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VETERANS OF GENERAL PATTON'S 3RD ARMY & THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

News and Announcements

The 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association will hold our reunion in conjunction with the Battle of the Bulge Association (BOBA) and the 8th Armored Division in Philadelphia, PA September 18-21, 2025.

Note from the Editor

Dear Reader,

We have received a number of requests via our Website and Facebook page for information about our 87th veterans from their relatives. In this edition, I will show how we use the 87th IDLA website and other research sources to find out more about our veterans.

The Registration Form and hotel information for the reunion in September are posted on the website and Facebook page as well as in this issue on page 4. In the near future we will have an agenda.

Sincerely,

George Welsh, son of Bob Welsh (87th Recon)

High School Seniors, College Freshmen and Sophomores, and Trade School Students, Apply for the Tim Higgins Scholarship on Pages 25-26

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Cover: Tank Destroyer clears road block in Central Germany - March 1945

Cover image credit: Bob Welsh (87th Recon)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the 87th Infantry Legacy Association,

It has been my honor to serve as your President for the years 2024 and 2025, and I am encouraged that we have been able to maintain a strong and steady membership over my tenure. In fact our membership chair, Tim Muilenburg, has told me that several new additions have been made thanks to our increased visibility via our new Facebook page, our website, and our regular Golden Acorn Newsletters. My heartfelt thanks go out to George Welsh, along with Barbara Strang, who has done such a great job for us in all those endeavors.

As you know, we have had our annual reunion in conjunction with the Battle of the Bulge Association over the past several years, and will do so again this September when they meet in Philadelphia the weekend of September 18-20, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Philadelphia city center. If you plan to attend, please find the registration form via a link on our 87th IDLA website. Please mail it in as soon as possible and make sure you note that you are with the 87th IDLA on the form. We are planning to have Thursday September 18th set aside just for us to meet, fellowship and conduct Association business. The room rate of \$159 is also good several days before and after if you come early or stay later in Philly. I plan to arrive on the 17th so that we will be able to use the 18th for ourselves before their meetings begin.

As a further note regarding our annual meetings, I plan to organize a meeting just for our Association next year in Wilmington, NC. It will probably be in October or November so perhaps more people will be able to come. I plan to work on this event as soon as I turn over my duties as President to another person.

Finally I wanted everyone to know that Tom Hewlett, who continues his avid support, decided he needed to resign as our registered agent in Illinois, where our 501 (c) (3) organization was incorporated. Since we had no other members in Illinois, we had to dissolve the 87th IDLA in Illinois. I have had it reincorporated in North Carolina where I will now serve as the registered agent and we can continue to be recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization. All of the above activity was approved by your Executive Committee, and is on record in the corporation's minutes.

Please continue to tell others about the 87th IDLA and our continuing efforts to honor the lives and memories of the brave soldiers who fought so valiantly for the freedoms that we continue to enjoy today. They and their families truly were the "greatest generation."

Golden Acorn – "Stalwart and Strong!"

R. Dennis Lennon

Son of Woodrow W. Lennon
Company B, 347th Regiment, 87th Infantry



2025 BOBA REUNION • PHILADELPHIA, PA**BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOMS TODAY!**

Hilton Garden Inn, Philadelphia, PA

Thursday, September 18 - Monday, September 22, 2025



\$159 + TAX - Standard King or Double (2 Queens)
Link for reservations below.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE ASSOCIATION

**DEADLINE FOR BOOKING WITH OUR DISCOUNT IS
AUGUST 22, 2025**

Hilton Garden Inn - Philadelphia PA
(Center City)
1100 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
1-215-923-0100

RESERVATIONS:

1. Call the property at **215-923-0100 option 2** or central reservations at **877-782-9444** and mention the **Group Name: 2025 BOBA Reunion OR Group Code: 90W**.
2. Weblink: [2025 Battle of the Bulge Association Reunion Booking Link](#)
3. Scan the **QR code** on the right
4. Check in: 3pm / Check out: 11am

**AMENITIES:**

- Handicapped rooms available upon request (based on availability)
- Relax in the heart of downtown Philadelphia Reading Terminal Market is next door and Independence Hall is minutes away
- Two blocks from Jefferson Station and 13th St Trolley Station – hitch a ride to explore the wider city or reach the airport 12 miles away
- Fitness center
- Free WiFi
- Digital Key
- Connecting Rooms
- Smoke-free
- On-site restaurant
- **Full Breakfast for additional fee**

PARKING:

Self-Parking Garage – Convenient parking for hotel guests is located in the covered parking garage below the hotel. The parking fee is **\$40** per vehicle, per night. The parking garage is a separate entity not associated with the hotel.

Link to forms on the BOBA and 87th Websites

[BOBA Website](#)

[87th Website](#)

Once someone registers for their hotel room at the BOBA rate, they will have to call into the hotel to add additional days before/after the BOBA days to get their rate. Here are the contact details for the manager at the hotel that I've been communicating with:

Erin McPhillips, Senior Sales Manager
Hilton Garden Inn by Hilton
Center City Philadelphia
1100 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19107
erin.mcphillips@hilton.com
215.923.0100 option 3 - ext. 5513 Hotel

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2025 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association Reunion

In conjunction with the
Battle of the Bulge Association
September 18 –21, 2025

Individual 87th IDLA activities will be held on Thursday September 18, 2025.

We will be getting a hospitality room for the 87th Division.

The 8th Armored Division will also be having their reunion as well.

**2025 BOBA REUNION • PHILADELPHIA, PA****BOBA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR REUNION: MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

Please complete and mail this registration form OR register online at www.battleofthebulge.org (Click on the "Attend Reunion" and complete the Registration Form.) Registration for the reunion must be received no later than **AUGUST 18, 2025**. Detailed itinerary will be included in registration packet upon arrival.

Name.....BOBA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Additional Guests.....
Address.....
Phone.....Email.....
Division, Regiment, Chapter, etc.....
Dietary Restrictions:.....

IMPORTANT: All attendees must pay the non-refundable registration fee. Each day's fee is ALL-INCLUSIVE.

		NO. OF PERSONS	TOTAL COST
REGISTRATION: (REQUIRED)	\$190	_____	_____
Hospitality/Meeting rooms, Banquet room, AV equip, Buses, etc.			
Late Registration fee after August 18, 2025	\$20	_____	_____
Friday, September 19, 2025	\$90	_____	_____
Open Board meeting Historic Presentations, Lunch, Dinner Banquet Box lunch: No. of Turkey _____ No. of Cranberry Chicken Salad _____ No. of Veggie Wrap _____			
Saturday, September 20, 2025 (Dinner on own)	\$110	_____	_____
Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Lunch Cruise, Museum Tours			
Sunday, September 21, 2025 (Dinner on own)	\$30	_____	_____
Memorial Service, Mission BBQ Lunch, Valley Forge Ceremony			
Help Sponsor a Veteran or Reunion Experience		_____	_____
Help Support our Bugle Publication		_____	_____

Mail this form and check (payable to BOBA) to:
Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc., P.O. Box 330, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-0330
To pay with a credit/debit card or PayPal, register online at www.battleofthebulge.org, click on "Attend Reunion"

In the December 2024 edition of the Golden Acorn News, we ran a story on the book, Faith, Family, and Friendly Fire Place Brought Me Home, that Past President and son of Lauren Dean, C-912FA, Jim Dean has been working on for the last six years.

Jim is nearing completion and would like for our members to provide a show of interest in the book. Note this is not a pre-order but merely an indication of interest. Feel free to send a note to the 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association website at <https://87thinfantry.org/contact.php>

Painstaking research has gone into this unique, fairy-tale-like account. In 2019, tour-guide, Doug Mitchell, provided Jim with the declassified daily after action reports of the 87th Infantry Division and the 912th Field Artillery. These reports have been woven together with over 240 letters between his parents, 60+ photos with narrative captions (both from family albums and taken by Doug Mitchell, the meticulous records his father kept during his time in Europe and accounts of other 87th Division veterans.. Readers of this book will know exactly where the 87th and 912th were throughout the duration of combat which began in early December 1944 until the European armistice on May 8, 1945 and receive an exceptionally vivid detail about the actual price paid by our WW II Veterans in exchange for the many freedoms that we enjoy today.



Research Requests



Tim Landry

My great uncle was PFC Albert Billodeaux. 345th INF Regiment, First Battalion. KIA February 8th, 1945. I do not know if his remains were shipped home but he has a grave marker in Orange Grove Cemetery, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/63644752/albert-billodeaux>

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Author
87th Infantry Division Legacy Association

Tim Landry your great uncle is a hero. I see he served in Headquarters Company. I will see what I can find out further.

2w Like Reply



Name: John Noble
Email: john.noble@comcast.net

Subject: *A message from the website. Dec 15-16 of 44 attack that captured soldiers from the 347 INF.*

Message:

Looking for info on the De 15-16th 1944 Attack that captured several dozen soldiers from the 347th Infantry on the German border, it is mentioned in the regimental history But I am lookin g for more information.
Regards John Noble

Name: Austin Ragusa
Email: austin.ragusa@vision-properties.com

Subject: *Trying to purchase By The Men of F Company, Compiled by Barbara Anderson Strang*

Message:

Hi,

I would like to purchase a copy of By The Men of F Company, Compiled by Barbara Anderson Strang. How do I go about doing that?

Best,
Austin





87th Infantry Division Legacy Association

66 likes · 116 followers



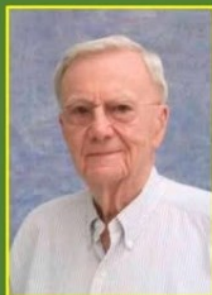
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In Honor of our veterans lost over the last year:
Bob Picher (K-346)... [See more](#)



Bob Zeller



Walter Pope



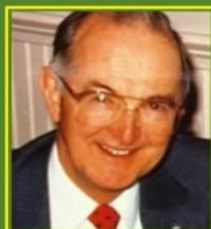
Bob Welsh



Norb Dishaw



Joe Roes



Bob Picher

87th Infantry Division Legacy Association May 8 · 🌐

VE Day

May 8th, 1945 became a date for history—V-E day—Victory in Europe. While the nations of the world were celebrating the historic announcement with ringing church bells, parades and parties, a different type of celebration was going on in Plauen and Falkenstein. Captured enemy equipment was being rounded up and collected in huge parking lots, and the battle weary soldiers were busy “welcoming” the hundreds of German soldiers streaming in from the east to surrender.

In Falkenstein convoy after convoy of German vehicles rolled in loaded with the unconditionally surrendered “supermen.” Rapidly reloading into American vehicles they were speeded on the way to the rear.

At the big airfield outside Plauen, the 345th's guards were startled when the Luftwaffe began landing there once again; but this time their planes came in and were parked for the last time; the pilots consigned to the prisoner of war cages.

87th Infantry Division Legacy Association April 23 · 🌐



A week of pause with little action for the 87th at the end of April 1945.



Necrology

*In Memory of
The 87th Veterans
Who lived their lives
In devotion to their families,
In service to their communities, and with true patriotism for
The United States of America*

Grace Marie Sherk (wife of Ervin Sherk)	I-346



It is with a deep sense of loss that we announce the passing of **Grace M. Sherk (wife of Ervin J. Sherk—I-346)** on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. She passed peacefully in her home at Grossmont Gardens in La Mesa, CA at the age of 104 years and five months.

Born on a farm in Prescott, Pennsylvania on November 16, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Walter Simon and Bessie Mae (Hower) Deck and the younger sister of the late Beulah Elizabeth Troutman Lutz.

After school and during summers, in addition to helping on the farm, she assisted several families with housework and childcare. Since her parents were tenant farmers, they moved several times during her childhood. In 1933 her parents purchased a farm in Kutztown. This enabled Grace to finish her education at Myerstown High School, graduat-

ing in the Class of 1938.

In 1937 she met the love of her life, Ervin J. Sherk, and after dating for 6-1/2 years they married on Christmas Day 1943. In 1944, while Ervin was in basic training at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, TX, Grace worked for the post master of Mineral Wells. Ervin was sent to Europe and fought in the Battle of the Bulge; Grace returned to Pennsylvania and worked in a shoe factory.

When their only child, Janice Grace, was born in 1947, Grace became a stay-at-home mother. She re-

turned to work in 1959 at a local knitting mill. After several years Grace began working for Sterling Drug Corporation in the Bayer aspirin plant in Myerstown and retired from there in 1983.

She and Ervin loved to travel and attended many Army reunions of the 87th Infantry Division which included several cruises and a trip to Europe in 1976 where they revisited the route the 87th had taken during the war. They also enjoyed volunteering in R.S.V.P. of Lebanon County and the American Red Cross.

They loved to spend time at their mountain home in northern PA. Ervin was an avid hunter and spent hunting season in their home-away-from-home with Grace going along to do the cooking. They traveled to Proctor near Williamsport, PA all through the year so they could enjoy the beauty of the seasons. It wasn't unusual to see both of them on riding mowers as they cut the nearly one-acre lawn.

On June 27, 2006 Ervin suddenly passed away and Grace remained in her home and enjoyed tending her small garden. In 2010 Grace decided to move to San Diego to be closer to her daughter, Janice G. Klick, her son-in-law Larry E. Klick and grandson David M. Klick.

Grace lived at Grossmont Gardens for 14 years and made many friends during that time. She had a strong faith, a wonderful sense of humor and was always willing to assist people when they needed help. Everyone said she had a positive attitude, a warm smile, sparkling blue eyes, and never looked her age. She helped in the community's library for six years. Grace enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, reading, crocheting, word search puzzles and a game called Crazy Dice.

In addition to Larry, Janice and David, she is survived by a niece, Helen Ernst, of Wyomissing, PA.

As per her request, a memorial service was held in her home church of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania on June 28, 2025 with the Rev. Angela Hammer officiating. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, she will be laid to rest next to her husband of 63 years in the Schaefferstown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 278, Schaefferstown, PA 17088.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Grossmont Gardens for the love, care and friendships they shared with Grace over the years and to Radiant Hospice, San Diego, CA who showed such loving care and compassion during Grace's last days.



Stalwart and Strong

We Remember. . .

Those Who Made The Ultimate Sacrifice

Killed in Action: **1154**

Died of Wounds: **141**



Luxembourg American Cemetery, Luxembourg

(Photo credit: ©ABMC)

We will continue to publish in chronological order information on those who were Killed in Action/Died of Wounds/Missing in Action with the 87th Infantry Division. Information was obtained from the records of Paul Nessman (F&M-347), www.findagrave.com, www.newspapers.com, www.ancestry.com, and 87th General Orders and History.

Compiled by Barbara Strang (daughter of Ted Anderson, B-912FA)

February 2, 1945 — 10 Killed
February 3, 1945 — 9 Killed

345th Regimental History: February 2, 1945. The entire regiment was on the move by Division order. The First Battalion moved to Andler, the Second to Verschneid, the Third to Lauderfeld, Service Company to Heuem and Regimental Headquarters to a modern apartment building on the outskirts of Auw, Germany.

346th After-Action Report: February 2, 1945. Regiment in Division Reserve. Received order to move forward. Rear elements closed into Schonberg. Third Battalion moved to town of Lauderfeld. Tiger patrol moved beyond Krewinkle to investigate Siegfried Line bunkers on Hill 628. Regimental Command Post moved forward from St. Vith to Schonberg.

346th After-Action Report: February 3, 1945. Completed move to forward positions. Second Battalion moved to vicinity of Auw. First Battalion captured town of Krewinkel. Third Battalion moved to vicinity of Weckerath. Battalions improving and consolidating positions. Patrolling to front continued. Weather – cloudy, cool and light rain. Casualties – rather heavy. Regimental Command Post moved to Auw, Germany.

347th Regimental History: February 2 and 3, 1945. The Third Battalion was in Manderfeld and was to hold. The Second Battalion was to continue the attack on Weckerath, just a few hundred yards northwest of Auw, and from there, continue the attack due east to Krewinkel. The First Battalion was to move up from Laudesfeld to Wischeid and Verschneid. The whole zone was filled with a series of small towns and each of them had to be carefully cleared in order to allow the Division advance. By noon, the First Battalion was ordered to proceed to the Division objective of Losheim, the Second Battalion was to move on to Manderfeld and the Third Battalion was to go from Manderfeld to Berterath. The Regimental Forward Command Post was moved to Manderfeld and the final stage in the movement to the Siegfried Line was set.

The Second Battalion started its movement from Weckerath to Manderfeld early in the morning on the 3rd. At the same time, the Third Battalion moved on from Manderfeld to Berterath and the First Battalion was in the process of its advance to Losheim.

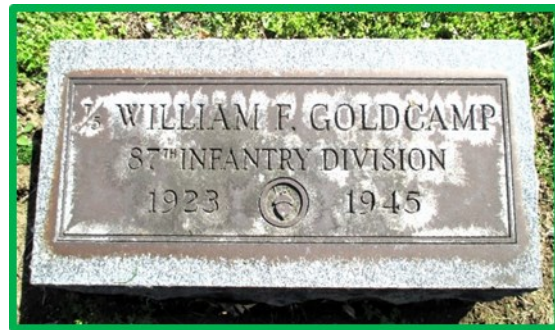
Pvt. Sylvester C. Rossow, I-347

Birth: December 26, 1908
Hometown: Melvindale, Michigan
Parents: Herman and Ida Rossow
Siblings: 3 brothers
Spouse Doris Rossow
Children: 1 son
Burial: Henri-Chapelle
American Cemetery and Memorial,
Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers,
Liege, Belgium



T/5 William F. Goldcamp, 312th ENG

Birth: October 11, 1923
 Hometown: Ironton, Ohio
 Parents: Henry and Margaret Goldcamp
 Siblings: 7 brothers and 2 sisters
 Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Coal Grove,
 Lawrence County, Ohio



Pvt. Frank L. Kirkendall, 312th ENG

Birth: October 7, 1918
 Hometown: Hamilton, Ohio
 Parents: Otto and Alma Kirkendall
 Siblings: 2 sisters and 3 brothers
 Spouse: Olga Kirkendall
 Burial: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial,
 Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium



S/Sgt. Paul E. Horton, D-345

Birth: August 13, 1923
 Hometown: King Mills, Arkansas
 Parents: Robert and Cora Horton
 Siblings: 5 brothers and 1 sister
 Burial: Shiloh Cemetery,
 Sharp County, Arkansas

Sharp County Soldier Killed In Belgium

Hardy, Feb. 19.—R. Bruce Horton of King Mills has been Paul E. Horton, aged 22, was killed February 2 in Belgium.

Sergeant Horton attended the Ash Flat schools and entered service in February, 1943. He had been overseas since August, 1944, with the infantry.

Other survivors are five brothers and a sister.



Pvt. Edward L Coates, B-346

Birth: November 17, 1923
 Hometown: Cuba City, Wisconsin
 Parents: Leroy and Lois Coates
 Siblings: 3 brothers and 1 sister
 Burial: Carr Cemetery, Benton,
 Lafayette County, Wisconsin



Pfc. Jay P. Morgan, D-345

Birth: September 26, 1914
 Hometown: Far Rockaway, New York
 Parents: Walter and Elizabeth Phillips Morgan
 Siblings: 9 brothers and 1 sister
 Children: 1 daughter
 Burial: Hoosick Cemetery, Hoosick,
 Rensselaer County, New York



**SOLDIER'S BODY
 ARRIVES IN AREA;
 RITES SATURDAY**

Pvt. Jay P. Morgan Of Johnsonville, Killed In Belgium In 1945

The body of Pvt. Jay P. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morgan of Johnsonville, arrived in Johnsonville yesterday for reburial.

Pvt. Morgan was killed on Feb. 2, 1945, in Belgium. He entered the Army on Feb. 3, 1941, and was sent overseas after receiving training in various camps in the United States.

He is survived, besides his parents, by a daughter, Panama Morgan of Far Rockaway, L. I.; a sister, Mrs. Henrietta Lewis of Glens Falls, and nine brothers, Chauncey, George, Junius, Calvin, Andrew, John and William, all of Johnsonville, Clayton of Boston and John Morgan of East Paterson, N. J.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 9 a.m. at the residence and at 9:30 a.m. from St. Monica's Church, Johnsonville, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung. Interment, with military honors, will be in Hoosick Rural Cemetery, Hoosick.

Pfc. James W. Cook, H-346

Birth: April 26, 1911
 Hometown: Opelika, Oklahoma
 Parents: William and Mary Jane Cook
 Siblings: 2 brothers and 3 sisters
 Spouse: Zenobra Cook
 Children: 1 daughter and 2 sons
 Burial: Henri-Chapelle
 American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle,
 Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium



**James W. Cook Is
 Killed In Action
 Feb. 2, In Germany**

Mrs. Zenobra T. Cook, of 215 Second Avenue, received a telegram from the War Department, saying that her husband had been killed in action in Germany on February 2.

The telegram read as follows:

"The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your husband, Private First Class James W. Cook, was killed in action on February 2nd in Germany. Confirming letter follows. J. A. Ulio, the adjutant general."

Pfc. Cook went overseas last September. Before entering the service he was a Pepperell bus driver.

Surviving are his wife, three children, Mary, Bobby and Ellis; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cook, of Newnan, Ga.; two brothers and three sisters.

T/5 George A. Maxon, F-347

Birth: January 28, 1912
 Hometown: Blue Springs, Missouri
 Parents: George and Alice Maxon
 Siblings: 4 brothers and 1 sister
 Spouse: Theda Hall Maxon
 Burial: Henri-Chapelle
 American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle,
 Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium.



Pvt. George F. Blubaugh, I-346

Died of Wounds received on January 31, 1945

Birth: April 28, 1920

Hometown: Conn Rapids, Iowa

Parents: Joseph and Delia Blubaugh

Burial: Luxembourg American

Cemetery and Memorial,

Hamm, Canton de Luxembourg,

Luxembourg, Luxembourg.



PVT. GEORGE BLUBAUGH



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blubaugh of Melrose Ia., former Henry Countians have been notified by the War Department of the death February 2, 1945, of their son, Pvt. George F. Blubaugh. He was wounded in action January 31, 1945 during their advance near

Arion, Belgium. He was buried in the Duchy of Luxembourg with an appropriate service.

Pvt. Blubaugh, 25, was working in a defense plant at Baltimore, Md., before induction into the army. He was trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and was sent overseas from Fort Meade, Md., in December, 1944, following a furlough at home. He was a home loving boy who worked faithfully with his father or helped the neighbors.

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when there was need. Never failing in his duty he earned the respect and love of all with whom he was associated.

Pvt. Blubaugh is survived by his parents of Melrose, Ia., his aged maternal grandparents and his grandmother Blubaugh and among fond aunts and uncles, Mrs. Bessie Whitechurch of Clinton.

—V—

Pfc. Keith F. Ottsen, B-347

Birth: July 17, 1923

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Parents: George and Carrie Ottsen

Siblings: 2 brothers

Burial: Cedar Memorial Park,

Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa



Parents of Keith Ottsen Learn How He Died in Action

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ottsen, 1122 Maplewood drive NE, have received word from the commanding officer of the infantry division of which their son, Pfc. Keith, was a member. With Patton's Third army, he was killed in action in Belgium Feb. 2.

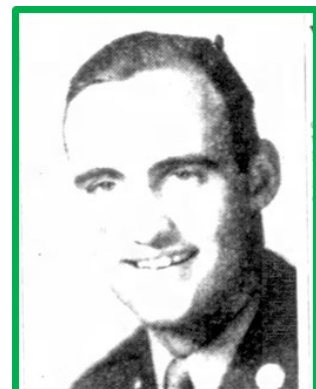
"Near Hume, Belgium, we were under heavy artillery and mortar fire all night," the communication said. "Your son had volunteered to deliver a message to an adjacent unit. He had left his fox hole and moved approximately 300 yards, when he was caught in heavy enemy mortar barrage. . . . A shell landed a few feet from

THE CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE:

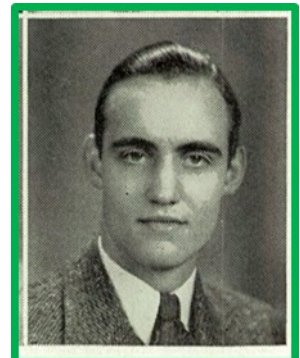
him, and the concussion killed him instantly.

"He was buried in the military cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg."

Keith's death was as he had wished it. He had remarked to his father before going overseas, "If my number is called, I hope I get it quickly and completely, as I don't want to be a burden on someone the rest of my life."



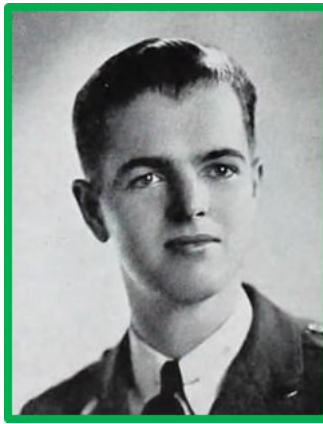
PFC. KEITH F. OTTSEN, 21, was killed in action in Belgium Feb. 2. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ottsen, 1122 Maplewood drive NE. He was an infantryman in the Third army.



The Cedar Rapids Gazette, July 19, 1945

S/Sgt. Donald Macomber, G-347

Birth: April 8, 1924
 Hometown: Winnetka, Illinois
 Parents: Donald and Sarah Macomber
 Siblings: 3 half-brothers
 Burial: Rosehill Cemetery and
 Mausoleum, Chicago,
 Cook County, Illinois



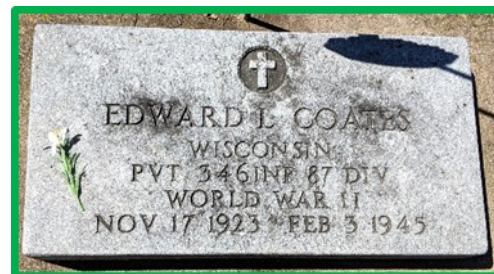
2Lt. Charles S. Fazel, H-347

Birth: December 18, 1921
 Hometown: Petersburg, Virginia
 Parents: Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Fazel
 Spouse: Martha King Fazel
 Burial: Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg,
 Petersburg City, Virginia



Pvt. Edward L Coates, B-346

Birth: November 17, 1923
 Hometown: Cuba City, Wisconsin
 Parents: Leroy and Lois Coates
 Siblings: 3 brothers and 1 sister
 Burial: Carr Cemetery, Benton,
 Lafayette County, Wisconsin



Pvt. Robert W. Davis, B-346

Birth: July 29, 1921
 Hometown: Rockville Centre, New York
 Parents: Charles Walter Davis
 Burial: Luxembourg American Cemetery
 and Memorial, Hamm,
 Canton de Luxembourg,
 Luxembourg, Luxembourg



Pvt. Carl S. Godwin, C-345

Birth: April 19, 1921
 Hometown: Goldston, North Carolina
 Parents: Purdie and Docia Godwin
 Siblings: 4 brothers and 3 sisters
 Spouse: Ethel Godwin
 Children: 3 sons and 1 daughter
 Burial: Parkers Grove
 United Methodist Church Cemetery,
 Linden, Cumberland County, North Carolina



Private Carl Godwin Reburial Set Sunday

DUNN, May 27.—Reburial services for Pvt. Carl S. Godwin of Route 1, Linden, will be held at Parker's Grove Methodist Church near Linden at 3 p. m. Sunday. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will remain at Quinn Funeral Home until time for the service.

Pvt. Godwin was inducted into the army in July, 1944. He was a member of General Patton's Third Army. The body arrived in Dunn Saturday morning.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Purdie Godwin; his wife; four children, Carl Wayne, Joyce Faye, Richard Allen, and George P. Godwin of the home; four brothers, Robert, Coy, Rubin, and John, all of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Larry Smith of Raleigh, Eula Mae Godwin of the home, and Allene Godwin of the home.

2Lt. Jack C. Pitney, B-346

Birth: September 1, 1920
 Hometown: Neodesha, Kansas
 Parents: George and Laura Pitney
 Burial: Neodesha Cemetery, Neodesha,
 Wilson County, Kansas



The Neodesha News, May 5, 1949

rites for Lt. Pitney to be held Friday.

The body of Lt. Jack Pitney, who lost his life in action on February 3, 1945, in Belgium, was brought home today, and funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Loran Fawcett funeral home. The Rev. Frank Sprague will conduct the services and interment will be made in the family lot in Neodesha cemetery. The body will be at the home, 215 Indiana, until 1:30 Friday when it will be removed to the funeral home.

The family requests no flowers. Jack C. Pitney was born September 1, 1920, in Neodesha, and was 24 years, 5 months and 2 days of age at his death. He had lived in Neodesha all his life. He was graduated from Neodesha High School and later attended Kansas State College for a time. Jack went overseas in July of 1944 as a replacement officer and was attached to the Third Army January 1, 1945. During his many years in Neodesha Jack was one of the most popular boys in the community, was highly regarded by all who knew him and his cheerful disposition and sunny smile were always in evidence. He was a member of the Neodesha Christian church.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. G. C. Pitney, of the home, and an aunt, Mrs. Birdie Brown, also of the home. His father, G. C. Pitney, passed away January 25 of this year.



Pfc. Steve J. Kavlich, E-347

Birth: January 9, 1926
 Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
 Parents: John and Anna Kavlich
 Siblings: 5 brothers
 Burial: Calvary Cemetery,
 Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

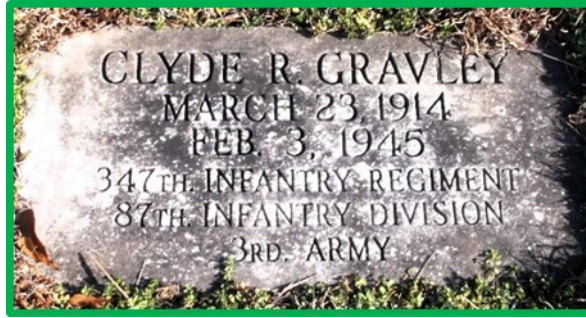
KAVLICH, PFC. STEVE J., of 4617 Gifford Ave., killed in action in Belgium, Feb. 3, 1944, beloved son of John and Anna (nee Hrutki), brother of Eugene, Joseph, Edward, Andrew and John. Friends may call at Seps! Funeral Home, 2178 W. 28th St. Services Sat., Apr. 23, from St. Wendelin's Church at 9 a. m. Interment Calvary Cemetery Soldier's Plot. Military services conducted by American Legion Brooklyn Post 233.

The Cleveland Press, April 21, 1949

Pvt. Clyde R. Gravley,

H-347

Birth: March 23, 1914
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Parents: Wiley and Ollie Gravley
Siblings: 2 sisters and 1 brother
Spouse: Thema Gravley
Children: 1 son and 1 daughter
Burial: Westview Cemetery,
Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia



Pfc. Gravley's Rites Wednesday

Military graveside services for Pfc. Clyde Raymond Gravley, of 211 Harrelson Ave., S. E., killed in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany, Feb. 3, 1945, will be held at West View Cemetery Wednesday at 3:30 p. m.



A native Atlantan, Pfc. Gravley attended public schools in Atlanta and entered the Army in 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and left the United States for overseas duty in Europe in late 1944.

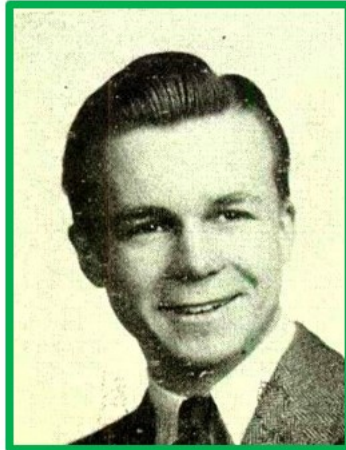
Serving with the infantry, he was killed just a few weeks after his arrival.

He is survived by his father, Willie C. Gravley; two sisters, Mrs. Aileen Cannon and Mrs. Nina Means; a brother, Jack Gravley; his widow, Mrs. Thelma Gravley, and two children, Sonya, 8, and Stephen, 11. All the survivors reside in Atlanta.

An Army chaplain will officiate at the ceremony.

Sgt. Richard H. Lightowler, H-347

Birth: 1925
Hometown: Camden, New Jersey
Parents: Richard and Clara Lightowler
Siblings: 1 sister
Burial: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial,
Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium



Pvt. William S. Thomas, H-347

Birth: February 5, 1926
Hometown: Detroit, Michigan
Parents: Harry and Frances Thomas
Siblings: 2 brothers and 2 sisters
Burial: Saint Mary Cemetery, Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan



PVT. WILLIAM S. THOMAS—Reburial services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Wayne, for Pvt. Thomas, killed in action in Germany Feb. 3, 1945.

Pvt. Thomas, 18 when he was killed, was a graduate of St. Dominic's School, Detroit. He joined the Army June 9, 1944.

The Harris Kehrre Post No. 3323 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will officiate at the burial, in St. Mary's Cemetery, Wayne.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Frances Hosang Thomas, 3301 Akron Court, Wayne; his father, Harry B., of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Harold and Frank, and two sisters, Mrs. Floria Rusnell and Mrs. Irene Arenson.



Research

We have received a number of requests via our Website and Facebook page for information about our 87th veterans from their relatives, most not having any information beyond the knowledge of their service in the 87th. See some examples on page 5. Barbara Strang (daughter of Ted Anderson, B-912FA), Tim Muilenburg (son of Ivan Muilenburg, C-549AAA) and I handle most of the inquiries.

For starters, our website has a significant amount of information, and I will provide an overview of what we have based on these requests. Unfortunately, our information is far from complete. You may remember the research Ken Virgil (son of George Virgil L-347) performed to document his father's participation in the Rhine Crossing on March 25, 1945 that we chronicled in the December 2023 issue of the Golden Acorn News. His drive to get the 87th Division units involved in the crossing awarded the Arrowhead coupled with all these requests prompted me to get trained as a National Archives Researcher and visit the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis at the end of May.

The 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association Website

The first place I look for information about an 87th veteran is on the 87th WWII Roster, which was put together by Jim Amor (A-345) and has just recently been updated. Go to Facts & Stats in the left margin and then WWII Rosters in the upper menu bar. The page continues inks to aforementioned roster and wel as rosters for D-345 and 787 Ordnance. A Find (or CTRL F) with Amor shows Jim Amor and his unit.



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Reconstructed WWII Roster of the 87th Division

This roster is not comprehensive. It was constructed by Jim Amor (A-345) and other veterans of the 87th Division using numerous sources, including the 87th unit history books that were published shortly after World War II. Undoubtedly there are men who served with the division who are not listed in this document.

Roster of D Company, 345th Infantry Regiment

This roster was provided by the company clerk of 345-D, Mitch Kaidy. The exact time frame is unknown.

Roster of 787th Ordnance

This roster was provided by Casey Camper, son of Carl Camper. He also provided a roster of the **Automotive Platoon**.

AMMON, CLARENCE R	CAN-346	ANDERSON, WILLIE D	I-345	ARANOW, ROBT H	334FA
AMMONS, KENNETH O	A-347	ANDERSON, WM S	C-347	ARBETMAN, DANIEL	E-345
AMON, MATTHIAS	H-347	ANDERSON, WM W	D-345	ARBIGE, THOS P	C-346
AMONDSEN, FRED J	F-347	ANDERSON VERGIL F	F-345	ARBOGAST, ROBT L	B-346
AMOR, JAMES	A-345	ANDHOR, CHAS T	I-346	ARCHER, ANDREW C	E-346
AMOROSO, LEO M	A-346	ANDIORIO, JOS L	L-345	ARCHER, LLOYD	C-346
AMOS, AVERETTE D	SV-347	ANDRESKY, JOHN E	HQ-334FA	ARCHER, LYNN C	C-346
AMOS, HAROLD L	CAN-346	ANDREW, CALVIN D	A-346	ARCHER, THOS E	B-312ENG


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The website has the Regimental Histories in the Publications section of the Archives section. The Regimental Histories contain a written history of the units from activation to deactivation with numerous photos. They have information on those who were awarded Purple Hearts, Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badges and other awards. Those Killed in Action and Missing in Action are indicated. Company photos prior to the deployment in Europe are also included. On the next page, I provide an example of a simple search for Eldon A. Schultz.

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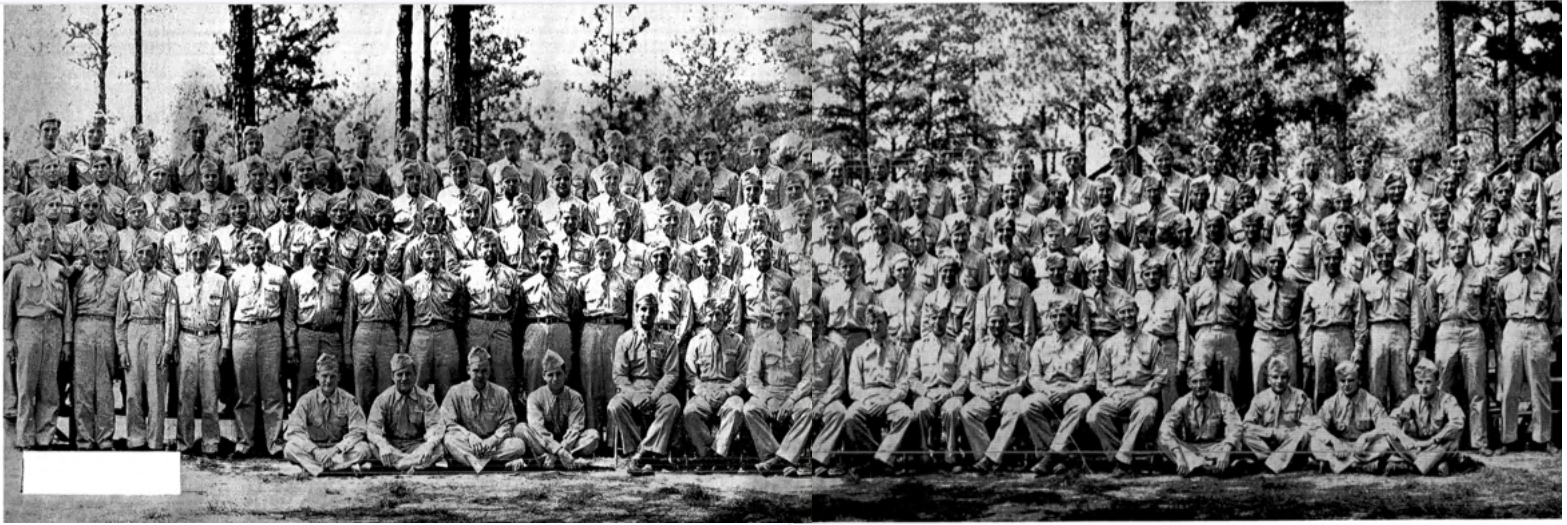
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The Archives has sections on Publications, Documents, Maps and After Action Reports, and we will soon be adding more after action reports and a section on Morning Reports. The Publications section contains all copies of the Golden Acorn News from 1942 until 2008, when the 87th Infantry Division Association became the 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association. 87th IDLA GANs are in the Members section. Under Documents, letters of commendation from the commanders, including General George S. Patton, unit citations and other important announcement as well the service album of Lt. Colonel, Robert Hibbert, Jr.. The excellent 87th Division Map tracking their movements across Europe is in the map section along with a couple of battle maps.

The Facts and Stats section contains lists and tables, such as the WWII Roster, 87th make-up by unit, commanding officers, and command posts. Most importantly, there is a link to a spreadsheet of those Killed in Action with several worksheets with associated statistics. Below is an excerpt from that file.



Last Name	First Name	Na	Serial Number	Unit	Rank	City	State	Entry	Date of Death	Place of Death	Cemetery
Hand	Nelson	S.	35248824	345 A	Pvt	Elyria	OH	OH	23 Dec 1944		Luxembourg American Cemetery
Handley	Crawford	E.	15344478	345 K	Pfc	Anderson	IL	IN	15 Dec 1944		Lorraine American Cemetery
Hanlon	James	J.	33813579	347 F	Pvt	Philadelphia	PA	PA	14 Feb 1945		Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery



Emmerich Oths, great grandson of Eldon Abraham Schultz, sent a note via Contact Us on the website requesting information on his great grandfather. He is pictured in this photo of Company I of the 347th Infantry Regiment on pages 140 and 141 of the Regimental History. How did I find this information. First I went to the WWII Roster in the Archives section. Search the pdf file using CTRL F and enter Schultz to find Eldon and determine his unit. Next go to the Documents Section and open the Regimental History of the 347th and do another search of the pdf file. Eldon's name shows up a couple of time, but more interesting is his name is in the key to the Company I photo taken back in the States (most likely). In the actual book, the photo is in the fold across two pages. In the pdf, the two halves are on separate pages, but with a little work, we can find Eldon. I took the liberty of splicing them together above and then zooming in on the young private. I hope I counted correctly.

On the website, in the Articles section, there are many fist hand and other accounts, most by our veterans and members. We also have an extensive video library to accompany the articles.

SCHULTZ, ARTHUR F	K-345
SCHULTZ, EDWARD W	HQ-346
<u>SCHULTZ, ELDON A</u>	<u>I-347</u>
SCHULTZ, ELMER E	SV-345
SCHULTZ, ELMER R	DIVHQ
SCHULTZ, EUGENE G	HQ3-34

PFC. DONALD E. BRUNIS
PFC. JOHN W. BURKE
PFC. WINDELL LEE
PFC. FLOYD W. DUNNING
PFC. JOSEPH DONATIEL
PFC. BOYCE R. LINK
PFC. JAMES H. RADON
PFC. WILLIAM F. BURNS
PFC. JEROME R. LINHART
PFC. ROBERT R. BURNS
PFC. WILLIAM R. THOMPSON
PFC. MERLE L. BYRNE
PFC. JOE R. VIALPANDO
PFC. LOUIS R. MILKE, JR.
PFC. JEWELL L. McCULLUM
PFC. LLOYD L. DAVIS

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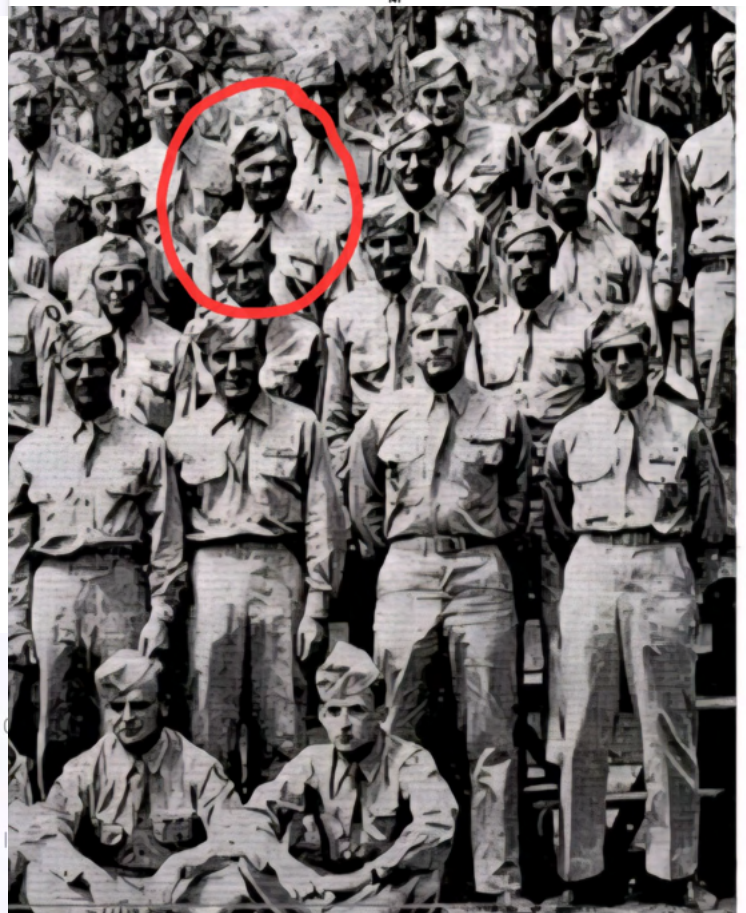
PFC. JOSEPH B. MATTHEWS
PFC. JOHN J. HENDRICKS
PFC. ROBERT W. SAWYER
PFC. NED YARNER
PFC. ARTHUR R. EMMERY
PFC. ALBERT L. PAULSEN
PFC. ROBERT D. HOGAN

PFC. OLINDO A. PARENTI
PFC. JOHN V. MORRIS, JR.
CPL. VICTOR D. PAOLANTONIO
PFC. PAUL F. ADAMS
PFC. DANIEL A. PATRIZIO
CPL. THOMAS E. FETTS
PFC. DONALD W. JORDAN
SGT. WILLIAM A. OSHIVREAU
PFC. ANGELO PARRILLI
PFC. FRANCIS J. RUGGERI
PFC. HOMER G. CONKLIN
PFC. STANLEY L. CLOUSER
PFC. BRUNARD ROSE
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PFC. ROBERT CROUCH
PFC. JAMES R. HOWARD
PFC. RAYMOND R. SCOTT
SGT. STANLEY G. LONG
PFC. EDWARD H. KUHLMANN
PFC. ELISHA COBBY
PFC. GILBERT LONG
PFC. ELSON A. SCHULTZ
PFC. WILLIAM LINDERS
PFC. NORBERT R. DSHAW

FIFTH ROW:

PFC. ALTON L. JOHNSON
PFC. PAUL F. CETHAKOWSKI

PFC. RICHARD H. LEE
PFC. CECIL G. DAVIS, JR.
PFC. BRUCE A. JOHNSON
PFC. CLYDE R. LAOHERY
PFC. WILLIAM W. VOGELPOHL
PFC. DONALD J. MOSE
PFC. LEROY D. PETER
PFC. WILLIAM C. HARPER
PFC. WILLIAM T. HARROD, JR.
PFC. LOUIS O. WELLS
SGT. STANLEY A. WHEAT
PFC. WILLIAM D. PENHALE, JR.
PFC. OMERINO LIBERATO
PFC. ERWIN R. RUFENER
PFC. FELIX J. PAULOVICH
SGT. HAROLD R. ALLEN, JR.
SGT. WALTER G. SAGER
SGT. JAMES F. CORMACK
PFC. EDNEY R. ZUCKER
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PFC. JACK TARRANT
PFC. WILLIAM J. CARVETH
SGT. WILLIAM C. MATTHEW
PFC. ROBERT L. SAROENT
PFC. GILBERT R. PAVAO
SGT. DON R. BELCHER



National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)



National Personnel Records Center
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St. Louis, MO 63138

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The National Personnel Records Center is a department of the National Archives. On April 12, 1973, the previous location of the NPRC in St. Louis burned down resulting in the loss of 16-18 million records. The efforts to recover records damaged in the fire continues to this day at the new NPRC just north of St. Louis.

More on the fire can be found on the [NPRC Website—Fire](#)

To arrange a trip to the NPRC, I sent an Email to stlarr.archives@nara.gov. I received the rply below and completed the registration. I took the Researcher Orientation and quiz, which took about an hour, and completed the record request forms. Finally I made my appointment. The appointments are for the entire day and are electronic and provide e-tickets. There are a number of prohibited items, like coats and ink pens, that can lead to damage of some of the original documents. I had some difficulty downloading the e-tickets, so along with the prohibitions, I had some anxiety when I arrived. This was unnecessary as the staff was very helpful and accommodating. When you arrive, part in the parking lot to the right before the guard gate and go to the main lobby for a security screening. The records room reception is just to right. There's a snack bar in the lobby to get refreshments. Not even water is allowed in the records room.

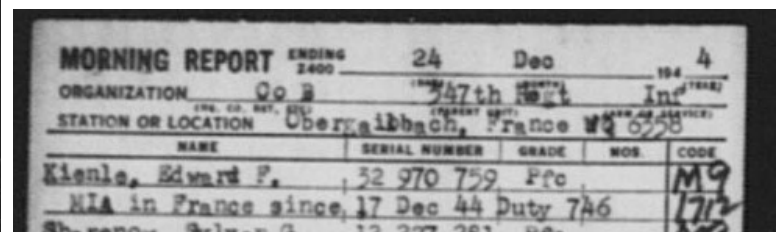
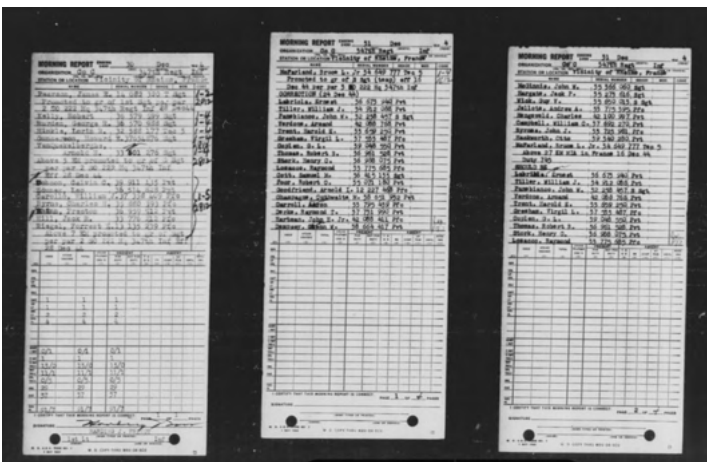
The National Archives requires that all researchers complete the following to be issued a Researcher ID Card at their visit. Please finish these items prior to your visit.

- Complete the **National Archives Researcher Application** by visiting: <https://researchercommunity.force.com/securitycentral/s/kiosk-registration>
- You will also need to complete the **NARA Virtual Researcher Orientation** which can be found here: https://rise.articulate.com/share/uK5NGkSpg74JHLTOcGPmM4e94MJyxQgD#. Once you have finished, the system will generate a certificate of completion which you'll need to forward to this email thread.
- Attached you will find the **NA-13173 Request Form** for military and civilian personnel records. When filling out the request form, please provide as much information as possible. This will assist us with locating the records you're requesting. You will need to fill out one form, per individual whose records you're requesting. You can attach each request to your email, or include them all in a PDF portfolio, whichever is easiest for you. If you *digitally sign your Request Form, please do not lock the file. If you do not yet have a NARA Researcher ID, please leave the "Researcher ID Card Number" field blank. Your card and number will be issued to you at your appointment. You will receive confirmation from this email address once we've received your requests.*
- We have transitioned to Eventbrite for scheduling research appointments. We're currently scheduling up to 90 days out for textual. If you choose a date, and it is sold out, that means there are no more appointments for that day. Each Week, at 12 AM on Mondays, a new week of appointments are added to Eventbrite. You can sign up for notifications on that platform. Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/national-archives-at-st-louis-49167066023> to schedule your appointment and select a date from the event "**Textual Research Appointment**" (for paper documents). We will confirm your appointment after we have received your certificate, application, and request forms.

Once I had checked in at the registration desk and received my researcher credentials, I was met by Archives Specialist, Holly Rivet. I sat down with Holly, so she got an idea of my experience and research objectives, which are learning more about our 87th veterans for their relatives. She then gave me the crash course on viewing records. They have good work stations at which they have stands to place documents for photographing and video with your phone or other device. Other more experienced researchers were there with their own scanning equipment. Phones, cameras and scanners are allowed. For all this it is critical to handle all these documents carefully, not letting them hang off an edge or placing something else on top of them. One researcher was meticulously removing toilet paper thin documents from a binder for scanning and then replacing them. Slow and tedious work. For starters I received the file of David Buteau for viewing. I describe what I found on the next page.

After looking at the records I requested, Holly took me to the morning reports files. Here I was reintroduced to microfilm. On the computers provided, we looked up the location of the morning reports for the 87th Division from December 1944. The microfilm is stored in large, metal, fire-proof file drawers and can be viewed on the traditional screen or computer monitors. In any case, the film is on reels as shown above and need to be threaded on either set-up. While there is a motor to advance and rewind, it is preferable to hand turn while moving from page to page, once you find your place. The images contain 3 cards as shown below. They always indicate the location of the unit on the given day and often give the map coordinates using the Modified British System. They will indicate if holding position, engaged or moving. Most importantly they will give information on the soldiers giving a summary of those present on the 1st month and then movements, such as leaves, transfers, MIA and KIA. While an unfortunate piece of information, I did find the date of the 87th IDLA President's father's (Woodrow Lennon B-347) capture on December 16, 1944. In his request on page 4 of this edition of the GAN, I provided John Noble with the morning reports for Company C, so he could get day by day locations of his father's unit for a visit to the Saar he was planning (I hope to report on that). I was able to scan the images on the monitors and then upload them to the cloud (Google Drive for me).

Unfortunately, I only had 5 hours, but I found a lot of interesting things. I am already planning my next trip and hopefully one to the National Archives in College Park, Maryland, where post-WWI regimental and unit records are primarily held.



Much of this information is on line at the [National Archives Catalog](#).

Jennie Emerick, requested information on her grandfather, David H. Buteau, Jr. (D-345). She already knew his unit and some other basic information. Our Membership and Communications Chairman, Tim Muilenburg (son of Ivan Muilenburg, C-549AAA), searched the 345th Regimental History on the 87th IDLA website for her grandfathers name and found him in the Company D group photo on page 141. His name is also on page 186 for receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge, a very coveted medal.

My first request for records at the National Personnel Records Center (upper right) was for Jennie's grandfather. When I arrived, I was informed that David's records had been lost in the 1973 fire and they only had his final payslip, which had been filed elsewhere. The payslip still offered new information as to his service

COMPANY MORNING REPORT

STATION: **Fort Jackson, S.C.**
ORGANIZATION: **CO. D 345th**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
5713773	WILLIAMS	SGT	
6536743	KITZMANN	1st SGT	
38378845	ROWE	PFC	
38473111	ISOM	PFC	
OK TO FUR. 14 DAYS			
35091406	BUTEAU	PFC	
37336806	DOBSON	PVT	
13411398	CARVER	1st SGT	
32806184	FACCHIANO	PVT	
35019774	KONKEL	1st SGT	
OK TO FUR. 13 DAYS			
34507775	BARBER	CPL	
35204096	DYE	PVT	
34689512	HAY	1st SGT	
OK TO FUR. 12 DAYS			
34689512	INGRAHAM	PVT	
37372480	FURMANIC	PVT	
37026862	SHARPE	1st SGT	
FUR. TO D			
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COMPANY MORNING REPORT

STATION: **Fort Jackson, S.C.**
ORGANIZATION: **CO. D 345th**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
32799983	BORN	Cpl	
Art'd Sgt Det Par 3 80 34 Hq			
345th Inf Ft. Jackson, S.C.			
dtd 12 Feb 1944			
35091406	BUTEAU	Pfc	
Art'd Cpl Det Par 3 80 34 Hq			
345th Inf Ft. Jackson, S.C.			
dtd 19 Feb 1944			

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after his return from leave, PFC Buteau was promoted to Corporal on the 20th.

While these are just small pieces of information, all of them ultimately can paint a picture of our veterans' service.

George Welsh

Son of Bob Welsh (87th Recon)

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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: **5/28/25**

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print - Last, First, Middle): **Welsh, George Wilhelm**
E-Mail Address: **famwelsh@att.net**
Researcher ID Card Number: **(225) 276-9819**

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print - Last, First, Middle): **Buteau, David H. Jr**
Service Number/SSN: **35091406**
Date & Place of Birth: **11/30/1905**

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service: ☒ Army ☐ Army Air Corps ☐ Army Air Force ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Navy ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank: ☒ Enlisted ☐ Officer ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply): ☐ 1919 & Prior ☒ 1940 - 1950 ☐ 1950 & After

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location):
From: To:

(Agency & Location):
From: To:

Date & Place of Death: State of Residence: **Indiana** (upon entry into service): From: To:

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.): **Served in the 87th Infantry Division Company D - 345th Infantry Regiment**

Researcher Signature: **George Welsh**

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.):

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Appointment Time and Date: Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: **C-0005743977**
CMRS Search Request Number(s): **Manual R 11091 331 11-3**

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Remarks: **Most likely on 35091406 based on name & date.**

Time Out: Final Return:

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beyond his pay. It showed the day he returned to the US (7/11/45), his final day of service (11/30/45) and most importantly it offered his serial number. With the serial number I was able to search the microfilm using his name and serial number (Buteau AND 35091406), I quickly found two morning reports from Fort Jackson with his name. On February 1, 1944, David took a two-week leave and soon

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

NAME: **Buteau Jr. David H.** GRADE: **Cpl.** SERVICE NUMBER: **35091406**

HOME ADDRESS: **610 E 19th St. Marion Ind.**

DATE: **30 Nov 45**

MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS

CLASS 1: **1-2, 55**

CLASS 2: **22.00**

CLASS 3: **1.00**

CLASS 4: **1.00**

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The 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association Website

Website Members Area Login Information

1. Browse to "87thinfantry.org"
2. Click on "Members Area" at the bottom of the menu in the left margin of the home page
3. When prompted for login enter **Member** and **13Sept1945** for the password



Log in to the secure area: powered by cmSlate

Speak, Friend, and enter. Please log in below.

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The volunteers from the Association have spent countless hours putting together a website that is a wealth of knowledge for anybody researching the 87th Infantry Division. It contains biographies, photo galleries, maps, personal accounts, literary pieces, and more. Additionally, you will be able to access original editions of the *Golden Acorn News* and the Division History Book of the 87th in the *Historical Archives* section of the website.

We would gladly accept additional content related to the 87th to feature on the website. Please contact the webmaster George Welsh (info@87thinfantry.org) for website inquiries.



The public can now access videos on YouTube that were filmed at past 87th Infantry Division Educational Forum and Reunion events. These videos feature 87th veterans that have spoken about their personal war stories, and interactive presentations. Both of the links provided below will take you directly to the YouTube channel. Be sure to click the "Subscribe" button to receive notifications of future uploads to the 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association channel.

Full URL:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBApwKc3tQCVas_Mj4RzKew

Shortened URL:

tinyurl.com/2p9x3b6p



87th Infantry Division Tim Higgins Scholarship



Administered by: The 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association

The Legacy Association's mission is to preserve the World War II contributions of the 87th Infantry Division and educate the public about the significant sacrifices and contributions of the Division's soldiers during this pivotal global war. The 87th was an instrumental unit in General George S. Patton's 3rd Army success in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The Legacy Association is a group of sons, daughters, other relatives and friends intent on honoring the 87th's contribution to World War II by performing educational activities to ensure the Division's actions are not forgotten. Timothy D. Higgins was the son of John (Jack) W. Higgins. Jack was with Company A of the 346th Regiment of the 87th Infantry Division. Tim was the 4th President of the Legacy Association and worked tirelessly to help plan, conduct and document annual reunions/educational forums. These take place to continue to share the history of the Division. Tim faithfully attended the forums with his Dad and brought along his brother and children in hopes that they would continue the mission. Tim passed in 2021, and this Scholarship was set up in his name to honor all those who strive to ensure that the Division's contribution to a free world is not forgotten.

Eligibility Requirements

Age/Grade Level: Applicant must be going into, or in their senior year of high school, or in their first or second year of college or a trade school

Minimum GPA: 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale

Financial Need: Not Required

Other Academic Requirements: Currently attending as a full-time student (as determined by your school's financial aid office)

Post High School Graduation Plan: Attend an accredited, two or four-year, not-for-profit institution or trade school within the US

Extracurricular: Be active in extra-curricular activities and community service. Special attention will be noted for volunteer work connected with the activities of the military or first responders including but not limited to programs regarding those who have given service to society.

Military: Identify a relative, friend or other admired person involved with the 87th Infantry Division or the Battle of the Bulge in some way.

Miscellaneous: Demonstrate a willingness to promote the legacy of the 87th Infantry Division's contribution to World War II.

Application Details

Transcript: A seven semester transcript must be provided – an unofficial copy is acceptable.

Resume/Activity List: Required – any format is acceptable – there is space on the application form.

Recommendation Letters: Two letters of Recommendation: from: principal or counselor of school, clergyman, professor, or other un-related person knowing of applicant's character.

Other Materials: A completed application form and an essay (a minimum of 500 words) on the contribution of the 87th Infantry Division in World War II in your own words.

Deadline: July 30, 2025 for an award during the upcoming school year.

Award: The award will be announced during the upcoming annual reunion of the 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association (normally taking place during the fall) and will be posted on the website.

Questions/Contact Information Craig Stiegemeier - Phone: (314) 239-8923

Email: Scholarship@87thinfantry.org

Application Form on next page



87th Infantry Division Tim Higgins Scholarship



Application for 2025-2026 School Year

Up to \$1000 scholarship awarded to a student in their senior year of high school or in their first or second year of college or a trade school

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

GPA: _____ ACT/SAT Composite Score: _____

Birthday: _____

College, University or Trade School Attending: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities in the past 4 years: _____

Community involvement in the past 4 years (i.e. church, 4H, volunteer work, etc.): _____

Essay Topic: Describe the contribution of the 87th Infantry Division in World War II (approx. 500 words or more) in your own words.

To complete your application, please attach your essay to this completed application, along with other required documentation (transcript and recommendation letters) and additional pages (if necessary) containing the Extra Curricular and/or Community Involvement content requested on this form.

E-mail all the above to Scholarship@87thinfantry.org or Mail application to: Craig L Stiegemeier, Attn: 87th IDLA Scholarship, 158 Huntington Downs, Saint Charles, MO 63301-8700 postmarked by Midnight, July 30, 2025.

For more information see **Tim Higgins Memorial Scholarship** at <http://87thinfantry.org/news/>

Membership Form
for the
87th Infantry Division Legacy Association
Please type or print

Member Name: _____ Unit Affiliation: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Email: _____

Required to receive the Golden Acorn News – Legacy Edition - **PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY!**

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

DUES: *Calendar year dues include spouse and are to be paid by January 31st of each year.*

Check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 87 th Infantry Division Veteran: | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acornette: (Widow of 87 th Inf. Div. Veteran): | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family and Friends | \$10.00 per year |

Year(s) for which you are paying: _____ Dues enclosed: \$ _____

Additional Contributions (optional-Tax Deductible):

General Fund \$ _____

Optional mailed hard copy of the GAN-LE (\$15.00 per year) \$ _____

Optional donation to the Tim Higgins Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Total included with membership form: (Check or Money Order Only) \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **87thIDLA** (87th Infantry Division Legacy Association) **not** Tim Muilenburg.

Send form and check to:	Tim Muilenburg	membership@87thinfantry.org
(Do Not Send Cash)	1010 Fairway Lane	(319) 270-3587
	Conway, SC 29526	

Information about you and/or family members:

Relationship to 87th Inf. Div. veteran: _____

Veteran Name and Unit: _____ Living or Deceased: _____

Would you be willing to help with mailings, phone calls, other? _____

Please tell us about recent changes in your life that you would like to share with your fellow Acorns.

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