



80th Veterans Association Mourns the Loss of Two PNCs



PNC Elmer G. Dorsten

May 5, 1924 — May 22, 2015

ELMER G. DORSTEN, age 91, of Coldwater, died Friday, May 22, 2015 at Otterbein, St. Marys. He was born May 5, 1924 in Chickasaw to the late Henry & Elizabeth (Grieshop) Dorsten. On August 4, 1945, he married Laura M. (Borgerding), and she died February 9, 1997. He is survived by four children, Judy & John Luthman of St. Marys, Fred & Linda Dorsten of St. Marys, Phyllis & Paul Hanna of Celina and James Dorsten of Celina, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a sister, Alvina & Jerome Miller of Coldwater and a brother-in-law, Oscar Borgerding of St. Henry. He is preceded in death by a brother, Edwin Dorsten and a sister, Edna Borgerding. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, Coldwater Kiwanis Club, Coldwater American Legion and was a lifetime member of the 80th Div. Veteran Association and Coldwater VFW. Funeral Services will be held at 4:00PM on Sunday, May 24 at Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Coldwater. Burial will be at a later time. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday. Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.



PNC Archer Futch

Died May 16, 2015

ARCHER H. FUTCH, a long-time resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 16, 2015, in Columbus, GA, at the age of 90. He was born in Monroe, NC and lived in Monroe and Charlotte until his 18th birthday when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served with the 80th Infantry Division in Europe during WWII and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart for wounds he received while fighting in France. He served as a guard during the Nuremburg trials following the war.

Upon being discharged, he returned to North Carolina where he was admitted into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study physics. He subsequently attended the University of Maryland where he received his PhD in Physics.

Archer met his first wife, Patricia Ann West at the University of Maryland. They were married in 1953. They relocated to South Carolina for several years and then moved to Livermore in 1959 for work and to raise their three daughters: Lisa, Jacqueline, and Tina.

Archer was an employee of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1959 until his retirement in about 1990. He was also actively involved in local politics in Livermore where he served on the planning commission, the Zone 7 water district board, and the city council, including a period as mayor in the early 1970s. He was also a member of the Sierra Club, the Friends of the Vineyards, and recently served as Commander of the 80th Infantry Veteran's Association.

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SUMMER IS JUST around the corner and with it comes hotter weather and yard work. We are having rolling thunder storms for a few days but nothing like Texas!! Pray for those in the flood area that have been displaced and have to start over again.

As you work in your flowers and yards or have someone else do your maintenance, have them look out for spiders, bugs, and of course old sneaky snake. I was playing with my Great Grandsons, identical twins, and low and behold what do we see? Sneaky snake, a Black Racer that a bird was chasing and he was rather large. He showed up again on the other side of our property a few days later. As my daughter and I were working on the dam at the end of the pond we saw a couple of Brown Northern Water snakes. One went to snake heaven, if there is one. Don't stay out in the heat for very long and make sure you are drinking plenty of water.

I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day Week End and were able to go to a Ceremony somewhere to remember those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for this country and every one of us. It was an extremely sad time for the 80th Division Veterans Association as we lost three members in just over a week. PNC Archer Futch passed away on 16 May, PNC Elmer Dorsten passed away on 22 May, and Jim Pietch passed away on 24 May. There are several other members that have passed away since the last magazine but these three were during the Memorial Day Holiday. All our members are special and appreciat-

ed and I cherish the time we have together. Several of you I have never met and wish I had. To those that I have had the pleasure of meeting you are heroes not only to me but to this great country that we have the honor of living in.

The 96th Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association is in Aug. You should have received your Information/Registration Letter and hopefully will be able to attend. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself and we certainly will enjoy your being with us.

There are several Annual Members that have not paid their dues. Some go back a couple of years. Please send your payments as soon as you can. After three years in arrears you automatically get dropped from membership and I do not like doing that. Remember that dues are now \$20 a year.

Also, please send me your change of address as soon as you have it if you are moving. Many times magazines are returned to me without a new address from the Post Office.

One last note, as I receive articles/notes from Veterans to include in our Quarterly Magazine, I try my best to run them exactly as they are given to me. There may be times where someone has misspoken about a particular person or event. At no time has this been to gain any recognition or to lessen what took place during that mission. I truly want to believe that it is simply a loss of detailed memory at that moment.

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

We Look Forward to Seeing You in Harrisburg, PA for the 2015 80th Division Veterans Assn Reunion!

Douglas Knorr, Chaplain and Senior Vice-Commander



IT'S HARD TO believe that in about two months we will be meeting in Harrisburg PA for the 80th Division Veterans Association 2015 reunion.

For four exciting days, from August 19 to 22, we will meet with old friends, and make new friends as we share memories and take care of the business of the association.

2015 marks the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII. In addition to celebrating together at the reunion, there will also be a special "commemorative" 4-color edition of this year's 2015 reunion program. We will be pre-selling these commemorative programs for \$7.50 each so please mark how many you want when you send in your registration. (NOTE: Registered attendees receive a commemorative program book in their reunion packet.) However, you may desire additional commemorative programs for other family members.

The greater Harrisburg area has a lot to offer both his-

torically as well as lots of options for family fun. This is the perfect year to bring kids and grandchildren to experience everything from museums, paddleboat cruises on the Susquehanna River to one of America's Favorites, "Chocolate Town" in Hershey USA.

Important Note: It is important that you make your reunion and hotel reservations right away. Room rates and availability are only guaranteed until July 31st. (See page 3: Reunion Reservation Information)

In addition to our focus on celebrating the 70 year anniversary of WWII, there will be special speakers on WWII as well as the Persian Gulf War and so much more!

Our Trip on Friday will be to the newly expanded U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle. The half-day trip will include a light lunch with speaker provided for all attendees of the outing. Many new interactive exhibits, inside the expanded facility, will allow fun for the entire family. In addition, we have arranged guides with carts to drive those who do not wish to walk around the outside one mile exhibits.

COMMANDERS MESSAGE



Jeff Wignall

National Commander

2014 - 2015

AS YOU RECEIVE this issue of the Blue Ridge, the 96th Annual Reunion at Harrisburg will be only a few short weeks away. For those who will have already sent in their registrations, the Association, I, and certainly this year's Reunion Chairman, Doug Knorr, jointly thank you.

As always, we look forward to a large turnout—that after all is what reunions are all about. As I have mentioned previously, it is the members who attend this event who keep the organization viable, and determine our prospects for the future. That future includes shooting for the milestone 100th Reunion in 2019.

Perhaps not known to many, but the 10th Reunion—1929—featured a reception at the White House, whereat President Herbert Hoover mingled freely with the veterans of WWI and their families. My, how times have changed. Something for a vice-commander yet to be named to think about, although depends a lot on who is POTUS in 2019.

In the spring edition, I provided a rough breakdown of our membership at that time. Subsequent to writing that letter, an intensive search of the Internet showed that just over 100 of our members—mainly Life Members—had in fact passed away. These were listed in the Taps column of that issue, and had occurred over an extended period. Since that time, an additional search using different pa-

rameters brought another 20 to light, several recent. The adjusted total membership—excluding any new memberships that might have been received in the last three months, and deaths other than those I found—is now roughly 575. I have to say roughly as I will not normally receive a quarterly update until you all do—when this copy of the magazine arrives.

Since most of the losses were among the Life Members, our financial picture remains pretty much as it was: not too good. Had the losses been more from among the Annual Members, it would be worse. We will continue for the foreseeable future to rely heavily on contributions.

With that in mind—and from his years of trying to balance the Association checkbook himself—PNC and former National Secretary Bob Murrell has posted a challenge—which you will see in more detail elsewhere in the magazine. Bob has offered to match any donations received to a total of \$1000 by December 24th of this year. Please be sure to note on the memo line of your check “Murrell Match” to effectively double the amount of your contribution. A further note about Bob, he celebrated his 99th birthday in May, so he, too, is now setting his sights on a centennial observance and a visit from Willard Scott.

On a sad note, we mourn the deaths of PNC Archer Futch who passed away on May 16th, at the age of 90, and PNC Elmer G. Dorsten on May 22nd at 91.

This letter represents my last official communication to the magazine since the gavel is soon to be passed to the incoming Commander, so a fitting time to express my thanks to those who supported my efforts over this four year odyssey. It has been a singular honor for me to serve the Association in this capacity, as a personal tribute to the memory of my father, and in the memory of the many 80th Division men I have had the privilege of knowing over the past 27 years, who are no longer with us.

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

Reunion Reservation Information

Hotel Reservations:

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center-Harrisburg West
148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070
Phone: 717-774-2721

Reunion Registration:

See Registration Form in this Blue Ridge edition.

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I CONTINUE TO GET not only requests for information, but also reports on the context which our “family” have made with the people in the areas where their relatives fought, or wounded, or in some cases, gave their lives. It is really good to hear from someone who says “we communicated two years ago and now I have visited the actual scene and found the people of that area to be so enthusiastic about meeting the relatives of the 80th Division warriors.

Following tradition, the Historian and Mr. Sebastiaan Vonk representing the 80th Division Veterans' Association at Memorial Day services at the Ardennes (Liege) American Military Cemetery, also, Henri-Chapelle and Margraten, the Netherlands.

Following these, I went to the Luxembourg AMC at Hamm and delivered two photos which I had obtained, enhanced, and reprinted. These were for one of the soldiers buried there.

Next, came a visit to the Epinal AMC. Of course, Gen. Searby (80th Division Artillery, WWII) is buried there. In addition, there is a gravesite for and Eddie Gibson. Many of you have heard of Capt. Bill Overstreet, a P51 Mustang pilot who retired in Roanoke, VA and who recently passed on. Bill had a good friend, a squadron mate named Eddie Gibson who, during bomber escort over Europe, was involved in a mid-air collision and bailed out. Eddie was rescued by French resistance fighters (Maquis). Eddie stayed with them for about 4 days until the Germans found out where this group was hiding in the Orleans Forest. The resistance group immediately climbed into their stolen German transports and departed the area. However, the Germans were hot on their heels. As the Germans gained ground on the resistance column, Eddie and five Maquis, who were in the last truck of the envoy, stopped, set up a machine gun in the middle of the road and held the Germans at bay until they were all shot. Eddie's sacrifice has been duly noted by the French, who placed his name on a memorial with those of resistance fighters who gave their lives during WWII; this memorial is located in the Orleans Forest.

I visited the Somme AMC at Bony, France, where I have been so many times in the past. I put flowers on the grave of Cpl. Henry Sentell, Co. F., 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Division AEF.

Following the above, I visited in Northern France and viewed several important battlefields, such as the Chemin des Dames. The actions of this battlefield, which included a hasty departure by British troops, were part of the reason that the Americans were so desperately needed in WWI. The French lost many troops in this area; a mutiny almost occurred.

Next, I went back to the battlefield where the 80th Division spearheaded the last phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive by “going over the top” on 4 October 1918. Many days were spent exploring that battlefield. There were



PNC Anthony in Nantillois, France, with Mayor Manuel Nanan in front of the PA 80th Division Monument

two road systems between which the 80th fought over roughly a weeks time and received approximately 3000 casualties. I obtained many artifacts from this battlefield. I also examined the state of Pennsylvania memorial to the 80th Division in the town of Nantillois. Even though one history reference refers to this as a fountain, no one can remember its functioning as a fountain, and the area in which water might have been is filled with growing plants. A cursory examination of the planted area found no trace of a fountain. However, a ceremony was held at this site, at which time the Historian presented, on behalf of the 80th Division Veterans' Association a U.S. 48-star flag, measuring 5 feet X 9 feet. Of course, this flag would have been appropriate for the 80th Division in WWI.

I would note that there is now a B&B run by Maarten and Didi Otte in Nantillois which will be a great place for someone to stay while discovering the Bois des Ogons battlefield. I made many pictures of this entire battlefield, where my father was wounded, and also made pictures of the southwest corner of the Bois de Fays, where Lt. Clovis Moomaw of the 80th Division was killed while scouting for the locations of German artillery and machine guns. The 80th division descendants prepared and presented a shadow box to Washington and Lee University some years back in honor of Lt. Moomaw.

After spending approximately 3 weeks in the above activities, I traveled to Israel and had a wonderful visit there, viewing both religious and military sites. Military sites included the Golan Heights, where the Israelis miraculously stopped the overwhelming numbers of Syrian tanks. I also got a feel for the political situation in the area.



PNC Anthony at CPL Senteel Grave



PNC Anthony at PFC Burns Grave



Sebastiaan at PFC Burns grave



PNC Anthony in Nantillois, France, at the PA 80th Division Monument



MURRELL MATCHING CHALLENGE

PNC Bob Murrell has offered to match contributions to the total of **\$1,000** received by 24 December as a Christmas gift to the Association.

Please don't miss this opportunity to **double** the value of any contribution you may be considering by sending it in as soon as possible prior to that date, with the words **Murrell Match** clearly printed in the memo line of your check!

PFC Gordon L. Glover, Co. D, 317th Inf. Reg., 80th Div.

THE FAMILY OF PFC Gordon Louis Glover is seeking to identify the men in the attached photographs with PFC Glover, who served as a light mortar crewman and driver in Co. D, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. PFC Glover enlisted from Arkansas and trained with the 80th from July 1942 at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and elsewhere until embarkation for Scotland on the Queen Mary, on 1 July 1944.

PFC Glover served in northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes, and central Europe, returning to the States on 30 November 1945, sailing on the Webster, apparently with the 662nd Field Artillery Battalion, as shown on his discharge documents. (The campaigns in France, the Moselle, Ardennes, and the Rhine, along with the logo "Fighting First," are stenciled just below the windscreens of the Jeeps in the photographs.)

PFC Glover was wounded in France on 24 September 1944 and returned to duty in October 1944. Otherwise, he served with the 80th Division from start to finish.

The photograph of the downed plane apparently shows a B-51 American plane, captured and repainted by the Germans, and then recaptured by the U.S. Army in May 1945. We do not know where this photo was taken, but presumably it was as late as May 1945. It is possible that one of the other men in the photograph hailed from Camden, Arkansas, but we do not know that for certain.

We ask that anyone who may recognize PFC Glover—or who may have photographs of PFC Glover—or who may be able to identify the men in the photographs please contact us, because we are hoping to connect with anyone who may have any information about our father's time with the 80th Division. We would greatly appreciate any bit of information, no matter how insignificant it might seem.

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70th Anniversary of Liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp and the Town Weimar

By: Bernd Schmidt
Photos by Linda Schmidt

April 9 – 13, 2015: Three veterans were in attendance invited from Buchenwald Memorial. Bob Harmon and Bob Burrow of 80th ID and one of a Medical unit. Also some children and grandchildren of veterans—like Helen Patton (Granddaughter of Gen. Patton) and Bill Zeigler (grandson of Col. Costello of 319th). There were 70 survivors also in attendance.

Highlights of the event were:

9 April 2015: arriving of veterans, survivors and guests.

10 April 2015: special event for the liberators of our town Weimar. Reception with the Lord mayor of Weimar for the liberators (especially Bob Harmon and Bob Burrow). Visiting the Memorial Plaque in the historical town hall to remember the peaceful surrender at 12 April 2015. The plaque was dedicated by members of 80th ID in 2000. A speech about the history was given. Official reception and speech from Lord mayor of Weimar.

A highlight of this event was the giving of a valed painting of Col Costello from the Costello family presented by Bill Zeigler, grandson of Costello. It's really a wonderful work. I was involved at the event. Some time ago I received the decorations of Col. Costello which I had taken over to the towns' museum for this day. Also I had given a book by Andy Adkins with the Diary of his father. The book was dedicated to the citizens of Weimar.

11 April 2015: Meetings and events together with survivors in National Theater and other locations.

12 April 2015: Reception for all survivors and liberators from Prime Minister and other important persons in the National Theater. In a speech of Prime Minister was named Bob Harmon and his 90th Birthday there. He celebrated his 20 birthday in Weimar too.

In the afternoon was a ceremony at Buchenwald concentration Camp to remember for the victims and liberators. All survivors and liberators were in attendance. Wreaths were laying down. After the ceremony was a reception of the US-Ambassador for the liberators and survivors who are living in the States now.

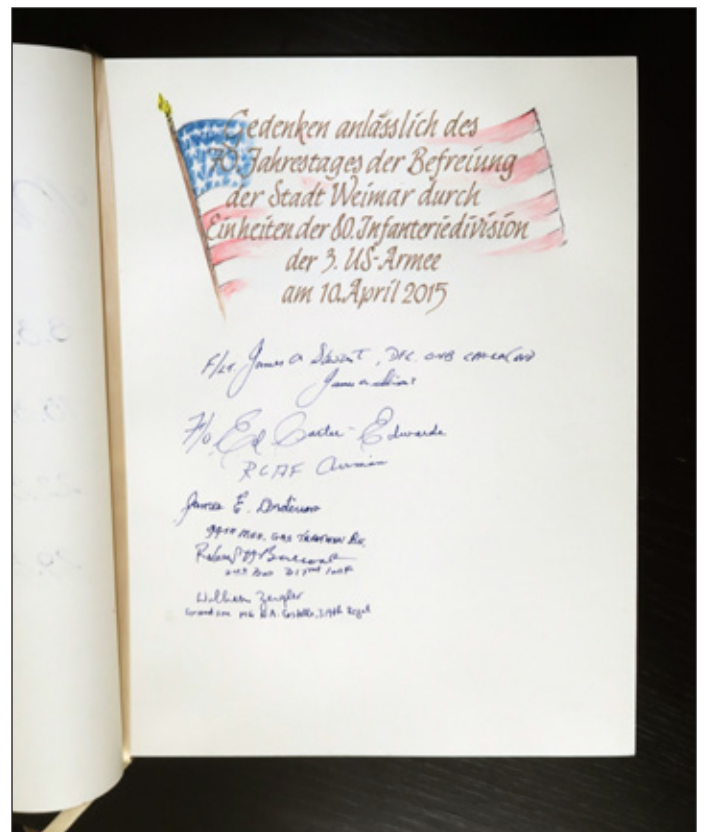
The Golden Book

A highlight of this day was following event too:

In the evening there was a reception of Liberators and survivors of Prime Minister of Thuringia for dinner and awarding two important persons. The award of Merit was given to a French woman for her work to remember the Holocaust, and to Bob Harmon, Professor emeritus of Seattle University, who had done many things to teach his student about the war and Germany, and who is the last eyewitness of the peaceful surrender of the town of Weimar. Bob was at this time the Jeep driver of Col Costello. (photos available at this link: <http://www.arifoto.de/kunden/Gedenkakt+Buchenwald-Befreiung>)

13 April 2015: was for relaxing to visit the town and others. Some guests left at this day.

For personal experiences please ask Bob Harmon (gharmon@seanet.com) and Bob Burrows (doublegggrandma@gmail.com).





top left: Bernd with Bill & Bob Harmon

top right: Bob Harmon & Bernd Schmidt at Costello Painting

left: Bernd, Helen, Ed Carter-Edwards Canadian Survivor, Bill

below left: Bob Harmon signing the Golden Book

below right: Bob Burrows signing the Golden Book



left to right: Bob Burrow,
Lord Mayor Wolf, and
Bob Harmon under the
memorial Plaque



Our gratitude to Bernd Schmidt and friends; the Lordmayor and staff; and the Prime Minister and government staff for their efforts in making this event possible.

*North Tonawanda NY Evening News
12 April 1945, Seite 1*

Third Army Troops Capture Weimar

Weimar, Germany (UP)—Weimar, cradle of the German Republic which Adolf Hitler smashed in his rise to power, surrendered today to the men of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army who entered the city and completed its occupation at 10:30 a.m.

The 80th Infantry Division occupied Weimar which had surrendered to the Americans despite desperate orders issued only today by Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler that no town or city of Germany was to surrender on pain of death to German officials.

An infantry column led by Col. N. A. Costello, Arlington, Va., paraded into the old city. But most of the populace did not see the entry because they deliberately turned their backs on our troops and glared sullenly at the ground.

Clarence H. Brockman Honored by France and Washington County Commissioners (Pennsylvania)

AS I STOOD BEHIND my Dad as the Star Spangled Banner started to play, Dad slowly raised his right arm to be able to bring his right hand up to his National Commanders Cap to pay respect to our National Anthem and the American Flag at the end of the French Legion of Honor Ceremony at the French Embassy, Washington DC.

Watching him make this simple gesture, my mind wandered to thinking about just how many times in his almost 95 years did he show respect to our flag and anthem?

Standing there while the French National Anthem was playing I thought about how Dad got to be there that day and what a day it had been.

Dad, Jim, my brother, Lynn, his wife and I left our home some 268 miles away at 6:30 am, a trip on any normal weather day would take less than 5 hours but as we headed towards the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the snow fall started to get worse.

I thought, seven years, three applications and now a major snow storm will not keep us from getting to the Embassy.

Seven hours later we arrived just outside Georgetown where we had a lite lunch before heading to the Embassy where we were greeted by Marie-Claire Gabriel-Lafon, assistant to the Consul General and Dean Dominique, Major Ret., US Army who works and lives in the area.

As we walked into the two-story ballroom, there were 20 chairs with each Veterans names in alphabetical order, Dad was the fifth chair.

We looked at the 2 velvet pillows holding 10 medals each and Dad found his right away. The Veterans being honored soon found their seats and then Marie-Claire introduced the Consul General to the United States of America, Olivier Serot Almeras and Defense Attaché, General Vincent Cousin.

Consul General Almeras then greeted all the Veterans, family members and guest before he began his eloquent speech. Almeras, a soft spoken man told the Veterans it was his greatest honor to induct them into the Legion of Honor, that his Nation and her people owe the life they have today due to the courage and conviction of the Allied Forces.

He then lowered his head, bit his lower lip and as his raised his head, his eyes were pooled with tears, he then said that saying "Thank you" seemed so insignificant because not only was his country liberated but he wouldn't be here today if they had not been there 70 years ago.

With that, he spoke all 20 names along with the five names of those unable to be there and then left the stage

to meet Marie-Claire with the first of the 2 medal covered pillows.

Each man presented every other GI with their medal, when they got to Dad, the Consul General presented Dad's.

"Today, March 4, 2015, the Nation of France and her people, Knight, Clarence H. Brockman with the French Legion of Honor for his involvement in the Liberation of France during World War II."

Another 15 men heard the same well-chosen words before the families of the other 5 Veterans were present boxed medals.

With 20 minutes they were back on the stage and the Star Spangled Banner was being played as I held back my tears watching Dad giving a simple gesture of saluting.

The afternoon began with Dad being a WWII Veteran and in less than 30 minutes, he was now "Sir Clarence H. Brockman."

The Consul General then invited everyone to stay for a Champagne and French Pastry Reception.

Dean had brought copies of his book, "One Hell of a War" for the Consul General and our US Congressman Tim Murphy, who was unable to attend. So Dean and Dad presented the book to the Consul General, afterwards several photos were taken before the 4 of us headed for home.

We left the Embassy at 4:30 pm and drove through the mountains of Pennsylvania in a horrible snow storm getting us back home at 11:59 PM, a round trip in 17 hours.



Clarence Brockman Salutes



top, PA State Sen Camera Bartolotta; Larry Maggi, Harlan Sober, and Diana Irey, Washington County Commissioners; and PA State Rep Brandon Newman present Brockman with a certificate.

above: Consul General Almeras, Brockman, Dean Dominique

left: Consul Almeras pinning Medal on Brockman

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Marty & George West



McDonald Police Chief Mark Dorsey, American Legion adjutant Pat Powell, McDonald Mayor Terry Bennett



Brockman Receives Award from US Congressman Tim Murphy

Clarence H. Brockman Honored

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In two weeks, the Washington County Commissioners presented Dad with a plaque honoring his WWII years of service... three days after that, a reception was thrown in his honor at Hart's Restaurant, McDonald.

US Congressman Tim Murphy was able to attend, presenting Dad with an American Flag that had been flown over the Capitol on March 4th. Also attending was PA State Senator Camera Bartolotta, PA House of Representatives Jason Ortitay and McDonald Mayor Terry Bennett all making presentations.

HPNC George West was there along with 50+ guests... everyone was there but me, I had been admitted to our local hospital.

Looking back to the month of March, thinking about all the people we met, reading newspaper and magazine articles about Dad's honors, the thing I hold dearest to my heart, (besides my Dad,) is Dad slowly raising his right arm to be able to bring his right hand up to his National Commanders Cap to pay respect to our National Anthem and the American Flag, a simple gesture that means so much to everyone that ever answered the call of duty.



PA State House Rep Jason Ortitay & PA State Sen Bartolotta



Private Cary Feild Jarratt, Company A, 318th Infantry, 80th Division, AEF.

Life of Pvt. Jarratt shared nearly 100 years later

By Carol Bailey, Staff Writer

UNCOVERING ORIGINAL letters from his great uncle, Private Cary Field Jarratt (1888-1918), while visiting in the ancestral home of the Jarratts, put Ben Jarratt on a mission to research Private Cary's experiences while serving in World War I.

As a draftee, Cary wrote home often, always addressing the letters to Dear Mama. These letters, written in a conversational style, serve as a peek into life not only

at the war front, but also to tell what Private Cary missed at home.

Ben Jarratt shared these letters and items from the war with the Sussex County Historical Society on March 8 at the society's monthly meeting.

First, Jarratt spoke about the family tree, and showed pictures of Private Cary's family seated in front of the family home. Cary was the son of William Nicholas Jarratt II and Sally Cary Eppes Jarratt. They had five children, but only four lived past infancy, and the photo showed an empty chair to signify the loss of one of the children at age one.

Cary served with the 80th Division of the 318th Infantry, Company A. He and others from Sussex County served in the same company. Camp Lee, which had 40,000 people there, trained the incoming recruits in the Crater while there. This was preparation for the famous trench warfare. While there, Cary's sister Elizabeth, who lived in Petersburg, came to Camp Lee to see him and took several pictures.

Cary's letters up to this time revealed his light, "I am enjoying this" attitude, for he was unaware of what was coming. After two months of training, he and others marched to Hopewell, then sailed to Newport News, and then went by train to Hoboken, N.J., where they boarded the USS Leviathan, a luxury liner impressed into service as a troop ship. He eventually landed at Calais, France.

It was in France that Cary wrote that he wasn't having the good time that one might think. He became part of the Meuse-Argonne offensive, the biggest battle in the entire war. He was wounded when a shell hit nearby and he was hit in the hip, knee and arm. He, along with others, were eventually sent to a first aid station and then a mobile hospital where he had surgery, and then he was sent to Base Hospital 48. Pictures of this hospital shows how many wounded there actually were, for the hospital had over 700 buildings. Cary, when he wrote home, said, "It could have been worse."

Ben Jarratt, pointed out that the government and the Army didn't want the public to know how many were wounded, for it would ruin morale. They did not want people to know the seriousness of the wounds either.

Cary wrote that he ran into a friend from his neighborhood in a letter dated October 25, 1918. He told a nurse that he wanted to eat fried chicken on his birthday, and somehow the nurse found some fried chicken for him for his birthday.

Unfortunately, Cary's wounded leg did not heal properly and death records show that he died of his wounds. He died four days after the Armistice. A nurse wrote to his family later that he died an easy death. Records show that he died of a blood infection. He was buried in a military hospital cemetery, and much later after the war was over, his remains were reburied at Arlington National Cemetery.

Just days before he died, he wrote that "My mission has been filled."

Ben Jarratt also explained how the folks that remained at home during the war created all sorts of counsels to help the war efforts. Jarratt's research showed the names of those citizens in Sussex who served on the draft board, the crop productions counsel, and another counsel of women who knitted caps and socks and other items to send to the soldiers. Speakers traveled through the county speaking only four minutes each about conserving food during the war. Banks at Wakefield, Stony Creek and Jarratt collected money donated by patrons for the war effort.

Ben Jarratt made Private Cary Field Jarratt come alive to those who heard his lecture on Sunday, March 8th. His research will be gathered into a book telling Cary's story.

Recently, Ben Jarratt added Cary's name and two names other Sussex men who served in WWI on the county's war monument that stands in front of the Courthouse.



Private Jarratt's Great Nephew Ben Jarratt, right, and his son, Colin (Cary's Great-Great Nephew), at the headstone of Private Cary F. Jarratt, Arlington National Cemetery.

Photos courtesy of Ben Jarratt

Editor's Note: Unit Records state the 318th Infantry went by train to Hoboken, boarded the USS Leviathan, and landed in Brest, France. The majority of the 80th Division sailed from Hopewell to Newport News and joined a naval convoy for transport overseas to France.

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Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of Governor Terry McAuliffe

Governor McAuliffe Announces New Health Care Options for Virginia Veterans

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~ Community health centers provide more health care choices for veterans who live too far or wait too long to be seen at VA facilities ~

PETERSBURG — Governor Terry McAuliffe announced today that Virginia veterans who face barriers to accessing the Veterans Administration (VA) health system will have more options for care through new provider agreements between the VA and community health centers. The Governor made today's announcement while speaking at the Appomattox Area Health and Wellness Center in Petersburg.

Accelerating veterans' access to care is a key component of the Governor's A Healthy Virginia <https://governor.virginia.gov/media/3096/a-healthy-virginia-report-final.pdf> plan. Through the recently passed Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act, veterans who live more than 40 miles from a VA facility or who would otherwise have to wait more than 30 days for an appointment can now be seen at a participating community health center. The legislation provides \$10 billion over three years to the VA to pay private providers to care for eligible veterans.

Virginia is the first state in the nation to develop provider agreements between Federally Qualified Health Centers and the VA through the Veterans Choice Program. To date, four Federally Qualified Health Centers, with 22 sites of care have signed up to provide health services to eligible veterans. These sites are located on the Eastern Shore, New Canton, Louisa, Charles City, Aylett, Prince George, Alberta, Charlotte Court House, Fredericksburg, Victoria, Amelia, Emporia, Dinwiddie, Ferrum, Floyd and Laurel Fork. "We are getting results for Virginia's veterans," said Governor McAuliffe. "As soon as the Veterans Choice Act became law, we began working with the VA to explore how to fully leverage the new funding and enable Virginia's veterans to get faster access to care. I hosted the first-ever Governor's Summit on Expanding Health Care Access for Virginia Veterans and brought together top leaders from the VA with hospitals and community health centers to seek solutions. Now, less than three months later, there are 22 new access points for veterans across the Commonwealth."

"Community health centers are pleased to partner with the Veterans Health Administration to provide medical care to our Virginia veterans," said Neal Graham, chief executive officer of the Virginia Community Healthcare Association. "They have stood ready for us; we stand ready for them."

"I applaud the Veterans Administration for moving so quickly after Governor McAuliffe's Summit to facilitate these new partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Centers in Virginia," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Bill Hazel. "Now, through the Choice Program, veterans in many rural areas of the state can receive quality care right in their own community."

"We need to work closely with the VA to ensure that all our veterans receive the care and benefits they deserve in a timely manner," said Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs John Harvey. "This is exactly the type of partnership I hope to see even more of going forward. I am especially pleased that there are five new sites of care available on the Eastern Shore for veterans who face transportation issues and other barriers."

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Don't Ever Give Up – Always Keep Moving Forward

Andy Adkins, HNC, 80th Division Veterans Association

MANY OF YOU KNOW that I created and continue to maintain the 80th Division Veterans Association Website (www.80thdivision.com) and digitized the majority of the 80th Division Morning Reports, After Action Reports, and General Orders for World War II – all are available on the website and free to access. Like several others in the 80th Division Veterans Association, I research and try to answer questions about 80th Division veteran's service in the 80th Division; I focus on WWII, Lee Anthony focuses on WWI, and MAJ(R) Gary ("Schreck") Schreckengost focuses on Post-WWII. Many others, including Jeff Wignall, MG(R) John McClaren, and CSM(R) Doris Wollett rely on each other as well as several resources to research specifics for those that ask.

I've been working with Donald van den Bogert through emails and the website on this particular research project, and recently received the following email from him:

During the last 3 months, I've been busy with only ONE piece of research: A friend of my (in the US), bought a signed Nazi (swastika) flag in an estate sale in Pennsylvania. It has 12 signatures on it. It was signed in Chemnitz, in April 1945. (It says so on the flag). And the only extra info on the flag was "I-Company."

My friend knew I'm into WWII research, and asked me if I could find out more. I really had nothing else to go on. How do you find 12 names out of 20,000,000 men who served in the US Army during in WWII? Well... it was a rollercoaster. When I saw the name, Gaylord A. Towne, it launched me off my seat.

That was a familiar name, 80th Inf Div for sure... found his citation (Silver Star), and the proper document in the [online 80th] Digital Archives: I-Company 318th Infantry Regiment. I went nuts... from that moment, "I only moved forward."

Today, (12/17/2014) I published the article... I found 11 of the 12 men, in "Item-Company," and of those 11 men, I found proper Report proof (i.e., Morning Reports, General Orders, Special Orders). Two hours after publishing it, a Facebook friend contacted me. She read my article, started searching and found some results... A friend of hers will visit with one of the flag signers in a few days (if all goes well). He is 91 now! - His name is Ronald Jeffers.

We also found the last missing man. Not in I/318 (like the other 11), but in M/318. I'm 99% sure it is him. John J. O'Keefe.

NONE of this would have been possible without you and your father. I always try to inspire others, and have written the article in a way that I hope it will light a spark in others to invest time in research.



A link to the online published article is at the end. Here is the article: it is a long one. It tells a story. More than one. And since I published it, I have already added five updates (at the end of the article).

Sophia and I have been from St. Avold to Wallendorf, from Pintsch to Leny's house (where the Day Turner MOH monument is situated)... Now I can say I've handled hardcopies of/and all digital files of I/319, all General Orders, Special Orders and what not...

You have inspired me, way back in the mid 2000's. And I did get CLOSER to the 80th Infantry Division and walked in their footsteps. I found relics, obtained some relics... and enjoyed every second of it.

I hope you will have a look at the article, just to see that your effort did light a spark, which turned into a flame.

With warm regards,
Donald van den Bogert
pararesearchteam.com

This is the article within my 80th Inf Div website:
<http://www.pararesearchteam.com/80th-Infantry-Division/Signed-Souvenir-German-Flag-Research.html>

Sometimes people ask why I do what I do – now you know! And the great thing? There are lots of us who are glad to help research.

Do You Remember Company B-318?

TO: Bob Jones and All Members of B-318

Do you remember Burl Mansberger, 80 Div 318 2nd Bat Co B – Replacement? Nov 1944?

Do you remember being south of Luxemburg about 90 miles and being trucked to a drop off point on the way to Lux, hiking a long way and trying to dig in, but the ground was shale like we just lay down and tried to sleep?

Do you remember going up a hill above Etterbruck?

Do you remember Burl Mansberger assigned to point position?

Do you remember being stopped, barn door flapping on right side and machine gun nest on left up hill in wooded area?

Do you remember the Officer in Charge directing me to continue up the hill?

Do you remember our tanks unable to go up the hill because no traction in farm land?

Do you remember being up the hill above Ettelbruck and under a barricade of small arm fire?

Do you remember the attack on the Village of Ettelbruck and running down the hill being fired upon?

Do you remember the Soldier shot in the stomach and we were told to not to stop and help?

Do you remember Anderson, the Bazzoke man or the Officer asking who knew how to fire the bazooka? Nobody answered except Burl Mansberger who was assigned to assist Anderson.

Do you remember in the middle of the night, German tanks with infantry on both sides of the tank advancing towards the edge of town?

Do you remember Mansberger stepping out of the house and firing the bazooka at the tanks?

Do you remember Mansberger being evacuated to a hospital in Etampes France? He returned to the Company in Feb 1945.

Do you remember crossing the SAAR River in boats, being pinned down across the SAAR?

If any Company B 318 Soldiers remember this event and would like to contact me please do.

My address is:

**343 Woodbridge Lane
Jericho, NY 11753**

Thanks you and regards – Burl Mansberg

The last date I have entered a name is June 1, 2015

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Archer Obituary, continued from page 1

He loved the City of Livermore and was passionate about being of service to give back and improve his community.

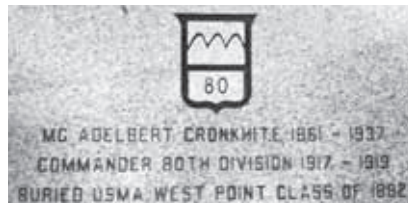
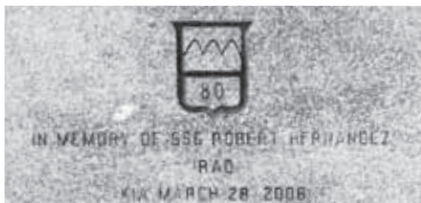
Archer loved outdoor activities including sailing, skiing, and hiking. He celebrated his retirement with a trip to the Himalayas to climb some of the world's highest mountains. He also enjoyed several cross-country skiing trips in the Sierras and in Colorado with several other retired employees from the Lab. He spent many happy days at his mountain home at Lake Tahoe and enjoyed entertaining many visitors there.

Archer was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia, and his daughter Tina Buch. He is survived by: his second wife, Sybil Futch, of Columbus, GA; his brother, Bill Futch, of Richmond, VA; his sister, Carolyn Naylor, of Jacksonville, FL; his daughter, Lisa Futch Klaeser, of Granite Bay, CA; his daughter, Jacqueline Gardiner, of Punta Gorda, FL; and 3 grandsons: Jason Spake, Micah Klaeser, and Reed Klaeser.

Memorial donations in memory of Archer can be made to the endowment of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, 1457 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

80TH DIVISION MEMORIAL BRICKS

HONOR OUR VETERANS AND HELP THE ASSOCIATION RAISE NEEDED FUNDS!



80th Division Veterans 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:

1. Standard Granite \$195 Quantity: _____
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Prices include brick cutting, surface smoothing, three lines of inscription, shipping and installation.

You may inscribe whatever you wish as it can fit on the three lines. If you're interested, please fill in the following information:

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Please print all information and return by June 30, 2015

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Name of Veteran or Attendee: _____

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Unit Affiliation: _____ Period: _____ Handicap: _____

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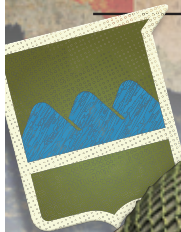
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