

COMPANY I POOPSHEET
September 2001

LEON and ELEANORE FORER -

Enclosed is a donation to help with Poopsheet expenses. I'm still "Hanging in" and Holding on." Our best to everyone.

MRS. DAVIS (IRIS) SMITH -

Thanks so much for keeping me on the mailing list for the Poopsheet. The area of Littleton, Colorado where we live has changed names, and is now Centennial, Colorado. Would you please make the address change.

We do enjoy reading the Poopsheet. Hope the enclosed check will help with Poopsheet expenses. We certainly do think about all you are going through with Marie. Our prayers are with you, and all Company I people and their families. We will give serious thought about attending the next "Snowbird Reunion" in 2002.

JESSE and MICHELE MEASON -

Sorry that we haven't kept in touch like we should. Like many others our age, my health problems have absorbed much of my time and energy. Thanks for all your work on the Poopsheet. Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses. I would appreciate receiving one each of the Company I items and Citations available.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am pleased to send the requested items to Jesse & Michele.

ALPHONSE FELDERHOFF -

It was just great to see so many Company I people, and to visit with them at the "Snowbird Reunion." I am doing fine. I will have eye surgery next week. I keep both you and Marie and all of our ailing Company I people in my prayers. I really enjoy reading the Poopsheet. You have done a terrific job keeping Company I people informed. Enclosed is a check to help keep the Poopsheet balance in the black.

HARRY and JOANIE NIVENS -

It was a great turn out for Company I at the "Snowbird Reunion," thanks to the Poopsheet. Enclosed are copies of WWII snapshots from my scrapbook, - hope they are clear enough for you to use in the Poopsheet. Also enclosed is a donation to help defray Poopsheet expenses.

MRS. NELSON (ELORNE) STEPHENS -

You are so good at filling requests, I thought I'd see if you could handle this one. Do you have an extra copy of the "Screaming Eagle" that has a list, and hopefully pictures of 101st Screaming Eagle paraphernalia? I would like to get a banner, but I have no idea what it looks like or how big it is. I'd like a rather large one to display on appropriate days. I got a list showing what is offered and the prices from the 101st association, but there are no pictures or dimensions. If this is out of your line, could you tell me where I might get some help?

I often think of what a nice time I had at the Snowbird Reunion last February and how good all of you were to me. I have taken up golf again and enjoy it ever so much. Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry I can't fill this request. However, there is always a display room with a large variety of 101st articles for sale at our "Snowbird Reunions." You would be able to pick out the items you want there.



1) Choochie and Eldon Abrahamsen in Reno 1991. 2) Ruth and Bill Purdy in Chicago 1982. 3) Sis and Alphonse Felderhoff in Chicago 1982. 4) Front, Bob Hartzell, Walter Kweicinski. Back, Bill Purdy, Bill Steadman, John Sekora in Milwaukee 1989. 5) Woody and Mary Cumming, Ada and Theodore Murphy, Joe Garcia, Joe Hennessey in Philadelphia 1971. 6) Glen and Virginia Ferguson in Chicago 1967. 7) Jim Gleason, Bill Purdy, Charles Young in Pittsburgh 1964. 8) Marjorie Steadman, Bob Hartzell, Bill Steadman in Chicago 1987. 9) Tommy Grey, Louis Dunch, Bill Steadman in Houston 1973. 10) Peter Lobuglio, and Paul Cooney at Chilton Foliat March 1944. 11) Glenn Moe at Chilton Foliat February 1944. 12) Bob Tripp and Alfred Simmons at Mittersill, Austria 1945. 13) Bob Tripp and David Ludlow at Mittersill, Austria 1945. 14) Front, Paul Cooney and Lester Taylor. Back, Glenn Moe, John Lachkovic, James Franklin in England March 1944.

DON and PAT O'NEILL -

Pat and I both had some more cancer scares, but we seem to be O.K. now. We keep Marie and all of our ailing Company I people in our prayers.

We would liked to have made the "Snowbird Reunion", but we just don't have the "get up and go" that we used to have. Enclosed is a donation to help keep our treasury fund back on the plus side.

Our E-Mail address is: DJONEILL@IOPENER.NET

GLENN and LILLIAN MOE -

Glenn was in the emergency room of the hospital in May due to a throat blockage, he was unable to swallow properly, and he had a fluid buildup in his lungs. He is now temporarily in a nearby Nursing Home for therapy. Our daughter, Kathleen, and I hope to have him home soon. He has Parkinsons Disease in the advanced stage, so I am writing this for him.

I read the Poopsheet to him as soon as it arrives, and he enjoys it so much. He knew many of the people who were able to attend the latest "Snowbird Reunion" and that gives him much pleasure to know who were there.

Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses from Glenn Moe. Thanks so much from all of us for all your work for Company I.

WARD and DORIS FAULKENBERRY -

It was great seeing all those Company I people at the "Snowbird Reunion." I was especially happy to see Lou Dunch, - that was the first time for me to see him since Normandy, he really looked good, hope to see him again next year. It is sad that more Company I people don't attend, - they don't know what they are missing. I am doing pretty good health wise, and I hope all our Company I people are doing the same. Looking forward to seeing you and all the other Company I people at the 2002 "Snowbird Reunion".

Enclosed is a donation to help with Poopsheet expenses. You are doing a great job with the Poopsheet. I enjoy it so very much.

ELDON and CHOOCHIE ABRAHAMSEN-

Our prayers have been, and will continue to be with you and Marie and all our ailing Company I people. I have not written for some time, it's time.

I spent 4 months in the V.A. Hospital from December to April. I lost $\frac{1}{2}$ of my left foot and part of my right foot. I was wounded in both legs in Normandy, and had frozen feet in Bastogne. Frozen feet and nerve damage in my legs was the culprit. This has slowed me down, but I am still here.

My wife and I will try to attend the 2002 "Snowbird Reunion." Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses. You are doing a great job, thanks a lot. Would you please send one each of your Company accumulation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am happy to send the requested items to Eldon and Choochie.

EARL and VIRGINIA KELLY -

It was nice to talk with you again on the phone. I recently had a visit from Mark Bando, one of our 101st historians. I tried to phone Jim Howell but I don't have his correct phone number, could you give me his correct number. Enclosed is a donation to help with Poopsheet expenses.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am happy to relay Howell's phone number to Kelly.

A LATER MESSAGE FROM EARL AND VIRGINIA - I visited with John Altomare who was in the hospital the first part of June because of a heart attack. Some of his arteries were clogged. He is home now, and his attitude is as bright as ever. He is in good hands, - his wife Lydia is a nurse.

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A STICK OF COMPANY I PARATROOPERS

On the opposite page is a stick of Paratroopers of Company I 502nd Parachute Regiment in the sky, and waiting to jump in March 1943 at Fort Bragg. In photo #1 the camera is facing toward the tail of the plane. Left row, Edward Thomas, Francis Depkin, Tommy Grey, Jerry Boffo standing, plane crewman standing. Right row, Joseph Miller, unknown, Donald Barkley, Delmar Winslow, Ivan Hershner. In photo #2 the camera is facing toward the cockpit of the plane. Left row, plane crewman, Ivan Hershner, Delmar Winslow, Donald Barkley, unknown, Joseph Miller, plane crewman standing. Right row, Tommy Grey, Francis Depkin, Jerry Boffo, plane crewman seated.

Ivan Hershner allowed me to make copies of these pictures, and I returned the originals to him. After 58 years I hope I named the men in these pictures correctly, if not let me know.

I have heard the following account of Jerry Boffo's death, who is pictured here, from several Company I men, and some of you have probably heard it too.

During our training days we were advised to unfasten the chin straps of our steel helmets when we entered into a combat action. But Jerry seldom unfastened his chin straps. He probably liked to feel his helmet securely on his head. During our battle for Carentan, as we were inching our way along the Carentan Causeway, one of the enemy bombs landed very close to Jerry. The strong concussion from the explosion of the bomb which blew into his helmet, with his chin strap secured, - snapped his neck. No other wound was found on any part of Jerry's body. He died of a broken neck.

"SHORT ARM" Inspections

I'm sure all you veterans remember those "inspections." If you don't here is a reprint of that subject that will bring back some memories.

Since those "inspections" ceased a long time ago and most folks around today never knew they even existed, I figured you might like to hear about that bit of untold history. That's why I'm going to try and tell you about them, using reasonably good taste as best I can.

For background let's go back to the war years, 1941 through 1945, back to the days when our armed services had about 16 million men in them, in camps and bases all over the world.

Since boys will be boys and girls will be girls, there was always a certain amount of dilly-dallying going on between them. You also could count on a fair amount of "ladies of the night" being in any area where the servicemen were stationed. Adding all that up, you were bound to have a problem with venereal diseases among the troops.

Now the Army (as did all the other services) worked very hard to combat this problem. One of the very first things you did after you were sworn in, was go see a movie nicknamed "Mickey Mouse." And for the life of me I don't know why it was called that because it sure wasn't a funny movie.

The theme of that movie was all the things that could happen to you if you were with the wrong lady. It went into great detail by showing horrible examples of what could result from that union if she had a social disease.

It was a very effective movie. For a short time after seeing it, you thought twice before you even

shook hands with a girl. Unfortunately, after a while young men have a habit of forgetting things like that when in the company of a pretty girl, which brought on the need for "short arm" inspections.

I'll never forget my first one. We were receiving basic training and had gotten our first passes for a weekend in town.

Anyway, about three weeks after that weekend, we were told to fall out for a "short arm" inspection and the uniform for the inspection was to be socks, shoes helmet and raincoat -nothing else.

What a sight we made -three or four hundred of us lined up on a drill field wearing nothing but our plastic raincoats. Luckily, it was nice and warm out so nobody got pneumonia.

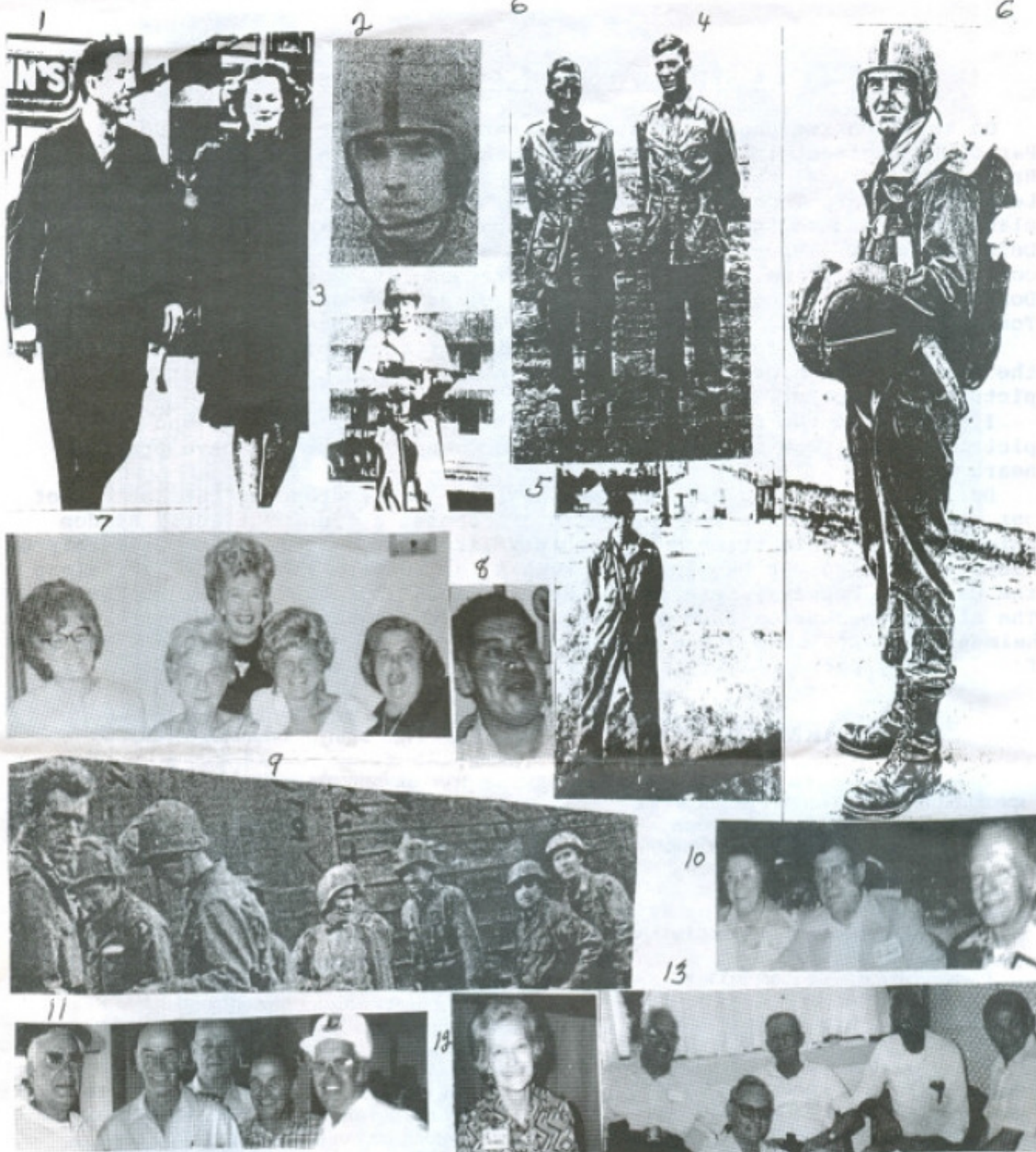
Today, when I think back about the actual inspection, I have to feel sorry for the doctor who had to do the inspecting: He would stop in front of each man (who would expose himself to the doctor by holding his raincoat open), and check your "short arm" over, looking for any sign of a social disease.

His only words to each man were, "Peel it Back and Milk it Forward", if any secretion was emitted, that meant big trouble.

Unfortunately, it didn't make any difference whether you had been fooling around or not. Guilty or innocent, you had to take part in those inspections,

Editor's Note:

We owe the Editor of the 78th Division Association a 'thank you' for the above nostalgic story.



1) Major Robert G. Cole and wife Allie Mae on leave in San Antonio, Texas 1940. 2) Nelson T. Stephens after his 5th qualifying jump at Fort Benning 1942. 3) Robert Ramsey at Fort Bragg 1943. 4) Glenn Moe and Emmitt Nix at Fort Bragg 1943. 5) Edward M. Smith at Fort Bragg 1943 with the Company I Orderly Room in the background. 6) Harry Nivens after his 5th qualifying jump at Fort Benning June 8, 1942. 7) Check out all this Company I beauty at the Houston Reunion 1973, Jane Presley, Louise Zamblauskis, Berneice Grey, Mary Ann Dunch, Lisa Garcia. 8) Little George Cruz at the Houston Reunion 1973. 9) John Rusiecki, Tommy Grey, Harry Blackledge, Fred Wilhelm, Leroy Gravelle, Fred Cid, Theodore Murphy in a Chow Line in Holland. 10) Viona and George Yutzey and Charles Young at the New York Reunion 1976. 11) Ralph Casas, Edward M. Smith, Walter Murdock, John Altomare, Ed Mobley at the Buffalo Reunion 1987. 12) Christine Olesh at the Philadelphia Reunion 1971. 13) Ed Mobley, Walter Presley, Jack Dulaney, Bob Tripp, John Altomare at the Buffalo Reunion 1987.

BOB and STELLE MOLSBERRY -

Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses of the Poopsheet. We would like to give this donation in "Jim Howell's" name. He is such a wonderful supporter of the Company I group with his photos, - and a nice guy as well.

Our heart goes out to you and your family and your devotion to Marie, - our prayers for her and all ailing Company I people go with it.

We really had a good time at the "Snowbird Reunion." We were delighted you had the copies of the "Screamer" newspaper sent to everyone.

I noticed Manny Gesulga was in another Company before Company I. I asked him how he came to Company I with Bob, and he answered, "because I had a choice, and Bob looked like a nice guy." Typical of Manny!

In the Battle of the Bulge Bob was wounded January 9, 1945 and Manny was wounded the next day.

Hope you can read this, my penmanship gets worse as time goes by.

A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Estelle Molsberry of Grass Valley, Calif. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month. They were married March 3, 1941 in Santa Rosa, Calif.

As part of their anniversary celebration, they attended the reunion of World War II people of Company I, 502nd Parachute Regiment in Orlando, Florida.

The Molsberrys have two children: Kathleen Dossey of Penn Valley and Jeff Molsberry of Nevada City. There are six grandchildren.

Mr. Molsberry is a retired postmaster, having served at the Davis, Kings Beach, Tahoe City, and Santa Rosa post offices. He is a member of the Nevada County Country Club, Disabled American Veterans, past president of California League of Postmasters and Exalted Ruler of the North Tahoe Elks Club.

Mrs. Molsberry is also retired. She operated a variety store in King Beach and was co-owner of the gift shop at Cal-Neva Casino at Lake Tahoe.

In the early 1950s Mr. Molsberry helped build a cabin on Banner Mountain for Mrs. Molsberry's parents. They moved the old Nevada City Variety Store to the property in Kings Beach and renamed it Town and Country Variety.

They have lived in Grass Valley 14 years.

MARVIN and CHARLOTTE CARTWRIGHT -

We received the May Poopsheet today, and we both read it from cover to cover. Enclosing some money for the treasury. We sure hope you can continue to keep Company I together, like you have for so many years. We can't thank you enough for all you have done. We know it is a tremendous task.

Would you please send a list of all Company I men who were killed in action, along with their date of death, and also a list of all the men who ever served in Company I. Thanks so much. God's blessing to you and Marie.

We hope to see you, and all our Company I people at the next "Snowbird Reunion" in 2002.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am happy to send the requested items to Marv and Charlotte.

MRS. ALBERT (JOYCE) GLATT -

Just to let you know, my husband Albert Glatt of Company I 502nd died May 30 after a year long battle with lung cancer. He was such a wonderful man, and I miss him. We only had 4½ years together, but life goes on.

S.O.S. - THE SOLDIER'S DELIGHT

While cleaning up an old mess kit, I thought of some of the great food that I had consumed in the Army, and one of my favorite dishes: SOS.

Now of course most of us know that "SOS" stands for "Stuff" on a Shingle, the famous creamed chip beef on toast. I say most of us because I once went to an Army Dining Facility for a sentimental breakfast. I asked the civilian girl (all of 22 years old or so) behind the counter to put SOS on top of my omelet. She asked me, "What is SOS?" I couldn't quickly think of the polite name of Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast. So, not wanting to be rude, crude and socially unacceptable, I merely pointed to the object of my desire.

The older woman working next to her (somewhat more than 40 plus years at the time) looked at her and said, "Honey, you just haven't been around. That's Sh*t on the Shingle!" She then had to go on and explain why the Stuff got it's obvious (to us) nickname. Some youth really lack proper education.

THE RECIPE (clip and save...)

Creamed ground beef on toast

1½ pounds extra lean
hamburger or ground chuck
2 Tbl. oleo or butter
1 cup chopped onion
3 Tbl. flour
2tsp. garlic powder
2 Tbl. soy sauce (or less to
taste)
1 Tbl. Worcestershire sauce
2 cups milk
salt and pepper to taste
sliced toasted bread

Brown the meat, then drain.
Add oleo.
Stir in the onions and cook
until you can see through them.
Add flour, stir and cook two
to three minutes.
Add garlic, soy sauce,
Worcestershire sauce and mix
thoroughly.
Add milk and stir until it
thickens.
Serve over toast.

MRS. JOSEPHINE KOCOL (sister of Louis Morong)

Enclosed is a donation to help Pooosheet expenses in honor of my brother Louis J. Morong. We keep the American Flag on Lou's grave at all times. Is it possible to purchase a small 101st Airborne Flag? My idea is to have both Flags displayed on Memorial Day.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and Marie.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 101st Association PX has a 101st Airborne Banner with 101st patch listed for sale for \$15.00. The order number for this Banner is B202. Perhaps you can make a flag with this Banner. You can order from -
- or phone - 101st Airborne Association Inc. - P.O. Box 101 - Bentonville, Ohio 45105 - Phone (937) 549-4326 - Fax (937) 549-2018 -
E-mail: 101asn@bright.net <http://www.screamingeagle.org>

Or you might want to check out the display room with a large variety of 101st articles for sale at our "Snowbird Reunions."

MRS. NEAL (BETTY) BURKETT -

I have a new address listed above. I sold the farm where Neal and I lived for many years and moved into town to be closer to friends and neighbors. Neal and I talked about doing this before he died. I do my regular walking exercises and visit with friends. I keep busy.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Five months ago Neal made a cassette tape with music of the 40s and sent it to me. I play that tape every day. I'm surprised that it is not worn out by now. Those songs of the 40s are still as invigorating for me as they were 58 years ago.

MRS. ROSE HUBNER(sister of George Larish) -

First I want to apologize for being so-o-o-o slow in responding to the latest Poopsheet. We sometimes get so involved in our own affairs, and we neglect others. My husband died in March and I have been so busy answering all mail. But now I'm sure he is in God's hands. I only wish we would have become acquainted years ago with our Company I family, when we were younger. We would then have gone to the "Snowbird Reunions" with the rest of the 101st. Now, I'm just to-o-o-o old, but I'm sure the rest of you have fun.

I'm sorry to read about your wife being in the Nursing Home for so long, but I'm sure God will reward you for visiting her every day. Just pray.

Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses.

JIM and MABEL HOWELL -

We are enclosing information about the 60th wedding anniversary of Bob and Stelle Molsberry which they sent to us.

We are also enclosing a short note sent to us by Mrs. Albert (Joyce)Glatt which she sent to us, probably in response to the group photos we sent.

We made a tour of England the first part of June. We spent an evening and dinner with James Norris and daughter and grand-daughter who were touring England at the same time. We had a wonderful time with them. During our visit at Chilton Foliat I couldn't recognize anything about the area, although many buildings appeared to date back to WWII. I think we found the "Castle," but it didn't look familiar.

I had my 13th chemo treatment and another one is scheduled in a month.

I spoke with Richard Stephens on the phone. He sounds better, although he now has a Shingles infection. But it doesn't keep him from traveling about the Nursing Home in his wheel chair.

A REUNION NOTE FROM BOB HARTZELL: Some of the Hotel Rooms at the "Snowbird Reunion" are quite a distance from the Hospitality Room. All of us of Company I are 80 years old, or close to it, and we don't move too far after a few drinks. George Welch, president of the Snowbird Reunion told me when we phone for our Hotel Reservation we should ask for "John Allen", who is the Hotel coordinator for the "Snowbird Reunion", and ask him for a room close to the Hospitality Room because of our advanced age. If John is not available, ask for Janie. John Allen and Janie are at the Hotel Monday through Friday from 8.00 to 4.00 Eastern Time. Last year they gave all who asked for it, a nearby room. It worked.

For best results make early reservations with the Hotel as they have a liberal cancellation policy. Make sure you ask for the Special Snowbird Reunion rates of \$59.00.

COMPANY I TREASURY REPORT

Since our last Treasury Report in May we received \$1045.00 in donations, we received \$1.20 interest on our money in the bank, we had a balance of (\$132.26) in the hole. We are now out of the hole with a balance of \$913.94.

Our expenses since our last Treasury Report are, \$168.16 for reproducing our May Poopsheet, \$68.00 for postage this Poopsheet, \$5.00 for address labels this Poopsheet, a total expense of \$241.16, leaving us a balance of \$682.78.

Yours in the 101st

Robert J. Hartzell

Bob

PHOTOS OF COMPANY I PEOPLE TAKEN AT THE 2001 SNOWBIRD REUNION
 Courtesy of Jim Howell and Pat Callery



- 1) Jim Howell, Bob Tripp, Earl Kelly, Walter Murdock, Louis Dunch, Alphonse Felderhoff, Celso Garcia, Bob Hartzell, Fred Kraus, Bob Molsberry, Pat Callery, Joe Hennessey, Ward Faulkenberry, Warren Shook, Ivan Hershner, Harry Nivens, John Altomare, Ray Dunlap. - James Norris and Charles Olson were AWOL at picture taking time. 2) Celso Garcia and Ward Faulkenberry. 3) Marilyn and Charles Olson. 4) Mary Garcia, June Hennessey, Mabel Howell, Ann Hershner, Stelle Molsberry, Dolores Kraus, Alicia Tripp, Teresa Callery, Kay Murdock, Joanie Nivens. - Marilyn Olson, Petra Casas and Lonny Stephens were AWOL at picture taking time. 5) Kay and Walter Murdock. 6) Dolores and Fred Kraus. 7) Over the years my children have been fascinated as I told them that we have a bath-tub full of beer at all our Reunions. So this year we took this picture. I think my children were disappointed. They thought we drank from a bath-tub full of "draft beer." 8) Mrs. Nelson (Lonny) Stephens. 9) Teresa Callery. 10) Pat Callery, Jim Howell, John Altomare, Earl Kelly, Bob Molsberry. 11) Joe and June Hennessey.

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2002 SNOWBIRD REUNION INFORMATION

The Florida "Sunshine State Chapter" of the 101st sponsors this annual moni-Reunion which will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 7, 8, 9, 2002 at the - Ramada Plaza Hotel Gateway - 7470 Highway 192 West - Kissimmee, Florida 34747 - toll free phone 1-800-327-9170 - just outside of Orlando, a hop and a skip from highway I-4 - one mile from "Walt Disney World Resort" entrance.

The cost of the Hotel Rooms are \$59.00 plus tax per night for single or double. Reservations for rooms require a one-night deposit or a credit card number. Cutoff date for Hotel Reservations will be January 12, 2002, after that date reservations are on a space available basis. Make your reservations directly with the "Ramada Plaza Hotel Gateway" phone 1-800-327-9170.

Registration fee for the entire Reunion, including 2 continuous Hospitality Rooms full of food and drink, and a sit-down Saturday evening dinner is \$45.00 per person. The Saturday evening dinner will feature Filet of Beef, or if you prefer fish or chicken.

Please send your Registration Fee of \$45.00 each, check or money order, payable to "101st Sunshine State Chapter", before January 12, 2002. Send the cut-off portion below for your Registration to Tom Moran. If necessary pay him upon arrival in the Hospitality Room, but do let him know you are coming, you can always cancel if you find out you can't attend.

"Mears Shuttle Service" at the Orlando airport entrance, is available for transportation to the Hotel and return to the airport for \$27.00 each round trip, or if you have 2 or more people the taxi rate is about \$48.00.

Thirty five Company I people attended last year's "Snowbird Reunion" and early indications are we will have a great attendance again this year.

SNOWBIRD REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Unit _____
 LAST FIRST M

Spouse _____ or Guest _____
 First Last First M

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Show your e-mail address? _____ Fax _____

Name Tags will be made on the above information. If you have a Nickname and would prefer it on the nametag let us know.
Special Instructions _____

Banquet Saturday evening will feature Petit 8 ounce filet of Beef. (If no selection is made you will receive chicken)

If you do not care for beef, chose an alternative.

Please indicate your choice and the number of each Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____

The registration fee is \$45.00 per person.
Hospitality room with it's free bar, the Buffet, Fri and Sat afternoon and the Banquet Saturday evening is included in the registration.

Due to limited seating the 1st 400 registered will be assured a seat at the banquet. All others will be on a standby status.
Postmark will determine earliest registrations.

PLEASE REMIT BEFORE 12TH January 2002

Amount Remitted \$ _____ Number Attending. _____

MAIL TO TOM MORAN