



Company I Poopsheet



Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne

February 2005

Mrs. Sybil (Denver) Hatfield, PO Box 162, Pawnee OK 74058 - Hi Bob, Merry Christmas, I cut this (article from *Stilwater NewsPress*, Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, "Belgians Remember Battle of the Bulge") thought you might want to read it. I hope you are doing okay now. I would like 3 or 4 of the miniature paratrooper wings for my grandchildren. Also, a list of all the men who ever served in Co. I. My husband, Denver was in the 101 Airborne. Thank you, Sybil
(Bob is happy to send these items to Sybil).

From the *Stilwater NewsPress*
By Robert Wielaard, AP

BASTOGNE, Belgium -- Amid snow flurries and a chilling wind, Belgium's King Albert II honored U.S. Soldiers who died fighting Nazi Germany 60 years ago in the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle for American forces in war.

Veterans from across the United States returned Saturday to find this market town that was at the center of the fighting much as it was on that bitter cold December in 1944 -- covered in snow and buffeted by wind. The old soldiers, wearing military berets and caps, were greeted with warm applause, hugs and kisses from a grateful crowd that lined the streets. "I'm very happy to see so many people come out for this event," said Miasy Dumont, 68, from nearby Ludelange, Luxembourg. "This is the last time I'm sure. In 10 years there will be no more veterans." The king, joined by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Ill, led a commemoration and laid wreaths at the vast Mardasson memorial on the edge of town. The ceremony paid homage to the 19,000 American soldiers killed and about 61,000 wounded in the largest land battle for U.S. forces in WWII. The fighting also claimed 120,000 German lives. "All soldiers memorialized at this monument are part of the greatest generation," said U.S. Gen. James L. Jones, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. After the half-hour ceremony which included a U.S. honor guard from the 101st Airborne Division from Ft. Campbell, KY, veterans were driven by bus from the towering memorial back to the center of town.

One there, they again enjoyed warm applause from crowds lining the main street to the town square and attended a sound and light show and a parade of WWII vehicles. The day began with a parade of veterans, marching bands, WWII-era jeeps, trucks and ambulances through Bastogne. The vehicles rumbled past the town's central square, named for Anthony MacAuliffe, the acting commander of the 101st Airborne division, whose paratroopers repulsed repeated attacks. On Dec. 22, 1944, MacAuliffe was given two hours to surrender by the Germans or face "total annihilation." His now famous reply, "Nuts!"

A commemorative throwing of nuts was also to take place at the square. There were guided walks along the defensive perimeter south of Bastogne that was relieved by Patton's Third Army, which rushed north from France to help defeat the Germans. The battle raged for six weeks across the Ardennes hills of southern Belgium and Luxembourg, but the market town of 14,000 bore the brunt of the fighting. "The American veterans who have returned 60 years later to the battle site represent those who gave their lives on our soil so that today we can live free," Bastogne Mayor Philippe Collard said in French at a memorial honoring U.S. Gen. George S. Patton. He added in English: "We will never forget. You are home here." Rising out of the Champagne fields of northern France, the Ardennes highlands sweep across southeastern Belgium, cover much of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, then flow into western Germany's Eiffel range. Sixty years ago, their valleys, trout streams and rolling hills were the scene of Hitler's last gamble.

His panzer divisions smashed through the forests, catching the Allies by surprise and driving the front westward in a "bulge" that ran deep into Belgian territory. There was so much destruction that it's impossible to know exactly how many people were killed in action, how many went missing and how many were wounded. The battle drew in more than 1 million troops -- 600,000 Germans, 500,000 Americans and 55,000 Britons -- who fought in bitter cold from Dec. 16, 1944 to Jan. 25, 1945. The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in Arlington, VA,

says 19,000 American troops died in the battle. The Mardasson Memorial on the edge of Bastogne is built on the spot where German artillery bombarded the Americans in the town, honoring the U.S. forces killed and wounded during the Ardennes offensive. The memorial bears the names of U.S. Army units that participated in the action as well as the names of the then 48 U.S. states in bronze letters. There is also a plaque bearing a Latin inscription saying: "Liberatoribus Americanis Populus Belgicus Memor," or "The Belgian People Remember Their American Liberators."

John Francis (Jack) and Virginia (Ginny) Farrell, 5767 Cypress Circle, Tallahassee, FL
Jack and Ginny enjoyed the 60th Anniversary tour to Holland in Sept. even though Jack had heart surgery just two months earlier. Upon his return home, he learned he also had lung cancer. He underwent the chemo and radiation treatments. Jack and Ginny were married in November 2005. Jack passed away on Jan. 2, 2005.

John Francis Farrell, 79, a retired timber salesman, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at his home. The service will be at 11 a.m. EST Thursday at Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193), with burial at the VFW Post No. 330 Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. EST Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. A native of Philadelphia, he moved to Tallahassee from Levittown, Pa., in 1984. He was an Army veteran of World War II, where he served with the 101st Airborne Division and participated in the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart



for wounds he received in action in October 1944. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 1075. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Farrell; a son, John Farrell of Tallahassee;

two daughters, Joanna Yarbrough of Jacksonville and Anne Farrell-Rhyne of Tallahassee; three grandchildren, Kathy Yarbrough and Scott Yarbrough, both of Jacksonville, and Melissa Farrell of Tallahassee; and two stepchildren, Sean O'Farrell of Tallahassee and June Farrell of Orlando. *Published in the Tallahassee Democrat on 1/4/2005.*

Ray and Ann Hershner, 5427 37th St. N. Arlington, VA 22207, Phone 703-538-4411. Ray spent Christmas and New Years Day in the hospital, having gone in on Dec. 22nd. He went in with pneumonia then developed a bladder problem, had surgery which revealed a prostate problem as well, so it made for a long hospital stay. In early January, Ann also got pneumonia and recovered at home.



Ivan Raymond Hershner, Jr. died on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 in Northern Virginia. He was the beloved husband of Ann Dillon Hershner. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, three sons and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, (703) 536-6606 on Monday, January 31, 2005 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CEDARS Home for Children Foundation, 620 N. 48th Street, Suite 110, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504.

Published in The Washington Post on 1/28/2005.

Fred and Dolores Kraus, 41143 Murfield Dr. E, Bradenton, FL 34203, Phone 941 753 8779. In a phone call with Betty Hill on Jan. 13, Dolores said they have canceled their Snowbird reservations. Fred just isn't walking well enough and is on a strict medication schedule so it is best they do not attend this year. They send best wishes to everyone.

Celso and Mary Garcia, 359 62nd St., N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87105, Ph: 505 831 0377. Celso and Mary enjoyed the 60th Anniversary tour of Holland and Normandy. Joining them was their son, Tony, of New York City. NY. These photos are Celso, in WWII uniform, and in Sept. 2004 at the dinner in Best, Holland.



Celso Garcia, WWII and Today

Robert and Estelle Molsberry, 382 Glenwood Pines Ct. Grass Valley, CA 95945-7854 Dear Bob and families. Dec. 20, 2004, May the angels watch over you and guide your way at Christmas time and always, Just a note to say hello. We have both had a little stroke that did not slow us down too much. Bob is recuperating from pneumonia. Left him with a cough for some time. Daughter had major surgery and our son has really helped us so much as Bob can't drive now. Bob has an aide come in 3 days a week. Besides exercising him and walking when weather permits, she does some of my housework. Really helps us. I'm getting a wheel walker as I am too unsteady to depend on my cane. Will keep me from falling. Hope things are going well for you. May not do cards next year. Are you going to Snowbird? You are lucky to have Aggie! Always like to touch base with you. Love, Estelle & Bob Molsberry

Mrs. A.J. Manuel, 609 McArthur St., Bossier City, LA 71111, Jan. 14, 2005, Dear Mr. Hartzell, I'm Sildney Manuel, widow of Anson John Manuel. I'm writing to ask for some of the items that was mentioned in the Poopsheet. (Photos and rosters and citation copies, etc.) Anson could never get the war off his mind. He talked about the guys all the time. I feel like I know them. Anson will be gone 18 years on March 8, 2005. I have forgotten lots that he told. There are things I can pass down to his family. Thanks and God bless us all. The check is to help on expenses. Sildney Manuel

Joseph and June Hennessey, 32 Avenue B, Beacon Falls, CT 06403, Dec. 13, 2004, Have a wonderful Christmas time made up of these – happiness, laughter and warm memories and have a very good new year. Hope all is going well with you and your family. We have had a nightmare with our daughter, Doreen. She had an operation and they cut her bowel and didn't admit it for 6 days, by then it was almost too late. We are staying with her because she's very ill and has to have another operation. We're in the process of trying to sell our house and we bought a condo near my daughter. Also we own the mobile home in Sarasota, FL. Tough paying for 3 places! It's great getting the Poopsheet. Betty and you do a great job. Take care, I'll write again, June and Joe

J. Kocol, 4112 So Ho Ave. Omaha, NE 68107, Dec. 21, 2004, May all the beauty of this wondrous season fill your heart with peace and joy. Enclosed is a donation to Poopsheet in memory of my brother, Louis J. Morong. Josephine Kocol

Mabel Howell, P.O. Box 528, Aberdeen, MS 39730, Dec. 13, 2004, Best wishes for the holidays and the coming new year. Have a wonderful holiday. Been trying to decide about going to the reunion in Feb. Always great to hear from you. Wonder if you might get to go to Fla. Enjoy Aggie's emails! Thanks for all the work on Poopsheet. As ever, Mabel Howell

Robert and Alicia Tripp, P. O. Box 27, Heath, MA 01346, Dec. 13, 2004, May the blessings and joy of this Christmas season be with you throughout the coming year. Stay in good health and we'll see you in Feb. in Florida. Bob and Alicia Tripp.

Mrs. L. Yzquierdo, 51 Bonner Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304, Dec. 04, 2004, Wishing you joy and every blessing at Christmas and always. Dear Bob, sending you my love and prayers and to all our GI guys. Pray for them all. May the angels watch over them. Your friend, Mrs. Louis Yzquierdo

Kay and Walt Murdock, 7220 Quartz Hill Rd., Placerville, CA 95667, Dec. 14, 2004, May Christmas bring the gift of peace that lasts throughout the year. Will not make it to the reunion in Feb. Maybe in 2006. All is well here. Enjoy the Poopsheet. Hope you are feeling better. (EDITOR'S NOTE: They did make the reunion.)

Donald O'Neill, (Email) Nov. 23, 2004. Dear Ones, just a brief update on Patricia. As you know she has cancer in both lungs and yesterday we had to hospitalize her with a case of pneumonia. She is in Doctor's Hospital here in Sarasota and doing fairly well. Will keep you posted. Sincerely, Don O.

Ed Mobley, (Barbara Slover, his daughter, Email), Nov. 29, 2004, Here's an update on Dad, he's been back in the hospital for a week once again. He went in for 5 stents on the right artery on Nov. 18. He is doing okay. Hope you had a wonderful turkey day! We had about 25 for lunch from dad to the youngest, my great granddaughter, Kenzie L'wren Green born on Jan. 16, 2004, two days after Dad's birthday. She is the first of the fifth generation. Hope to see you in February. Barbara (EDITOR'S NOTE: Ed and family did make the reunion.)

CHESTER'S CRICKET



In this January, 2002 photo, Chester Elliott, of Item Co., 502 PIR, demonstrates how he held his cricket for signaling purposes in Normandy. Note that his index finger merely stabilizes the brass portion of the device, while his thumb presses the spring steel snapping plate. This is the most efficient way to elicit the sharp, desired 'click-clack' sound from the cricket.

(Editor's note: These stories (Elliott and Dulaney) are from Mark Bando's website www.101airborneww2.com .

Lt Jack F. Dulaney, I/502



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In Normandy, Lt Dulaney received a through and through bullet wound to the upper arm, but refused evacuation. On 8 June, 1944, near Houesville, France, he received a suicidal order from LTC Cole to lead his platoon in an attack across open ground toward three MG42 positions which were cross-firing.

Lt Dulaney told his men that he was going to charge the nearest German MG position by himself, and: "There's not a damn man to follow, unless I make it." Dulaney charged across the exposed ground and about 2/3 of the way across the field was struck down by German bullets. His platoon Sgt, Ralph Casas, ran out and flopped down beside the lieutenant. He placed him on his back and crawled back to safety with him. During this evacuation from the battlefield, the lieutenant was struck 2 or 3 more times by bullets. Lt Dulaney received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster, and the Silver Star, but his WW2 combat days were over. As a result of his serious wounds, he spent three years in 5 different hospitals, and underwent 3 operations. He was retired as a captain of infantry with 100% disability. In 1947, he married Jerry Wolf. He returned to college and received an advanced degree in chemical engineering from the University of Tennessee. He had a long, successful career with the Allied Chemical and Dye Company. In the 1970's he changed careers and became an independent commodities broker. In the 1980's his wounds which had never completely healed, began to cause him severe problems and he died 12 May 1988 in Atlanta, GA, of blood poisoning, at the age of 67. Thanks to Claire Wolf and Allie Mae Beall (Cole) for the photo and the biographical information on Lt Dulaney.

SNOWBIRD REUNION, February 4-5, 2005, in Kissimmee, Florida was attended by Walter and Kay Murdock; Earl Ralph Kelly and his son, Anthony, Joseph and June Hennessey; Joanie and Harry Nivens, and five of their family members; Ed and Clara Mobley, and Ed's daughter, Barbara Slover and husband, Cecil Slover; Robert and Alicia Tripp, with their daughter and two grandsons, and Betty Taylor Hill. Ginny Muncy Farrell came by for a short visit at the reunion on Friday. Five of our Dutch friends were also in attendance, along with many other 101st veterans and friends and families from across the country.

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Company I Treasury Report

Since our last Treasury Report in June, we received \$100.00 in donations. We had a balance of \$836.79, giving us a balance of \$936.79. Our expenses are \$180.87 for printing and mailing our June Poopsheet and \$221.77 for printing and mailing our October Poopsheet, leaving us a balance of \$534.15, prior to this issue.

(Editor's note: Send your donations to Bob Hartzell at 313 Wentz St., Tiffin, OH 44883)

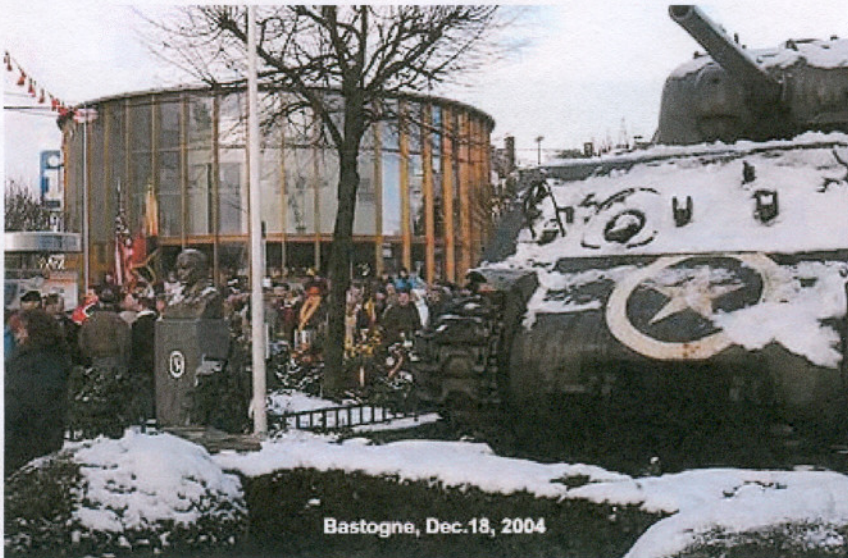
Make your plans now for the 60th Annual Reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association in Tampa Bay, Florida August 10th - 13th, 2005

The 60th Annual Reunion Will Be Hosted By The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, in Tampa Florida
Information is attached and

For more information call or e-mail Jim Joiner at junglejim101@juno.com Reunion Chairman:

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December 2004, Bastogne, the 60th Anniversary celebration. The weather is much the same as 60 years ago. Photos by Peter van de Wal



Bastogne, Dec.18, 2004



Scenes from the town center of Bastogne. The crowd at the statue of Anthony MacAuliffe and grave marker of George S. Patton, Jr.



McAuliffe Statue



Mardasson Memorial Bastogne

The Mardasson Memorial at Bastogne.



W. Murdock, J. Hennessey, R. Tripp, E.R. Kelly, E. Mobley, H. Nivens - 2/05

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

Below: Earl Kelly and Bob Jones

Joe Hennessey, Hank and Trudy van Zelderren, June Hennessey

Bottom Row: Robert Tripp family

Kay and Walter Murdock



Earl Ralph Kelly, I/502 and Robert E. (Bob) Jones, H/502



Kay & Walter Murdock

June, Petra & Joe

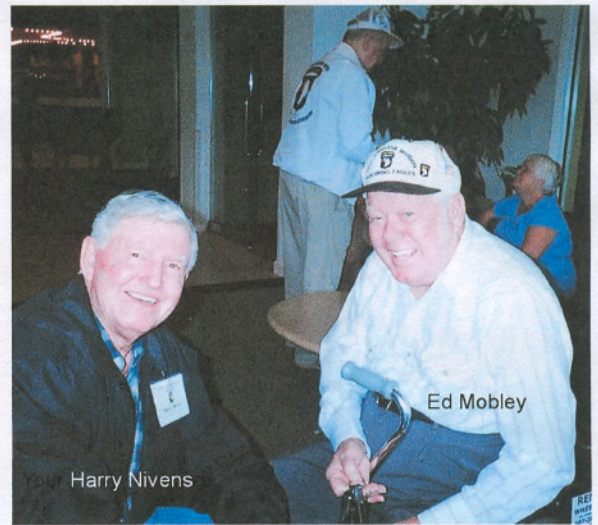


Earl Ralph Kelly I/502

Mark Bando, Historian



Jan Coolen, Robert Tripp and Earl Kelly - Snowbird Feb. 05



Harry Nivens

Ed Mobley



(Above) Jóanie and Clara

(Right) Piet and Matthew from Eindhoven

