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THE RED BULL NEWSLETTER

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT FOUND. LT Beryl R. Newman, of Urbana, VA, Co G 133d Infantry, was awarded the MEDAL OF HONOR for his action in the vicinity of Cisterna, Italy, on 26 May 1944. Just this last spring, a friend of Beryl gave him the Division History Book and during their discussion, Beryl found that the 34th Infantry Division Association had been in existence for 48 years which was unknown to him. Howard Ashcraft, Association Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Tri-States Chapter, made contact with Beryl and invited him to the Tri-State Chapter Reunion at Lancaster, PA 14-16 July and did take him to Lancaster where he was introduced to the 325 RED BULLS and Spouses that were present. GENERAL ORDER NO. 5, 15 January 1945 was read, wherein LT Newman was cited for his single handed action in advancing 100 yards in open terrain, while his platoon was pinned down, and the capturing of 3 German machine gun nests, killing two, wounding two and capturing eleven more Germans. After the General Order was read, all present rendered proper salute to Beryl. The Association, by Resolution 95-1, made Beryl A LIFE MEMBER of the Association and presented him a RED BULL Cap, complete with Division Insignia, 133d Insignia, Crossed Rifles and 1LT Bar, which he proudly wore during the remainder of the Reunion. Beryl met many former members of Co G 133d Infantry, whom he was able to recall by name, despite his 83 years! Beryl will also attend the 48th Annual Reunion at Omaha, NE on 8-10 September as a special guest of Howard Ashcraft and Charles Smith, and will be afforded proper honors by the Association.

Lt Newman, after his heroic act which accorded him the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR, returned to the line and was wounded when, in the vicinity of a tank which took a direct hit by an 88, his hearing was impaired to the point where his ear drums were all but destroyed. He has extreme difficulty hearing without an aid. The band that he is wearing around his head is lowered over his ears when there is a breeze, loud noise, or when the air temperature drops below 70 degrees, all or any of which causes him extreme headaches. He is a regular patient at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Richmond, VA, sometimes twice a month because of his hearing and headaches. This OLD BOY still has a lot of guts!

He will return in early September to his hometown of Baraboo, WI, traveling alone as his wife is unable to fly or travel any distance.



BERYL R. NEWMAN

48th ANNUAL REUNION. In early June, you received a mailing from the Council Bluffs Chapter with information regarding the Reunion, to include a Pre-Registration Form, which should be submitted by 8 August 1995. If you haven't yet made your reservation, **DO IT TODAY** as tomorrow could be too late! Call the Omaha Marriott 1-800-228-9020 or 1 (402) 399-9000 (a direct line) and make your hotel reservation. It is recommended that you call the direct line in order to be assured of a reservation. Make certain that you advise them that you are attending the 34th Infantry Division Reunion for the reduced rate of \$65.00 per night, plus taxes! **TAKE ACTION NOW.** The Omaha Marriott is a top-notch facility that all will enjoy. The Council Bluffs Chapter has put together a fantastic program of entertainment for all!

Resolutions to be considered at the Reunion include, but not limited to:

a. A Resolution to expand the field of membership of the Association to include Sons, Daughters, other Decendants and friends of the RED BULL. There have been many inquiries in the past year from this group regarding the eligibility of Membership. The Sons and Daughters are proud of Dad's/Grand Dad's service in such a FAMOUS DIVISION and want to continue the tradition of the RED BULL. Dues costs will be determined by the Officers and Trustees and will be announced in the November Newsletter.

b. A Resolution to co-sponsor the "Salute Japanese American Veterans of World War II" from the Veterans of the 34th Infantry Division, to coincide with the opening of the Japanese American Museum, 8 November 1995, at Los Angeles, CA.

c. A Resolution to retain the RED BULL DIVISION ON LINE during the drawdown of forces in the U.S. Army. The tradition of the RED BULL MUST CONTINUE. We at grass roots level must advise those in the Congress and at Department of the Army, that WE WANT THE RED BULL TO CONTINUE.

d. If you have ANY RESOLUTION proposal, please advise General Ben Butler, the Standing Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, at 8600 Holston Road, Louisville, KY 40222 or Phone him at (502) 426-8095. Ben will put your proposal in resolution format.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS SINCE THE APRIL 1995 NEWSLETTER;

Robert R. Vanden Berg

Lars Martens

Ivan L. Russell

Timothy J. Flynn

Walter F. Fette

Leopold (Lee) Cohen

Curtis F. Hoffman

William Cole

Beryl R. Newman (CMOH)

Anthony Festa

Floyd G. Freeman

Ray Halberstadt

Clyde J. Juneau

Clem W. Miller

Robert C. Clasen

Carl D. Jansen

Joseph Burl

Ronald L. Meyer

Emil Backstrom

Anders Arnbal

John Mock

Nicholas Pakis

John D. Frandsen

Raymond F. Setler

Howard R. Harper

DUES FOR NEXT YEAR. Those who are not LIFE MEMBERS are reminded that dues are due for the 1995-1996 Membership Year on 1 September 1995. Now is the time for renewal and/or becoming a LIFE MEMBER. Your mailing label will show your current status, LIFE or a 1995 Member and Number. If your label shows a 2 or 3, this will be your last NEWSLETTER unless you become reinstated prior to 1 November 1995. Act now!

A MEMORIAL DAY 1995.. Chaplain Leighton McKeithen, once a replacement rifleman in Co C 133d Infantry, made his 16th trip back to Italy since World War I I, this time taking his family and five grand childred to visit the American Cemeteries in Rome and Florence and to remember the RED BULLS who are at rest in these Cemeteries. Chaplain McKeithen took pictures of graves of RED BULLS for those who contacted him (see April NEWSLETTER). Further, Chaplain McKeithen conducted a very fitting Memorial Service at the Tri-State Reunion, and commented on his trip and the paying of homage to the over 3,000 RED BULLs still in Italy, nover to be forgotten. Thanks from all of us for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

Since the April 1995 NEWSLETTER, it is with deep regret that we have been advised of the deaths of the following RED BULLS;

C.C. Bell	Clinton Clapp	Kelly Cornett
Randy Dahl	Frank Davenport	Whitey Frazee
Donald Ferguson	John Helgeson	James Hingerton
Weaver Holbrook	Honshell Johnston	Robert Kimsey
Benjamin Kirk	Henry Kremer	Alvin Mesch
Carl Moats	Leon Notebaaart	Fritz Olson
Ralph Owens	Charles Papalia	Melvin Purinton
Donald Parent	Maxwell Robblee	Donald Stewart
Harry Strucker	Joe Subasic	James Sylvis
Ray Thorson	Robert Unterbrunner	Joseph Weis
Harold Whisenhunt	Frank P. Williams (Past President)	

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families and friends of these Gallant Soldiers of the RED BULL who have answered the final Roll Call.

If you know of the death of any RED BULL not previously announced, please advise the Association ASAP, but not later than 1 September, in order that they can be properly memorialized at the Memorial Service on 10 September 1995.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 88 Members of the Tri-State Chapter, who graciously donated \$852.00 to the Monument/Memorial Fund, to guarantee the perpetuation of the honoring of the men of the RED BULL who gave the supreme sacrifice and are resting in American Cemeteries in Italy, North Africa, and around our great Nation, and to those weo were able to continue the battle to preserve the peace in the 40's who are remembered by our 34th Division Monument at Camp Dodge.

A MONUMENT was dedicated to the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, on 17 June 1995, at Camp Shelby, MS. Many men of these units were present to accept the honors during the ceremonies held in the dedication of this monument donated by the citizens of Hattiesburg, MS, who had not forgotten them from 52 years ago. Nearly 500 of these men and/or wives were present. All those able, did march in the parade in their honor. The RED BULL was present on their Banners and Caps

which drew the attention of the News Media. The Mayor of a village in Southern France, liberated by the 442nd in the rescue of a Battalion of the 141st Infantry, 36th Division, in his address to the 6,000 people in attendance, that the men of the 442nd (the 100th was part of the 442nd at this time) were wearing the RED BULL Insignia, when the Division was still in Italy. Was this done to confuse the German High Command? Of course not! It is said that the men of the 442nd refused to remove the RED BULL when they made the invasion into Southern France and brought the wrath of Patton upon them, but to no avail. Talk about dedication to the RED BULL and for what it stands, they HAD IT!

BOOKS BY RED BULLS. Several new publications are out by RED BULLS or about RED BULLS and are very interesting, to say the least.

THROUGH HELL AND HIGH WATER, by LTC Leslie W. Bailey, a Platoon Leader in Co H 135th Infantry writes about the experiences of young officers and enlisted personnel in North Africa and Italy. Available through Vantage Press, Inc, 516 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001, at \$16.95 plus \$2.00 Postage and Handling.

ANZIO ANNIE, SHE WAS NO LADY, by Richard J. O'Rourke, 168th Infantry, who saw and was overwhelmed by his sighting of one of the two monmouth railroad guns and dubbed ANZIO ANNIE by the men of the RED BULL who were targets of this weapon system, first at Anzio, then later in Northern Italy. Available through book stores: Library of Congress Catalog Card No 95-92083, ISBN 0-9645084-0-0, (softcover) published at Fort Washington, MD

AS YOU WERE, the story of Cannon Company, 168th Infantry, in Italy by Howard D. Ashcraft in which he writes about his experiences, and the experiences of the men of Cannon Company. Library of Congress Catalog Card No 90-93304, ISBN 0-9626936-0-X published by McClain Printing Co, Parsons, WV, or contact Howard at 3113 Aspen Ave, Richmond, VA 23228.

IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES, by Chaplain Eugene L. Daniel, 168th Infantry. Chaplain Daniel relates his experienced as a Prisoner of War, having been captured in North Africa at Fiad Pass. and was Chaplain at Stalag VII-A, Oflag IX A/Z, and Stalag Luft III. The book is available for \$8.00 and \$2.00 Postage and Handling from : The Estate of Eugene L. Daniel, Jr, 5100 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28210. Library of Congress Catalog Card No 85-70894, ISBN No 0-9617501-0-3. Chaplain Daniel was decorated by the German Army for his dedication to the wounded and killed German Soldiers at Fiad Pass and received the Distinguished Service Cross for his dedication to Prisoners of War during his 27 months as a POW.

CITIZEN SOLDIER, by COL Robert J. Berens, 168th Infantry, who has written the biography of Edward W. Bird, from his enlistment in the 168th in 1936, through Claiborne, North Ireland, invasion of Algeria, the capture of Hill 609, being wounded at Mt Pantano, his return to duty and assignment to the 45th Division in France and Germany. Available through Bird, Bird & Kline, Inc, 1910 Willowmere Drive, Des Moines, IA 50315, (515) 288-0839. COL Berens will be at the Omaha Reunion, with books.

All of these books are "dandies" as they spell it out "as it was" and not a bunch hog wash published by historians but by the "GRUNT UP FRONT" who was there!

BEN BUTTLER HONORED. Ben, Company Commander, Co A 168th Infantry, gained an acclaim to fame at Mount Pantano, Italy, 29 November-3 December 1943, in what was to be known as the Battle of the Winter Line, in which the First Battalion was tasked to take the four knobs of the mountain. Taking the first knob from the surprised Germans, Company A repulsed an immediate counterattack in hand-to-hand fighting. For five days the Battalion was under constant attack. Company B stopped seven German assault waves. With ammunition exhausted, the RED BULLS hurled rocks and C-Ration cans at the Germans. For his action at Mt Pantano, Ben was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He continued on, amassing over 400 days of combat.

But, his actions did not stop at Mt Pantano. Later, he followed a dog through a minefield, single file and hid 800 men behind German lines for 1 1/2 days in the fog, then attacking the Germans from the rear and strongly defeated them with few casualties, and became a Battalion Commander at 26 years.

But, it still went on. Ben later became Commander, 100th Infantry Division, USAR, with Headquarters in Louisville, KY. Congress enacted legislation naming a new Armory the "MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE CENTER". This action by the Congress was unprecedented in the naming of an Armory after a living person.

But, it goes further. After serving three years on the Army General Staff he returned and Commanded the 100th Division for a SECOND TIME.

Yet, Ben's hobby is trees, all kinds of them, but his biggest asset is his Dogwood and Maple trees. He has developed and grown thousands of them. He dedicates new tree plantings around the midwest in honor of the "Men of the 34th Infantry Division". What a fine gesture!

Then, this Spring, Ben was honored to be an Inaugural Member of the Army Reserve Hall of Fame, along with Senator Strom Thurmond of SC and the late Julius Adler, one vice president of the New York Time. Ben says that "this ain't too bad for an old Kentucky farm boy".

On VE-Day, Ben had the privilege to be the Reviewing Officer for the VE-Day Parade and celebration at Fort Knox.

CONGRATULATIONS, BEN, FROM ALL OF US. YOU DONE GOOD!

MEMORABILIA AVAILABLE. The Association has expanded the Memorabilia available for sale a a very small amount over cost. These items are as follows:

	COST	POSTAGE
1. King Louis Red Jackets, with Silk Screen RED BULL on the back marked "RED BULL" and "34th INF DIV ASSN" Available in Large, X-Large and XXLarge, only	\$52.50	\$ 2.50
2 White Golf Towels by Cannon, 16 X 32 inches, with the RED BULL and inscription "34th INFANTRY DIVISION"	5.50	1.30
3. Unit Distinctive Insignia (Crests). Have on hand all but 168th, 109th Med and 151st FA. but hope to have them in mid September.	5.00	1.30

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| 4. Bumper/Window Stickers | \$ 1.50 | .35 |
| 5. Shoulder Insignia | 1.00 | .35 |
| 6. Memorial Highway Signs, 16 X 25 inches | 19.00 | 2.50 |
| 7. Grey RED BULL T-Shirts, Sm, Med, Large, X-large | 8.00 | 1.40 |

These items may be ordered from your Association by letter. Include check to cover costs and postage.

LOCATOR FILE. Ed Chrostowski, 69 Nursery St, Norwalk, CT 06850, is searching for anyone who knew his brother, Leonard C. Hrostowski (names are correct), probably with Co E135th Infantry, Killed In Action, 12 January 1944, near Cervaro, Italy. Anyone knowing Leonard, please contact Ed at the above address.

Glen Howard, 36 Jennings, Wenatchee, WA 98801, is trying to locate Charles E (Eddie) Williams formerly of Hq Det, 1st Bn 168th Infantry. Last known address was Edwight, WV. I you know the whereabouts of Eddie, contact Glen.

This picture is allegedly of the **FIRST WOUNDED** in the Algiers Landing of the 168th Infantry. It came from the scrapbook of Elvin Reed, Personnel Sec, 168th Inf. Is it possible that someone knows who received the **FIRST PURPLE HEART**, or can identify this soldier? Help us out in the identification if you can.



Our **LOCATOR FILE** has helped find persons for families and friends of the **RED BULL**, from as far away as North Ireland. If you are in search of an old buddy, and don't know what has happened to him, or where he is, this is a place to start the search. Even though our ranks are thinning, we do get a good response

NOW is the time to take a look at your last page and make your reservations for the 48th Annual Reunion at the Omaha Marriott. Call the Marriott, (402) 399-9000, a direct line to the Hotel, or 1-800-228-9290, Nation-wide reservations. Do this today. Then send in this last page for your Registration. Don't wait. Advance registrations are a must in today's world where you must have numbers a week in advance.

SEE YOU IN OMAHA!