

# BLUE RIDGE



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## Former 80th Division Command Sergeant Major Dies

CSM Robert H. "Bob" Riley, USA, Ret., 83, of Johnson City, passed away Friday, October 10, 2014 in the Johnson City Medical Center.

**H**E WAS A Johnson City native and the son of the late Pete and Margaret White Riley. CSM Riley proudly served his country and the private sectors of his life.

His experiences began in 1951 in the Tennessee National Guard. In 1952, he entered active service with the Army, serving in the Korean War through 1954, and re-entered the Tennessee National Guard in 1959.

With degrees from ETSU, he taught school in Rising Sun, MD. In 1959, he began a 32-year career with the Pulaski County School System in Virginia. He retired in 1991 as a vocational school principal supervising approximately 40 instructors, including 23 entry level. In 1970 he received the Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year award in Virginia. Teaching vocational arts was his passion because "it put young people into a work environment immediately."

In addition to his teaching career, he joined the 80th Division in 1965. He had served in many facets of the military, which included: chief instructor anti-tank warfare and demolition; Intelligence 2nd BDE Headquarters side; graduating from Sergeant Major Academy in Fort Sill, OK; and becoming a Command Sergeant Major (CSM) in 1979. General Omar Bradley presented the CSM awards at the graduation.

CSM Riley marched in Washington DC in the Inauguration Day parade for the then newly elected President Ronald Reagan. Later, while visiting a military base in Georgia, he and several colleagues attended Sunday morning church services with former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter in Plains, GA.

CSM Riley's priorities were "to enable completion of the 80th Division goals and mission, fostering the mission to get the troops MOS qualified and developed through the ranks." Earning five awards in the USAR physical fitness programs, CSM Riley said, "if the troops are running, I want to be out there in front, as physical fitness is another approach to taking care of soldiers."

In August of 1991, CSM Robert H. Riley retired from the US Army.

CSM Robert Riley was of the Catholic faith.

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**T**HE WEATHER IS certainly changing but it doesn't seem to stay in the same zone very long. One day or night it is freezing and in the next couple of days it turns a little warmer. I hope everyone is keeping a watch on the weather and making sure you are dressed appropriately when you go out. Who knows, it will probably change before you come back home!!

Speaking of cold weather, make sure either you or if you need to, get someone to check to make sure everything is winterized at your home and vacation home if you are lucky enough to have one. Pipes will freeze and burst and you might not know about it until there is a lot of damage. My great niece inherited my sisters home but has not moved in. Although they check on things every couple of weeks the worst thing happened. The water line to the ice maker on the frig broke and spewed water for several days and when they went over water was standing in the floors. All the floors have to be pulled up, walls are damaged and even the counters in the kitchen have to be ripped out. Thank goodness that my great niece kept home owners insurance on the property.

I hope that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and were able to share the time with family and friends. I believe that no matter how bad things may seem and how low we may feel I can always look around and see someone struggling more than I am. Please try to stay positive with your thoughts and look to better days.

Christmas is just around the corner. Lights and decorations

are going up everywhere you turn. Happiness is in the air and you can just feel the love that is all around you. My church performed our Christmas Cantata "Bethlehem Morning" at the Masonic Home on Pearl Harbor day for the residents and their guests and it was truly a gift to see them enjoying themselves. We also performed at my church on December 10 for the Wednesday night Bible Study. Yours truly had a solo part in the song "This Must Be The Place". It was so gratifying and humbling to sing this song because it describes the conditions that our Lord was brought into the world and also how he struggled and eventually gave his life for all of us.

If you are not a Life Member, it is time for you to send in your 2015 dues if you have not already done so. Remember that dues are now \$20 if you are an annual member.

Thank you to those that have been able to make donations to our general fund and also to those that have purchased Pavers that are being placed around the 80th Monument located at the Headquarters in Richmond, VA. There have been six installed so far and several more are being shipped so they should be installed soon.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza, or Happy Whatever is your religious preference. I hope you have a joyous holiday season and get to be with loved ones. Please pray for all our Service Members no matter where they are stationed. They are defending our country to ensure we continue to be the Land of the Free.

GOD bless each of you and remember the 80th "Only Moves Forward"!!



## A Message from the Senior Vice-Commander

Doug Knorr, Chaplain and Senior Vice-Commander

**I**T'S HARD TO BELIEVE that we are the threshold of another year and it is my prayer that you are getting ready to enjoy your family and friends as you celebrate the birth of God's Son.

I made some great new friends at the last reunion in Hagerstown, Maryland and I am looking forward to seeing each of you again as well as meeting new friends at our 2015 reunion which will be held in Harrisburg PA.

Harrisburg has a lot of great things to do both historically and for your family. In addition to the planned activities of the reunion there is so much more to do while in Harrisburg. So make sure you plan to bring kids and grandchildren to enjoy everything from museums to paddleboat cruises on the Susquehanna River or one of America's Favorites "Chocolate Town" in Hershey USA.

All the finishing touches to the 2015 reunion are being made and a full schedule will be presented in the next Blue Ridge in the spring.

The 80th has had such an impact for the cause of Freedom in the USA and around the world. So, there is so much to celebrate at our reunion's and among the many focuses in August, 2015 we will be celebrating 70 Years since the end of WW2 as well as a focus on WW1, The Persian Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism.

There will be great speakers, period re-enactors and lots of entertainment for all ages. I hope to see you there as we remember those who stood in the gap that we might enjoy the Freedoms we do today.

May God Bless Your Christmas and May God Bless America.

# COMMANDERS MESSAGE



*Jeff Wignall, National Commander  
2014 - 2015*

**A**S LAST YEAR, the timing of your receiving this issue of the magazine compels me to say I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Perhaps we're still good with the New Year since that's ongoing.

I previously mentioned fund raising as an action item for the coming months, and we're still wrestling with that. Donations gratefully accepted, and if you might be inclined to include the Association in the distribution of your worldly goods, generations yet unborn will thank you. One concept that had been mentioned (but not publicized, so you hear it here) is that of purchasing an insurance policy and making the Association the beneficiary. I understand some colleges make this request of their alumni (rather forcefully, I'm told). And please, reference 80th Division Veterans Association only!

We now have a Facebook page, but it seems to have a case of the slows. We—so far—have only picked up eight “friends,” which is a fair start, but three of them were involved in setting it up, so, not all that good. One hopes these things will just roll, but a little push seems to be needed, so locate the site and “Like” it (better had!) so we can get the word out. I will also make the request of anyone reading this that has any expertise in this area of Social Media to step up and give us a hand. The pay is lousy, but I'm sure we can arrange a title.

An anecdote from Hagerstown—I was contacted shortly after arriving by a local man who is the Maryland Commander of a national organization known as VUMS—the

Veterans of Underage Military Service. Their membership requirement is having entered military service at or below the age of 17—during any conflict. Ned Renner is a WWII (Air Corps) Vet (age 85—last year), so do the math. They all broke the law, but have been officially forgiven. Something to think about.

I have been approached by a couple of current authors to pass the word about their books. I don't recall that we have ever done much along these lines but it seems worthwhile to pass the information along when appropriate. So ...

A new book on Bastogne has been published by Dr. Peter Shrijvers of the University of New South Wales entitled *Those Who Hold Bastogne*. While not an 80th book, the presence of the 80th is appropriately mentioned, in particular the 1st and 2nd Bns. of the 318th that were involved in the relief of the town. Anyone who is not familiar with the details of this epic battle will find this very readable account of interest, and those who are, possibly all too familiar, I'm sure it will add much to what you presently know. Have read, and highly recommend. Details at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0300179022/>.

Another, *The Lost Sketchbooks—A Young Artist in the Great War* by Rex Passion contains 150 selected sketches by Edward Shenton from five sketchbooks recently discovered by his son. The sketches, with commentary by the author, relate to the artist's training and service in France with the Pennsylvania 28th Division, but represent the experiences of all AEF veterans. One of the drawings appears in this issue. Information on this one at [www.thelostsketchbooks.com](http://www.thelostsketchbooks.com).

I encourage anyone who has read a book that might be of interest to the members to submit information on it to the Secretary for inclusion in a forthcoming issue. That, by the way, applies equally to any of the Vets who have written anything of their own experiences, and/or family members to whom experiences might have been related. And I do not limit that request solely to wartime; would particularly encourage accounts of the return to civilian life, problems encountered (housing, jobs, etc.), use of the GI Bill. This is an overlooked area, and I think may be of value to the men and women facing similar issues today. If nothing else it will confirm that they are not alone in that, and that it (usually) gets better.

Nothing further to request, recount, or recommend, so as the man said, when you get to the end, stop.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Wignall".

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## NOTES FROM THE HISTORIAN

Lee S. Anthony, PNC and Historian

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I AM MOST appreciative of the willingness of Andy Adkins and Gary “Schreck” Schreckengost to serve as Associate Historians for WW II and post-WW II respectively. Their expertise in these areas is invaluable.



With very mixed feelings, I must report that Jean Muller has returned the collection of 48 State flags which were to have been sited with the Great 80th Memorial in the Luxembourg area. He also returned his life membership card and the plaque of appreciation which he had received for his support of the 80th. These are at this moment in the custody of our 2nd Vice Commander, Bill Black.



Best wishes to Bill, PNC Bob Burrows, and PNC Bob Murrell as they prepare to travel the roads of History in France and Luxembourg this January. A Memorial dedication service in Nocher will top off the trip. “Vaya con Dios”!



November has seen wonderful experiences in the Western part of Virginia. The historian had the opportunity of participating in the Roanoke Veterans’ Parade, which was probably the largest parade which has taken place on Armistice/Veterans’ Day. We also attended a wonderful Community Veterans’ Day observance at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem. There was a great turnout, and several informative and moving accounts by older veterans.



We had the opportunity to represent the 80th Division Veterans’ Association, along with Representative Bob Goodlatte, at a unique occasion on Veterans’ Day; the rededication of a Roanoke landmark located on King George Avenue’s “Argonne Circle” which was originally established to honor the area soldiers of “The Great War”, and later received a plaque to honor those in all wars. The recent enhancement and rededication was a project of a Life Scout, who performed this project as a part of his Eagle Scout qualifications. The original memorial stone had the face of a “Doughboy” sculpted on it. We now quote the commentary from the display:

“What has happened since?”

The doughboy’s face was eventually worn away after years of weather and vandalism and was replaced with a bronze plaque. In 2012, the monument was re-dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution and a second plaque was added, this time in remembrance of all veterans of all wars. In 2014, Boy Scout Troop 221 of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council added additional items to the Circle, which included benches, a flagpole, poppy flowers and this historical marker. The project was led by Life Scout Frank Smith as part of his project for the rank of Eagle Scout. Old Southwest, Inc. provided a significant financial contribution to the project”.

I note that this would be a great location for a Doughboy Statue.



I am happy to report that a floral arrangement in observance of Armistice/Veterans’ Day was sent through ABMC to the American Military Cemetery of the Somme for placement on the grave of Cpl. Henry G. Sentell Serial #1818171 Co. F 317th Infantry Regiment 80th Division AEF. Cpl. Sentell was the first fatality of this Co. in WWI; his death was due to “friendly fire.”



Just a reminder that the 80th’s “mini-display” at the Bedford VA Museum is scheduled to be removed at the end of the year. If you have not seen it, now is the time to drop by the center of Bedford, on Main Street, just east of the Courthouse.



MG McLaren and 2nd Vice Commander Bill Black are moving ahead with the Memorial Stone project, doing a great job. Watch for dedicatory services in Richmond/Petersburg areas this spring. If you haven’t ordered a Memorial Stone, contact them so that your memorial can be a part of the Spring Dedication.

**“Keep those cards and letters coming.”  
May God bless you all during the New Year.**

# THE HISTORY CORNER

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Photos of rededication of Roanoke landmark located at Argonne Circle, Roanoke, Virginia.



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# VA Expands Fry Scholarship to Surviving Spouses of Servicemembers Who Died on Active Duty

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Expansion of Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits is part of Veterans Choice Act Legislation

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Washington, DC – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will begin accepting applications by mail on Monday, November 3, 2014, for the Fry Scholarship under newly expanded eligibility criteria to include surviving spouses. The expanded criteria for the Fry Scholarship is the latest in a series of VA actions to implement provisions of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (“Choice Act”).

Specifically, Section 701 of the Choice Act expands the Fry Scholarship to include the surviving spouses of Servicemembers who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Prior to this expansion, only children of those who died in the line of duty were eligible for this benefit.

“We can never fully repay the debt we owe to these families who have lost a loved one,” said VA Secretary Robert McDonald. “It is a privilege to provide educational benefits that will make a positive difference in their lives.”

The Fry Scholarship was created to honor Sergeant John David Fry, 28, of Lorena, Texas. Sergeant Fry had one week left in his tour in Iraq in 2006, when he volunteered to continue working for seven more hours disarming explosive devices, despite having already sustained an injury to his

hand. He made the ultimate sacrifice on March 8, 2006, in Anbar province, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated. He left behind a widow and three young children.

The Fry Scholarship will entitle eligible spouses to up to 36 months of the full, 100-percent level of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which includes a tuition-and-fee payment, a monthly housing allowance and stipend for books and supplies. Some spouses currently eligible for or already receiving benefits under the Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA) program may now be eligible for the Fry Scholarship. All surviving spouses eligible for DEA and the Fry Scholarship must make an irrevocable election for terms beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

VA will identify surviving spouses eligible for both programs and send them a letter with comparative information on the benefits available and instructions on how to make an election. Information about these two programs is available on VA’s website and the GI Bill website ([www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)). The VA call center (888-GIBILL-1) also will be able to help individuals understand the differences between the two programs.

## Private Cary F. Jarratt

Private Cary F. Jarratt, of Jarratt, VA – a town named after his family – served with Company A of the 318th Infantry in World War I. During the Meuse-Argonne offensive, German shelling of the 318th position near Cuisy, France, injured Private Jarratt in his knee, thigh, shoulder and neck. Despite medical surgery and treatment, Private Jarratt died of his wounds four days after the Armistice was signed. His remains were laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in 1921. Last year, Cary’s great nephew, Ben Jarratt (an 80th Division Alumni Association member) discovered more than 50 letters and photographs to-and-from Cary & his parents that had been “lost” in a relative’s attic. The letters covered Private Jarratt’s military career at Camp Lee, overseas in France and his hospitalization. The letter of condolence from Chaplain Joseph Mastaglio (Base Hospital No. 48 in Mars Sur Allier, France) to the Jarratt Family about the loss of their son was included in this collection of letters. Doug Knorr (our Association’s National Chaplain), read this letter publicly for the first time in 96 years at our 95th Annual Meeting.



# News From The Western Front

Extracted from *The Service Magazine*, February 1920

**I**T BEARS MENTION that early editions included news from any Army or Navy unit that had served during WW I. This one does refer to the 28th, 39th and 42nd Divisions as portrayed in the movie reels described.

In an effort to bring Veterans of the Great War together, movies of the action were compiled and men, and their families, were invited to attend the various showings that depicted familiar scenes and faces, from Beauval to Nantillois and Imecourt; as advertised, "A Great Chance to Sit on the World and Watch Yourself Hike".

The article does not cite the original author. The illustration is from the book *The Lost Sketchbooks*, used with permission of the author, Rex Passion.

## Living It Over Again

"Through the Division Veterans' Association, nine reels of motion pictures will be shown at Carnegie Music Hall on February 20th 1920. The exhibition has been shown over most of Virginia, but this is Pennsylvania's first opportunity to get a glimpse of it. After its Pittsburgh appearance, it will tour the rest of the state.

"The film includes pictures of a half dozen divisions, including some from the Twenty-eighth, the Thirty-ninth and the Forty-second, but most of them are of the Eightieth.

"Prices will be 50, 75 cents and a dollar. It's the one big opportunity to show the home folks a touch of the real thing. Every picture is official, issued by the Signal Corps.

"The movie includes innumerable localities and incidents. One minute the ruins left by the Bosche bomber at Beauval is on the screen and the next moment the crest of Montfaucon, saw-toothed by ruins, rears above the surrounding fields.

"There's the church at Neuville, turned into a hospital; there's the burial of the dead at the front, the chaplain standing bareheaded in the rain.

"There are some good pictures of shell fire; in one the steeples of a church, perhaps an O. P., goes by the board after half dozen misses by the Jerry gunners. This apparently is on the Lorraine front, but another example of shelling seems to have been taken on the road at the top of the hill overlooking Dannevoux. As one shell bursts, a couple of canny doughboys take the usual precaution of crouching behind a bush, all of two feet high.

"There are some pictures with much smoke and confusion to them, obviously taken in training, but there are many others which just as obviously were taken where it's nice to think one doesn't have to return to tomorrow.

"The pictures are sufficiently plain to recognize everybody from John W. Doughboy, with dirt unquestionably behind his ears, as he hikes along, to the engineers.



"A number of groups of officers are shown, too, including General Cronkhite at mess. He is also shown with a group of division officers. This kind of picture gives everybody a chance to say 'That's him', and relate a few incidents to show how thick he was with the General over there.

"There's no story to the film, and in one place the scene may be ruined Nantillois, but the wide street with trolley tracks may also be Verdun.

"All told, from the scene aboard the transport to the view of the church at Gercourt and the captured German ambulance, it's sheer realism. It doesn't show any of the justly celebrated 'ever-thinning ranks', but it does show a crowd beating it for holes in the ground when shells begin to drop. It portrays the scene around a captured German machine gun and what's left of the gun—and the gunner.

"Then there's the hiking in the rain, with full packs, the weary sitting down in the mud for a blow. Nothing more realistic was ever shown."

# 95th Annual Memorial Service Hagerstown, Maryland

Saturday, August 16, 2014



A Sermon by

## Chaplain Doug Knorr

National Chaplain & 1st Vice Commander for the 80th Division Veterans Association, and Senior Pastor of Life Point Bible Church, MI

“Remembering Our Soldiers—John 15:13”

This morning we come together to remember those who have given all... Those who Stood in the gap... The ultimate sacrifice... Their lives... for the freedom that we as Americans all share.

As we remember those who have paid the ultimate price, I am reminded that Freedom has Never come Cheaply.

About 2 months ago, I looked up the number of Americans who have died in wars. More than 1.3 million Americans have died in wars fighting for the Freedom that we enjoy today.

During the Civil War: more than 630,000 soldiers from both the North and South died.

In World War One: 116,000 American soldiers died.

In World War Two: 407,000 American soldiers died.

54,000 American soldiers died in Korea.

58,000 died in Vietnam and

148 died during Desert Storm.

More than a 1.3 million Americans died in wars. Fighting for Our Freedoms!

Today, as we pause to remember the sacrifice that the men and women of the 80th Division—both past and present—have made and continue to make, I want us to Reflect on a very well-known text from God’s Word. In the Gospel of John, Chapter 15:13, we read:

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

That verse rolls off our tongues so very easily. But when you stop to think about it, it begs the question. What is it that Causes a Person to be willing to lay down his life for another?

The following is a 1918 letter from U.S. Army Chaplain Joseph Mastaglio to Mrs. Sally Jarratt about the death of her son, Private Cary Field Jarratt (Company A, 318th Infantry, 80th Division, AEF) in the Great War. Private Jarratt was

wounded by enemy shell fire during the Meuse-Argonne offensive and died from these wounds six weeks later. He now rests in peace at Arlington National Cemetery. The letter reads:

December 12, 1918

Dear Madam:

It is with heartfelt sorrow and sympathy that I write to you of the death of your son, Cary Jarratt, who gave up his life for the cause of his country, who offered himself as a sacrifice that freedom may live, who died because he did a soldier’s duty, a man to be proud of.

I realize all the sympathy in the world will not bring back to you—your boy—nor repay you for his loss. But, I know you will find some consolation to feel that He who said ... ‘greater love than this no man has that a man lay down his life for his friend’ ... will surely reward such love.

May our Lord help you to bear with patience, humility and resignation the cross he put upon you, and may you take your part in this sacrifice as nobly as your son. He was buried in our military cemetery near the hospital. Again extending my sincerest sympathy.

I am... Very respectfully... Joseph Mastaglio, Chaplain, Base Hospital #48, AEF

What makes a man or woman willing to do this—To Lay Down One’s Life for another? I Believe it’s because of these 4 Virtues: Love, Selflessness, Sacrifice and Service! These words are Not Always the Most Popular today...Are they? But... These are the Virtues... that Make a Good Soldier!

Some here this morning understand this because You were in situations just like these—or Worse! Like my Father-in-Law, Howard Umbarger, a member of the 80th, he was a prisoner of war in Germany during WW2. Every One who has ever served, know well the cost of these Virtues! This morning, we acknowledge each one’s Selfless Sacrifice, and service to God and Country... And We Remember and Honor them today.

With that said... Let me direct us to God’s Word to briefly draw some comparisons between God’s Principles and what makes a Good Soldier.

*A Reading from the New Testament of the Bible in Philipians 2:5-11:*

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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# Bob Burrows Receives the French Legion of Honor

**M**ONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2014, Bob Burrows attended a celebration where the French Government awarded him the French “Legion of Honor,” Chevalier (Knight), the highest decoration in France which was conducted in the Supreme Court Chambers in the state capital building in downtown Denver.

The presenter was The Honorable Jeffery Richards, Esq., Honorary Consul General of France. He is an American with French parents, and practices law in Denver. The Master of Ceremonies was a retired USAF Col, Wesley West. After the ceremony there was cake to celebrate Bob’s 90th birthday.



To view a video of the event:  
<http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/storytellers/2014/10/06/ww2-veterans-denver-knighting-ceremony/16830505/>

## Memorial Sermon: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Christ exemplified the Virtues of a Good Soldier: With No Thought of Himself, He Focused on Our Greatest Need—Redemption! Not just safety from tyranny and evil for a few years... But for Eternity. And we see that God the Father Exalted Him.

As Americans focused on God, Country and Family... the Veterans we Remember today, lived by the same Virtues: Denying themselves for the Good of Others... Standing in Harm’s Way... A shield for America... To preserve our Freedom! Love... Sacrifice... Selflessness and Service.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Closing Challenge: This Morning I stand before You Thankful for a God that fought the good fight and rescued me from my sin. And I Thank God for each American soldier that has stood in the Gap to maintain our Freedoms. Just as those who have gone on before us, May we Continue to carry the banner of Freedom to the World. May we Never forget that we are “One Nation Under God.” And as President Reagan said, “If we forget we are One Nation Under God...We Will be a Nation Gone Under!”

May God Continue to Bless Each of Us and May God Bless America!





## WWII Museum in Neustadt, Germany

Dear Doris,

I was in the 80th Div. 318th 2nd Bn. Co B during WWII. This is a story you may not know about. I was wounded Mar. 21, 1945 in Neustadt, Germany. I was a Staff Sgt, Squad Leader at the time.

In Feb. 1999 my daughter Cathy asked me to go with her on a business trip to Brussels, Belgium, which I did. After her business was over we took a train trip into Germany and Luxembourg. We got to go to Neustadt and spend the night there. It was a city of about 30,000 pop. The next day we got a tour by the editor of their newspaper. She took us over all the city and I got to see where our Battalion came in to the city and all. I remembered it well. What a treat!!!

This is the part I want you to know about – My 318th liberated Dickirch, Luxembourg in Feb. 1945.

After the war a Museum was built there and dedicated to our 80th Div. as you can see in the pictures. The Museum was situated in an old 130 year old brewery, 5 stories. We got there at closing, but when the owner found out I was from the 80th Div. he stayed open while my daughter and I toured the building for 2 hours. The best WWII Museum I've seen as you can tell by these pictures, Equipment from all countries that were in the war including Germany.

Now here is the rest of the story, a few years ago a firm from Auburn, Indiana bought the Museum and moved it to Auburn. It's now open to the public. You might put in your newsletter about it so Vets of the 80th could go for a visit. They would truly enjoy it. There is also an outstanding Antique Car and Truck Museum in Auburn.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Bob Jones



Here are two articles from Montana newspapers featuring honored WWII vets.

Click on the links for the complete story.



### 'Liberators' honored



Montana World War II veterans Roy Cattrell, Willard LaCounte, Paul Winhofer, Edwin Ward and Bud Olson (not pictured) were awarded the French Medal of Honor at a ceremony in Hamilton on Saturday in recognition of their participation in liberating France from Nazi occupation in 1945. Michael Howell photo.

## Montana WWII vets awarded French Medal of Honor

Source: Bitterroot Star, May 8, 2013

<http://www.bitterrootstar.com/2013/05/08/montana-wwii-vets-awarded-french-medal-of-honor/>



### MEMORIES OF SERVICE



Roy Cattrell, 90, of Bozeman, fought in World War II in Europe from January 1943 to February 1946 with the U.S. Army 319th Infantry.

Bozeman WWII veteran extremely proud of time in U.S. Army

Source: Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Posted: Thursday, July 4, 2013 12:15 am

[http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/special/faces\\_of\\_freedom/bozeman-vet-extremely-proud-of-time-in-u-s-army/article\\_e1f1f60a-e462-11e2-befd-0019bb2963f4.html?mode=story](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/special/faces_of_freedom/bozeman-vet-extremely-proud-of-time-in-u-s-army/article_e1f1f60a-e462-11e2-befd-0019bb2963f4.html?mode=story)

“Placement of a monument in the village of Seingbouse, France to commemorate it’s liberation in November, 1944.”



November installation of 80th Division Monument at Seingbouse, France

# Christmas Day in the Army



(At Stigny, France, Dec 25, 1918; anom.)

It was Christmas in the Army,  
In a town called Stigny, France,  
With the old 318th Infantry  
In their ragged coats and pants.

The day was dark and gloomy  
And the night was ten times worse;  
The billets damp and musty  
Like a Philadelphia Hearse.

We sat around the candle-light,  
A miserable bunch to see,  
A dreaming of our recent fight  
For old Democra-cee.

We thought of the Christmas dinner  
That the folks were eating at home,  
And longed for scraps that fell into their laps  
Like a poor dog would hope for a bone.

Oh! Pity the Doughboys at Christmas,  
A day when their hearts should be glad,  
For the dinner we get is a corker, you bet.  
I'll tell you folks just what we had:

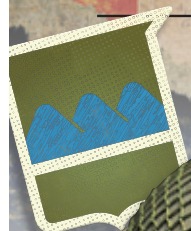
We had roast beef and some gravy,  
The gravy supposed to be brown,  
But of course it was white,  
Being made in the night,  
And the color could never be found.

Next came the cheese and potatoes,  
The same that you folks had at home,  
But the spuds wore their coats,  
And the cheese smelled of goats,  
So the fact is, we left it alone.

This finished our Christmas dinner  
And I'm sure that you will agree  
You'd rather eat yours down on all fours  
Than "overthere" eating with me!

THE  
**80<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION**  
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Officers of the 317th Service Company in Luxembourg, Jan-Feb 1945. Captain Ed Stewart 2nd from left, front row. From a group of images provided by his son now posted to our web site.

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DOD: Sep 2013  
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DOD: Jan 25, 2012  
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Pfeiffer, George AT-319  
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DOD: Apr 20, 2013  
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DOD: Jun 9, 2014  
Rptd by: Son William Jr

Jobe, Frank 80th MP  
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DOD: Mar 6, 2014  
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Riley, CSM(R) Robert "Bob" HQ,  
80th Div CSM  
Johnson City, TN  
DOD: Oct 10, 2014  
Rptd by: Daughters, Jane and Pat

Boley, John 80th QM  
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DOD: Nov 29, 2014  
Rptd by: Daughter Ann McLamb

Morgan, Richard L-318  
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Fort Myers, FL 33907-5775  
DOD: Aug 30, 2014  
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Rptd by: Marianne Young

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Johnstown, PA 15901  
DOD: Oct 8, 2013  
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DOD: Sep 13, 2013  
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Ross, Robert D. Sr 317  
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Gaffney, SC 29340  
DOD: Oct 20, 2014  
Rptd by: Jeff Wignall

Garnett, Fred 80th Sig  
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Coatsville, PA 19320  
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Olson, Orville H-317  
1931 140th St  
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DOD: Jan 9, 2013  
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DANIEL, John G.	Life	NARDOZZA, James	Life
FISCHBECK, Albert	Life	NOXON, E	Life
GORSE, Thomas	Life	OZIMEK, Emil	Life
HAMSHER, Richard	Life	ROTHBARD, Lionel	Life
HICKMAN, Frank	Life	SIMPSON, Elaine	Life
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## CSM Riley CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Jack B. Riley and James "Jimmy" Riley and his wife, Alma; very special grandson, Charles Randall, Jonesborough; and cousin, James White, Pennsylvania.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Janelle Poe Keller Riley. He lovingly accepted her daughters, Pat and Jane, and raised them as his own, which extended as follows: Pat Randall and her husband, Gary, Jonesborough, and Jane Gilliam and her husband Gordon "Buddy", Johnson City; granddaughter, Pamela Bishop and her husband, Danny, Johnson City; great grandsons, Caleb, Daniel, and Michael Bishop, Johnson City; great great grandson, Tristan Bishop, Jonesborough; great great granddaughter, London Bishop, Jonesborough; special sister-in-law, Elsie Riley; nieces, Janie Bonsor and her husband, Bill, Lithia Springs, GA, and Martha Riley Frazier, Johnson City; nephews, Jackie Riley, Jonesborough, and Danny Riley, Johnson City; great neph-

ews, Colby and Andy Riley, Johnson City, and Kevin Bonsor and his wife, Lisa, Raleigh, NC; great nieces, Kim Goodman, Lithia Springs, GA, and Kristie Sattler and her husband, Jason, Atlanta, GA; great great niece, Alexis Goodman, Lithia Springs, GA; great great nephews, Gavin and Braden Sattler, Atlanta, GA, Corbin, Declan, and Brody Bonsor, Raleigh, NC, and Ryan Goodman, Lithia Springs, GA; cousin, Brenda White, Nokesville, VA; very special friends who gathered at the "Round Table" for lively discussions in Jane's home many times over the years, MG John Henderson, USA, Ret., Richmond, VA, SGM Vernon King, USA, Ret., Midlothian, VA, CSM Doris Wollett, USA, Ret., Richmond, VA, and SGM Ron Horton, USA, Ret., Newland, NC; and also, many friends and neighbors, especially Carolyn Sparks and family.

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# 80th Division Veteran's Association Memorial Brick Paver Program

The purpose of the brick program is to help the overall financial status of our organization and help it to remain viable for the future. It is a fantastic way to honor our veterans. The bricks (also called "pavers") are approximately 5" tall x 11" wide x 4" thick. The bricks will be placed at the 80th Training Command Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, adjacent to our 80th Division monument.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF BRICKS TO CHOOSE FROM:

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