

Questionnaire

Name

IRV GOODE

1. Background: Where did you leave from, when did you become part of 317th, what rank were you, and what company? Left from Ft. Dix, near Boston, in July 1944 - joined 317th in November - K Co. - as 1st Lt. - took over 1st Platoon
2. Did you know PFC Herman Robichaux? If so, could you tell me what you remember about him?

No - I was wounded on 12/25/44 during Battle of Bulge and was in hospital when your grandfather joined the company - when I returned I took over the 4th Platoon.

3. What was the most difficult part of the war for you? (Please include dates and places if possible)

Battle of the Bulge in December '44 -

4. What is your best memory of the war? (Please include dates and places if possible)

12/20 Sitting on top of a hill in Belgium, trying to dig a foxhole, about 2:00 at night, and hearing music from a night club in New York over my walkie-talkie - piped in from a company radio - and hearing the artillery in front of us - Very lonely feeling -

12/24 Telling a wounded German soldier - about 14 yrs old - that I was Jewish - giving him a cigarette and then sending him back to our Field hospital -

5. Do you know of anyone else from 317th that I can contact? If so, what is his address?

No - Your best source is the 80th Vet Ass'n -

6. Could you please write about some of your memories about 317th in WWII? (Please include dates and places if possible)

After war - May '45 - I was in charge of an infantry detail to remove Hungarian Treasury from a church basement in Spital, Austria - (Article enclosed) took it in convoy to Frankfurt.

In June '45 my platoon was detailed to guard a mountain pass between Yugoslavia and Austria - and I relieved a German Cavalry unit of 36 horses for my men and then became a Battalion stable for entire Battalion.

IRV GOODE

NORTHBROOK, IL. 60062

10/31/01

Dear -

Received your Thank You note -
hope the info I sent was interesting -

Regarding the Hungarian gold recovery -
I am enclosing 2 pictures - one of
the church where the stuff was
stored - the other showing our
soldiers loading the truck (one of
many) - the ^{gold} boxes were so heavy
we had to build 2 man wood
carriers to get them up from the
basement - there's one in the picture.

If you can use them, fine - but
please send these back to me
when you are through with them.

Incidentally, my first name is
IRV, not IRY, just for your record.
(Ever)

2.
If I think of anything
else that might be of
interest I'll send it on.

I am retired now, having
been in the real estate
business for like 50 years.

Good Luck with your
research -

IRV BOODE

HUNGARIAN GOLD HOARD

Paris, May 21 — (AP) — The state treasury of Hungary, including the total gold reserve behind all Hungarian currency in circulation, was uncovered recently by the U.S. 80th Infantry Division on a rocky, pine-covered crag high in the Austrian Alps.

The treasure trove, hidden at the ancient mountain village of Spital Am Pyhrn, was unearthed by Hungarian-born M/Sgt. William J. DeHuszar of Chicago.

It included 4 billion pengos (130 million dollars at the present rate of exchange), 29,000 kilograms of gold bullion worth 30 million, complete sets of Hungarian bank note plates for printing all Hungarian currency, plus other wealth representing most of the capital interest and individual deposits of Hungary brought from Budapest before the Russians captured that city.

Also in the mountain-top chapel cellar were more than a million reichsmarks, \$159,000 in American currency, six cases of priceless Hungarian art treasures, including historical 14th-century illuminated manuscripts belonging to the ancient Magyar kings, and 20 cases containing jewels and other valuables once the property of the royal Hungarian court.

This wealth in money, art and jewels was watched over by the pro-Nazi president of the Royal Bank of Hungary and some 500 financial experts, clerks, bookkeepers and other employees, guarded by 200 picked Hungarian gendarmes.

Supreme headquarters said Nazi Gestapo agents tried to hijack the treasure shortly before the arrival of 80th Division Doughboys. The Gestapo had the active cooperation of the Hungarian bank president, who was an appointee of the puppet premier, Dr. Ferenc Szalasi.

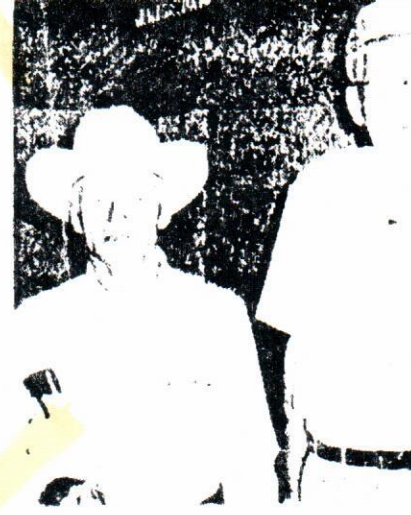
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...another Hungarian stated on the job and deliberately mislaid keys and vital records and generally sabotaged the German attempt at plunder. When the Americans arrived, the Germans fled in panic.

The president of the royal bank, to whom Dr. Szalasi had given power of attorney over the bank in direct violation of the Hungarian national constitution, has since been arrested by American authorities.

The personnel manager of the bank, an ardent Nazi and formerly an obscure bank employee whose salary was increased nearly six times under Nazi sponsorship, has also been placed under arrest.



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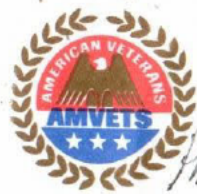
Name _____ Unit Served _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Dear Bill - I've missed seeing you downtown these*



@ AOL
Com.

Fax

Dear Captain -

Sorry it took me
so long to answer
your request re 311th -

I hope what I
have written is helpful.

Sorry that I didn't
know your grandfather
but I'm certain there
are some who did.

I have enclosed copy
of a newspaper clipping

"Veterans Serving Veterans"



From The Desk Of
Irv Goode

I'd beat the Hungarian
Treasury.

After all this time
experiences sort of
blur together and
become generalized.

I imagine you do
know about the 2 volumes
about the 80th Div published
by

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412 Broadway, P.O. Box 3101

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Good Luck with
your research paper

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