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87th Infantry Division Legacy Association
June 23 at 4:57 PM
This is John Kelly (son of Jack Kelly G-347) from Boston. This goes out to all our veterans and the 87th for sure.



87th Infantry Division Legacy Association
June 23 at 7:28 PM
Proud member of the 87th, Homer Fulk (G-345)



Melinda Fulk Miller
June 20 at 7:49 PM
Remembering my dad, Happy Fathers Day!

87th Infantry Division Legacy Association
May 25
The 87th Infantry Division lost over 1300 souls in World War 2. Below is a link to a list of the Fallen on our website.
<https://docs.google.com/.../lfszu8DUXdLBM6SrnqwwM.../edit...>
Since last Memorial Day, we have lost two of our veterans pictured below. See less

Dr. Arthur Kunin Passes Away Just Shy of His 100th Birthday



Bill Allen Passes at Age 102



Warren William "Bill" Allen, Jr (C-335FA)

Jonathan Pratter

To: me · Tue, Apr 7 at 7:43 AM

Research Requests

Message:

Hello, my boss Roy M. Mersky was in Company D, 345th Regiment, 87th Division. He received a Bronze Star and I understand that it was for action at Tillet during the Battle of Bulge. However, I have had difficulty confirming this. Can you help? Thank you.

If I did my counting right, I believe this is Pfc R.Mersky in the 345th Service

Company photo. P 167

I found this story about Roy D. Mersky and several others in the 345th Regimental History on page 104.



Service Company was having a similar experience in their new billeting area. Captain George A. Lark, of Chicago, Illinois, the company commander; Mr. William F. Hutchinson, of East St. Louis, Illinois, ammunition warrant officer; First Lieutenant :Morris E. Buckman, of Olathe, Kansas, transportation officer; Sergeant Jack L. Martin, of Arabi, Louisiana, and Technician Fifth Grade Darwin Sanders, of Denver, Colorado, drivers; and **Private First Class Roy D. Mersky**, of the Bronx, New York, interpreter left Gemmerich to find a new location for the company. Moving along a road toward Kaltenholhausen, they encountered a task force under the command of Lt. Colonel Olson.

Halting the party, Lt. Colonel Olson asked them where they were going. Captain Lark immediately named Kaltenholhausen. "Why we haven't even been through there yet," said the surprised Colonel. "Well, Colonel, I don't know about that," said Captain Lark, "we received information that the town was clear and we were to move Service Company in." "Suit yourself, Captain," said Lt. Colonel Olson. The advance party rolled into the town. Lieutenant Buckman located the Burgomaster, and they gave him thirty minutes to have all soldiers, cameras, weapons, or other military equipment in his office. Result: 8 prisoners taken, another town cleared, and Service Company moved into its new home-for-a-night.

I have received several requests from family members concerning veterans who are not listed on our reconstructed WWII roster. I have begun to put together an updated list but without the original file, I have had some formatting problems I am working through before I can post and keep an updated roster.

- Charles Halvorsen
- Joseph Dutko
- Gerold Breeding
- Stephen Swansiger

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
3428854	BARNHART	Sgt	
2217770	SPAIN	Pvt	
35152576	SPRINGER	Pvt	
2216051	SMITH	Pvt	
22758594	Dutko	Pvt	
12226579	SALLICK	Pvt	
32218117	BRIEDMAN	Cpl	
42100535	BRIDAR	Pvt	
33589834	BRUNK	Tpr	5
32559266	HEATH	Tpr	5

BILLY E. STIEGEMEIER, H Co 347th Inf, writes as follows - If possible please let me know whereabouts of **GERALD BREEDING**. Believe he was somewhere in Iowa. Gerald was my Platoon Sgt during the Bulge and Siegfried Line. would appreciate this information if available.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

30 Mr 3945
DATE: 2026 03 31

REPORT OF DEATH

NAME	Halvorsen, Charles E.	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	3669589	GRADE	Pfc														
HOME ADDRESS	Evanston, Ill.	ARMY OR SERVICE	Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH	12 July 25														
PLACE OF DEATH	European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH	Wounds received in action	DATE OF DEATH	8 Feb 45														
REPORT OF DEATH	European Area	DATE OF DEATH	15 Oct 43	REPORTING OFFICER															
PRESENT ADDRESS (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)	Mr. Elise L. Halvorsen (mother) 2527 Eastwood Ave. Evanston, Ill.																		
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ADDITIONAL DATA (CHECK BOXES) BATTLE NONBATTLE

Evidence of death received in WD 26 Feb 45

APPROVED: *J. Carl*



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*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*

George Ernest Phillips	G-347
Michael Francis Maguire	F-346



Stalwart and Strong



George Ernest Phillips (G-347), 100, died peacefully on Monday, March 16, 2026 at Sharon Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Sharon, CT. From 1955 to 1972, Mr. Phillips owned and operated the Edgewood Restaurant in Amenia, NY, with his wife Anne, he was also a real estate broker for many years as well.

Born September 13, 1925 in Poughkeepsie, NY, he was the son of the late Royal and Elizabeth (Piltz) Phillips. He was a graduate of Amenia High School and attended Cornell University. Mr. Phillips served his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 in the Golden Acorn Infantry Division as well as in the 3rd Army of General George S. Patton. He also assumed a variety of roles during his time in the 87th Infantry Division, including platoon messenger and platoon sergeant. On Veterans Day in 2019 he was one of 108 veterans nationally that received a pin and certificate in recognition of 75-years of continuous service to his local legion post, the Millerton American Legion Post 178. Mr. Phillips also documented his experiences in a book, “Stories of My Life”, which he presented to the Amenia Historical Society. On February 3, 1953 in Cornwall Bridge, CT, he married Frances Anna “Anne” Sprossel who passed away on May 21, 2024. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and many caregivers.

Mr. Phillips is survived by two daughters, Diane Phillips of Wakefield, RI and Debra Phillips of Pine Plains, NY; four grandchildren, David Fletcher and his wife Amber, Peter Faggella and his wife Megan, Daniel Faggella and Shannon Fierro and her husband Frank; five great grandchildren, Dominic and Leah Fletcher, Charlotte and Joseph Fierro and Hannah Faggella and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and his wife, Mr. Phillips was also predeceased by three brothers, Royal Phillips, Webster Phillips and Chester Phillips.

Calling hours were held on March 27, 2026 at Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton, NY. The Millerton Legion Post 178 conducted a service in which the United States Army rendered Standard Military Honors. The funeral service took place at the funeral home with Pastor William Mayhew officiating. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Mr. Phillips’ honor, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

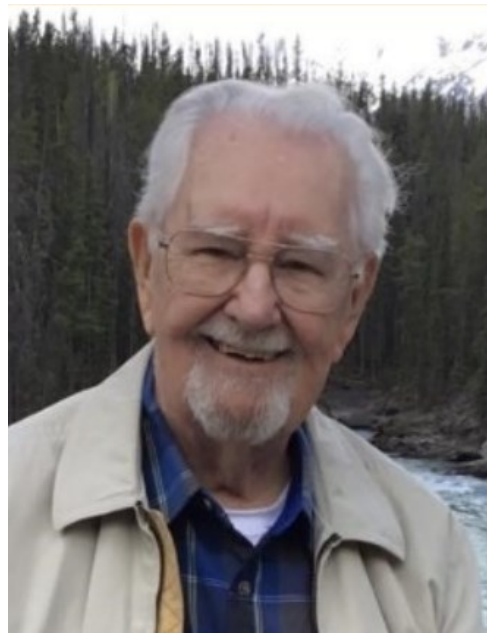
It is with deep love and gratitude for a life richly lived that we announce the passing of **Michael Francis Maguire (F-346)**, who died peacefully on May 9, 2026, at the age of 99.

Mike’s life journey spanned nearly a century and two continents—a life defined by the parallel tracks of family, faith, and service. From his Irish roots, he carried forward enduring values of hard work, humility, and devotion that shaped both his character and his legacy.

Born on October 2, 1926, in County Donegal, Ireland, he migrated at age 4 with his mother and brother, following his father to America, landing at Ellis Island and settling in New York City. In his early teens, his family moved upstate to Watervliet, NY where Mike met his high school sweetheart and love of his life: his wife of 65 years, Gloria.

Upon graduation from high school in 1943, Mike promptly enlisted in the US Army where he served our country with honor and distinction as an infantryman in World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge among other campaigns, earning both a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. His courage and commitment during one of history’s most pivotal moments presaged a lifelong dedication to service.

Following the war, Mike pursued higher education through the G.I. Bill, attending



Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1950. In 1955, he earned his MS in Engineering from the University of Connecticut while working full time. Over a distinguished career spanning four decades, Mike contributed mightily to our nation's security during the Cold War through his work in the aerospace industry. This included roles at Pratt & Whitney (working on the design of a nuclear-powered long-range bomber), at General Electric (designing control systems for our nation's earliest submarine-launched ballistic missile reentry systems, and later weather and reconnaissance satellites), and especially at Perkin-Elmer (P-E).

In 1962, Mike joined P-E working in its Electro-Optical Division. In 1966, a P-E team led by Mike was selected (over Kodak) by the National Reconnaissance Organization (NRO) to develop a revolutionary camera system for their HEXAGON KH-9 program. This top secret spy satellite's mission was to take high resolution images of Soviet Union missile sites. Its first launch in 1971 succeeded beyond all expectations, and the mission continued with several more launches in the Seventies. In 2011, when the HEXAGON program was declassified, Mike was honored as an NRO Pioneer, citing his role as the driving force behind the development of the camera system. HEXAGON's invaluable intelligence enabled the SALT treaties that were a cornerstone of detente between the West and the USSR, hastening the Cold War's end. In 1973, Mike began his career at Harris Corporation where he led Radiation Systems, focusing on satellite communications, high-speed electronics and microelectronics; and ultimately, Harris Semiconductor Group from which he retired in 1986.

Throughout his working life and well into his retirement, Mike was actively involved in community service. In 1977, he and Gloria were original parishioners of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Melbourne Beach and major donors in its construction. Mike was also a key figure in the Education Endowment Fund of Holy Name of Jesus parish. But perhaps his most meaningful community service role was in healthcare. Starting in 1979, he joined the Board of Governors for Holmes Regional Medical Center, serving as chairman from 1994 til 1996. Mike was critical in the formation and launch of Health First in 1995 joining Holmes Regional Medical Center and Cape Canaveral Hospital. He also served as Health First's founding chairman, and continued to serve on its board for 25 years, as Health First has grown to the largest employer in Brevard County.

A man of many talents and interests, Mike enjoyed woodworking, photography, classic cars, and sailing - especially along Florida's Intracoastal Waterway. He was an active member of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club, serving five years on its Board of Governors, including one as Commodore. A lifelong learner, he continued to challenge himself intellectually and became a Certified Financial Planner later in life—a testament to his curiosity and determination.

Mike was a steady, guiding presence—known for his quiet strength, warmth, and wisdom. Above all, he cherished his family and took great pride in the life they built together.

He is lovingly remembered by his children: Christine A. Miesowicz, Elizabeth M. Dahn (Robert), James M. Maguire (Grace), Joanne M. Maguire, William L. Maguire, Michael E. Maguire (Sue), Thomas R. Maguire (Joan), Mary F. Maguire (James), John J. Maguire (Mary), Patrick M. Maguire (Sara), and Anne M. Maguire; and by his 20 grandchildren along with his 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ann Gloria (Baker) Maguire, and his eldest son, Kevin Francis Maguire, and his son-in-law, Frederick M. Miesowicz. Mike's legacy lives on not only in his family, but in the values he embodied—faith, integrity, perseverance, and love—and in the many lives he touched.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Buena Vida Estates for their compassionate care and support over the years, and to the caregivers at Hospice of Health First, Melbourne whose kindness, dignity, and compassion brought comfort to Mike in his final days.

A Remembrance was held on June 5th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Melbourne followed by a Funeral Mass on June 6th. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Health First Foundation, 1350 Hickory St., Melbourne, FL 32901. A donation page at Health First Foundation may be found at <http://hf.org/maguire>. Michael Francis Maguire will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

May the road rise up to meet him,
May the wind be always at his back,
May the sun shine warm upon his face,
And the rains fall soft upon his field
And until we meet again,
May God hold him in the palm of His hand

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 5, 1945**S/Sgt. Marion C. Orlowski, G-345**

Birth: April 12, 1923

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

Parents: Vaclaw and Ludwika Orlowski

Siblings: 2 brothers and 1 sister

Burial: Saint Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles, Cook County, Illinois

Orlowski, Staff Sgt. Marion C. Orlowski—Son
of Mrs. Louise Orlowski, 924 N. Damen av.

Chicago Tribune, March 14, 1945, p. 17

**February 6, 1945****History of the 345th Infantry Regiment:**

As Capt. McCann's company lashed at the entrenched Germans on the morning of the 6th, the Third Battalion began to move against its objective. By daylight, 1st Lt. Donald MacSpadden's Company K was in the woods leading the Battalion's column of companies. Enemy observers spotted them and a rain of mortar and artillery fire came crashing through the trees. Severe casualties were inflicted. The artillery forward observer, Cannon Company's radio operator, the weapons platoon leader and most of the weapons platoon were knocked out by the hail of steel raining from shells bursting at tree top height.

Several attempts were made to move the tanks and tank destroyers forward, but the dense underbrush proved an effective barrier. Company K pushed ahead alone. Suddenly they were pinned down by a withering burst of machine-gun fire from a cleverly concealed pillbox and its covering positions on their right. Lt. MacSpadden called for artillery fire on this strong point, which was only 75 yards from his own men. When the barrage lifted, Lt. John M. Colton led the Second Platoon in an assault on the fortification. They reduced the opposition with hand grenades and rifle fire, thus enabling the company to break through to the road; the same road the Second Battalion had cleared to within 300 yards of this point earlier in the day. They dug in here to await the arrival of the tanks and tank destroyers, which were now on the way via the newly opened road.

Col. Moran, realizing the futility of sending another company over the same route taken by K Company, sent L Company around to the right flank to come in from K Company's right and relieve some of the pressure. This they did, circling back over the Second Battalion's route and up to K Company's flank. As they moved down the road a German, waving a white flag dashed into the road a short distance ahead. He quickly threw out several road mines and disappeared. Just another bit of Nazi treachery. L Company was sent around over the same route. Along the way they encountered a bypassed pillbox. Capt. Wall, commanding L Company, deployed his platoons, used his tank destroyers in eliminating the fortification and moved on toward the other two companies. L Company moved around to the rear of I and K Companies ending up on K Company's left flank next to the Battalion objective. When darkness prevented any further advance, the Third dug in for the night....

2Lt. Alexander Redovian, K-345

Birth: August 16, 1916

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Parents: Mike and Melvina Redovian

Siblings: 1 brother and 1 sister

Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio



Pvt. Joe R. Keene, F-345

Birth: January 22, 1926
 Hometown: Rochelle, Louisiana
 Parents:
 Joseph and Marguerite Keene
 Siblings: 4 brothers and 1 sister
 Burial: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium



KILLED IN GERMANY —
 Pfc. Joe Raymond Keene, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Keene, of Rochelle, was killed in action in Germany, February 6. According to information from the commanding general of his division, he was killed during the Allied advance near Verschnuid, Germany. He was buried in Belgium.
 Pvt. Keene entered service in March, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark. He went overseas in October, 1944, after training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

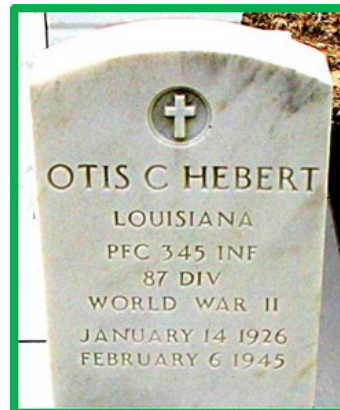


Pfc. Otis C. Hebert, K-345

Birth: January 14, 1926
 Hometown:
 Houma, Louisiana
 Parents:
 Otis and Daisy Hebert
 Siblings: 1 brother
 Burial: Bayou Black Community Cemetery, Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana



Private First Class Otis Hebert, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hebert of Houma was killed in action in Germany, February 6, according to a message received by his parents here Tuesday.



Sgt. Stanislaus Kolakowski, H-345

Birth: About 1922
 Hometown: New Britain, Connecticut
 Parents: Feliks and Rozalia Kolakowski
 Siblings: 1 brother and 3 sisters
 Burial: Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain, Hartford County, Connecticut



Award of Bronze Star (Posthumously)

Stanislaus Kolahowski, 6148526, Sergeant, Company K, 345th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action against an armed enemy near ****, Germany, on 5 February 1945. When his machine gun squad was fired on by a concealed enemy automatic weapon, Sergeant Kolahowski, without regard for personal safety, moved forward while exposed to sniper and machine-gun fire and determined the location of the concealed weapon. From this exposed position Sergeant Kolahowski directed fire on the enemy position and on other emplacements until he was killed by a sniper's bullet. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut. G.O. 32

Pfc. George N. Hjelkrem, K-345

Birth: August 10, 1919
 Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
 Parents: Julius and Ingeborg Hjelkrem
 Siblings: 3 sisters
 Spouse: Bernice Hjelkrem
 Children: 2 daughters
 Burial: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
 and Memorial,
 Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers,
 Liege, Belgium



Pfc. George T. Kroll, K-345

Birth: March 12, 1924
 Hometown: Detroit, Michigan
 Parents: Theophil and Mary Kroll
 Siblings: 4 brothers and 4 sisters
 Burial: Mount Olivet Cemetery,
 Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

PFC. GEORGE T. KROLL, 20,
 infantry, Feb. 6, Germany; at-
 tended St. Stanislaus; worked for
 Packard; in service April, 1943;
 overseas, October, 1944; son of Mr.
 and Mrs. Phil Kroll, 5440 Dubois;
 two brothers in service.

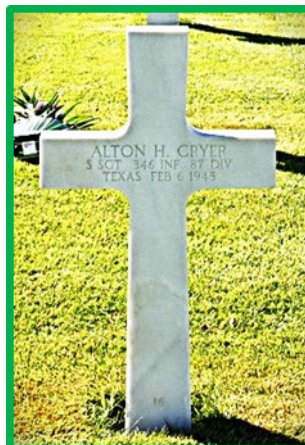


History of the 346th Infantry Regiment:

On February 6 at 0400 hour, the Second Battalion jumped off on the attack one more under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, taking many prisoners along the way as they went. The First Battalion, supported effectively by tanks and TD's, succeeded in driving the enemy from pillboxes in their sector's objective. Strong patrols were sent ahead to get an idea of activity there. The going was rough and casualties were heavy. Company C seized the main road beyond Roth but were counterattacked strongly and were forced to withdraw to Krewinkle.

S/Sgt. Alton H. Cryer, D-346

Birth: January 19, 1923
 Hometown: Austin, Texas
 Parents: Alfred and Lillie Cryer
 Siblings: 3 brothers and 3 sisters
 Spouse: Beulah Holden Cryer (1942)
 Burial: Ardennes American Cemetery
 and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz,
 Arrondissement de Liege, Liege, Belgium



Friday, July 6, 1945

S-SGT. ALTON H. CRYER
 Lost in Germany

Sgt. Cryer Killed In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cryer, 1014 East Second, have received word from the war department that their son, S-Sgt. Alton H. Cryer, missing in action since Feb. 6, has been reported killed in action.

Sgt. Cryer, machine gunner with the 346th infantry, was lost in Germany shortly after the battle of Luxembourg. He went overseas in October.

Before joining the army in February, 1942, Sgt. Cryer worked as a plumber on government jobs. A brother, Jesse Cryer, is with the army engineers in Germany.

Other survivors are his wife; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Davis and Mrs. Thelma Delemeter of Austin and Mrs. Velman Petrosky of Lockhart, and a brother, R. D. Cryer of Govalle.

Pvt. Anthony J. Dorosewicz, HQ-346

Birth: October 26, 1925
 Hometown: New York, New York
 Parents: Anthony and Sophie Dorosewicz
 Siblings: 2 sisters and 1 brother
 Burial: Henri-Chapell American Cemetery and Memorial,
 Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium



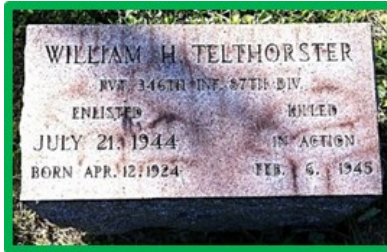
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - Apr 7, 1949

PVT. WM. H. TELTHORSTER
 Funeral services for Private William H. Telthorster, 20, will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Carnegie. He was killed in action February 6, 1945, while serving with the Three Hundred Forty-sixth Infantry Regiment, Eighty-seventh Division, in Germany.
 Private Telthorster was born in Carnegie, April 12, 1924. He attended Carnegie public schools and Carnegie High school. He was a member of St. John's Church. Prior to entering the service, July 21, 1944, he was employed by Gulf Oil Company. Surviving are his parents, William and Mary Ann Telthorster; four sisters, Mrs. F. P. Bock, Mrs. Warren T. Smith, Dorothy and Mary Telthorster, all of Carnegie. Friends are being received at the Fulton & Bradwell funeral home, 415 Chartiers street, Carnegie. Military rites will be in charge of the Chartiers Valley Veterans Association of Carnegie.



Pvt. William H. Telthorster, F-346

Birth: April 12, 1924
 Hometown: Carnegie, Pennsylvania
 Parents: William and Mary Telthorster
 Siblings: 4 sisters
 Burial: Chartiers Cemetery, Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania



Pfc. Robert W. Best, C-346

Birth: August 31, 1925
 Hometown: Springfield, Illinois
 Parents: Samuel and Mable Best
 Siblings: 1 sister
 Burial: Roselawn Memorial Park, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois

Pfc. Best Funeral Set For Tomorrow

Funeral services for Pfc. Robert W. Best, of Springfield, who was killed in action Feb. 6, 1945, at Krewinkel, Belgium, will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Westminster Presbyterian church. Dr. Edward W. Ziegler will officiate and burial will be in Roselawn cemetery. Friends may call at the Bisch Memorial home from 7 to 9 p. m. today and until 1 p. m. tomorrow.
 He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Best, Long Beach, Calif.; one sister, Barbara Jane Best, California, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Best, of city.

The State Journal Register, 1948



Robert W. Best Listed Missing

Pfc. Robert W. Best, son of Samuel and Mable Scott Best, 511 West Vine street, today was reported by the war department to have been missing in action in Germany since Feb. 6.
 Pfc. Best, a graduate of Spring-

field High school, enlisted in the A.S.T.P. in July, 1942, while a student at the University of Kansas. He was transferred to Ft. Benning, Ga., for training with the ground forces several months later. In October, 1943, Best was sent overseas.



February 7, 1945

History of the 912th Field Artillery:

Pfc. Crawford and Pvt. Walsh of Headquarters Battery were killed by an exploding mine while repairing a wire line.

Pfc. Harold V. Crawford, HQ-912FA

Birth: April 12, 1924
 Hometown: Superior, Wisconsin
 Parents Victor and Eva Crawford
 Siblings: 2 sisters
 Burial:
 Henri-Chapell American Cemetery
 and Memorial,
 Arrondissement de Verviers,
 Liege, Belgium



**Pfc. J.J. Walsh
 Killed In Battle
 On Belgian Soil**

**Fordham Graduate Had
 Won Statewide Honors
 As Schoolboy Orator**

Private First Class James J. Walsh, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walsh of 143 Voss Avenue, was killed in action in Belgium on Feb. 7, according to word from the War Department reaching his parents.

Assigned to a headquarters battery of the Field Artillery, the young soldier wrote his last letter to his family on Feb. 6, a day before he met his death. That letter reached his parents the day after the telegram came, informing them that he had been killed.

Went Overseas In November
 Private Walsh left this country the first week of last November. He had been in action in France, Luxembourg, Germany and Belgium, assigned to the Third Army.

Born in Yonkers, he celebrated his twenty-third birthday last Nov. 20. He attended Sacred Heart Grade and High Schools and was graduated from Fordham University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, on Dec. 29, 1943.

Won State Oratory Contest
 He had won several oratorical honors, among them the New York State Oratorical Contest of the American Legion at Albany in 1940, and the Freshman contest at Fordham. He was voted the best speaker in his graduating class at the university.

Besides his parents, Private Walsh leaves three sisters, Margaret C. and Agnes Lucille Walsh and Sister M. Collean of the Sisters of St. Agnes, the former Mary Therese Walsh, and a brother, John. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hannan also survive.

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**Pfc. J.J. Walsh
 Killed In Battle**

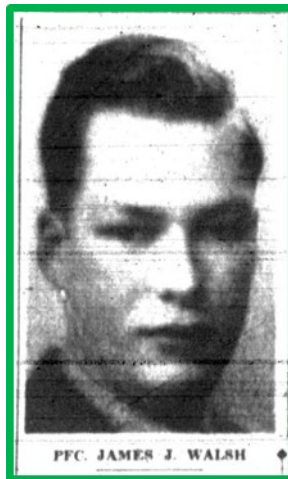
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Walsh leaves three sisters, Margaret C. and Agnes Lucille Walsh and Sister M. Collean of the Sisters of St. Agnes, the former Mary Therese Walsh, and a brother, John. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hannan also survive.

A requiem mass will be offered for him at the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart on Monday at 9 A. M.

Pvt. James J. Walsh, HQ-912FA

Birth: November 20, 1921
 Hometown: Yonkers, New York
 Parents: Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walsh
 Siblings: 3 sisters and 1 brother
 Burial:
 Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Yonkers,
 Westchester County, New York



History of the 345th Infantry Regiment:

(February 7th) I Company pushed forward again, reaching the Battalion objective and clearing subsidiary roads to the east and west. Company K moved to the Northwest and cleared the remaining pillboxes and gun emplacement....

At mid-morning Company L, under Capt. Howard J. Wall, attacked to assist in taking the Third Battalion's objective. As they began their march eastward along the highway, they were pinned down by machine gun fire. Capt. Wall ordered the two tank destroyers supporting his company to move forward. As they came up, he fell in beside the vehicles directed fire on the fortification and put it out of action.

Company L continued to advance until stopped again by a second pillbox. Directing two men to cover him, Capt. Wall worked his way forward alone until he reached the entrance of the bunker. Throwing in a hand grenade, he awaited the explosion, dashed inside a second later and emptied his submachine gun at the occupants. His score – two killed, six prisoners taken, another pillbox destroyed.

Later in the day a concentration of enemy artillery fire fell on the advancing company, wounding several men; two of whom were left lying in an exposed position. Capt. Wall, again setting a stirring example of fearless leadership, single handedly moved across the open ground and removed the two men to a sheltered area where

they could be treated and evacuated.

Again, the company moved ahead and for the third time that day, drew machine-gun fire from another concealed enemy position to their front. Although already wounded, Capt. Wall dashed across the fire swept road alone; to a building affording a view of the enemy emplacement. Locating the pillbox, he returned to his men and for the second time, brought up the tank destroyers. The fortification was destroyed by a direct hit and another nearby, surrendered. The Battalion's objective was taken and secured by 1530 that afternoon. Thirty minutes later, Lt. Col. Moran turned the area over to the 346th Infantry and moved his men back to Kobscheid to dry out and get some well-earned sleep.

Pfc. John M. Miller, L-345

Birth: 1924
 Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
 Parents: James and Eloise Miller
 Siblings: 1 sister
 Burial:
 Henri-Chapell American Cemetery and Memorial,
 Arrondissement de Verviers, Liege, Belgium



**Pfc. John M. Miller
 Killed in Germany**

Private First Class John M. Miller, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Miller, of 1081 Hudson Drive, N. E., was killed in action in Germany February 7, the War Department has informed his parents.



J. M. MILLER

A graduate of Boys' High School, Private First Class Miller was a student at Emory University before joining the Army in February, 1943. He received his basic infantry training at Camp McCall, Miss. Later he transferred to the Air Corps and was trained at the University of Denver, Santa Ana, Cal., and Phoenix, Ariz. Last July he was reassigned to the infantry and was sent overseas last October.

He was the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Miller, pioneer Atlantians. Survivors, besides his parents, include his sister, Miss Virginia E. Miller, a student at the University of Georgia.

The Atlanta Journal, March 7, 1945, p.8

S/Sgt Jay R. Reese, L-345

Birth: January 15, 1924
 Hometown: Sacramento, California
 Parents: Harry and Bertha Reese
 Siblings: 5 brothers and 4 sisters
 Burial: Sacramento City Cemetery,
 Sacramento County, California

**Sgt. Jay Reese
 Victim of War
 In Europe**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reese, 3129 52nd Street, have been notified by the War Department their son, S/Sgt. Jay R. Reese, 21, was killed in action February 7 with General Patton's Third Army in Europe. He was previously reported missing in action.



Jay R. Reese

Reese was a graduate of Sacramento High School and College, where he was active in dramatics. He had been in the army two years and served overseas since October.

A brother, Sgt. Kay A. Reese, 23, was killed in action December 17 on Leyte. Another brother, Sgt. Max Reese, is on active duty in the European theater of operations.

He is survived by his sisters, Betty Dawn, Karma Jean and Patricia Reese, and brothers, Max, Val Dean, Billy and Tim.



The Sacramento Union, March 24, 1945



Pfc. Joseph L. Tokarczyk, HQ2-346

Birth: January 1, 1926
 Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
 Parents: Adalbert and Rose Tokarczyk
 Siblings: 2 brothers and 1 sister
 Burial: Resurrection Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleums,
 Justice, Cook County, Illinois



Pfc. LeRoy V. Morgan, AT-346

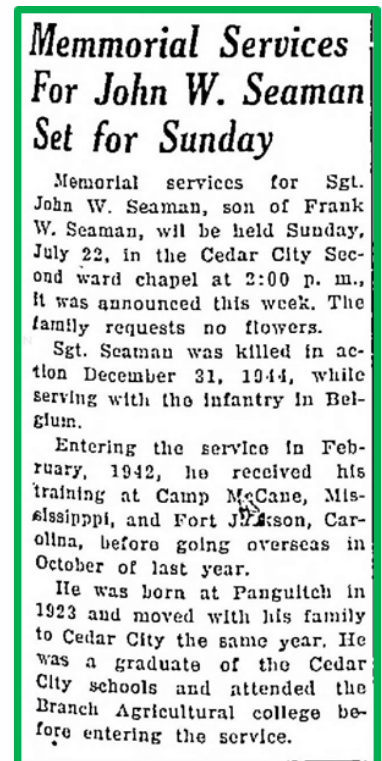
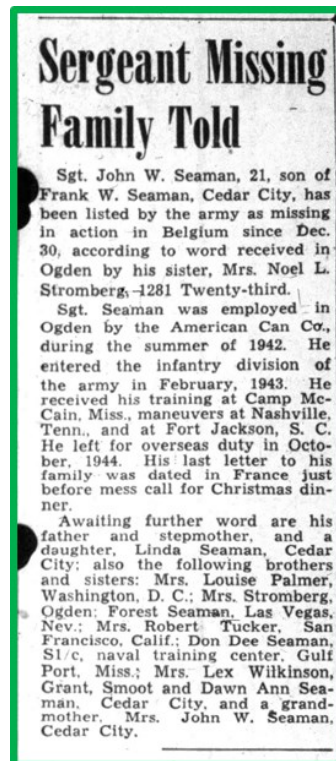
Birth: December 23, 1923
 Hometown: Oakland Heights, Ohio
 Parents: Vernon and Angela Morgan
 Siblings: 1 sister
 Burial: Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland,
 Cuyahoga County, Ohio



Died December 31, 1944

Sgt. John W. Seaman, G-346

Birth: May 2, 1923
 Hometown: Cedar Grove, Utah
 Parents: Frank and Lena Seaman
 Siblings: 5 sisters and 2 brothers
 Children: 1 daughter
 Burial: Cedar City Cemetery, Cedar City,
 Iron County, Utah



The 87th POW Experience: Corporal John F. Kelly



Corporal John F. “Jack” Kelly (HQ-347), then a private first class, went missing on December 14, 1944 when his unit was near Obergailbach, France. He was dropped from the rolls December 30th although not yet declared a prisoner of war. This was the first combat for the 87th and Jack would be captured here. He would miss the Battle of the Bulge and the rest of the campaign to liberate Europe suffering in Stalag IIA, a POW camp near Neubrandenburg, Germany, initially established to house Polish prisoners but would house any captured Allied combatant by 1944.



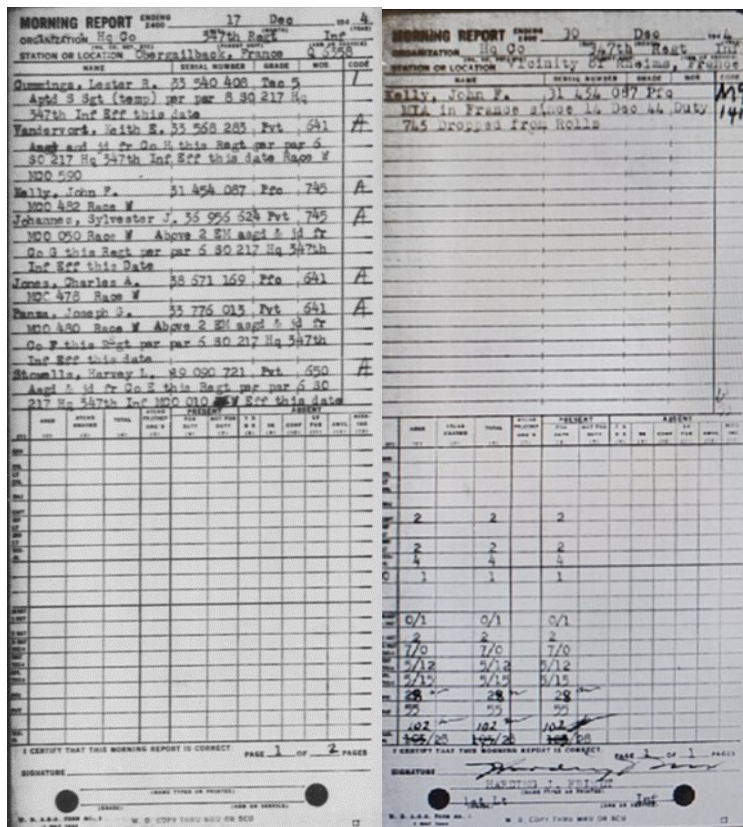
Jack recalled all the marching from the German border to Stalag IIA in which his boots were completely worn out. At one point they were all thrown down in a cellar and didn't know if they were coming out or not. Once there, they were assigned to work details, primarily repairing rail lines.

On May 6, 1945, the Red Army arrived to liberate the camp. The

Russians were crazy and came through the camp on horseback beheading the German guards. Two days later the freed prisoners awoke to Russians celebrating the Nazi surrender with gun firing and vodka drinking.

The Russians were supposed to take them back west, but immediately after leaving, the Americans were kicked off the trucks and left of their own devices. Despite only weighing 100 pounds, he walked for a week to make it to the American lines.

In 1975, Jack was interviewed by the Boston Globe along with two other Boston natives, Ralph Mazi and Bill McDermott, about their remembrances of V-E Day. Below is an excerpt with Jack's recollections of that day.



It was May 8, 1945, and Cpl Jack Kelly of Charlestown, now 49 and an inspector, was stumbling down a road outside of Muhlenberg, Germany. He was down to 100 pounds after six months in nearby Stalag 2A, a prisoner-of-war camp. "The Russians liberated us two days before," he said. "They were crazy. They came riding through the camp on horses like the Cossacks, killing (beheading) the guards. Then they turned us loose. We took over a German hospital for a couple days, and then the morning of the eighth, all hell broke loose. "When I woke up, the Russians were riding around, drinking vodka, shooting rifles and machine guns and playing accordions. The war was over. "They were supposed to take us west to the American lines, but before we even got started they kicked us off the trucks. "I said the hell with it and figured I'd walk back myself. It took me a week, but I made it."



Boston Globe—May 7, 1975

The 87th POW Experience: T/5 Kenneth Bender

VOL. 1, NO. 23: 4 FEBRUARY 1945

DO YOU REMEMBER THE ORIENTATION WE RECEIVED BEFORE WE ENTERED COMBAT --THE LECTURES ABOUT OUR CONDUCT IN THE EVENT WE WERE EVER TAKEN PRISONER? T/5 KENNETH BENDER, 346TH REGIMENT, REMEMBERED HIS BRIEFING, AND BECAUSE HE DID, HE IS TELLING THIS STORY TO HIS OFFICERS AND FELLOW SOLDIERS TODAY. BENDER, WITH ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS REGIMENT, WAS TAKEN PRISONER ONE EVEING RECENTLY. HE WAS HERDED INTO A SMALL GROUP OF FELLOW PRISONERS, WHO WERE HELD IN A TEMPERARY STATION IN THE WOODS. AFTER DARKNESS FELL A MARCH TO THE GERMAN REAR AREA WAS STARTED. BENDER, PLACED TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF HIS COLUMN, KEPT WORKING HIMSELF FORWARD UNTIL HE WAS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE GERMAN SERGEANT WHO WAS GUIDING THE MARCH. BENDER'S OPPORTUNITY CAME WHEN THE SERGEANT HALTED THE COLUMN AND WENT TO THE REAR TO QUESTION THE OFFICER IN CHARGE AS TO THE COURSE THE MARCH SHOULD TAKE. BENDER DROPPED OUT OF THE COLUMN AND HID IN THE WOODS. THE COLUMN MOVED ON AND BENDER STARTED BACK TO FRIENDLY LINES. HE WAS FIRED ON AS HE PASSED THROUGH THE ENEMY FRONT LINE, BUT, BY-CRAWLING, HE MANAGED TO AVOID BEING HIT OR RECAPTURED. CORPORAL BENDER REJOINED HIS UNIT AND WENT INTO AN ATTACK THE NEXT MORNING.

T/5 Kenneth Bender (HQ-346) was captured and escaped before making it to a POW camp as he tells it in this article from the February 4, 1945 edition of the Golden Acorn News and according to the 346th Regimental History:

“Two hours later, Major Reilly, Regimental S-3, was captured by the enemy, but Cpl. Bender, his driver managed to effect and escape”

His training told him to advance to the front of a prisoner column and then look for your chance to escape and in this instance, that was exactly what happened. He was captured on January 31st and back with his unit to tell this story in time for the February 4th issue.

Cpl. Bender's story was reprinted in the March 1986 issue of the GAN and here again in this issue.

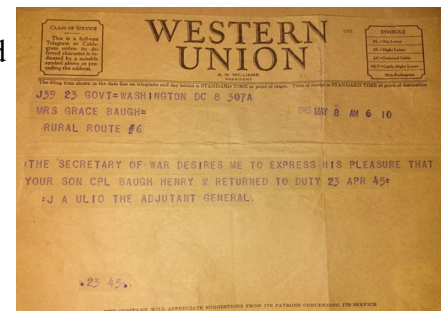
The 87th POW Experience: Corporal Henry Woodson Baugh



It is not clear when or where Corporal Baugh (D-346) was captured, but it was likely in late March or early April after the Rhine was crossed. (I need to get hold of the D-346 morning reports for that period), but based on the telegram below he was back with the 87th of April 23, 1945. He was captured with two other members of Company D, Lt. William Fairley and Sgt Thomas Finlay.

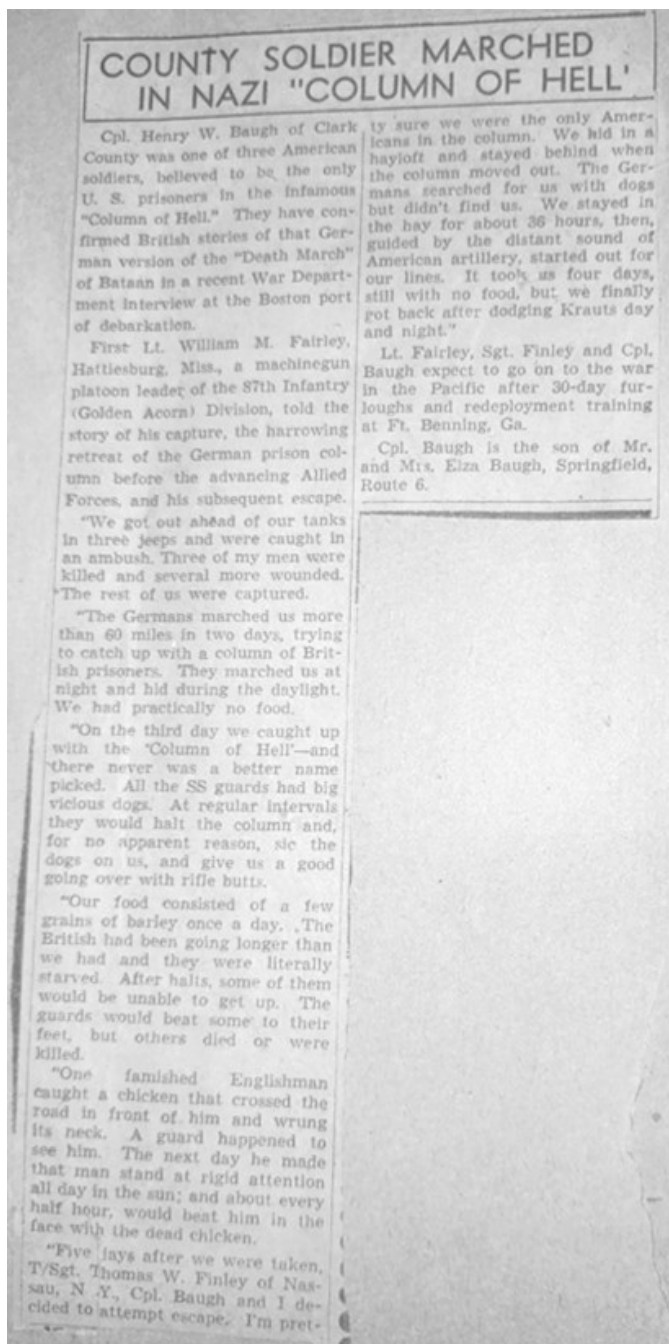
The trio was forced marched with British troops and faced lack of food and cruelty from the guards, both human and canine. Before they could reach a POW camp, they escaped and made their way back to the Allied lines.

While back in the US and prior to the inevitable invasion of Japan, Henry, William and Thomas were interviewed about their harrowing POW experience. The story they tell is on the next page.



COUNTY SOLDIER MARCHED IN NAZI "COLUMN OF HELL"

Springfield Sun News—August 5, 1945

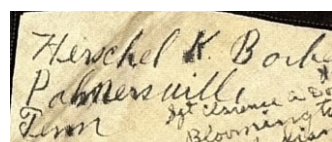
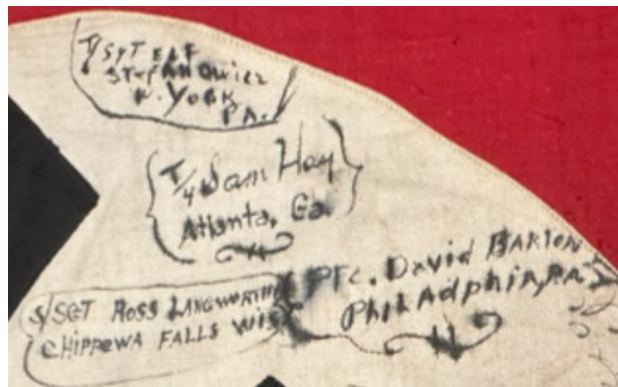


Cpl. Henry W. Baugh of Clark County was one of three American soldiers, believed to be the only U. S. prisoners in the infamous "Column of Hell." They have confirmed British stories of that German version of the "Death March" of Bataan in a recent War Department interview at the Boston port of debarkation. First Lt. William M Fairley, Hattiesburg, Miss., a machinegun platoon leader of the 87th Infantry (Golden Acorn) Division, told the story of his capture, the harrowing retreat of the German prison column before the advancing Allied Forces, and his subsequent escape. "We got out ahead of our tanks in three jeeps and were caught in an ambush. Three of my men were killed and several more wounded. The rest of us were captured. "The Germans marched us more than 60 miles in two days, trying to catch up with a column of British prisoners. They marched us at night and hid during the daylight. We had practically no food. "On the third day we caught up with the 'Column of Hell,' and there never was a better name picked. All the SS guards had big vicious dogs, At regular intervals they would halt the column and, for no apparent reason, sic the dogs on us, and give us a good going over with rifle butts. "Our food consisted of a few grains of barley once a day. The British had been going longer than we had and they were literally starved. After halts, some of them would be unable to get up. The guards would beat some to their feet, but others died or were killed. "One famished Englishman caught a chicken that crossed the road in front of him and wrung its neck, A guard happened to see him. The next day he made that man stand at rigid attention all day in the sun; and about every half hour, would beat him in the face with the dead chicken. - "Five days after we were taken, T/Sgt. Thomas W. Finley of Nassau, N Y. Cpl. Baugh and I decided to attempt escape. I'm pretty sure we were the only Americans in the column. We hid in a hayloft and stayed behind when the column moved out. The Germans searched for us with dogs but didn't find us. We stayed in the hay for about 36 hours, then, guided by the distant sound of American artillery, started out for lines. It took us four days, our still with no food, but we finally pot back after dodging Krauts day and night." Lt. Fairley, Sgt Finley and Cpl, Baugh expect to go on to the war in the Pacific after 30-day furloughs and redeployment training at Ft. Benning, Ga. Cpl. Baugh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Baugh, Springfield, Route 6.

Podium Banner

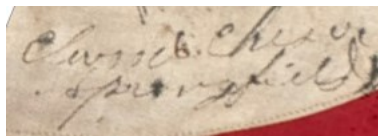
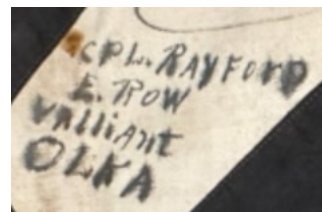
John Byrne, a collector, contacted us concerning a trophy of war he had acquired, that was signed by members of D-347. The following is the story of his efforts to learn more about our veterans.

Here's a project I've been picking up and putting down over about a decade and a half or so. One of the many projects I've undertaken as time allows over the years. I was long hoping to eventually discover the who, what, when, and where of it all. I acquired it as part of a group in October 2010, and at that time shared on a well-known collectors' forum. I was asking for opinions if the banner looked authentic. All responses were positive. Delving into researching the signatures started later. It has long been a favorite and prized possession of mine.



On occasion I'd start researching it, until I'd hit a wall, put it down, only to pick it back a few years later. After a few years all I was able to find that corresponded was the name of individual listed as a Warrant Officer, and as many well know they can be a little difficult to place within a particular army unit.

It's been my experience in researching anything with an historic or personal history, that if you come to a dead end, wait a year or two and as the internet expands you will typically find addition good results at some future time. I imagine AI will only accelerate the process, although it is not something I currently use. Nor have I ever used paid accounts on Ancestry or Fold 3 or whatever. Suffice to say what was once difficult is becoming so much easier now days.

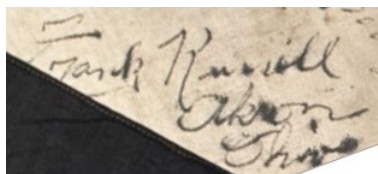
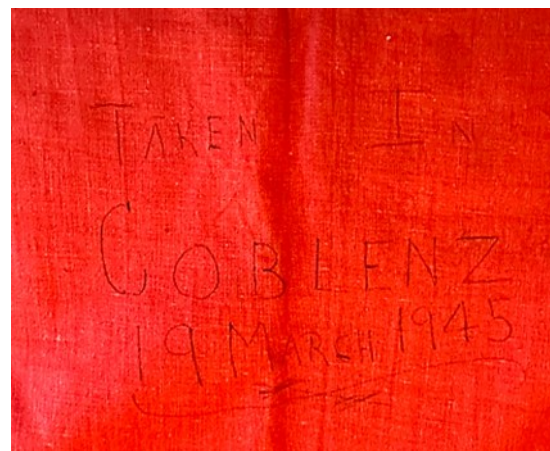


This captured/souvenired Nazi podium Banner bears the names and hometowns of twenty-nine U.S. Army Soldiers. Some designated their rank, and some even their actual home address at the time, at least what it was prior to leaving their home behind and heading off to war in Europe.

Besides the names, the banner bears the notation "Taken In Coblenz 19 March 1945"

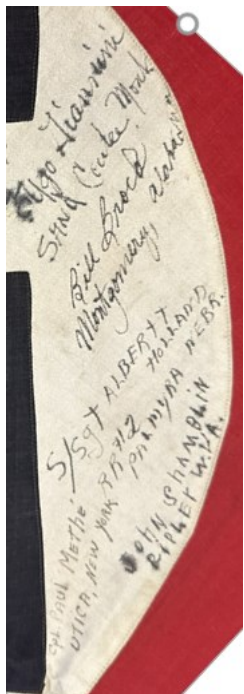
With the city and date notation, I'd suspected it was taken and signed by members of the 87th Infantry "Golden Acorn" Division after crossing the Moselle River and capturing the City of Coblenz.

With that in mind and over time using resources as they became available, I've identified the Regiment, Battalion, Company, Platoon, Squad, Rank, and Assignments (at least during a specific time), and Home-town of each individual who signed the banner "Taken In Coblenz Germany 19th March 1945".



Sadly, a part of the confirmation information came from Find-A-Grave and published obituaries.

It bears the names and notations of some known members of 87th Infantry Division,



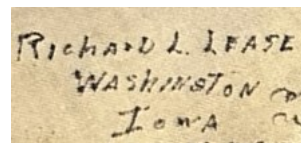
345th Infantry Regiment, Company D. If I have one regret, it is that when I acquired this banner, I believe some of the signers were still alive and I would have loved to be able to share it with them.

I have to acknowledge the information shared publicly on [87th Infantry Division Legacy Association : Archives](#), which was so incredibly helpful in piecing this together. It is an absolutely world class resource, Kudos to all involved there. I'll have to share it over there as well. Cpl Mitch Kaidy's shared roster really pulled it together. The 87th Div Roster, 87th Div yearbook, and in particular the highlights of the 345th Infantry Regiment were incredibly helpful. I imagine this will draw some interest from the 87th Infantry Division people. I also used other libraries to access the yearbook.

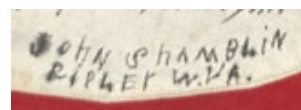
I've put together a detailed spread sheet using the available resources, that I'll share in part at some point. I have quite a few hours into that one.

Of note – Seventeen of the signers appears in the 345th yearbook photos. Sixteen are pictured in the Co. D photo and one in the Service Co. photo. Twelve do not appear in either photo but are listed elsewhere.

Of the twenty-nine banner signers – Twenty-eight were awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, while one was awarded Combat Medical Badge – T5 Medic Richard L. Lease.



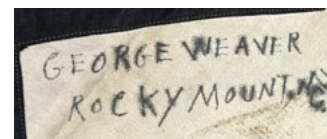
One was awarded the Silver Star – T5, John J. Shamblin.



Twenty-Three of the signers also appear on Cpl Mitch Kaidy's undated Company D Field Roster.

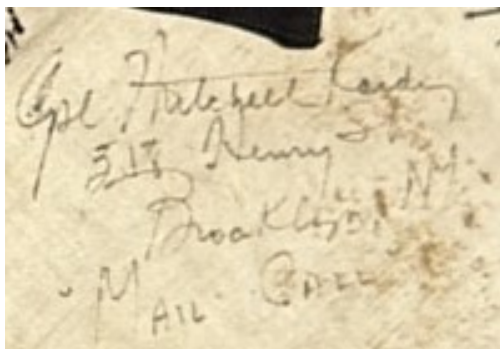
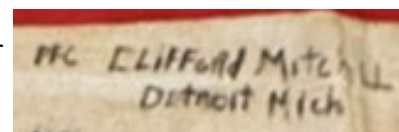
Mitch Kaidy's roster has some interesting cross outs and substitutions:

T5 Medic Richard L. Lease - Moved from 1st Platoon Medic to 3rd Platoon Medic.



PVT George T. Weaver - Moved from 1st Platoon, 2nd Section, 4th Squad, Ammo Bearer - To Squad Leader of same.

PFC Clifford Mitchell - Moved from 3rd Platoon, 3rd Section, 5th Squad Ammo Bearer to cook, HQ

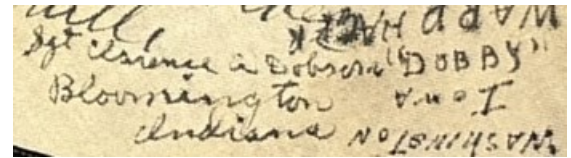
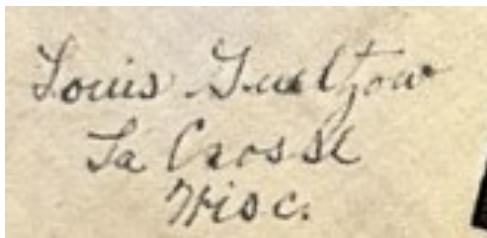
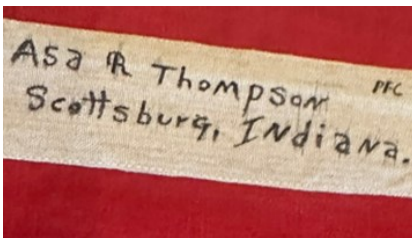
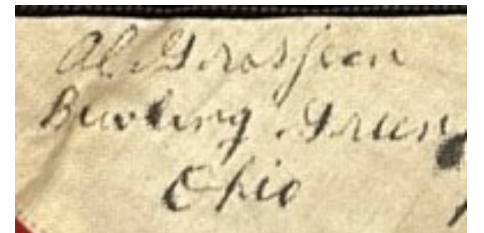
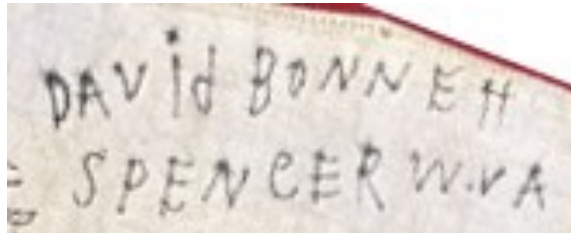
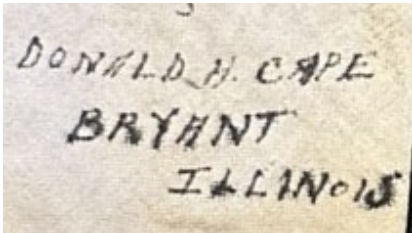
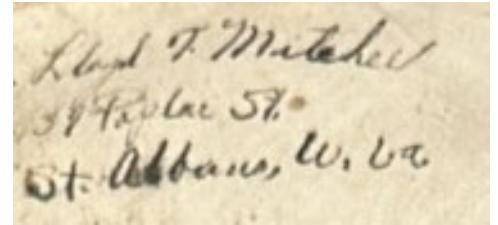
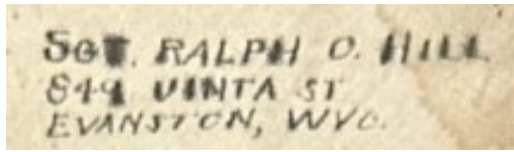
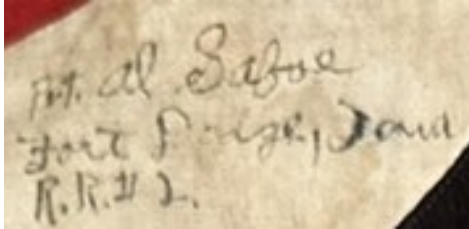
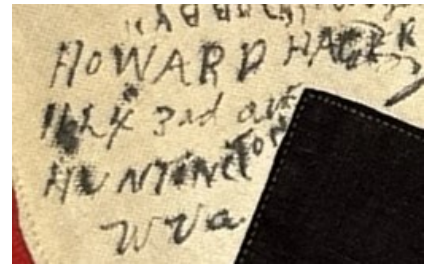
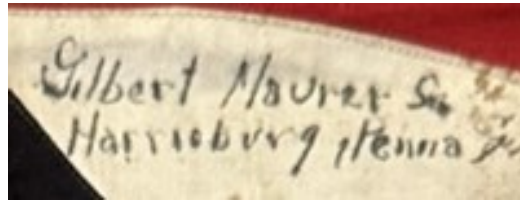
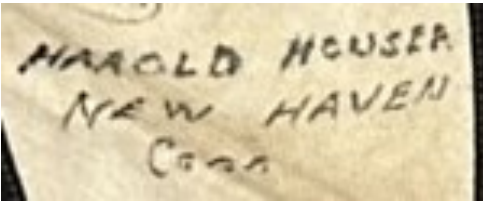


Also of note is Mitch Kaidy's "Mail Call" banner signature notation.

That's about as far as I've gotten, I'm quite sure there will be some other interesting things to discover when I revisit it again. I've yet to look at Purple Hearts or other awards or mentions. I did not find a signer's name among the casualty lists. Perhaps a blessing of sorts.

John Byrne

The remaining signatures and printed names are on the following page with a roster of all those who put their names on this captured flag.

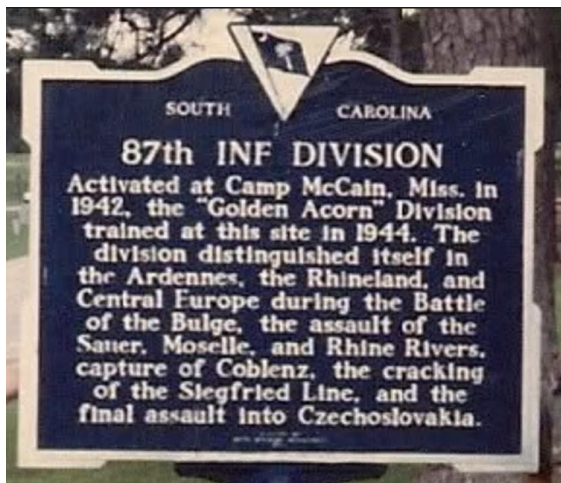


87th Division, 345th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Company D - signed podium banner names - Coblenz March 19 1945

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BARBER, HERSHEL K	Palmersville, TN		CIB	PFC	T/5. Cook, HQ
BARTON, DAVID M	Philladelphia, PA		CIB	SGT	PFC, Squad Leader, 1st Platoon, 1st Section, 1st Squad
BONNETT, DAVID H	Spencer, WA		CIB	PFC ^	PVT, Ammo Bearer, 1st Platoon, 2nd Section, 4th Squad
BROCK, WM E	Montgomery, AL		CIB	SGT ^	Clerk, HQ
CAPE, DONALD H	Bryant, IL		CIB	T/4 ^	T/4, Cook, HQ
CHESER, ELWOOD	Springfield, IL		CIB	T/4 ^	T/4, Mechanic, HQ
DOBSON, CLARENCE A	Bloomington, IN	Sgt "Dobby"	CIB		T/4, Cook, HQ
GIANINI, UGO (Adone)	Sand Coulee, MT		CIB	S/SGT 345SV ^ (Serv Co)	
GROSJEAN, AL	Bowling Green, OH		CIB *		
GUELTZOW, LOUIS C	LaCross, WI		CIB	PFC ^	PFC, Driver, 2nd Platoon, 4th Section, 7th Squad
HAGER, HOWARD	1634 3rd Ave Huntington, WVA		CIB	PFC ^	PFC, Driver, 1st Platoon, Second Section, 4th Squad
HAY, SAM	Atlanta, GA	T4	CIB		T/4, Cook, HQ
HILL, RALPH O	849 Vinta St Evenston, WY	SGT	CIB		1st Platoon, 1st Section, 3rd Squad, Squad Leader
HOLLAND, ALBERT	R.R. #12 Palmyra, NB	S/SGT	CIB	S/SGT ^	Supply Sgt, HQ
HOUSER, HAROLD J	New Haven, CT		CIB		PFC, Cook, HQ
KAIDY, MITCHELL	318 Henry St, Brooklyn NY	CPL "MAIL CALL"	CIB	CPL ^	CPL, Mail Clerk, HQ
LANGWORTH, ROSS	Chippewa Fall, WI	S/SGT	CIB		Mess Sgt, HQ
LEASE, RICHARD L	Washington, IA			CMB	T/5, Medic, 3rd Platoon - Moved from 1st Platoon Medic to 3rd Platoon Medic
MAURER, GILBERT	Harrisburg, PA	Sr.	CIB	PFC ^	PFC, Armor Artif, HQ
METHE, PAUL	Utica, NY		CIB	CPL ^	CPL, 3rd Platoon, 1st Section, 1st squad, 1st Gunner
MITCHELL, CLIFFORD	Detroit, MI	Pfc	CIB	PFC ^	PFC, Cook, HQ - Moved from 3rd Platoon, 3rd Section, 5th Squad
MITCHELL, LLOYD T	374 Poplar Street ST Albans, WVA		CIB *		Ammo Bearer to cook, HQ.
ROW, RAYFORD E	Valliant, OK	CPL	CIB	CPL ^	CPL, 3rd Platoon, 2nd Section, 3rd Squad, 1st Gunner
RUSSEL, FRANK	Akron, OH		CIB		PFC, Cook, HQ
SABOE, AL	R.R. #2 Fort Dodge, IA		CIB	PFC ^	PFC, Driver, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Section, 5th Squad
SHAMBLIN, JOHN J	Ripley, WVA		CIB	T/5 ^ - Silver Star	T/5, Cook, HQ
STEFANOWICZ, ED	York, PA	T/SGT	CIB *		
THOMPSON, ASA R	Scottsbury, IN		CIB	T/SGT ^	T/SGT, 2nd Platoon Sgt
WEAVER, GEO T	Rocky Mountain, NC		CIB	PFC ^	PVT, Moved from 1st Platoon, 2nd Section, 4th Squad, Ammo Bearer - To Squad Leader of same.

87th Infantry Division Monuments

Location/Description	GPS Coordinates	Address	Notes
Atlantic City, NJ	39.351667, -74.425639	3504 Atlantic Ave, Longport, NJ 08401	Monument in front of Headquarters Building
Camp McCain, MS	33.698058, -89.712572	3152 James H. Biddy Rd, Grenada, MS 38901	Monument in front of Headquarters Building
Carlisle, PA	40.127213, -77.347398	803 Centerville Rd, Newville, PA 17241	Monument
Charlotte, NC	35.222917, -80.845639	501 S College St., Charlotte, NC 28202	Monument at the Charlotte Convention Center with other units
Ft Belvoir, VA	32.7249, -77.17036	1775 Liberty Dr, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060	National Museum of the US Army, stone at the Warrior's Plaza
Ft Benning, GA	32.385315, -84.954157	Fort Benning Road, Columbus, GA 31905	Monument
Ft Jackson, SC	34.025850, -80.937700	13000 Jackson Blvd, Columbia, SC 29206	Sign
Rochester, NY	42.919922, -77.694475	I-390, Avon, NY	87th Memorial Highway
Bastogne, Belgium	50.009657, 5.739167	Rue de Clervaux, 6600 Bastogne, Belgium	Mardasson Memorial
Bonnerue, Belgium	50.004664, 5.486372	La Tourette, 6680 Sainte-Olde, Belgium	Piempre Crossroads
Boppard, Germany	50.231467, 7.602306	Rheinallee 8, 56154 Boppard, Germany	Rhein Crossing Plaque
Hamm, Luxembourg	49.611356, 6.18565	Val du Scheid, Luxembourg	General Patton's & 87th ID Soldiers Graves
Huldrange, Luxembourg	50.161503, 6.024044	1-23 Op d'Burrigplatz 9964 Troisvierges, Luxembourg	
Moircy, Belgium	49.994236, 5.474636	Rue de Jenneville 2, 6800 Libramont-Chevigny, Belgium	Plaque at the Moircy Church
Obergailbach, France	49.06359, 7.12432		
Rhens, Germany	50.283619, 7.618331	Am Rhein 7. 56321 Rhens, Germany	Rhein Crossing Plaque
St Hubert, Belgium	50.027222, 5.373611	Rue de Jenneville 2, 6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgium	St Hubert Town Hall
St Hubert, Belgium			Contact Olivier Gillard: olivier041@hotmail.com to visit
Tennevellesaufei, Belgium	50.107734, 5.484762	Rue Grande Champion 98, 6971 Tenneville, Belgium	Sign with photo of 87th link up with the British Army
Tillet, Belgium	50.010797, 5.530639	Tillet 18, 6680 Sainte-Ode, Belgium	Shoup Plaque, Tillet Church
Vesqueville, Belgium	49.998787, 5.381058	Rue des Rouge Fosses 6, 6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgium	Private Monument restored in 2004
Vesqueville, Belgium	49.993008, 5.406087	Rue de Freux 32, 6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgium	Private Monument not yet restored
Wasserbillig, Luxembourg	49.712725, 6.496453	18 Route de Luxembourg, 6633 Mertert, Luxembourg	Plaque in Memorial Garden
Wasserbillig, Luxembourg	49.710894, 6.491208	Rue de la 87e Division, 6620 Mertert, Luxembourg	Rue De 87th Street Sign



Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC



Proposed Obergailbach Monument

87th Infantry Division Monument—Obergailbach, France

The 87th IDLA has joined with the Best Defense Foundation and their executive director, Amanda Thompson (granddaughter of Jimmie Bordelon F-347) and Jack Johnson, local historian, to establish a monument to the 87th Infantry Division at Hill 360 outside of Obergailbach, France.

Information on contributing to the establishment of this monument is provided on page 31. Approximately 80% has been raised to date. The overall cost is estimated at 20,000 euros (approximately \$17,000).

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