



Company I Poopsheet



Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne

December 2004



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF COMPANY I

My Dad, Ed Mobley, is home finally. He came home on the 22nd of November after being in the hospital since the 17th. He is doing very well and wants to say Merry Christmas to each and every of you and will be seeing you in February (Snowbird Reunion). We will be bringing the two of them there. So see you next year. Have a safe and wonderful season.

Our love to you all, ***Cecil and Barbara Slover, Edward and Clara Mobley***

We want to thank you for all the work you do putting out Poopsheets for all to enjoy. Please wish everyone a truly Merry Christmas from us old codgers up here in Wisconsin. We think about you all so often and hoping you are enjoying good health and happiness. Best wishes and God's Blessings. Much love, ***Marvin & Charlotte Cartwright***

Holiday greetings from the Sunshine and Hurricane state. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our ranks grow thinner each year and times together are few, so we urge all who can to join us at the Snowbird Reunion in February 2005. Joanie and I were in Normandy for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, stayed with our French friends, it was a great and emotional experience. We visited the four grave sites of Company I men still buried at the American cemetery. They were Ed Sowder, Lt. Benny Klemantowich, Herman Addleson, Roy J. Sherrod. We also attended two ceremonies in Carantan honoring the 101st. We look forward to seeing everyone in February at the Snowbird and having a drink to those who are no longer with us.

Harry and Joanie Nivens

A Letter to my Dad, Bob Hartzell, When I was little I thought you were the greatest. As I got older, and in my teens, I thought you were there just to ruin my life by not letting me do the things all the rest of my friends were doing. Then I got even older and then I discovered that you did not ruin my life, but you actually saved my life. Then as I got even older, I discovered you went through the most horrific war that there ever was. You saved not only my life, but the lives of my children and their children.

Thank God for you, thank God for soldiers that lay their lives on the line, I'm so proud of you and all the rest of your friends in the 101st. What can I possibly give you for everything you have given me in my life, and are still giving me? To you I give you the simple gift of all my love now and for the rest of my life. From an adoring daughter to her Dad. ***Agnes Hartzell Welling***

Dearest Friends, As our holiday season approaches, cannot let it go by without reflecting on our good times we had with Jim's great friends of Co. I. It will be three years in January since I have lost Jim. Time sure helps but still miss him so much.

Have had a good year. Our "Scottie" was selected to represent the National Downs Syndrome in NYC in Sept. The whole family went and had a wonderful time. They had a Buddy Walk in Central Park, which was so much fun for the children. We did tour some, Ground Zero, Staten Island, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Wax Museum, and of course, lots of shopping.

I also recently made a trip to St. Louis to spend a couple of weeks with my daughter Vickie.

With two in College and two teenagers, it was busy, busy, busy. Our 21 year old, Jayme, had a lead role in Agatha Christie's Play "Ten Little Indians". Jayme did an excellent job playing Vera Clayborn. Lots of fun, with something going on all the time, I had to come home to rest.

Just wanted to let you all know, I still think of you all and thanks for some great memories. I have talked with June & Joe Hennessy, Jim Norris, Marge Olson, Earl Kelly, Harry and Joanie Nevins, Jack Farrell and Ginny, Frances Franklin. Still email Bob's family, Pat and Teresa Callery, and Charlotte and Marvin Cartwright. Will sure be looking forward to Poop Sheet to hear from lots of others. Love, **Mabel Howell**

To all our family and friends, an update on Jack. He has had 2 rounds of chemo and a third one next week hopefully. He is supposed to get them every three weeks, but he seems to get an infection in his hand, and when he does, he has to wait a week. We're going to the doctor tomorrow, Dec 2 because his hand is swollen and his middle finger is pink and warm to the touch.

With his treatments, he's very weak, so weak that I have to help with everything he does, He doesn't go to work anymore, but, hopefully, that will change soon. The people where he works are just wonderful to him, and I know it's very good for him to be there. We are hoping also to be at the reunion in February. Oh yes, June, I will remember to bring the cakes, ha ha Through all of this Jack still has his great sense of humor. He's so cute using a walker that my Mom had. It's 42 years old.....almost as old as me. Jack and I do have good news... yesterday, Nov 30, we got married. It wasn't the kind of wedding I had wanted, but, we had to do what we could. We are both happy.

When we were down to Gainesville at the hospital the last time, we met a lovely couple. Well, at least the lady, Clara Mobley, was nice. That cute man of her's didn't want to even show his face to us! So....Let me explain....we were in a waiting room and this couple was in there too. Jack and I sat down and she and I started talking. Her husband, Edward Mobley, had his back to us and Clara said to him, "don't you want to turn around and talk to these people". He said "NO". We could only look at his back, then it wasn't long until Edward wanted to go back to his room. When Clara got him settled in, she came back. By that time Jack's daughter came in, and we were talking about our September trip to the Netherlands and Jack mentioned the 101s Airborne. Wow! Clara picked up on that....she said Edward was in the 101st, so.... to make a long story short... the boys were in at the same time... and at the same places...even same unit.... what a small world! After finding out that they were brothers in the services, Edward decided he could show his cute face! We became good friends, and we are looking forward to seeing them in Orlando too. It should be great fun.

Jack and I would like to wish one and all of you the happiest and healthiest holidays.

Our love to all of you. I do enjoy the emails, and I do apologize for not writing back sooner. By the time I go to work and get the meals and do the shopping and take care of Jack I get pretty tired, so please forgive me. To those of you that are kind enough to email us, we love you.

MR AND MRS JACK FARRELL Sounds good, uh! **Ginny**

Dear Bob, Enclosed is a video for you that was made of our trip to Normandy in June 2004. We stayed with our French friends. We met them and stayed with them in June 1944...great people, as all of the people in France seemed to us. They visited us for two weeks in 1998. As you can imagine Normandy was very emotional for me, especially the visit to the American Cemetery. The church service for the 101st in Carentan was too. In the video, note the parachutes on stained glass windows. There is the 101st eagle in the glass also. The first monument ceremony is near the Cabbage Patch, and the second one is downtown Carentan. Our French friends will place flowers each June on all the four men of Company I. Best regards, **Harry Nivens**

Dear Bob, Enclosed is a donation to help with Poopsheet expenses. We made the Holland and Normandy trip in September, it was great. We are now thinking about the Snowbird Reunion.
Celso Garcia

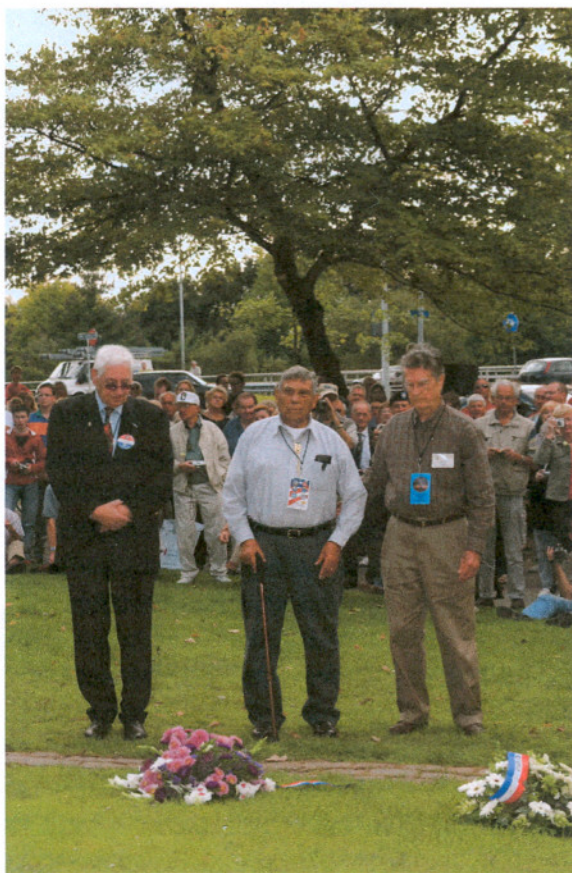


Photo: Wreath laying ceremony in Eindhoven Holland at the 101st monument, September 2004. Celso Garcia, center, laid a wreath. On the left is Matthew van Luyt, President of the Dutch Friends of 101st Airborne Association. Name of the man on the right is not available.

Dear Mr. Hartzell, My name is Curt Hahn, the eldest son of Ernest O. Hahn and Della Hahn. First let me thank you for all that you do with the Poopsheet. Our family enjoys it. I'm writing on behalf of my Mom, who is in a nursing home and asked me to write and ask for any or all of the items (photos and rosters and citation copies, etc.). You have her address as: Mrs. Ernest O. (Della) Hahn, Wm. Penn Care Center, 2020 Ader Road, Jeannette, PA 15644. The items could be sent there or to my residence at Curt Hahn, 9 Landis Ave., Jeannette, PA, 15644. Please keep my e-mail address for a contact for my Mom. Also my phone number is 724-527-6750. My Mom wanted you to know that my Dad passed away November 14, 1992.

If I may, my Dad would never talk about the war and now that he is gone, I find myself wishing I would have gotten closer to him. I feel that there were things he had trouble forgiving himself for. Now my children and grandchildren ask me things about him and the war that I don't have the answers, and I really appreciate your newsletter. Again, thank you for all your time and work. It is greatly appreciated. Please accept this for the costs you may have incurred for sending items requested above. Thank you & God Bless. Sincerely, **Curt Hahn, son of my Dad and my Hero, Ernest O. Hahn**
Curt's email is: pitasplace@msn.com

(Note from Bob: I am happy to send the requested Company I items to Curt.)

A note from Harry Nivens: 11/24/04

Dear Betty, I hope you enjoy the enclosed video, the interview with Col. Cole and Capt. Frank Lillyman were obtained from Army Archives by Mark Bando, 101st Historian. We stayed in Normandy with a French family whom we stayed with in 1994 at 50th D-Day Anniversary. They are the greatest family, and we feel like we're home when we stay with them. We were in Normandy from June 4th thru 7th and participated in ceremonies in Carentan. Enjoyed the great friendship shown by all the French People. Visited the American Cemetery and placed flowers on the four Co. I men who are still buried there. Our French friends will place flowers on their graves each June 6th. The four Co I men still buried there are Roy J. Sherrod, Edward Sowder, Lt. Benny Klemantowich and Herman Addleson. As you can imagine, it was very emotional for me visiting their graves. Joanie and I were in Plano, Texas, last month. Her youngest daughter remarried and moved to Texas. We took her car out there and visited for seven days and flew home. Joanie's oldest daughter is moving to Georgia next year. This will be quite a change as they both lived 10 minutes from us for years. Great job you're doing on the Co. I newsletter. My niece and nephew went to Normandy with us...sure made things easier for this old man.

Best regards, **Harry & Joanie Nivens**

From Aggie & Bob's email inbox:

Aggie, it was nice hearing from you. So glad that your Dad is doing well. We are just fine here too. Have been getting the outside work all done in preparation for winter. So far, the weather has been very mild for this time of year, and today we are getting a nice, easy rain. We welcome the rain, so won't complain about the dark day. Just a good day to catch up on some e-mailing. We get so caught up with all the E-Mail forwards, that we fail to sit and write a decent letter. We have been wondering how Ed Mobley is doing down in Florida. I did e-mail his daughter, Barbara, but haven't heard back yet. Tell your father that Marv called Lola Calderhead a few days ago to check on Jim. Of course, his Alzheimers isn't any better, but I think Lola appreciates Marv's calls, and they chat a while. She continues to keep Jim at home. Please keep them in your prayers. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. Our love to all--**Marv & Charlotte**

My Father, Dan Paripovich, so enjoyed receiving the Poopsheet. He may have never responded or contacted anyone, but he saved every Poopsheet year after year and it brought him so much joy. Words cannot express the gratitude that so many people have to your father for his dedication in keeping everyone bound together through the Poopsheet. I think your father is a great man and God bless him. **Susan Russell** (Susan's email: Smprussell@aol.com)

History of the 101st Airborne Division

The 101st Airborne Division was activated on 15 August 1943 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Its first Commander, Major General William C. Lee, observed that "the 101st...has no history, but it has a rendezvous with destiny". Time and time again, the 101st has kept that rendezvous and in so doing, acquired a proud history.

The 101st moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for training and successfully demonstrated its readiness during the Tennessee maneuvers of 1943. Embarking from Camp Shaw, New York in September, the 101st continued training in England until D-Day, 6 June 1944, when its pathfinders became the first Americans to set foot in occupied France.

The Screaming Eagles cleared the way for the 1st and 4th Infantry Division at Omaha and Utah beaches. After 33 days of continuous fighting, including a bitter battle for the town of Carentan, the 101st returned to England to prepare for future airborne operations. On 12 September 1944, the 101st jumped into Holland during the operation "Market Garden". Holding a narrow corridor 16 miles long through enemy territory from Eindhoven to Grave, the division fought against heavy odds for ten days. The division then continued its role in the liberation of Holland, spending a total of 72 days in combat.

In November 1944, the 101st returned to France for a well-deserved rest, only to be called to action again in the Battle of the Bulge. While defending the critical transportation hub of Bastogne, Belgium, the 101st was surrounded by advancing enemy who demanded immediate surrender. The acting Division Commander, Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe, made history with his classic reply, "Nuts!" The siege was broken on 16 December 1944, but the fighting continued until 18 January 1945. After moving through Alsace and the Ruhr Valley, the 101st captured Hitler's retreating forces at Berchtesgaden. On 30 November 1945, the Screaming Eagles were inactivated.

The end of World War II marked the beginning of an intermittent existence for the 101st – several in-activations occurred during the next two decades. Official reactivation ceremonies were held on 21 September 1956, making the 101st the Army's first Pentomic division. (author unknown)



Photo of the McAuliffe statue in Bastogne. I was privileged to visit along with many others on the 60th Anniversary tour of Holland. *Betty Taylor Hill*

GENERAL PATTON'S PRAYER

This is the prayer Gen. George Patton requested of his chaplain during the crucial days of the Battle of Bastogne on the Western front in 1944. Overcast skies were preventing Allied air cover, and Patton's tanks, chomping to be let loose, had to be held in check. The general asked his chaplain to print 250,000 cards for each soldier in the Third Army, with the following prayer:

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among men and nations."

The general's command grew out of some surprisingly clear theological reflection on his part: "Chaplain, I am a strong believer in

prayer. There are three ways that men get what they want: by planning, by working and by praying. Any great military operation takes careful planning, or thinking. Then you must have well-trained troops to carry it out; that's working. But between the plan and the operation there is always an unknown. That unknown spells defeat or victory, success or failure. It is the reaction of the actors to the ordeal when it actually comes. Some people call that getting the breaks; I call it God. God has His part, or margin, in everything. That's where prayer comes in." The prayer was said, the skies cleared and the tanks lurched forward in a race to close the trap on a German salient. It was only in keeping with a long tradition, therefore, that on the Friday following September 11, 2001, President Bush led the nation in a prayer asking the blessings of Providence upon the cause of liberty.

REUNION TIME!!

SNOWBIRD REUNION - FEBRUARY 4 AND 5, 2005

As Harry Nivens stated earlier in his note, our ranks are getting smaller, however, we encourage those who can to meet us at the Snowbird Reunion in Kissimmee, Florida on February 4 and 5, 2005. Some may not have received the latest Screaming Eagle magazine which has the registration forms, so we are including copies of these forms here. We do hope to see you at the reunion. Company I has traditionally met each year at this place, and we will await you in the lobby of the Ramada Gateway Plaza Hotel on the morning of Feb. 4th and throughout the event.

This is a wonderful place for not only veterans to get together, but also, a goldmine for those of us who love and respect these veterans, to talk with them and gather interesting stories and information from them. It's a good opportunity to let them know how much they mean to us and to our country.

Notice the deadline, Jan 5th, send in your registration form and include the fee which includes the Saturday night dinner. (It's the highlight of the reunion and seating is limited). This fee also helps to pay for the lunches served by the host. A hotel registration form is included, but you can phone the hotel for a reservation. From the airport, the Mears Transportation Company offers shuttle service for all flights (my roundtrip shuttle ticket with Mears is \$29). Call or email me if I can be of help with information, and a contact name is on the registration form. See you in Kissimmee.

Betty, 281-277-3787 or bjth23@yahoo.com

A registration form for a cruise continuing the reunion from Kissimmee is also included. Contact the name on this form for any help or information regarding the cruise.

Here are some internet links to the hotel, transportation, and the 101st Airborne Association's Screaming Eagle official website where you can also find reunion information under "reunions and upcoming events".

www.screamingeagle.org www.ramadagateway.com www.mearstransportation.com

Please help us keep updated on your address, phone number and e-mail address.

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16505 La Cantera Pkwy #921
San Antonio, TX 78256

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Mrs. Wilfred (Eva) Matte
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Agawam, MA 01001

New Address:

Betty T. Hill
2222 Settlers Way Blvd. # 914
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Phone: 281-277-3787

Look for the next Poopsheet around the first week of March 2005. Send your thoughts and news.
Robert J. (Bob) Hartzell, 313 Wentz St., Tiffin, OH 44883-1953 Phone: 419-447-0448

Let's continue to remember in prayer and other support the brave troops who still fight for freedom in our world.

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FEBRUARY 4-5, 2005**

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Questions?
Call Jim Patton at:
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or
email Jim at:
WWII501@aol.com

Mail payment to: Florida Sunshine State Chapter
 101st Airborne Division Association
 P.O. Box 214723
 South Daytona, FL 32121

Hotel Reservations may be made by calling toll free: (800) 327-9179, daily 8:00 a.m. to
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 special room rate of \$61.00, plus tax per night.

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**2005 SNOWBIRD REUNION
FEBRUARY 4-5, 2005
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA**

Hotel

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**Cruise with the 101 Airborne Division!
Snow Bird Reunion Cruise 2005**

4 night Bahamas Cruise on Carnival's Fantasy out of Port Canaveral on February 6, 2005 starting at \$545.36 per person. Price for outside cabin and includes port charges, taxes and transfers from Orlando International Airport.

or

7 night Western Caribbean cruise on Holland America's Veendam out of Tampa on February 5, 2005 starting at \$993.60 per person. Price for outside cabin and includes port charges, taxes and transfers from Tampa Airport.

** Prices are based on availability and subject to change until booked.

Please contact: Deborah Turner ACC, DS
Travel Manager
AAA Travel
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Nashville, TN 372115
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LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS AND YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE ONE....

- 1) When allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it) and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).
- 2) German ME-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City but it wasn't worth the effort.
- 3) German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.
- 4) Among the first "Germans" captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until they were captured by the US Army.....

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From the Putnam County News and Recorder, Cold Springs NY, *November 10, 2004*

Veterans to be Celebrated at New Windsor Cantonment Veterans from American History will be remembered as New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site opens for a special open house celebrating Veterans Day. From 10 am through 4 pm, living history and demonstrations highlight the first American veterans, the citizen-soldiers of America from the early 1600s through the Civil War. Historic Temple Hill, where George Washington's army spent the last years of the Revolutionary War, will be alive with activity on Thursday, November 11, in honor of American veterans of all wars. For more information, please call 845-561-1765.

The cantonment was originally home to 7,500 soldiers and 500 of their family members in 1782 and 1783, and is now home to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, a growing institution that gathers the stories of America's combat wounded military personnel. Guests can see exhibits on the dangers American faced during the wars of the 20th century, and learn more about the stories of some of over one and a half million recipients of the Purple Heart. A scale model displays plans for a new facility that will be the nation's only museum dedicated to those who earned the Purple Heart.

On site, guests can visit the "Temple of Virtue," re-constructed on the site of the original building, the setting of George Washington's greatest victory, the speech that held his army together when the threat of a rebellion threatened to tear the army apart. Here too the officers gathered stories of the candidates for the "Badge of Military Merit," the Continental Army's highest award for enlisted men and the inspiration for the modern Purple Heart.

The public is also encouraged to thank veterans personally by attending one of the many local ceremonies honoring veterans at 11 am. Each year, Veterans Day is celebrated at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, corresponding with the anniversary of the Armistice, the peace that ended World War I.

Located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300), the historic site was the final winter encampment of the American Revolution. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is actively collecting the names and stories of recipients for inclusion in an interactive computer archive, museum exhibits and educational programs for students and the general public. If you are a Purple Heart veteran or know of such a veteran whose story should be told, please contact the historic site at 845-561-1765.

CO. I, 502 PARACHUTE



ROBERT HARTZELL

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

SOME ITEMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM OUR COMPANY I ACCUMULATION AND ARE LISTED HERE:

FROM BOB HARTZELL: If you want any of these items listed below, they are yours simply by asking for them, and they are yours at no charge.

Items available are: Company I picture taken at Fort Bragg in 1943 - Roster of names of the men in this Company I picture - Company I pre-Normandy Invasion Roster of May 1944 - Company I Holland Invasion Roster of September 17, 1944 - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the French Croix de Guerre with Palm to the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the Belgian Fourragere 1940 to the 101st - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm to the 101st - Copy of the Award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment - Copy of the Citation for the Award of the Dutch Orange Lanyard to the 101st - Copy of the Award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 101st Airborne Division - Pamphlet on how you can receive your Medals and Awards - Sterling Miniature Paratroopers Wings and 101st Insignia Combination Pins, given to us to distribute to you by Mrs. John (Elmeda) Lachkovic-Hill - Company I cassette tape made in 1980, recalling the names of Company I men killed in action, and those who died since 1945 - Copy of the Citation of a Qualified Paratrooper given at Fort Benning, Georgia - Cassette tape of "D-Day Jump June 6, 1944" by NBC reporter Wright Bryant, as seen by him from Col. Robert G. Cole's plane - Copy of an 8-1/2-11 picture of a fully equipped paratrooper ready to make a Combat Jump - List of all Company I men who were killed in action, along with their date of death - List of all the men who ever served in Co. I