



Company I Poopsheet

Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne

August 2008

Morning Prayer

God, give me eyes that I may see
 the treasures You have given me,
 and give me ears, that I may hear,
 the words of faith that keep You near.
 Lord give me strength when I am weak,
 and may Thy goals be those I seek.
 Grant me courage when I'm alone
 and when I face the great unknown.
 Send me a friend when I'm in need,
 and let me do a noble deed
 that others, too, might somehow see
 The One who lives and works through me .
 Author: Clay Harrison

Our thanks to Lisa and Harriet van Berkel, Son, Holland for the above prayer.

Curtis (Curt) Hahn, son of Ernest O. Hahn, I-502, Jeanette, PA, May 7, 2008... Thanks for all that you do. A donation in honor of my dad enclosed.

Ed and Clara Mobley, Lawty, FL... May 6, 2008, Ed's daughter writes: Dad has been in the hospital then in the nursing home and back in the hospital and now is back home. He is doing better, the biggest problem has been the UTI's they kept him in the bed for so long he lost the use of his legs. He is walking a little at a time., He has home nurses to help them and a good will to help the nurses help him walk again. all in all we are doing as good as can be. We send everyone good wishes and blessings from Florida. Barbara and Cecil Slover

Autahor/101 Historian Mark Bando
 Visits 2/506th Infantry in Afghanistan
www.101airborneww2.com

As many of you know, Bando spent the month of April, 2008 with Company B, 2/506th Infantry, the new 'Band of Brothers', as they began a 15 month deployment in southern Afghanistan. The ultimate purpose of this visit was to gather material for some

then & now books, comparing our present-day heroes with the troopers of WW2. B Co. is the 2nd rifle company in 2/506th, as Easy Co. was in WW2- this is how we arrived at the current lineage. The photo above was taken at sundown 4-25-08, near Kalay, Afghanistan, on a ridge defended by machine-gunners of B/2/506th Infantry . **Air Assault on 24 April, 2008**



I had the honor of going into an air assault on one of



many helicopters bearing two rifle companies of 2/506th. The target area was a village 45 minutes by air from Kandahar. It is suspected that the Taliban is making bombs to plant on Highway A-1 there, and using the area as a sanctuary. We hit a cold LZ and mostly discovered that the locals were hiding and the Taliban had retreated to caves in a nearby mountain. I took the photo above that afternoon, after elements of B Co. had secured the village. This assault was uneventful, although one of the Terps (Afghani interpreters) threw-up in his chopper enroute to the LZ, causing several B Co. men to also toss their cookies. Fortunately, this didn't happen on the bird I was riding-in.

Much more photo coverage will be presented in my books, which I hope to have in print before Christmas of 2009.

Flying over to the middle east with 1st Bn 506th from Ft Campbell, we rode commercial airliners (Miami Air), but starting in Manas and on my return flights with the 508th, it was all military aircraft (C-17's and one C-5). Going over, it took us 6 days to get to our ultimate destinations, after being stuck 3 nights in Manas and several more in Bagram. In fact 1st Bn was still awaiting flights to FOB Salerno at the time I left them for Kandahar. Coming back, I was two nights in Bagram, three in Manas and one in Germany.

Editor: Read more about the soldiers and their experiences from Mark's website: www.101airborneww2.com (Eagle Talk)

502 PIG TALE

The 'Pig' Story ! (Amos Almeida B/502 PIR) Champs, Belgium

On 9-10 2008 I had the privilege to tour Bastogne with Mr. A. Almeida (86) , 3rd platoon B/502 PIR ,



Reg Jans and Amos Almeida, May 2008

and his family . For Mr. Almeida it was his first return on European soil in 64 years . Second time in Bastogne to visit the places he and his buddies fought during the siege and where he was awarded with a Bronze Star for knocking out a German tank on 25 dec 1944 , Christmas Day !

This all happened in Champs, a small hamlet of Bertogne .

The pig-story

Amos was taking cover in the vicinity of his foxhole in Champs trying not to get hit by incoming enemy shells .

A tastfull looking pig was running around the center of the village amongst some other animals that broke loose because of the shelling .

When another shell exploded , Amos noticed the pig had been killed and he didn't hesitate for a second but jumped out of his hide-out and ran towards the dead pig while pulling his trenchknife to cut out a nice piece of meat . So he did ...yummie ..food... a nice bite of porc would be the best meal he had for days and days.

When Amos returned to his former position he hung the meat on a fence pole . At the same moment he received orders to go check for more bazooka ammunition .On the double...!!!

Some time later , when he returned , while carrying bazooka shells on his front and back , he saw that the piece of meat was gone It disappeared ...vanishedbye bye food ...

I guess there was a lot of swearing ...



A few months ago at the Annual Snowbird Reunion , **Amos Almeida** ran into his buddy **Tony Lujan** B/502, (above) and started to revive old memories ...

Tony told a funny story about how he found a nice piece of pig meat hanging on a fence pole in Champs and...ate it ...!!!!!!

Tony : ' It was sooo good...!'

Amos : ' You SOAB.....@XZ!!*!..§°μ+.....!!!! '

10 May 2008 , the story continues !

I invited *Raphael Giot* , a friend of mine , to join our bunch on the second day to explore the village of Champs . Raph grew up and spent his youth in the same village . He would be great company .

Raphael came up with the suggestion to have lunch at his property in Champs , outside on the fields where he owns a small wooden 'Chalet' . A beautiful place and he wanted to have a BBQ party ! This would be *PERFECT* and a major surprise for Mr Almeida and perfect to give the 'pig'-story a happy

ending!!!!

So we had a bbq for lunch in Champs . Guess what was on the menu ...???????



PORC !!!! PORC!!! PORC!!!! Chops and Bacon !
Raphael Giot and Amos Almeida, May 2008

After 64 years , Mr. Almeida finally had his piece of pork in Champs, Belgium!

Happy ending!! !



Written by Reg Jans , Belgium, 12 may 2008

Irene Sendler, savior of Warsaw Ghetto children, dies

May 12, 2008

Irena Sendler, a Polish woman who saved thousands of Jewish children during



World War Two by smuggling them out of the Warsaw Ghetto, sits in a chair at her home in central Warsaw in this March 14, 2007 file photo. She died on Monday after a long illness, local media said. (Katarina Stoltz/Reuters)

WARSAW (Reuters) - Irena Sendler, a Polish woman who saved thousands of Jewish children during World War Two by smuggling them out of the Warsaw Ghetto, died in the Polish capital on Monday after a long illness, local media said.

Israel's Holocaust remembrance authority, Yad Vashem, said in a statement that it mourned her death.

The web portal of Poland's leading daily, Gazeta Wyborcza, said Sendler, 98, died in Plocka Street hospital early on Monday. The hospital declined to comment on the report.

Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev said: "Irena Sendler's courageous activities rescuing Jews during the Holocaust serve as a beacon of light to the world, inspiring hope and restoring faith in the innate goodness of mankind."

Using her position as a social worker, Sendler regularly entered the ghetto, smuggling around 2,500 children out in boxes, suitcases or hidden in trolleys.

The children were then placed with Polish families outside the ghetto, created by Nazi Germany in 1940 for the city's half a million strong Jewish population, and given new identities.

But in 1943 Sendler, who led the children' section of the Zegota organization which helped Jews during the war, was arrested and tortured by the Gestapo.

She only escaped execution when Zegota managed to bribe some Nazi officials, who left her unconscious but alive with broken legs and arms in the woods.

"People who stand up for others, for the weak, are very rare. The world would have been a better place if there were more of them," Marek Edelman, the last surviving commander of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, said on national television.

His sentiments were echoed by former Polish President Lech Walesa as well as religious leaders.

Sendler was honored with Israeli Yad Vashem Righteous Among the Nations medal in 1965 for her actions, and later made an honorary Israeli citizen.

She was also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize last year but, despite her bravery, she denied she was a hero.

"The term 'hero' irritates me greatly. The opposite is true. I continue to have pangs of conscience that I did so little," Sendler said in one of her last interviews.

(Writing by Gabriela Baczynska; Editing by Jon Boyle)

. From one of our airborne friends, a former Military
Policer, Michael Austing, of Dennison, OH, we
received on May 21, 2008, a note and beautiful
poem.: *(Thank you Mike and Diane for sharing)*
My wife, Diane V. Austing, penned this poem I hope
you enjoy it and remember those who have passed
away this Memorial Day

Diane lost a very close friend to so-called "friendly
fire" in Vietnam and still thinks of him. Dhe's been my
wife for almost 36 years. I refer to her as my "mail
order bride" because that's how I met her. She was
one of the young ladies who wrote to me in Vietnam
as a result of Dear Abby's "Letters to GIs Overseas"
around Christmastime 1970- the one and only good
thing that happened to me in that lifetime!

I was in the Army from June 1967 until September
1981; final 8 years as a Military Police German
Linguist, Traffic Accident Investigator and Customs
Inspector/Investigator. Mike

76 Words

(In tribute to those who served and died)

Another young face
Upon the front page
76 Words, Sums up his worth
76 Words can never unearth
How much he meant
To those he loved

76 Words can not even touch
His gentleness or even such
Small things as his twinkling eyes
That warmed so many hearts just by
Being there
For those he loved

76 Words, a bane indeed
For someone who has planted a seed
That keeps on growing
That keeps us knowing
That by rendering himself to 76 Words
It is
To those he loved

-Diane V. Austing-

Independence Day Parade



Joe (Lofty) Lofthouse, (age 89) 3rd Bn., HQ-G
(above-left) and Earl R. Kelly, (age 86), 1 Co. 502
above (right) (reversed in photo below) as usual each



year, marched in the 2-hour Independence Day
Parade in Havre de Grace, Maryland on July 5,
2008. The only WWII veterans in the parade directly
behind the US Army Band. They received standing
ovations all along the parade route. Our hats off to
these troopers as they
honor all their Brothers in
Arms. in the parade.
Joe was a radio operator
and with both Lt. Col.
Robert Cole and Major
John Stopka when they
were killed in action. In
Mark Bando's book,
"Avenging Eagles" are
several stories
contributed by Earl Kelly.



Earl R. Kelly, England 1944

A nationwide effort to thank WWII vets got its start in Enon

Earl Morse wants to fly 20,000 veterans to see the WWII memorial by year's end

By Margo Rutledge Kissell, Staff Writer

Dayton Daily News (Ohio) Sunday, May 25, 2008

The din of chatter aboard the Boeing 717 comes to a hush as Jim Salamon delivers the prayer given at the start of every Honor Flight.

"Lord, our Heavenly Father ... we pray that we have a safe and injury-free day and that you bring our precious cargo safely home to their loved ones."

Salamon, director of Dayton operations, carries on the tradition Honor Flight founder Earl Morse started. Prayer is part of the tradition, along with preparations that start months in advance.

Honor Flight runs trips out of Dayton International Airport once a month from April through November. On this May 3 flight, two nurses are aboard along with Dr. Jane Morford of Beavercreek, who is making her third trip as a guardian.

As the AirTran Airways plane touches down in Baltimore, Honor Flight volunteers and people waiting on flights greet the veterans streaming into the terminal.

Built with 300 tons of granite, the memorial honors the 16 million Americans who served in the armed forces and the millions who supported the war effort at home. More than \$197 million was raised, mostly private donations through a campaign co-chaired by former Sen. Bob Dole, a decorated World War II veteran.

The Honor Flight Network got its start on Earl Morse's dining room table in Enon. Like all great ideas, it started small. The first flight, in May 2005, brought 12 veterans to the memorial. Three years later, thanks to word of mouth and some national publicity, it has grown into a network of 71 hubs operating in 31 states. Morse is striving to have hubs in all 50 states by the end of the year.

Morse had nearly 30 years of caring for veterans when he launched Honor Flight as a nonprofit. He spent 21 years in the Air Force as a medic and physician assistant, and later worked eight years for Veterans Affairs.

The Springfield office receives 20 to 40 veterans applications a day from across the country. "We can get the applications, but if we don't have places to get them out there, we're not going to be able to get them as expeditiously as possible," Bailey said. The growth is all the more impressive when you consider

this: No veteran is charged to go. Morse refuses to accept money from any World War II veteran making the one-day trip.

Although costs have skyrocketed, the program has been able to rely on private contributions. "When you're going from a basically local organization, which this started out as, to a national organization, it's a lot of growing pains," bookkeeper Tom O'Neal said. Morse said Honor Flight brought in about \$750,000 in donations last year, including from organizations like the VFW of Ohio. Contributions have come in from a middle school in Alabama, which raised \$11,000 for a flight, to Daniel L. Whitney, better known as Larry the Cable guy, who paid \$76,000 for a charter flight out of Nebraska last week.



Pipe Corporal Jeff Burton, of the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band, leads W.W.II veterans Paul Baumgarte, of Delphos, Ohio, Frank Bates, of Hamilton, Ohio, and William Hoskins of Xenia, Ohio, into the W.W.II Memorial in Washington, DC Saturday, April 19, 2008. The three men are carrying flags from the coffins of three other Ohio W.W. II veterans who did not make it to see the Memorial before they died.

How to apply for a flight: Applications can be downloaded at www.honorflight.org. All World War II veterans travel free; guardians pay \$250.

For more information or to donate: Tax-deductible donations to the 501(c)3 nonprofit may be made at www.honorflight.org or by calling (937) 521-2400.

Checks also may be sent to Honor Flight, Inc. at 300 E. Auburn Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45505. email at veteran-application@Honorflight.org

We hope the Honor Flight is available soon in all states. Veterans, Send you application so you'll be signed up.

Fred and Dolores Kraus, 8100 Clio Road # 317, Dayton, OH 45458. May 20, 2008, Fred and I have moved out of Florida into a Retirement Rehab-Health Center in Ohio to be nearer to our son and family. Fred is being taken care at the Health Center here. He shares a room with another patient. His health has declined since last year. He is diabetic and that contributes to his health problems. He is doing fairly well, but it is not easy. I live in an apartment on the same campus and visit him every day. We miss the lake and weather but glad our son lives nearby. Say "Hello" to all and wish them the very best. We enjoy the Poopsheet. I'm enclosing a few dollars for expenses. Dolores

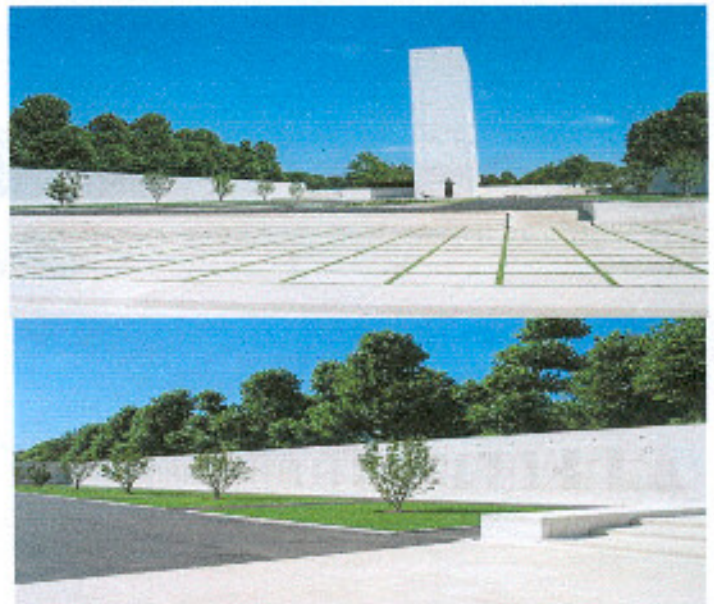


2003 Snowbird Reunion, L-R, Fred Kraus, Dolores Kraus, June Hennessey, Joe Hennessey, I Co. 502.

We have learned from the newsletter "Nieuws/News", of the Association for Adopting Graves at the American Cemetery, Margraten, Netherlands , April 2008

A milestone reached With the allocation of the adoption of the remaining graves at the American Cemetery, the foundation has reached its first milestone. Almost all **8,301** graves of fallen American liberators have been adopted. A certificate with details of the adopted, as mentioned on the grave stones has gone out to not only to the adoptive fathers who not only live in the Netherlands and Belgium, but certificates have even found their way to Germany, France and Switzerland Providing that these adoptive fathers are able to meet the requirements.

The Walls of the Missing The Board of the American Cemetery has agreed, that also the names of the fallen liberators on the Walls of the Missing can be put up for adoption. In these wall s the names of **1,722** fallen American liberators are carved, whose bodies have never been found or could not have been identified, the so-called Missing. **48** names are marked with a bronze rosette, meaning that they



have been recovered at a later stage. For the adoption of the names on the Walls of the Missing the normal rules apply. For this the adoptive father will al so receive a certificate with details of the missing liberator.

Did you know, that:

- on May 4th (national commemoration of the dead) the cemetery is open during the evening hours as well
- it is not allowed to bring pets to the cemetery
- 4 women are buried in the cemetery of Margraten
- 40 pairs of brothers are buried alongside each other during the ceremony
- on Memorial Day as well as during the Requiem the cemetery is open to all public
- over 100 names on the Walls of the Missing already have been adopted by friends of the Jack Million Band; a Limburgian band containing of professional musicians form Maastricht and surroundings.
- They regularly perform Glenn Miller music in America.
- the foundation has purchased over 1,000 vases
- all work of the foundation is done by volunteers
- the text of this newsletter available is in Dutch as well as English
- on our website (www.adoptiegraven-margraten.nl). you can listen to the SOli *Do You Remember*. One more reason to visit our website.
- from September 12th 2008 and the week following, there is a photo exposition WWII from the author Armand Blau from Harlingen in the town hall of Margraten.
- For more information please visit the website www.margraten.nl during that period.

Republican American, Waterbury, CT, Sunday, May 25, 2008 (excerpt from article)

Never to be Forgotten Strangers across the sea remember sacrifices of American soldiers

BY MICHAEL DOOLING | REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN



Maurice Coenen places flower on the grave of Robert E. Doran at the Margraten Cemetery in

The Netherlands. (Bart Dilweg / Contributed)

Doran, as a member of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment (101st Airborne Division) was part of the invasion force at Normandy. In fact, he was one of the "pathfinders" who were among the first to parachute into Normandy – before the formal invasion started – in order to mark landing zones for the troops to follow. A few months later he parachuted behind enemy lines in The Netherlands as part of Operation Market Garden. Doran was the radio operator for Lt. Col. Robert G. Cole, who later received the Medal of Honor. During a firefight on Sept. 18, Doran had to adjust his position to improve radio reception and was struck and killed by a sniper's bullet. Twenty minutes later, Lt. Col. Cole was killed in a similar manner.

Runway at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport closed after World War II bomb unearthed

Associated Press- Minneapolis Star Tribune

June 3, 2008 - 5:24 AM

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport has closed one of its five runways after a World War II bomb was unearthed during excavations nearby.

Army explosives experts say the 500-pound (226-kilogram) British bomb must remain still for 54 hours because it was moved during its discovery by workers building a road.

Bert van Denham from the local municipality says the bomb is expected to be removed on Thursday. Schiphol spokeswoman Kathelijne Vermeulen said Tuesday that flights are being diverted to other runways at the airport and no delays are expected.



Photos courtesy of Nellie van Loo, BelgiumThe 2nd Annual European Trigger Time Convention in Eerde, Holland, led by Mark Bando on first weekend in June 2008. A group gathered at Eerde and



moved to other locations over the weekend. The group enjoyed learning of the events from WWII from Mark and others. The



group changed from day-to-day as people joined and left also for events of D-Day in Normandy. The next Trigger Time event in the U.S. will be in Chicago, gust.2008...see Mark's website



www.101airbornenww2.com (Eagle Talk or Forum) for more information on the August Chicago convention. Mark told some assorted tales about the corridor as well as the 502nd victims of the Riegel Mines explosion on the island on 22 October, 1944. He told about the bank job done in Elst, Holland (especially for those of Elst in attendance) by a United Nations team of military criminals in October, 1944. Also about **Walter Presley** and **Lt. Molsberry (I-502)** in the battle at the Linge Canal.

July 4th, 2008, Ed Mobley's daughter Barbara wrote: Dad is doing very well. His health is so much better for now. He can't walk very far. Clara takes a wheel chair wherever they go. His legs are not as strong as they used to be. He gets tired fast. We send all our prayers to all the 101st. Looking forward to seeing everyone in February. When you get some information as to where the hotel is located, let me know. Cecil & Barbara Slover, Ed and Clara Mobley

Teresa Callery, widow of Patrick J. Callery, Medic, I Company 502. July 5th. In a phone call, Teresa is doing well, living in Long Island, NY with her daughter, and makes regular visits back to Connecticut with her family there and enjoying all the grand-and great-grand children. Teresa sends her love and best wishes..

W. Harold Parham, I/502, 5151 Yacht Club Rd., Jacksonville, FL, 32210... July 5th in a phone call Dr. Parham said he's recently had 3 strokes and a pacemaker and hasn't been feeling well of late. He asked about his buddies in Item Company.

Robert (Bob) Hartzell, I/502, 313 Wentz St, Tiffin, OH 44883.. July 5th, Bob send his love. He reports that he's doing as well as usual, and has family of grandchildren living with him who see that he is well cared for each day.

Louis B. Dunch, and wife, Mary Ann, (I/502) 309 Sherman Ave., Shannon, PA 16146. July 5th. In a phone call to them, Louis was not home. Mary Ann said that Louis had been sick but is now well and able to care for her during her recent sickness.

Reg Jans, Belgium, July 5th, I'm glad to announce the official inauguration of the very first 101st ABD memorial in Bastogne. A very nice sculpture of an eagle will be placed close to the Mardasson memorial to honor ALL the troopers of the 101st. The dedication will take place on Friday 26 September at 10:00 am. There will be a 101 ABN delegation from Fort Campbell The initiative came from the city council .. Reg

We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have, of which we should be Eternally grateful;

Freedom Isn't Free...

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze,

A young Marine saluted it, And then he stood at ease.. I looked at him in uniform, So young, so tall, so proud,

With hair cut square and eyes alert He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men Like him had fallen through the years;

How many died on foreign soil. How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea

How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night, when everything was still,

I listened to the bugler play, and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant 'Amen.'

When a flag had draped a Coffin of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,

Of fathers, sons and Husbands with interrupted lives;

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

No, freedom isn't free.

Enjoy Your Freedom & God Bless Our Troops

(author unknown)

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our servicemen. Of all the gifts you could give a soldier, Prayer is the best.

SNOWBIRD REUNION - FEB. 2009

Changes in time and location in 2009..... Due to the Super Bowl in Tampa on the 1st weekend of February, the reunion will be in Tampa, Florida, the weekend of February 13-14, with Friday and Saturday being the official reunion days. More information will follow as it comes along... Check www.screamingeagle.org website and The Screaming Eagle Magazine this Fall.

Hope to see many Item Company people there.

Photo: Earl R. Kelly and Ivan Raymond Hershner (I/3/502) at a Snowbird Reunion. Ray Hershner passed away in 2005.



Expense Report

Balance before last issue (May 2008)	\$276
Contributions received	110
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Balance before printing this issue	\$226

Funds are low, but we will continue with another issue as funds come in. Thank you to all our contributors.
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HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

APO 472, U.S. Army

30 November 1945

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DUTCH ORANGE LANYARD

Awarded under Ministerial Decree No. P 203, 20 September 1945, by the Netherlands Minister of War.

Under authority contained in TWX, file SC 32869, United States Forces, European Theatre (Main) dated 27 November 1945, the Orange Lanyard is awarded to THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION by the Dutch Government for the period 17 September to 27 November 1944. All personnel of THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION who participated in the liberation of Holland during the period cited above are authorized to wear the Orange Lanyard, with the following Citation:

Acknowledging that the outstanding performance of duty of THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY, during the Airborne operations and the grimly determined fighting actions in the southern part of the Netherlands in the period from 17 September to 28 November 1944, has greatly contributed to the liberation of that part of the country; acknowledging also, that it is appropriate for each member of the Division who took part in the aforesaid operations, to possess a lasting memento in remembrance of this memorable struggle; decrees: That each member of THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY, who took part in the operations in the southern part of the Netherlands in the period from 17 September to 28 November 1944, is authorized to wear the Orange Lanyard of the Royal Netherlands Army.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CUTLER:

/t/ NED D. MOORE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Roosevelt R. Pease
/t/ ROOSEVELT R. PEASE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

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CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE BELGIAN FOURRAGERE 1940

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE has the honor to inform the Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division that, by order No. 1196 of his Royal Highness The Prince Regent, dated 22 October 1945, the 101st Airborne Division and attached units are cited twice in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army with the award of THE FOURRAGERE 1940, for:

1) "THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION US ARMY, landed by parachute and glider on the coast of France, 6 June 1944, and was one of the first to attack the enemy in the campaign which later liberated Europe which was occupied by the Germans. It was necessary that small detachments enter into fierce combat in many places in order to reach and unite at their assembly points. Many casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and many casualties were sustained by the division while it subdued enemy strongpoints, attacked and held vital communication centers, bridges and observation points. The success with which these missions were accomplished hindered the enemy from using reinforcements which could have caused the failure of the landing of the VII U.S. Corp, which later participated in the liberation of Belgium."

2) "By its splended resistance from 22 to 27 December 1944, in the most arduous fighting in the Battle of the Ardennes, where it held, completely isolated, the key position of Bastogne, the 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION U.S. ARMY, with attached units foiled the enemy's plans which required a complete penetration of Belgium, and served as a pivot for the Allied counter offensive which liberated the invaded territories. During the defensive operations, by their courage, their endurance, their dicipline, and the knowledge of the use of their weapons, repulsing the incessant attacks led by the elements of eight German divisions, in spite of shortages of food and material, these troops and their leaders have written one of the most glorious pages of military history, and have acquired, along with the admiration of the world, the everlasting gratitude of Belgium."

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE 1940 WITH PALM

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE has the honor to inform the Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division that, by order No. 828 of his Royal Highness The Prince Regent, dated 30 July 1945, his division is cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army with the award of the Croix de Guerre 1940, with Palm for:

"By it's splendid resistance from 22 to 27 December 1944, in the most arduous fighting in the Battle of the Ardennes, where it held, completely isolated, the key position of Bastogne, the 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION U.S. ARMY, with attached units foiled the enemy's plans which required a complete penetration of Belgium, and served as a pivot for the Allied counter offensive which liberated the invaded territories.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CUTLER:

/t/ NED D. MOORE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM
TO THE 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

Awarded under Decision No. 367, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following Citation:

THE 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT, a splended Airborne unit gave proof of extraordinary heroism in the course of the Normandy landing operations on 6 June to July 8, 1944. It parachuted before dawn behind the assault beach on 6 June and in spite of widely scattered parachute drops, succeeded in regrouping into small and effective fighting units. Attacked by enemy forces with violent fire, it nevertheless occupied positions of strategic importance for the landing of Allied seaborne troops. This action opened the way to La Douve and to the road leading to Carentan, essential for a later assault. In this way, THE 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT greatly contributed to the first phase of the liberation of France.

CO. I, 502 PARACHUTE

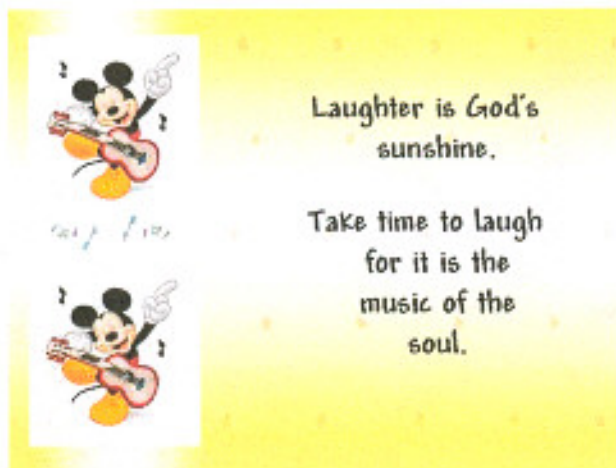
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"If you see a bomb technician running, follow him
If the enemy is in range, so are you." - *Infantry Journal*
"Tracers work both ways." - *U.S. Army Ordnance*

"A veteran - whether active duty, Retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United StatesOf America," for the amount of: "Up to and Including my Life." That is HONOR, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

~Author Unknown~