, we honor our past by staying true to the values and freedoms of our country. Our history tells us that our nation is resilient and will again find its course, remembering and honoring the shared values that have led us since our founding as the United States of America.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our reunion this year!

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NOTES FROM THE REUNION SITE COMMITTEE

Hi, Vets, Pups, and Friends!

WE ARE looking forward to another great Reunion in Washington, DC. We know many of you have been to DC before—perhaps at a previous Timberwolf reunion several years ago—but don't let that stop you from attending this one. We have a great hotel at a very nice price to entice you, and Washington, DC, should be very interesting this fall (unless, of course, everyone is out of town campaigning!). There is plenty of free time to explore all there is to see in this special place; it never gets boring. So take advantage of it!

As we have fewer Vets with us each year, it is especially important that the Pups and many Grandpups join us to share stories, get information, make new friends from all over our nation (and abroad), and renew the bonds that hold us together. We need to keep our legacy alive and vibrant. Your support and hopeful attendance at the reunions are

part of that legacy. In addition, many of the Vets who can no longer attend our reunions love to see the pictures and stories that appear in the January/February *HOWL*.

Another note: I encourage you to let friends, neighbors, and extended families know that it is a great way to spend some good vacation time in our nation's capital while staying in a great hotel at a super reasonable price! Maybe they will expand their World War II knowledge and appreciation of the men who fought in it. That would fit into our NTPA goals very well.

Hope to see you in September.

—JeNeal Ann Granieri, NTPA Treasurer & Reunion Site
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

NTPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Though our bylaws state that membership begins in January of each year, we will accept dues at any time. (You may find it easier to pay your dues for the next year at the annual reunion, for example.) Please fill out the form below, and mail it with your check (payable to the **National Timberwolf Pups Association**) to this address: **NTPA • 1749 9th Avenue • San Francisco, CA 94122 (Attn: JeNeal)**

Dues: \$20 per year (\$10 for Veterans/Wives)

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- I am a _____ Vet _____ Widow _____ Pup _____ Friend
- This is a _____ membership renewal _____ new membership
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If you have any queries about membership, please contact our treasurer via email, phone, or post: JeNeal Granieri, jenealann@att.net, 415-412-3279 or 415-661-6753 (see mailing address listed above).

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 2016 REUNION—ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please note how many people will be participating in each event, and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of a check or money order. Your canceled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2016 (a 3.5% charge will be added to the total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before **August 4, 2016**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. **We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.** Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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Thurs. (9/8): FT. MEADE TOUR & HOLOCAUST MUSEUM	9:00 AM	to	3:30 PM	\$60	X	=	
Friday (9/9): SHEAR MADNESS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER	6:45 PM	to	10:30 PM	\$72	X	=	
Saturday (9/10): NATIONAL MEMORIALS TOUR	9:30 AM	to	3:00 PM	\$45	X	=	
BANQUET							
Sunday (9/11): Banquet Dinner (Please select an entrée below.)	6:30 PM	to	11:30 PM				
Sliced London Broil				\$42	X	=	
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2016 REUNION—SCHEDULE & TOURS

NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS ASSOCIATION 6th ANNUAL REUNION SHERATON PENTAGON CITY—WASHINGTON, DC SEPTEMBER 7–12, 2016

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Wednesday, September 7

Reunion Registration open 2:00 PM–6:00 PM
Foxhole: Meet and Greet with the 106th 7:30–9:30 PM
NOTE: Souvenir sales hours will be listed in the Foxhole.

Thursday, September 8

Breakfast Buffet 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
Reunion Registration open 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
NTPA Board/Committee Meeting 8:00 AM–8:50 AM
**FORT MEADE TOUR &
THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM** 9:00 AM–3:30 PM
Reunion Registration open 2:00 PM–6:00 PM
NOTE: Additional registration hours will be posted if necessary.
Foxhole 1:00–9:30 PM

Friday, September 9

Breakfast Buffet 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
Timberwolf Pups Meeting 9:00 AM–9:45 AM
General Meeting 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Foxhole 1:00–5:00 PM
SHEAR MADNESS (KENNEDY CENTER) 6:45 PM–10:30 PM

Saturday, September 10

Breakfast Buffet 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
NATIONAL MEMORIALS TOUR 9:30 AM–3:00 PM
Foxhole 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Beer Bust 8:30 PM–11:00 PM

Sunday, September 11

Breakfast Buffet 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
Memorial Service 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
Foxhole 1:30 PM–4:00 PM
Holik WWII Records Seminar 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
Cash Bar 5:30 PM–11:30 PM
Banquet Dinner and Dance 6:30 PM–11:30 PM

Monday, September 12

Breakfast Buffet 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
Farewells and Departures

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

FORT MEADE TOUR & THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Thursday, September 8:

Begin the day with a guided bus tour of Fort George G. Meade, an army installation that includes the Defense Information School, the United States Army Field Band, and the HQ of the United States Cyber Command and National Security Agency. Originally opened in 1917, Ft. Meade has a rich history serving as a recruit training post and POW camp during World War II. Following the bus tour, enjoy lunch at one of Ft. Meade's dining facilities. After lunch, visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, America's only national memorial to the Holocaust. Established by a unanimous Act of Congress, the museum contains a permanent exhibit of artifacts, films, photographs, and oral histories that document the Nazi genocide. The narrative begins with images of death and destruction as witnessed by American soldiers during the liberation of Nazi concentration camps in 1945 (something the Timberwolves experienced firsthand). The Hall of Remembrance serves as a place of reflection.

- **Special notes: (1) A photo ID is required for base access. (2) The Holocaust Museum is not recommended for children under the age of twelve.**
- **9:00 AM—Board bus** (details cont. in next column)

- **3:30 PM—Back to hotel**
- **\$60/Person** (Includes bus, guide, admission [to base & museum] & lunch)

SHEAR MADNESS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

Friday, September 9:

The Kennedy Center is home to the entertaining show *Shear Madness*, Washington's hilarious whodunit murder mystery. Someone's been killed in the apartment above a Georgetown hairstyling salon, and the police haven't got a clue. Take a stab at catching the killer. It's a riotous, improvisational plot with topical humor where *you* spot the clues, *you* question the suspects, and *you* solve the crime! The ending is different every night, so you'll never see the same show twice. If DC critic Arch Campbell says *Shear Madness* is "the most fun [he] ever had at the Kennedy Center," you are guaranteed to have a great time! (Dress code is casual, and a cash bar will be available.)

- **6:45 PM—Board bus at hotel**
- **7:00 PM—Board bus at Pentagon City Mall**
- **10:30 PM—Back to hotel**
- **\$72/Person** (Includes bus, escort & show)

NATIONAL MEMORIALS TOUR

Saturday, September 10:

See our nation's war memorials during a driving tour of Washington, DC. Stop at the Lincoln Memorial, and visit the Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials. Enjoy a maritime movie at the US Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center, built to honor the sailors of the US Navy. Afterward, stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, DC, and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy lunch on your own at the Reagan Building food court—named one of the "best family food courts" in DC. After lunch, free time will be allowed at the World War II Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

- **Special note: A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building.**
- **9:30 AM—Board bus**
- **3:00 PM—Back to hotel**
- **\$45/Person** (Includes bus & guide)
- **Lunch on your own.**

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. *Please plan to be at the bus boarding area (in front of the hotel) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.*
2. *Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.*

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY for ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

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TO REGISTER, YOU CAN...

- **Go online** and pay by credit card:
www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2016
- **Fill out the form on the previous page** and send it with your check by mail: Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510, Attn: Timberwolf

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LOCATION

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Located just minutes from Reagan National Airport and downtown Washington, DC

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Call one of the numbers above and please remember to reference the National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion. Or you can visit www.afr-reg.com/timberwolf2016 and click on the hotel reservation link to receive the discounted group rate.

Group Name: National Timberwolf Pups Association Reunion (104th Infantry Division)

Reunion Dates: September 7–12, 2016

Rate: \$119 + tax (currently 13%). Rate includes breakfast for two people daily (additional vouchers can be purchased at the front desk). Room rate will be offered three days before and three days after reunion dates, based on availability.

Cutoff Date: 08/04/16. Late reservations will be processed at a higher rate based on availability.

Cancellation Policy: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 4:00 PM the day prior to arrival. If guest does not check in or has not canceled their reservation by then, one night (with tax) will be charged to the guest's credit card. All reservations must include a one-night room deposit and be guaranteed with a major credit card.

PARKING & SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Complimentary shuttle service departs every thirty minutes from 5:00 AM–12:15 AM to and from Reagan National Airport. Go to the Ground Transportation area of the airport to catch the shuttle. SuperShuttle also offers transportation from Dulles International Airport and Baltimore/Washington International Airport. Please contact them at (202) 296-6662 or (800) BLUE-VAN, or visit www.supershuttle.com for more information and to make reservations. Complimentary shuttle service is also available to the Pentagon City Metro Station. Free hotel parking is available for all reunion attendees.

WHEELCHAIR RENTAL

ScoutAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and the week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com to get more details and to make reservations.

WAR STORY

The Sniper

By TW Dick Rigler

IN NOVEMBER 1944, we Co. C men of the 329th Engineering Combat Battalion of the 104th were in support of the 415th. In the hotly defended area east of the city of Aachen was the industrial town of Eschweiler, which the 415th had taken, but in the retreat, the Germans did everything possible to slow down our advance. Mines, booby traps, and the like were prevalent; and our duty was to clear all areas of such obstacles.

We were called upon to go to a specific street in Eschweiler where there were numerous Teller mines left on top of the ground to prohibit any

vehicles from passing. These were antitank mines about a foot in diameter and a few inches high that took the weight of a vehicle to cause them to detonate. They were usually buried in the ground, but in the enemy's haste, the mines had been left on the street to slow our forces.

My squad was given the assignment of removing them from the street, and they were lying there just as described when we arrived at the scene. The street was lined with battle-worn row houses that made it impossible for a vehicle to go around the mines. However, there weren't many mines, so the detail (which involved picking them up by hand to remove and dispose of them) wouldn't take long. The force needed to do this wasn't nearly enough to cause any detonation as long as

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none were dropped (according to the manual, this might ruin your day!).

Suddenly, someone yelled, "SNIPER!" But I did not personally see him, and neither did Sgt. Joe Muffery, who replied, "Where?"

"He just disappeared from that upstairs window across the street," was the reply.

We all took cover quickly as Joe assessed the situation. Joe knew we had to find this guy before anything could be done, so he said, "Rigler, you and I are going over there to search that house." I didn't know of another Rigler in the squad (I guess he meant me!), and an order is an order. Though I was trained to expect these situations, I thought they were supposed to happen to the other guy.

Both of us dashed across the street, up the front steps of the suspected house, and in the front door. "Give me your M-1 and take my pistol," Joe said as he handed me a weapon—not GI—that he had found. It was small enough to put in your pocket and looked like a toy, but you don't question your superior. We switched pieces, then split directions and went room to room, looking for the culprit.

With this small pistol in my hand, my first thought was about how much damage this thing would do, or better yet, would it even fire? I'd decided to try it at the next closed door in my search by shooting first before kicking it in. That moment soon arrived. I faced a door, squeezed the trigger, and got a click, click, click. It wouldn't even fire. I was praying that I wouldn't find the sniper inside, but if I did, he wouldn't know how much firepower I had.

Well, as it turned out, Joe and I didn't find him; we assumed he had gotten to the roof and escaped down the row of houses. My prayer had been answered. And after setting up lookouts to protect us from the sniper appearing again, the squad went back to clearing the street of the mines.

When this was completed, our next duty was to dispose of the mines, which usually involved finding a spot to detonate them as a unit. Seeing that these houses were already battle ruined, we decided to stack the mines under the cellar steps of one and see what would result. This involved carrying each mine up the front steps of a house, through the front door, and down the nearby cellar steps under which we

created a pile that included a block of TNT with a blasting cap and a long fuse. We all took cover across the street to see what damage would be done while the igniter lit the fuse and yelled, "Fire in the hole!" as he ran out of the door and down the steps to join us.

As we watched, to our surprise, a second figure was right on his tail. Who could this be? It was none other than our sniper friend, hands raised, who had hidden in that cellar and seen the entire scenario; he knew that the view from our vantage point would be far better than his.

There was never a more hilarious capture in our front line—and with fireworks to boot!

WAR STORIES OF WWII

WRITTEN BY THE SOLDIERS OF
THE 104TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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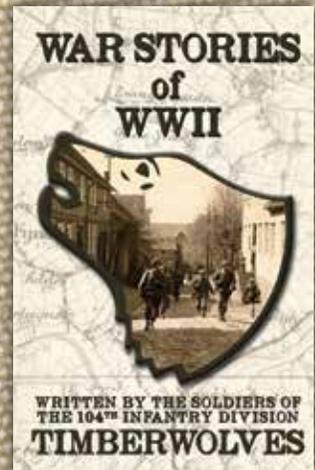
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TIMBERWOLF POW

Artifacts of a Timberwolf POW

By Peter Stitt

IN THE summer of 1999, our family moved to Fobes Hill, near Snohomish, Washington. Soon after we arrived, we met our neighbor from across the street, Leonard Joy Martin,

and learned that he had been a POW during World War II. He served in the 104th Infantry Division and was captured on October 31, 1944, after crossing the Mark River. He was liberated April 13, 1945.

As a child growing up, Leonard had collected fossils and rocks, and adulthood hadn't changed his love of collecting.

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[Clockwise from top left]

1. For the Albuquerque reunion, Leonard wanted to wear a uniform, and he thought the Eisenhower jacket was really impressive. He found the jacket at a thrift shop and had all of his rank sewn on. We were able to get the rest of his uniform online and had him looking like a GI again!

2. These are Leonard's treasures displayed on a blanket made of wood fiber that was probably from Stalag 2A, where he was last held as a POW. (He brought these with him to the 2013 NTPA reunion in Albuquerque.) The majority of the items were bartered for with the exception of the New Testament, which was in a Red Cross parcel. Clockwise from the top: A small folding knife with an "88" on it (in reference to the feared 88mm rounds the Germans used); a coin purse; a German multitool pocketknife; New Testament; scissors (for cutting hair); a folding spoon and fork (Leonard took this, put it in his boot, and marched all day. His foot was all cut up, but he got to keep the utensils.); a hair clipper; a lighter; and a shaver.

3. Leonard sharing his collection with two dear overseas friends (and WWII re-enactors) Vincent De Saedeleer and Ben De Staercke

4. Here I am with Leonard at the Albuquerque reunion.



When he was a POW, Leonard squeezed all that he could into a burlap bag he'd made and has since been happy to share his collection with anyone who is interested. It was a very difficult time in Leonard's life, but he values the opportunity to share his story. (I'm also a Veteran, and I feel the same way. Leonard and I have gone to schools for Veterans Day assemblies to talk about our time in the service and what it means to be a Veteran.)

Leonard was also an entrepreneurial POW. The currency for POWs was cigarettes; and when Leonard got a Red Cross package, he used the sewing kit to sew on buttons for his fellow POWs (it was one of his ways of staying productive to overcome the monotony of prison life). Leonard would sew on a button for a cigarette if you provided the button; for two cigarettes, he'd provide the button. He would cut hair for a couple cigarettes, and with his cigarette earnings, he could barter with the guards for food and other valuables. (This is how he amassed the treasures in his collection.) Leonard talks of poker games where there were literally hundreds of cigarettes being used as the chips. Germans and POWs from

other countries loved American cigarettes and were willing to barter for them.

One night, a soviet soldier, who was just a boy, brought a bolt to Leonard. The young soldier had fashioned the bolt into a ring and wanted to trade the ring for cigarettes. Leonard told the boy to carve a hammer and sickle onto the ring, and the next night, the young soldier returned with the carved ring. It is one of Leonard's most-prized possessions.

These items tell the story of Leonard's resourcefulness and his penchant for collecting—two things that became even more obvious when Leonard and I made two trips to Europe to retrace his WWII experience. At Bad Fallingbostel, Germany, for example, we met Kevin Greenhalgh, a former British Army NCO who is the curator of Fallingbostel Military Museum. Kevin told us that he can tell where the fences of the former POW camps were by using his metal detector to locate the many artifacts that former POWs threw away when they regained their freedom.

Leonard, on the other hand, kept all that he could carry.



SCHWARTZ BRÖT RECIPE

Schwartz Bröt

Editor's note: POW Leonard Martin (page 6) ate schwartz bröt during his captivity and said that, when he was captured, four prisoners would share one two-pound loaf. By the end of his confinement, thirteen prisoners shared the same-size loaf. While the bread didn't offer much nutrition, it did help to relieve some hunger pains.

The following story and recipe were posted by Paula Zisson Connor on our NTPA Facebook page last fall, and the directions came from a similar recipe that I found online:

http://nisei.hawaii.edu/object/io_1158869130986.html.

FROM SHIRLEY Estes, wife of the late Norman Estes (414 F), who survived Stalag XI B, comes this "recipe" for schwartz bröt, the "black bread" POWs subsisted on [the ingredients

are said to have been published in 1941 by Germany's food ministry and labeled "Top Secret"]. Norman was barely alive when the camp was liberated. Some of the POWs died when initially fed, so the medics quickly determined that they would stop the truck every two hours to feed the men lightly. Norman would only eat white bread for the rest of his life.

50% bruised rye grain
20% sliced sugar beets
20% tree flour (sawdust)
10% minced leaves and straw

Mix ingredients together, then form a round loaf and bake. (Note: the rotten grain allows the bread to rise, and the sugar beets supply the necessary sugar.)

BILL MAULDIN AND TERRY ALLEN

Bill Mauldin and Why Terry Allen's 1st Division Tore Up Oran

IN AUGUST 1943, following outstanding performances at the battle of Sicily, Terry Allen and his assistant division commander, Ted Roosevelt, Jr., were relieved of command of the 1st Infantry Division by General Omar Bradley. Historians are still puzzled why.

Bradley did not like Allen. He admittedly had been looking for cause to sack him. Allen and Roosevelt were weak on discipline, he said, pointing to their off-duty troops rampaging through Oran, North Africa, beating up MPs [military police] and other rear-echelon personnel. Bill Mauldin, the Stars and Stripes cartoonist who created Willie and Joe, provides this backstory in his short autobiography, *The Brass Ring* (1971):

Mauldin was stationed in Naples, Italy, a main supply port for the Americans and the British. He was appalled by the amount of pilfering and black marketeering by locals, army deserters, and rear-echelon army personnel. An estimated third of supplies unloaded at the port never reached field troops. He blamed the American major general in charge of Naples and its port, who was more concerned about "how his streets looked" than about the black marketeering. The general especially did not like the looks of the bedraggled infantrymen visiting the city on four-day leaves from the front.

Frontline units, according to the cartoonist, were so short-handed that a soldier practically had to be on the verge of a complete breakdown to get a leave. "Naturally, when he arrived in Naples, he was a mess. His shoes were muddy; his clothes were filthy, torn, and often bloody; he needed a shave and haircut; and you could smell him a block away.... The

general...had worked out a neat scheme for keeping these apparitions from the front off his orderly streets. His MPs met them as they entered town and hauled them off to jail, where they learned that the sentence for wearing unshined shoes, unpressed trousers, unbuttoned shirts, beards or long hair, or any combination of these things was exactly four days in jail. Having paid their debt to society, they were shaved, showered, and released to return to their foxholes."

Mauldin remembered that "a year earlier, the same base section officer had run a similar show in a North African city [Oran]. Terry Allen, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, had become so infuriated by chickenshit jailing of his soldiers that he turned his whole division loose in the city one weekend and had filled the hospitals with MPs, thereby cleaning the situation up, at least temporarily."

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415 Infantry Regiment: Stolberg and Eschweiler

Note: Most material in this history is drawn from official war documents. Unless stated otherwise, quotations come from 104th G-3 (operations) or G-2 (intelligence) periodic reports (PR), or from G-2 intelligence summaries. For anyone wanting more information, the *415th Infantry Regiment Combat History* provides an excellent detailed account.

AT 1245 on 16 November, the Timberwolves jumped off as part of Operation Queen. While 414th Infantry fought for Hill 287 (with 1st Battalion, 415th attached), 413th and 415th Regiments conducted what General Allen called “pressure attacks.” For the 413th, this meant reducing a series of pillboxes on the northern wing of the Division. For the 415th, it meant capturing the remainder of Stolberg still in German hands, and seizing the high ground north and east of town.

While 2nd Battalion formed teams of infantry and tanks, and attacked pillboxes defending the high ground, 3rd Battalion went to work on the town. The 415th objective following Stolberg would be the large town of Eschweiler, northeast of Stolberg, on the Inde River.

The Mountaineers gained control of Hill 287 shortly after noon on 18 November, and 1st Battalion, 415th, soon rejoined its parent regiment. The Old Faithful Regiment attacked the following day with all three companies abreast: 3rd Battalion in the center at Stolberg; 1st and 2nd on ground rising above Stolberg, to the right and left respectively.

Second Battalion had been clearing pillboxes in conjunction with the 413th Infantry since the 16th, and 3rd Battalion had been fighting house to house in Stolberg: “The fighting in Stolberg has been very hard and difficult. Prisoners taken commented on the terrific shock action of the American tank-infantry-artillery team, which they stated could not be withstood by human beings. Other prisoners commented on the fighting efficiency and courage of Company K, which, in the central wood in Stolberg, advanced and held against continuous barrages of mortar and artillery.”

Stolberg fell about 2300 on the 19th. The exhausted men of 3rd Battalion mopped up the town and then went into regimental reserve. The other two battalions passed around them, their sights set on the next objective. The following morning, they jumped off at 0800: “The 1st Battalion moved hard and fast toward Eschweiler. This battalion has fought every day since 16 November and was the first unit to enter the city of Eschweiler, patrols entering at 1120 and the main

body at 1640. Tonight, it was well entrenched in the southern part of Eschweiler.” Second Battalion, advancing through a dense forest, reached the outskirts of Eschweiler by dark. The 104th now “had troops in the city of Eschweiler and held strong flanking positions to the east and west of the town.”

The Germans were withdrawing, leaving behind “fields of mines and booby traps covered by long-range mortars and artillery” that hindered the progress of the Timberwolves throughout the 21st. But in the early morning darkness, 1st Battalion “pulled a sneak play at 0300—with Company C and Company A advancing through Eschweiler. The companies abreast reached the railroad in the center of the city at 0610. Again, the enemy was caught asleep and the bold night action placed Eschweiler in our hands with minimum loss at 1110 on the 22nd.”

In the ruins of a demolished railroad overpass, “Company C Engineers unearthed [bulldozed] layer after layer of plastic mines until it reached street surface.... By noon, 329th Engineers had erected a Bailey bridge...over the river.... Mine platoon of 415 Anti-tank Company neutralized anti-personnel mines and booby traps throughout the city.”

A German prisoner captured that day “was reluctant to disclose any military information on the grounds that he witnessed the interrogation of an American soldier captured in Stolberg. The German PW said the American, when questioned, answered, ‘I’ll give my name, rank, and serial number, and that’s all. I’m an American soldier and proud of it.’ German said that the prisoner wore the Timberwolf Patch.”

On November 24, Putzlohn fell to the 413th. The 414th had fought northeast through the villages of Volkenrath and Nothberg into Weisweiler, and was battling hard to keep its toehold in that industrial center. The entire 415th, now in Division reserve, was enjoying a well-earned rest. The 104th Division moved its headquarters into Eschweiler.

This short history cannot convey the horror of the fall 1944 fighting. It took thirty-one days for VII Corps to travel approximately seven miles to the Roer River. The 415th history lists regimental casualties for two of those days: 17 November—14 killed, 70 wounded; 19 November—17 killed, 68 wounded, 11 missing.

To be continued...

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Chaplain's Corner



The following is an excerpt from the June 2006 *HOWL*. Since deciding to reprint it, we have learned that Father McCarty passed away on May 28th. His words resonate even more now. May we all remember him and his lifelong work in our prayers.

GREETINGS TO all, and peace. I hope the spring season has brought some warm sunshine and blue skies to your neck of the woods—green grass and flowers

too. At this writing, we have finally gotten a few warm days up here in New England. I gather from the news that people in and around New Orleans are slowly recuperating from Katrina, and things are drying out down there.

Around Christmas time, I received a letter from a TW in Metairie, Louisiana, with some local newspaper photos of damages and losses in his area, including some losses by himself and his family members. I posted the letter on our house bulletin board, and some members of the Jesuit community chipped in a few bucks for me to send the man.... These are people we can remember in our prayers.

We have gotten used to seeing the names of former TWs... in "The Last Bugle Call" section of the *HOWL*. There were sixty-four of them in last January's issue.... While we don't need to succumb to sadness and depression at the loss of

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*At the going down
of the sun
and in the morning...*

We will remember them.

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Frank T. Bocchino
414 Cannon

John Hanaway
413 G

George B. McEwen
387 FA HQ

WIFE OR WIDOW

Arthur Bradshaw
329 Eng A

Dulin R. Harrell
387 FA Serv

Elliot Resnick
414 K

Lydia Westerberg
555 AAA Bn Btry B
(widow of Lloyd)

Hobert Cole, Jr.
414 HQ 2d Bn

Kenneth Irish
329 Eng A

Martin Ring
Unit unknown

Emil Cornachione
Unit unknown

Leo Klug
414 E

Donald Talley
414 AT

David A. Craig
413 L

James A. Kolasch
555 AAA Bn Btry A

Michael Youchak
Unit unknown

Michael J. Dulkiewicz
Unit unknown

Jacob J. Lepper
387 FA Bn Serv

these many good men, we could take a moment to remember them in our prayers.

As may be expected, quite a few of our fellow TWs and their spouses are suffering from medical difficulties. It’s a long list—too long to copy out here. But I ask you to remember our sick in your prayers too....

Lately, I’ve been rereading some of the war stories in the *HOWL* (I keep my old copies), and they bring us back to the sights and smells, the dirt and wet, the feelings and fears, and the close companionship of combat by day and by night. We who survived all that can be thankful we did and be grateful to the many who did not. Still, we are at an age where we are quite conscious of our own mortality, and conscious, perhaps,

“Remember our sick in your prayers.”

of some things we wanted to get done but have not—or not yet—gotten done. So there’s a danger of us getting down on ourselves, of getting discouraged. That road, or that mood, doesn’t lead anywhere good, though; it doesn’t come from a friendly spirit. We should follow the advice of 1940s songwriter Johnny Mercer and “accentuate the positive”—the good and helpful things we have done....

I hope all of you are in as good health as is possible for people our age.... I promise to keep all of you in my prayers.

Best wishes,
Father McCarty

OUR FRIENDS OVERSEAS

A Trip to the Netherlands

By *Esther Eenhuizen*



IN THE Netherlands, we celebrate Liberation Day on May 5th; and the day before, we remember the sacrifices that were made for that freedom. Timberwolf Veteran Bill Danner, Pups Brian Bell and Laurie Bell-Reppas, and Laurie’s husband, Greg Reppas, were our special guests this year.

Brian, Laurie, and Greg visited us while they were following their dad’s (TW Hugh Bell’s) footsteps all the way to Germany. In addition to a battlefield tour and a visit to the Timberwolf museum in Achtmaal, we attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Standdaarbuiten. On Liberation Day, the whole group went to the cemeteries in Henri-Chapelle and Margraten, where we placed flowers on several graves and at the Wall of the Missing.

Bill stayed with us for another week, which included some local sightseeing. We visited several Dutch landmarks: the windmills at Kinderdijk and the Zaanse Schans, a living and working community that dates back to the 18th and 19th centuries. It’s packed with wooden windmills, barns, houses, and museums built in the typical Dutch wooden architectural style. After the Zaanse Schans, we spent the rest of the day at a reenactment event nearby. We watched several

demonstrations, and Bill shared some of his war stories with the re-enactors. Toine and Marianne Vermunt also took Bill on a trip to the Dutch Delta Works, a series of construction projects in the southwest of the Netherlands to protect a large area of land around the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt delta from the sea.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and on May 12th, we took Bill back to the airport in Amsterdam. But “nothing in hell can stop a Timberwolf”; Bill already warned us that he will be back next year!



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(Foreground, L-R) 414th medics from Company L: Pfc. R. H. "Dick" Mathews and 1st Lt. Art Sorenson. (Background) December 12, 1944: in Pier, Germany (west of the Roer River and north of Inden), a 414th Infantry Regiment medic tends to a wounded bazooka man.

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