



Company I Poopsheet

Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne

May 2008

April 26 2008, **Robert Hartzell**, 313 Wentz St., Tiffin, OH 44883 Ph. 419-447-0448 A phone call with Bob, he's not feeling well, was at hospital for x-rays Friday, lying on the couch Saturday. Bob sends his love, keep him in your prayers. Take care Bob feel better soon. We love you and all of Item Company.

March 22, 2008, My name is Francisca Kuiper from Holland I'm 22 years old and I have adopted the grave of **Pvt William E Baker**. When I adopted his grave at Margraten I started to send letters to America asking for some information about William. I send a Freedom of Information Act to U.S. army human resources command and they send me William's Individual Deceased Personnel File. From that file I learned he was KIA at Best, Holland the 19th of September 1944 (this was also his birthday). He was born in 1917 so he was 27 when he died. He was first buried at the temporary cemetery at Son and dug up (I'm sorry I don't know the proper word in English) in 1948 to be reburied at Margraten cemetery. It also includes some letters that were sent to his mother Della P. Baker and his sister Elizabeth Baker about where they wanted William to be buried. There is also a list of some personal items that were sent to his mother.

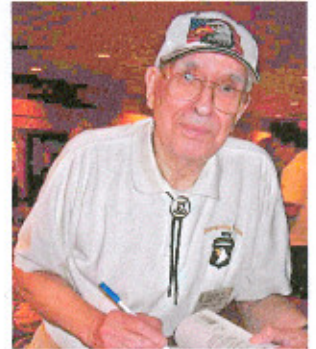
It also tells a date of entry on current active service, 16 Feb 1942. I'm guessing that was the day he went in to the army. And he had a Purple heart decoration. This is what I can tell about William E Baker, maybe some of the veterans remember something about him (or have a photograph with him in it). I don't know if you can help me, but I take every opportunity on with both hands to learn more about him. Thank you for reading my email. Greetings Francisca Kuiper



Poopsheet correction: of the names in this photo in the last issue. Photo was taken by Hans Kroon at Margraten on Memorial day 2006.

From left to right :Christiane Kroon-Sébastien, Francesca, Reg Jans, Johan van der Eede, his wife Linda Cautart, Merkava and Rianna (Francisca's friend) standing behind the white marble cross of the grave of Pvt. William E. Baker, I Co. 502, KIA 9/19/44.

George Koskimaki, March 5, 2008 writes to us: As I was filing the hundreds of requests I've received in the past 35 years from families of men, I came upon instances when I was of help to "I" Company.Today's mail brought your most welcome newsletter. I marvel at the interesting material "you write about. I too have a copy of Eaine's praise by her son. He takes after his mother on writing ability.



George Koskimaki

You will find that my next K's Korner has many of the topics you carried in your most recent one.



Kelly Stumpus

I received some of the snapshots from Lori Novotni Wait until Joe Pisano reads the next K's Korner--will he get as much of a chuckle from it as do the others who got to know him at Snowbird. I hear from Kelly Stumpus (who is on the Board of governors) that Snowbird will move to Tampa next year to get away from all the congestion at the Orlando airport. Thank you for including me in your mailing. I will do my bit to support it With warmest regards, George

FROM THE PAST

A request to George Koskimaki August 21, 1994, Josephine Kocol, Omaha, Nebraska, Dear Josephine:, Your letter was forwarded to me by 101st Association Headquarters in Sweetwater TN a few days ago. I asked people who are in the know in Holland while visiting Eindhoven during the 50th anniversary of D-Day tour what they had found out about your brother's request for information as to why

he had been awarded a particular Dutch decoration This is the 1Yay it was explained to me (as was the case in many instances where Screaming Eagles were awarded foreign decorations during and after the war)-- The Dutch Government wanted to award medals to representatives from tl1e different units of the 101st but could not decorate all the men so they did a representative presentation (units probably drew 10ts--nalties out of the hat)-- the same way the men were picked for 30 day furloughs to the States from Europe in time of battle." I know this is rather disillusioning to the families of men ,mo got such awards but I know of many such cases. I think it is great the 11ay you are memorializing your brother .(Louis J. Morong)

We are getting more and more family members as associates in the Screaming Eagle Association. This 1my they can keep tabs on what the surviving members from World War II are doing. I do my best with K ' s Korner to keep the readership informed on the carnings and goings of old buddies. I hope this short letter has been of some help. George

Editor's Note: AWARDS TO 101ST AIRBORNE - In this and the next issue we will provide text from awards to 502 PIR and 101st Airborne Division. Until his supply ran out, Bob Hartzell provided these to most Item Company families years ago and now may have been misplaced or not received them.

Dorothy M. Boyd, Santa Clara, CA (**Thomas J. Boyd**) March 27, 2008, Just a note to say hello and how sorry I am for being so late about writing and sending a donation.I've had a somewhat troublesome year (some medical problems) but I'm some better now I hope. You are doing a great job with the Poopsheet, thank you. I'm sending a check to help out. Thanks again. Yours truly, Dorothy Boyd

Joe and June Hennessey, Florida, April 5, 2008 phone call....send best wishes to everyone. They will be in Florida until May, and they hope to sell their home in Connecticut this summer and make Florida their permanent home. They are well, except Joe has problems with his feet, as do most veterans of the 1944 winter in Bastogne. .

Josephine Kokol, sister of Louis J Morong, I-502, Congratulation for your very wonderful interesting airborne newsletter of March 2008. It was so interesting. Being Polish, I found the article about David Wisnia enlightening. Let me know more about his book when published. Thank you for all your hard work!. Jo

Editor's Note: Thank you Jo, We will let you and everyone know when the book comes out.

Pearl Cornioley, Resistance Fighter Who Opposed the Nazis, Is Dead at 93

(Photo) Alain Jocard/Agence France-Presse— Getty Images, 2006 NY Times, March 11, 2008

Pearl Cornioley was known by many names in World War II. Ms. Cornioley, who was 29 when she was sent to France in 1943, commanded troops who killed 1,000 German soldiers and wounded many more — while suffering only a tiny number of casualties themselves. She presided over the surrender of 18,000 German troops.



Her unit interrupted a railway line that connected the south of France to Normandy more than 800 times in June 1944, the month of D-Day. It also regularly attacked German convoys.

Sometimes carrying a case of cosmetics to pose as a traveling saleswoman, she had many brushes with danger. She hid in a cornfield as German troops fired random shots into the field. She was almost killed by a resistance leader who doubted her identity. The Germans offered a million-franc reward for her capture.

Pearl Witherington, as she was known at the time of her wartime exploits, was British by birth and French by upbringing. Her code name was Wrestler, her nom de guerre was Pauline, and in wireless transmissions to Britain, she was "Marie."

Ms. Cornioley was an operative of the Special Operations Executive, which the British formed to support and coordinate resistance in the occupied countries of Europe. Agents from many walks of life, from business to journalism to academia, joined what was essentially a by-invitation-only club. Women were welcome because they might be viewed as less suspicious, and many proved to be excellent agents.

"The girls who served as secret agents in Churchill's Special Operations Executive were young, beautiful and brave," Marcus Binney wrote in his book "The Women Who Lived for Danger: The Agents of the Special Operations Executive" (2002).

"At a time when women in the armed forces were restricted to a strictly noncombatant role in warfare, the women of S.O.E. trained and served alongside

Pearl Cornioley

the men," he continued. "They fought not in the front line but well behind it."

Ms. Cornioley stood out. In his book "Set Europe Ablaze" (1966), E. H. Cookridge called her "one of the main pillars of the network" of the S.O.E. and the resistance fighters they supported. She was the only woman to become a network leader.

Cecile Pearl Witherington was born in Paris on June 24, 1914. A great-grandfather was a chemist who introduced the recipe for Worcestershire sauce to Lea & Perrins, and a grandfather was an architect in London, according to Mr. Binney. Her father traveled the world for a Swedish company that supplied paper for banknotes.

Her father's heavy drinking and spendthrift habits shattered the family, obituaries in British newspapers said. As the eldest of four daughters, Ms. Cornioley started working at 17 as a secretary and made extra money by teaching English at night.

When the Germans invaded France in 1940, she was working for the air attaché at the British Embassy. The family left Paris in December and followed a circuitous route to London. There, Ms. Cornioley got a job at the Air Ministry.

But she burned with anger over France's defeat and began searching for a way to fight back. Luckily, her French was superb.

"And anyway I didn't like the Germans," she was quoted as saying in an obituary in *The Independent*. "Never did. I'm a baby of the 1914-18 war."

Through an acquaintance, she found her way to the S.O.E., which she joined on June 8, 1943. In training, she was recognized as the best shot, male or female, the service had seen. The commander wrote, "Very capable, completely brave."

On the night of Sept. 22-23, she parachuted into France, near Châteauroux. Her two suitcases landed in a lake, where they were lost. Within hours, she was reunited with her French fiancé, Henri Cornioley, who had escaped from a German prison camp and joined the resistance. The two then worked closely.

This mix of love and war has caused many to see Ms. Cornioley as the inspiration for Sebastian Faulks's popular 1998 novel, "*Charlotte Gray*." In 2001, the book was made into a movie of the same name, directed by Gillian Armstrong and starring Cate Blanchett.

Ms. Cornioley insisted that romance was not her motivation for going to war. In an interview with *The Telegraph* in 2002, she said: "There was a job to be done. I didn't put my life at risk just so I could be with Henri."

But in October 1944, after being separated and

almost killed, the couple made it to London, where they married. They moved to Paris, where Mr. Cornioley worked as a pharmacist and Ms. Cornioley as a secretary for the World Bank.

He died in 1999. Ms. Cornioley is survived by their daughter, Claire.

In 1995, Ms. Cornioley published her memoirs, which she wrote with Hervé Larroque. One tale concerned a "really cute" rabbit she took everywhere with her. The rabbit was oblivious to machine-gun fire.

Ms. Cornioley received many honors, but the one that stuck in her mind was the one she turned down. That was Member of the British Empire, or M.B.E. She had been offered the civil version, not the military one.

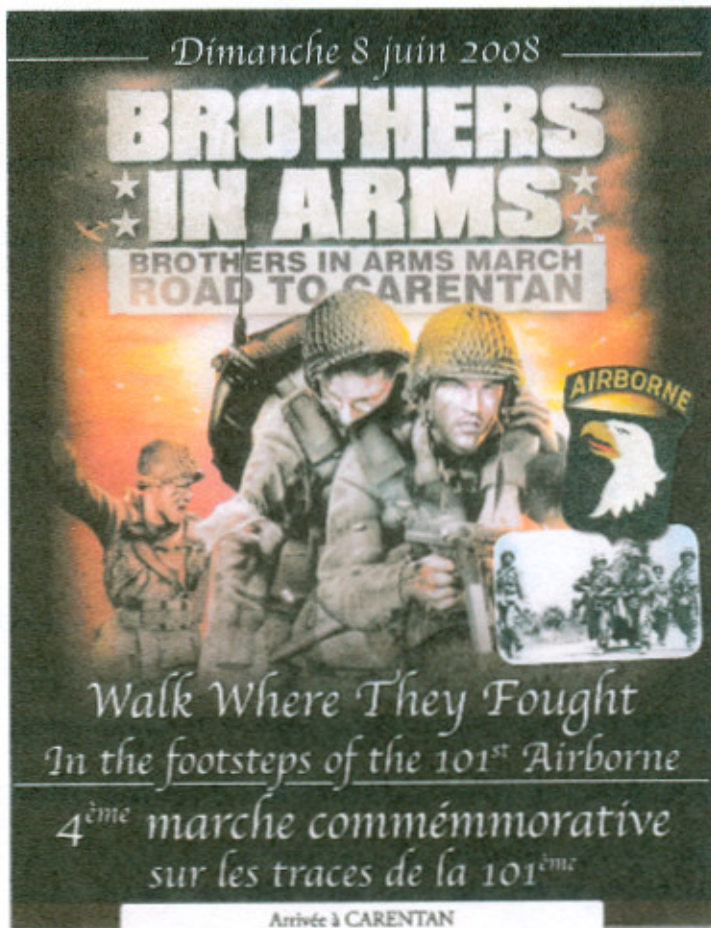
She sent an icy note saying she had had done nothing remotely "civil."

BEDSHEETS AT HEMROULLE



As follow-up to story and photo in a previous Poopsheet. This photo was in front of the church in Hemroulle, in february 1948. Major John D. Hanlon, 1st Battalion, 502nd PIR C.O. gives some white bed sheets to the mayor of Hemroulle. During the battle, he had asked villagers for white bed sheets so his men could better conceal themselves. The villagers gave all the sheets he needed. In 1948, he returned and gave two new pair of bed sheets to each family. Those were offered by the people of his hometown, Winchester. There's estimated about 10-12 homes at that time in the village. (Above photo and description courtesy Trigger Time Forum)

**Remember, as a individual you are unique.....
Just like everyone else.....**



Brothers in Arms March IV

Road to Carentan

Sunday 8 June 2008

In the footsteps of the 101st Airborne
www.d-day-publishing.be/events.html

Sunday 8 June 2008, The Carentan Historical Center in association with the Municipalities of Carentan and Saint-Côme-du-Mont, organizes his 4th historic march on the tracks of the 101st Airborne. 18 km of historic path through the Norman bocage, reserved only for groups and individual in 1944 US uniforms. Come to join us to mark with your imprint the universe of the liberators of Carentan.

Climb aboard the GMC which shall bring you in the heart of the battlefield, where the paras of the 101st Airborne faced the German parachutists of the 6 FJR. Walk at the rate of the history of the 101st, step back in the time, discover the Norman Bocage, navigate the Douve River up to the famous locks of La

Barquette by waterways, cross the Douve bridges and penetrate into Carentan by the famous "Purple Heart Lane" lead by tanks, vehicles...

- For the participants, Para and US airborne troops, 101st Airborne Division requested.

* Only the registered participants are admitted.

* Participants have to bring and carry their own food. It is advised to carry 2 canteens

- For the public, at 15:00 formation of the column of the participants and the vehicles, with veterans in head, for the descent of famous "Purple Heart Lane" and crossing of the Douve bridges. Arriving at Carentan 16:30.

9 h 00	DÉparture Place du Valnoble, Carentan (free car park)
15 h 00	Arriving at 'Dead Man's Corner Museum'. Formation of the parade
16 h 00	DÉfilÉ en direction de Carentan
17 h 00	Return car park, Place du Valnoble

Participation†: 15 euro (including transport by inland waterways) Information & registration: Carentan Historical Center Email: carentan.101@aol.com
 Tel†: +33.2.33.42.00.42

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WASHINGTON DC

Join the National Capital Area Chapter of the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division Association in commemorating our comrades and socializing with each other.

Friday, May 23:

Division Association wreath will be laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Time TBD

3 PM Hospitality Suite open at the *Sheraton National Hotel, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, Virginia*

Saturday, May 24:

10:00 AM Bus leaves the hotel for the National Mall. Division Association wreaths will be laid at the WW II Memorial, the Korean and Vietnam Wall Memorials. Informal Lunch on Return to Hotel Hospitality Suite Opens After Lunch

Sunday, May 25:

11 AM Laying of wreaths at the 101st Division Memorial.

Note: Washington Blvd. will be closed between I-395 (Shirley Hwy) and Memorial Bridge beginning at 8 AM

for Rolling Thunder.12:30 Luncheon, followed by addresses by Joe Alexander & TBDHospitality Suite opens after lunch

Monday, May 26:

1 PM Assembly for the Memorial Day Parade, which starts at 2 PM.We will Assemble on the Mall. Look for the Eagles and the Camero's.The nearest Metro station is L'Enfant Plaza – cross Independence Ave. and walk down 7th St. to the Mall (Jefferson Dr.) and look to the right. You can also be dropped off at the north end of the Mall on 4th St., from where you can walk to the assembly area. The parade will go down Constitution Ave. and end at 17th St. (that's the street with the WW II Memorial).

HOSPITALITY SUITE:

We have a set of rooms blocked for the 101st Airborne at The *Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, Va.*

They will be blocked until Friday, May 2, 2008. Individuals must make their own reservations by calling 1-888-627-8210 and identifying themselves as members of our group.

Editor's note: This agenda was taken from the 101st National Capitol Area Chapter webpage at www.screamingeagle.org

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We have an important message from our **502 Governor, 101st Airborne Division Association, Charlie Gant** regarding **3 wreaths** needed for the wreath laying ceremony at the 101st Airborne Monument in Arlington on Memorial Day weekend (1). 502nd PIR WWII (2) 502nd BCT Iraq . (3). 2/502nd Infantry Vietnam and also memorial pavers for Ft. Campbell honoring our fallen 502 soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan .

Confirmed April 22, 2008, two more fatalities from the 502nd.

PFC Shane D. Penley	April 6	2/502
SPC. Jacob J. Fairbanks	April 9	1/320 FA

This Fund will provide Memorial Pavers for these and all 502 soldiers whose lives are lost in action.

Charlie Gant wrote:

We now have a 502nd Regimental bank account so if people wish to make a donation in regards to helping with the Memorial pavers program, or at this time, with the three wreaths which Bob Ponzo has worked out to cost \$75 each.

People can just make their checks out to the **502nd**

Regiment and make a note of what they are making their donation towards. Thanks for all your help,

Mail donations to: "502 Regiment"

Charles R. Gant

4306 Filmore Road

Greensboro, North Carolina 7409-9721

Mark the check for "Wreaths" or "Pavers" if you prefer to help with one or the other . Send Memorial Day wreath contributions soon for this year's wreaths

OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS

We are privileged to have periodic updates on the 101st's wounded warriors currently being treated at Walter Reed Army Hospital. This is the latest update received April 22nd from Bob Seitz via Brise Bickerton, brise5804@comcast.net . .

April 22, 2008: Bob Seitz wrote: Dick Winters and I both live within 20 miles or so from Walter Reed hospital and we visit about once a week. I'm a 101st Abn Vietnam veteran and was in the 506th Infantry...all of us Vietnam veterans have the greatest respect and admiration for the World War II veterans. On Memorial Day, next month, the 101st veterans in the Washington DC area, lay wreaths at Arlington cemetery in solemn remembrance of our fallen comrades, such as your brother

Update of our wounded troopers at Walter Reed Army Hospital

The troopers as in-patients on the wards are Spec Stephan (502 Regt) ,Sgt Cheever (327th), SSG Terrel (327th), and CW2 Cook (2/17th CAV.) All have family members with them. Sgt Gudzak was transferred to Tampa VA hospital next week.

Out-Patients include SGT Laux, PFC Travieso, PFC Cook, Cpt Hehl, Sgt Coggins, Spec Moore, PFC Ruiz, Pvt Littleton PFC McCellan, SGT Payne, PFC Taylor, 1LT Wilson, 1LT Agnew, PFC Leon Bariantos, SFC Webster , Spec Devan and 1LT Castilla . The majority of these outpatients stay with their family members at the Fisher, Malonge or Abrams Houses, which are on the hospital grounds, and come the the main hospital for appointments and physical therapy.

PFC White, PFC Ugliono, and Spec Holt have returned to Fort Campbell .SGM Smalley has moved to Vanderbilt hospital, closer to Fort Campbell .

SSG Anthony has returned to Fort Campbell for continued treatment at Blanchfield Army Hospital .

MSG Graham and SFC Baker are our LNOs from Campbell at Walter Reed and can be reached at their office (202) 782-6321 . They maintain contact daily with all our troopers, both those on the wards and the out-patients. They especially check on the outpatients everyday, physically meeting with them at least three times a week and by phone contact the other days.

All our troopers have received the gifts from the 101st Association which include a 101st hat, T-shirt, shorts, gym trousers and 101st flag which is pinned on the wall of the their room. With the flag comes a silver glitter marker, so all family and friends can write get well messages. The parents and family members receive a 101st pin to wear.

This past week Dick Winters was accompanied by Ms Petra Wenstedt and CSM (retired) Joseph Bossi. Petra is the Director of the Screaming Eagles Foundation in Einhoven in the Netherlands . CSM Bossi is the honorary CSM of the 327th and 506th Regimental Associations.. Thanks Petra and CSM for your visit to Walter Reed.

Please visit our troops as time is available in your schedules, or you are welcome to join Dick and I on our visits. Bob Seitz

Entrance sign at "United States Army, Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Photo is from Petra Wenstedt-Pulles on her visit with Dick Winters and Bob Seitz in April 2008.



Editor's Note: Thank you all, for your visits with the wounded troops. We can take up their invitation to join them by contacting:

Bob Seitz seitz_bob@bah.com or Dick Winters R173winters@aol.com . Write Dick at 20230 Maple Leaf Court, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.



Top Row: Tim Redington, Dick Winters, Bottom Row: Richard Sterne, Petra Wenstedt-Pulles & CSM Joseph Bossi. Photo is from Petra & Joe's visit to DC area and Walter Reed in April 2008.

Petra Wendsted-Pulles, Netherlands, Chairman, and Joe Bossi, Clarksville, TN, Director of Operations for Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation attended the Static Line Awards Convention in Atlanta in April. They were joined there by Leoni Wenstedt, (Secretary of the Foundation) Frenk Derks Van de Ven, (Member) and Frits Janssen, (Treasurer of the Foundation) . The group represented the Foundation in promoting their annual tour, of Operation Market Garden areas each September, "Operation Torch". We have more details of the tour in this issue and see more photos of their visit, the convention, and the upcoming tour at www.screamingeagles.nl .

Screaming Eagle Support Fund

Ft. Campbell, KY

The 101st Airborne Division Association's "Screaming Eagle Support Fund", c/o 101st Airborne Division Association, PO Box 929, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223-0920. Your tax deductible contributions to "Screaming Eagle Support Fund" will assist the many families of the deployed soldiers with organized activities, healthy snacks, clothes, and other necessities including making spot donations for emergency food. Your donations do not pay for staff members, because workers at the Junior Enlisted Family Center at Ft. Campbell are volunteers. Your donations will go directly to assist young, junior enlisted families struggling to make ends meet. It supports a home-away-from-home, a refuge from the loneliness and a healthy environment of fellowship and learning

BANDO EMBEDDED WITH THE TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

Photo: Mark Bando, courtesy Lori Novotni., 2008 Snowbird Reunion:



March 27, 2008: "Just wanted to let you know that next Monday, the 31st of March, I fly over to Afghanistan with 1/506th Infantry to do a one month embed tour with the new band of brothers. We will be in the Canadian sector near Kandahar. I am due to return home on May 2nd, 2008. Will let you know when I get back, or keep an eye on the TT Forum on my website, for updates. Best, M. Bando"

While in Afghanistan, Mark has posted these updates on his website: www.101airborneww2.com .(Forum)
April 13, 2008

I'm in a base camp which sits about 5 miles from a former al Qaeda training camp, where old Bin Laden himself used to live. We plan to go outside the wire again this coming week and have some other goodies in store. I'm glad to see things have calmed-down here a bit. The computers here are really slow, slower and S L O W E S T. Otherwise I'd post more often. We have a 30 minute time limit on using the computers and by the time I check my mails and take a peek here, my time is usually up. Take care all,
Mark B

April 15, 2008

Yesterday, just outside the wire here, two brave Brits (RAF airmen) were killed by a roadside bomb, as they patrolled the perimeter in their land rover. We spent 3 hrs practicing speed loading and unloading with equipment from Chinook and Blackhawk helicopters. Something's coming soon. Stay tuned.
MB

April 16, 2008

We had a little excitement here around 2000 last night. I was listening to the BBC news on my short wave radio and heard a loud boom outside my sleeping area. Three rockets hit the base but I only heard the closest one-(the others hit way on the other side of the base). The one closest to me landed about 1/4 mile away and I didn't hear it pass-over but a guy down the way told me he heard it pass right over our barracks before it exploded. We retired to

the nearest bomb shelter for about 20 minutes, until the all-clear sounded. This was the first rocket attack I've heard of since arriving-they tell me it only happens about twice a month here, usually in the evening.

This afternoon back in SE Michigan is the monthly Lunch Bunch-I'll miss being there, but hope to have a full report on my vacation in paradise at the May meeting. Regards to all, MB

April 17, 2008

This afternoon around 1730, hundreds of soldiers of many nationalities formed-up in ranks at the airfield here, to honor the two RAF airmen who were killed by a mine several days ago. It was an impressive memorial service, with bagpipes, a bugler and coffins draped in Union Jack flags, which were loaded on the ramp of a plane at the conclusion of the ceremony. It was interesting to see Commonwealth troops arching with the exaggerated swinging of arms, as they ormed up before the ceremony. The Scottish minister was the same one who conducted the Anglican/Episcopal service I attended Sunday evening. He talks exactly like Norman Sibbald. I missed another ceremony this AM, for 2 US Marines who were killed by an IED north of here, also a few days ago. This base is swarming with Devil Dogs, as 3200 have arrived here in the past week or so. I'm getting a lot of photos and information and so far, my personal research mission is on track. Regards to all,
MB

April 21, 2008

It's D-day eve for 2/506th Inf-where's General Ike?

While here with the troops, I've been re-reading 'Beyond the Rhine' by Don Burgett. I have a better appreciation of all Don's writings now and it has been comforting to read his words, like hearing the voice of an old friend and having him along with me on this adventure. Hope to see many of you again in May. Regards to All, Mark B

April 22, 2008 JUMP NIGHT

Our big mission has been cancelled for 24 hrs, so we have to stand down until tomorrow night. This is starting to seem like Deja Vu, from another sky assault which comes to mind.

April 23, 2008 AIR ASSAULT

We'll be touching down in a Taliban sanctuary around 10PM EST tonight- Please pray for all of us- MB

Editor's note: We saw no new posts from Mark at time of printing of this newsletter. He is scheduled to be back home in USA by May 5. Access his website at www.101airborneww2.com

Gen. David Petraeus named as next commander of Mideast command

April 23, 2008

WASHINGTON - Army



Gen. David Petraeus, 55, the four-star general who led troops in Iraq for the past year, will be nominated by President Bush to be the next commander of U.S. Central Command, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday

Gates said he expected Petraeus to make the shift in late summer or early fall. The Pentagon chief also announced that Bush will nominate Army Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno to replace Petraeus in Baghdad.

Central Command, whose headquarters is at Tampa, Fla., is responsible for U.S. military operations throughout the Middle East, Central Asia and the Horn of Africa, and thus oversees the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. If confirmed by the Senate, Petraeus would replace Navy Adm. William Fallon Army Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, currently commander of the Army's 3rd Corps based at Fort Hood, Texas, finished in February a 15-month tour as the top deputy to Petraeus in Baghdad. He had been nominated for promotion to full general and assignment as the Army's vice chief of staff, but Gates said the Fallon resignation changed the plan. With Odierno tapped for a return to Baghdad, Gates said Bush will nominate Gates' senior military assistant, Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, for the Army vice chief of staff job.

General Petraeus named Airborne's 2008 Man of the Year was speaker for the Static Line Awards Dinner Saturday night, April 12, 2008, Atlanta, GA..

12 - 23 September Operation Torch 2008 www.screamingeagles.nl

The programme consists of 11 days for a price per person of **\$2,500** based on double occupancy of hotel room.

Additional charge for "single" room is \$ 400.

Meet your hosts on Friday Sept. 12 at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam. They'll be there to greet you.

DAILY TOUR SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept 12 - A.M. Arrival / P.M. Get acquainted Party in WWII style
Saturday, Sept. 13 - US military cemetery Margraten / Bastogne
Sunday, Sept. 14 - Bastogne
Monday, Sept. 15 - Bastogne/ US military cemetery Henri Chapelle
Tuesday, Sept. 16 - Best, Son, St. Oedenrode
Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Eerde / Veghel / HeeswijkDinther
Thursday, Sept. 18 - Eindhoven
Friday, Sept. 19 - Nijmegen
Saturday, Sept. 20 - Ginkelse heath Dropzone
Sunday, Sept. 21 - "The Island"
Monday, Sept. 22 - Arnhem
Tuesday, Sept. 23 - Departure

NOTE: Programme changes may occur due to unknown factors in availability of organising groups and individuals. Also, there's always room for personal wishes in the programme. Let us know ahead of time and we will do anything in our power to make them happen.

<http://www.screamingeagles.nl/OperationTorch2008.htm>

**The Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation,
Petra Wenstedt-Pulles, Chairman.
Contact Director of Operations, Joseph M. Bossi,
2231 Pendleton Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042,
Joe's Phone 931-624-8060 or
email jmbossi@peoplepc.com.**

Little Thoughts of Wisdom:

In Prayer: Don't give God instructions just report for duty!

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The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

POOPSHEET EXPENSE REPORT

Balance before last issue	\$348
Contributions	\$ 85
Cost of Printing/Mailing last issue	\$157
Balance on hand before this issue	\$276

Thank you for your support. We need to hear from you just to let us know how you're doing. We didn't have many notes from our item Co. folks this issue, maybe no news is good news. Let's keep in touch. Betty T Hill, 2222 Settlers Way # 914, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 43

APO 472, U.S. Army

30 November 1944

AWARD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION TO THE 502ND PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in 4th Indorsement, Headquarters First United States Army, APO 230, U.S. Army, dated 22 October 1944, to letter, this Headquarters, file 200. Subject: Supporting Data for Unit Citations, dated 11 August 1944, the following unit is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty.

THE 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action in the initial assault on the northern coast of Normandy, France. The 502nd Parachute Infantry descended by parachute in the vicinity of St. Martin-de-Varreville, France, on 6 June 1944. During the drop by parachute the personnel of the Regiment were spread in small groups and were widely dispersed. Many casualties were sustained from heavy enemy fire from strongly fortified positions. Before the Regiment was assembled many fierce battles took place between small detachments and the enemy. Sometimes these groups were without officers or high ranking noncommissioned officers. Acts of gallantry and self sacrifice were in evidence everywhere. The determination and bravery of the officers and enlisted men were inestimable. Many pill boxes, artillery emplacements and fortified positions were reduced. The high ground commanding the landing beach was seized just prior to the landing of the assault waves of the seaborne forces, and the strong enemy positions thereon reduced. Following this, the Regiment seized the main causeways leading inland from the beach and held them until the arrival of the seaborne 4th Infantry Division. The determined action of the 502nd Parachute Infantry made possible the successful landing and rapid advance of these seaborne assault troops, and assured the establishment of the Allied Beachhead in France.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TAYLOR:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Edward Schmitt,
/t/ EDWARD SCHMITT,
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

R. D. MILLENER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

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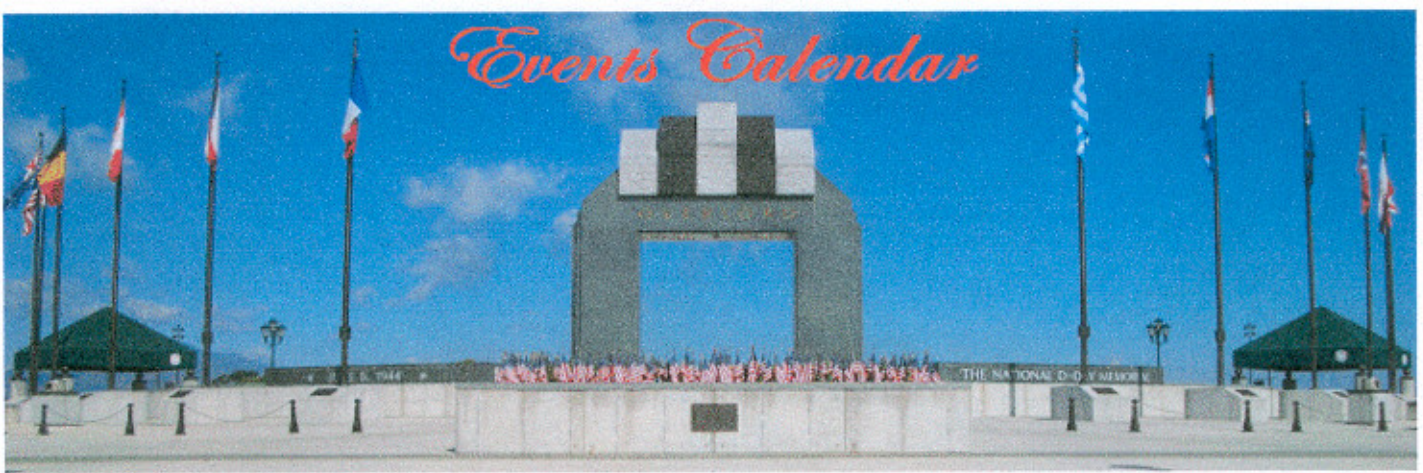
AWARD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION TO THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD 1943), superseding Executive Order No. 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD, 1942), THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION is cited by the War Department under the provisions of section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 1943, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The Citation reads as follows:

THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION distinguished itself in combat against powerful and aggressive enemy forces composed of elements of eight German divisions during the period from 18 December to 27 December 1944, by extraordinary heroism and gallantry in defense of the key communication center of Bastogne, Belgium. Essential to a large scale exploitation of his breakthrough into Belgium and northern Luxembourg, the enemy attempted to seize Bastogne by attacking constantly and savagely with the best of his armor and infantry. Without benefit of prepared defenses, facing almost overwhelming odds and with very limited and fast dwindling supplies, THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION maintained a high combat morale and an impenetrable defense, despite extremely heavy bombing, intense artillery fire, and constant attacks from infantry and armor on all sides of their completely cut off and encircled position. This masterful and grimly determined defense denied the enemy even momentary success in an operation for which the enemy paid dearly in men, material, and eventually morale. The outstanding courage and resourcefulness and undaunted determination of this gallant force of men is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TAYLOR:

Events Calendar



National D-Day Memorial, was dedicated June 6, 2001

Bedford, Virginia, USA - The National D-Day Memorial Foundation

Serving a diverse population of more than 100,000 visitors during an average year, the Foundation tries to respond to the varied interests and needs of each one. Tens of thousands of students from numerous states have visited the Memorial's military tent (hands-on history) to learn about the soldier's experience and about life on the home front during World War II. The program satisfies requirements set forth in the Virginia Standards of Learning and today the Memorial is one of Virginia's top 20 school field trip attractions. WWII. <http://www.dday.org>



Aerial View of the Memorial 2007

The National D-Day Memorial consists of four components that correspond to events leading to and from D-Day. The first, Richard S. Reynolds Sr. Garden, represents the planning and preparation for D-Day. Elmon T. Gray Plaza, the circular component beyond Reynolds Garden, focuses on the Channel crossing and landing in France. The Overlord Arch is the central feature of Robey W. Estes Sr. Plaza, which memorializes the Allies' D-Day victory and beachhead consolidation. Beyond it, Edward R. Stettinius Jr. Parade fans outward from its central walkway to symbolize the Allies' wide-ranging effort to vanquish the Axis, restore Europe, and secure the peace.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Just a few of themany events scheduled)

Saturday, May 24, 2008 @ 7:00PM Moonlight Serenade (bring your own chair)

Monday, May 26, 2008 @ 11:00AM Remembering Their Sacrifice - . For more info call 540-586-3329.

Friday, June 06, 2008 @ 11:00AM 64th Anniversary of D-Day

Saturday, June 14, 2008 @ 10:00AM 6th Annual WWII in Miniature Display

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 @ 8:30AM Growing Up in World War II: Day Camp for Children

Check the website or phone for complete details of all these programs. <http://www.dday.org>

Mailing Address: National D-Day Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523

Physical Address for the Memorial: 3 Overlord Circle, Bedford, VA 24523

Memorial Site: Toll Free phone no. 866-219-6900

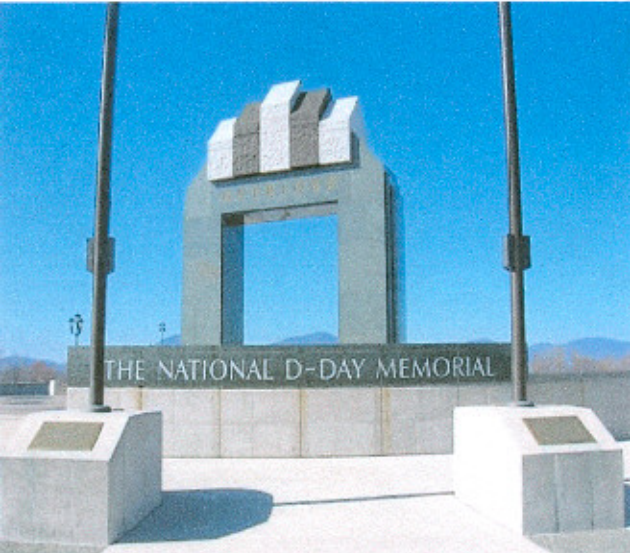
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The National D-Day Memorial

101st National Reunion

The 2008 National Reunion will be a "Rendezvous in Reno", Nevada
August 13-17 at the renovated Circus Circus Hotel.

Registration Forms available on website www.screamingeagle.org

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MEMORIAL DAY - 101ST MONUMENT- ARLINGTON



D-DAY MEMORIAL SCENE - BEDFORD, VA

