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THE RED BULL NEWSLETTER

Spring is finally descending upon us! Most of us experienced an unusual winter of heavy record setting snows, blizzards, unusual heavy rains, floods, record setting low temperatures, tornados



and what ever the Wrath of God could bring down upon our Nation. Ran onto this picture of the 151st FA Bn 3/4 ton Dodge with a load of 5-gallon cans on the Main Supply Route in the Apennine Mountains in March 1945. Note the man pushing in the rear and the four men on the right side pushing to keep the truck from going over the hill. Also note the four individuals in front who are leaning on their shovels! Must be a leftover from WPA or CCC days!

We have enjoyed the comforts of our homes and families, hot food of our liking, maybe a cold or two and a light touch of arthritis, and able to spend most of our time out of the weather without fear of frost bite or trench foot or cold C-Rations (maybe no C-Rations). We should count our blessings that we made it through those miserable winters in Italy!

LOCATOR FILE:

Joseph A. Dawson, Medical Co, 133d Infantry, is a new member, having ran into Tom Miller, Clementon, NJ, in a casual discussion of Anzio, when they found that they were both in the 133d and that we had an Association. Tom is the first RED BULL that Joe had met in over 50 years and is looking for anyone from the Med Co 133d in Italy. Contact him at 30 Swarthmore Ave, Stratford, NJ 08084-1735.

Charles E. Kuhn, Co B, 109th Engineers is searching for other Co B members, especially those who carried flame throwers in Italy. Contact Charlie at 372 Third Street, Hanover, PA 17331.

Charles Galindo, 1312 Central Ave, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870, Ph (419) 627 8745, wants to contact anyone from Co M 133d Infantry in Italy who knew his Uncle, Ray Galindo. Chuck has some pictures that Ray took in Italy and would like to visit with Ray's buddies.

John Kuhl, 402 Elk St, Sabula, IA, 52070-0078, Hq Co 133d Inf. is wanting to contact Harold Jennings, Wire Section, Russell Bradley, Radio Operator, and Darrell Mayfield, Cook, or anyone else from Hq Co who remembers him.

LIFE MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER 1995 NEWSLETTER!

Elmer L. Popejoy	George J. Tepley	Delbert W. Hilt
Glen L. Howard	Harold S. Nelson	Lester E. Kness
Harold E. Doyle	Frank Heinick	William W. Bennett
Ronald G. Hohnsbeen	Col Alfred W. Kirchner	Naurice W. Stacy
Lloyd D. Tracy	Arthur Young	Leo B. Swinderman
Col William L. Hastie	Terry Gentry	Dale E. Cross
Howard R. Barnett	Floyd E. Ferrin	BG Roger C. Schultz
Wilbur L. Gallup	Lawrence G. Hartzell	Robert L. Kennedy
Glen C. Blouse	Paul M. Daniel	Edward C. Dike, Jr
Jack D. Montgomery	Eugene J. Zenk	Joe Ness
Mitsuo Kodama	LTC David W. Raes	Daniel Kishter
Paul P. Parlock	Wellin T. Robinson	Col Jimmie Kanaya
Maj Calvin D. Smith	Kenneth G. Castor	Joseph J. Daugherty
Clifford F. Hehmeyer	Zed Miller	Howard K. Bowman
Sam M. Yoshinari	William Witamborski	Lyle L. Keiser
	Joseph A. Dawson	

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Jimmie Kanaya, COL (Ret), writes that he was with the 442nd RCT when he received a battlefield promotion to 2nd Lt from Gen Mark Clark at Castle Florentino with a battalion of Infantry troops present. He reports that the men of the 442nd highly respected the men of the RED BULL and were proud to be a part of the Division. (Comment: In the publications of the 100th and 442nd, their Unit Insignia is displayed on the left and right edges of the Letterhead and the RED BULL is prominently displayed in the center.) He also reports that he was at a Division R&R Center when a trench of landmines exploded and that the NCO in charge, though wounded, crawled around and checked all those in the area for wounds.

Carl D. Snyder, Co L and Hq Co, 133d Inf. of 6760 Route 3-9, New Tripoli, PA, advises that he has built a new golf course on the old Family Farm, about 15 miles northeast of Allentown, PA, along PA Rte 309, which opened in June 1995. Carl envisioned the course about 20 years ago and solicited the assistance of his Daughter, Sally, and her husband, Dan Smith, to plan the layout of the course and renewed his vision after the death of his wife. What an accomplishment for a 72 year old RED BULL. If you are in the Allentown/New Tripoli area, stop by and visit Carl at the OLDE HOMESTEAD GOLF CLUB.

Frank Fuchs, 410 Mills Rd, Joliet, IL 60433-2734, was featured in an article in the Joliet Newspaper last June on the "Countdown to D-Day" Frank "let her all hang out" when he gave the people of northern illinois the story of the taking of Rome on 4 June 1944, which action was totally overshadowed by the Normandy Invasion two days later. Frank "told it like it was" up through Italy, the mountains, advancing foot-by-foot, yard-by-yard against a dug-in enemy who had all the advantages and knowledge of the terrain. Frank conceded to the public, that the RED BULL won the war in North Africa and Italy! Frank received two Bronze Stars for his action in Italy. Should have received the DSC for this article!

Mort Williams, RR 1, Box 109, Huntingdon, PA, 16652-9608, writes that at the Tri-State Reunion last July, he met Leslie Bailey, then Company Commander, Co C 135th Inf, during all three crossings of the Volturno River. Mort was the Right Guide in the lead Company in the Tunis Victory Parade. Mort was wounded four times. Leslie Bailey, reported to the Williamston, NC ENTERPRISE of his meeting with Mort and Beryl Newman, CMOH, of Urbana, VA.

Ed Greene, 2533 Barchelder St, Brooklyn, NY 11235, writes that he joined Co K 135th Inf, in December 1943 as a Platoon Leader in the vicinity of San Vittore, and was soon hit by grenade fragments, and after a short stay in a Field Hospital in Oran, rejoined the Regiment in time for the push to Anzio. Still limping badly, he became the Regimental Awards Officer for the 135th and was tasked to convert "scraps of paper for recommended awards" into proper orders. He stated that the listing of Awards to the 135th, as reported in the November 1995 NEWSLETTER represent only those awards whose acts of heroism were reported and made it back to Regimental Headquarters. He further states that most of the acts of heroism were not reported or did not make it back to Regimental Hqs, or were lost while the Division was in North Africa, the Volturno and Rapido crossings, Casino, Anzio, and the Gothic Line and these acts of heroism by RED BULLS were never recognized by our Nation, but only by those RED BULLS who were there and whose lives may have been spared by these acts of heroism. Ed would like to hear from those who were with him in the 135th

Mrs Jennifer Sawhill, Diane Pennington, and Monica Pakenham/Laitrello, Daughters of Compton Pakenham, of Califon, NJ, who answered the Final Roll Call on 30 October 1995, suggested that friends of Compton make Memorial Contributions to the Associations Monument/Memorial Fund to perpetuate the memory of their Father, a long-time LIFE MEMBER of the Association and a dedicated and proud RED BULL. What a wonderful gesture on the part of these Ladies! Jennifer has also become an Associate Member of the Association!

Francis J. Vojta, 6400 York Ave, So, #402, Edina, MN 55435, has written a book on the history of the 151st FA Bn, titled "The Gopher Gunners: A History of Minnesota's 151st Field Artillery" The book is soft covered, 285 pages on the history of the Battalion from 1864 to 1995 and includes 30 maps and 10 photographs. The book ISBN is 0-8087-2242-5 and is available from Fran at the cost of \$15.00, which includes postage. Autographed copies are available upon request

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Officers and Trustees of your Association, will meet on Saturday, 13 April 1996, at the Association Headquarters at Camp Dodge, IA. One of the Agenda Items will be the review of the updated Articles of Incorporation and the By Laws of the Association. President Jackson had appointed a Committee, Chaired by Ben Butler, and consisting of Charles Smith, Robert Wege, John Churchman and Richard Moss. John and the Secretary have dug out all amendments and resolutions over the past 49 years and John has prepared updated documents for review by the Officers and

Trustees at this meeting. It is the intention that portions of these documents be presented as "Resolutions" at the 49th Annual Reunion on 7-8 September 1996, at Minneapolis, MN, and that the final action will be taken by the Trustees at their meeting on 8 September after the conclusion of the Final Business Meeting. If you have any comments and/or suggestions on these documents or on Association Activities, Business, this NEWSLETTER, or anything else, IMMEDIATELY drop the Association a note on your feelings. Your input is of most importance! This is YOUR ASSOCIATION.

Since the November NEWSLETTER, it is with deep regret that we have been advised of the deaths of the following RED BULLS:

Herb Abrahamson	William F. Aretz	George A. Beatty
Woodrow W. Beverage	Grant Bishop	Clarence Boerger
Col Andrew J. Britten	Howard Browning	Gordon Busse
Alvin H. Calverly	Harley A. Cloutier	Sylvester G. Draxten
Thare Gauthier	Thomas Griesemer	Curtis A. Hanover
Frank M. Houlehan	Chaplain Leland Larson	George W. Lucia
Joe Lawniczak	Norbert Leugers	Alfred Lompe
Joe S. Moseley	Elmer V. Omholt	Rollin H. Oppel
Compton Pakenham	George E. Parsons	Charles W. Prall
David Reed	Charles N. Rickard	Lyle H. Roske
Seymour Roberg	David H. Scott	Wayne M. Solomon
	Virgil Tuntland	

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 in order that they can be properly memorialized at the Reunion Memorial Service.

REUNIONS;

Headquarters, Service, and Medical Companies, 168th Infantry, will meet at Jefferson, IA, on 18-19 May 1996. Point of Contact: Carl Sayre. (515)292-3175. Motel Reservations (515) 386-3116

The Tri-State Chapter of the Association will hold their Annual Reunion at the Hilton Hotel in Buffalo, NY, 11-14 July 1996. The Tri-State Chapter invites all RED BULLS to attend, especially if they can't attend the 49th Annual Reunion at Minneapolis, MN, 6-8 September 1996. Contact Ray Rudolph, 1460 Anderson Road, Pittsburg, PA 15209, for more information and reservation forms. Do this NOW as the deadline for Registration is 14 June 1996

The 49th Annual Reunion of the Association will be held 6-8 September 1996, at the Sheraton Minneapolis Metrodome, 1330 Industrial Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55413, Ph (612) 331-1990. The Hotel is located just north of downtown Minneapolis on Interstate I-35 WEST, Exit 22, with parking about 100 yards off I-35 W. We have been advised that the room rates are \$68.00 per night for either singles or doubles, and you **MUST** identify yourself "WITH THE 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION" for these rates. **DO NOT CALL** the Sheraton World-Wide Reservation Center. The current Division Headquarters has offered help with Displays, Color Guard, Ceremonies, etc, and the Reunion Committee has jumped at this opportunity to involve the Division in this event, which will guarantee the Reunion to be A SUCCESS! Further, there will be some of our newest members in attendance who will be able to update us on what is happening in the current Division. We are looking forward to an excellent Reunion.

The 125th FA Battalion Association will hold their 55th Anniversary Reunion of Mobilization following the National Reunion in Minneapolis, at the Raddison in Duluth, with a Luncheon at the Pickwick on Tuesday, 10 September, informal get-together on Wednesday evening and on Thursday, 11 September, a Happy Hour, Dinner, Program and Dancing. Contact Robert Krause, 4125 Coleman Ave, Duluth, MN 55803.

A Bit-O-Wit: One way to solve the school drop-out problem is to make a diploma a prerequisite for a drivers license.

Norman Raner, Past President of the Association, will be honored at a ceremony at the 34th Infantry Division Headquarters, 13865 South Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN 55068-3438, on 2 June 1996, at 1300 hours. Norm, a Platoon Leader of Company I, 133d Infantry, will receive the Bronze Star Medal for his actions in Italy. Major General Gerald Miller, Division Commander, will make the presentation. If you are in the Minneapolis area on 2 June 1996, you are invited to attend this Ceremony, 51 years late. Point of Contact: MAJ Gary Olson, (612) 282-4206. Let's have a good contingent of RED BULLS present!

BITS AND PIECES.

We have received a letter from Comitato Futa 1944-1945 in Italy requesting photographic material about the war from Florence to Bologna and the Gothic Line. This Italian Committee has erected a War Memorial at Futa Pass and dedicated this Memorial to the Soldiers of the U.S., Italy, German and Southern Command on 24 May 1994 and held a Memorial Service at the U.S. National Cemetery at Florence on Memorial Day 1994. The Memorial is located in Highway SS 65, very close to the Gothic Line. If you have any photos taken between Florence and Bologna, and the Gothic Line, you may send them to the Association and we will consolidate and send them to the Futa Pass Committee. The photos will need some identification as to "where, when, and who" if possible. We will have some brochures of the dedication at both the Tri-State and National Reunions.

The First Armored Division Association, Chicago Chapter, is proposing a "mini get together" of Veterans of the Landings in North Africa on 8 November 1942. This proposed mini reunion is tentatively set for 6 November 1996, in the Chicago Area. Our liaison with the Feasible Committee of the First Armored Division Association is: Warren Fencl, 6040 Prairie Drive, Morris, IL 60450, Ph (815) 942-0127. If you are interested, contact Warren so that he can pass our participation on to the Committee. Divisions involved are the 34th, 1st, 3rd and 9th Infantry Divisions and the 1st and 2nd Armored Divisions.

Michael Frederick, an Associate Member of our Association, is the head of the "WW II Combat Research Group, 9158 Rothbery Drive, Box 1941-45, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. This group is dedicated to the preservation of the history of WW II. Following is a part of his letter to the Association requesting assistance in their endeavors:

"To All Red Bulls of the famous 34th Infantry Division:

I represent an organization whose sole mission is to preserve the history of the combat units of the Second World War. We are specifically interested in the old, hard-slogging, dogface Infantry Divisions who did most of the fighting, bleeding, dying and liberating! Basically, we feel that some of the "glory" outfits such as the Paratroopers, Rangers, Marines, and Flyboys have gotten more than their fair share of the publicity and attention in the history books. We'd like to focus on individual experiences of the men of hard fighting infantry units like the 34th. How many people, including those interested in World War II, know that the 34th had more days in combat than any other division?

Therefore, we are soliciting members of your Association to donate material for our records so that we can put it into a publication detailing the individual experiences of Infantry Veterans. Our ultimate goal is to produce a book that focuses on the oral history of various Infantry Divisions that we feel have been short-changed on the historical record. If you have any stories, photos, articles or any other information that would be suitable for inclusion in a professional, well-rounded book that tells your story, please write to us. We have a detailed questionnaire that we will send to anyone who is interested. We intend to preserve these experiences of posterity, so we could really use your help.

We'd like the 34th to know that there are still plenty of us out here who haven't forgotten the sacrifices and contributions of the World War II generation. Thank you for your contribution to your contry's freedom."

Mike and his cohorts are volunteers and dedicated to the preservation of the history of the fighting Infantry of World War II. If you can be of any assistance, contact Mike.

More wit: One of the things that keeps our Nation on the move, is the number of "NO PARKING" signs!

Craig Johnson is making great progress on the Casualty List of RED BULLS! He hopes to have a printing available at the Minneapolis Reunion in September. Information has flowed to Craig from RED BULLS that has been most valuable in his endeavors to build this one-of-a-kind document as a single source of information of the some 16,000 battle casualties of the Division. He will need help down the line in updating his original document. He can rely on US!



CO C 133d INFANTRY
MAY 1945
TORINO, ITALY
TWENTY SEVEN SURVIVORS



This photo provided by Dr Jim Ruff, Medic in Co C 133d Infantry in May 1945 at Torino, Italy. "Doc" says that only one man, PVT Gerber, front row, fourth from the left, was in the Company when a picture of the Company taken 1 October 1944 on the Gothic Line, that was in the November 1995 NEWSLETTER. The balance are all replacements. Some have four overseas bars on their new Eisenhower jackets and we know that they had been around for some time, probably had been wounded and returned to the unit or were transferred from other units of the Division. Only a few are wearing the Combat Infantry Badge as probably orders had not been cut on the others or they were lost in action. Most were replacements in late 1944 and before the wars ending in May 1945. Want to thank Dr Ruff for his contribution. He says that he obtained a copy of this picture from a Widow of one of these men. Thanks to her, also!

If you have photos or small articles of interest that you want in the NEWSLETTER, send them to the Association and we will do our best to publish them for you. Your notes and letters all become a part of the records of the Association to preserve our history.

Last wit: A teacher is one who knows all the answers, but only when she asks them.

THE FOLLOWING 34TH DIVISION ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAIL AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TRI-STATE REUNION AT BUFFALO AND THE NATIONAL REUNION AT MINNEAPOLIS.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
RED BULL Jackets, Unlined, Red, w/Red Bull on Back King Louie, Large, X-Large and XX-Large, only	\$ 52.50	\$ 3.00
Towels, Golf/Bowling, White, 16 X 36 inches, w/Insignia	7.50	1.30
Insignia, Shoulder Sleeve (Patches)	1.00	.35
Distinctive Insignia (Unit Crests), All Units	5.00	1.30
Window/Bumper Stickers	1.50	.35
Memorial Highway Signs	19.00	2.50
Combat Infantry Badges (Mini for Lapel, Cap, or Tie)	3.25	.50
RED BULL Caps	9.00	1.50
RED BULL Neckties, W/Insig, Clip-on	9.00	1.50
U.S. Flags for Lapel, Cap, or Tie	1.00	.50
RED BULL T-Shirts, grey, Small, Medium & Large, only	8.00	1.50
RED BULL Memo Pads, 4 1/4 & 5 1/2, 50 sheets/pad	.75	.75
3 Pads	2.00	1.20
RED BULL Playing Cards, Single Deck	6.00	1.20
Double Deck	11.00	1.50

If you need any of these items, just order from the Association and we will ship within 5 days of receipt of your order by first class mail.

GOOD HEALTH TO ALL, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE REUNIONS!