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BITS AND PIECES

As reluctant as we are to do so, we must ask you once again for contributions to meet our publishing costs. We used to figure that \$5 per subscriber would handle our needs for about two years. However, our costs have risen over the past 3½ years and our income hasn't, so now we must raise the subscription rate to \$10. We're only requesting this contribution from AT Co. veterans, their surviving descendants, and friends. Widows of AT Co. veterans will continue to receive complimentary copies as long as we remain in business. However, we've noted that notwithstanding this policy, some of these loyal ladies have elected to make contributions anyway. Checks should be made payable to Robert M. Smith, but be sure you use his **new address**. It's listed in the directory on page 5 of this issue. Please don't overlook need. Once this issue is behind us, we expect to have barely enough left in the treasury for one more. Of course, we do not expect responses from those of you who have made unsolicited contributions from time to time over the past three years - - that is, unless you choose to do so.

We still have a couple more unpublished wartime episodes from Bob McElroy's memoirs to share with you. One is included in this issue and deals with an experience he shared with several members of his platoon, including by coincidence the now-deceased Tom Grimm, as they were ordered to assess the load-carrying capability of a bridge over the Aisne River at Forge a la Piez in Belgium. For those of you who still possess maps of the Bulge areas in which AT Company operated, Forge a la Piez is about 3½ miles east southeast of Amonines.

In future issues we'll also be including more accounts of Bill Kirk's wartime memories. You'll recall that Bill was a member of the A&P Platoon in HQ Company, 2nd Bn-290...And eventually became Rudy Gillen's neighbor. We printed his first contribution in the March issue, and since then, have been offered a remembrance dealing with the Colmar Pocket (Alsace-Lorraine) and his experience there with a Replacement Depot. He hasn't yet submitted a manuscript of that episode, having had second thoughts regarding its relevance within an Anti-Tank newsletter. However, I've assured him that any such contributions would be most welcome and meaningful to us and encouraged him to continue contributing his memoirs if he chooses to do so. I hope he will.

For those of you who maintain membership in the 75th Division Association and want to keep better track of current events regarding it, we are once again reprinting the text of a proposed amendment to its Constitution. The current version differs very little from the one we printed with our March 2001 issue. Its objective has been to respond to an objection raised with respect to earlier versions that lacked a statement of irrevocability, considered by some to be a necessity. This need is now handled by Section H. Having witnessed the effort falling through the bureaucratic cracks of the Association over a 3½ year period, Al Roxburgh (CN-289) has personally undertaken the task of shepherding the amendment, as something that *must* be tied off before the last survivors become too senile to undertake a sensible, undefined dissolution of the Association's remaining assets.

On another subject that should be of interest to all of you, Al Roxburgh and I (Ray Smith) have established contact with LTC Mark J. Reardon, an author at the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington D.C. This occurred as the result of several issues I raised with the Chief of Military History, General John S. Brown, regarding perceived errors in the content of Hugh M. Cole's book, "The Ardennes: Battle of the Bulge". Assigned to investigate my claims, Mark became interested in the obscurity of the 75th and vowed to write a history of the accomplishments it achieved during its short but active life from 1944 through half of 1945. Mark has already begun research on the subject and through his own efforts, using various government archives available to him and those provided by Al Roxburgh and me, has assembled enough material to justify a prediction that he might have a draft manuscript finished by the end of 2004.

As a final note, we are trying to assemble a directory of the 75th, as it was constituted when final deactivation began in June 1945. Counting only the three infantry regiments, about 9771 men would have been eligible initial subscribers. Someone early on must have had an Association membership mailing list. Who might that have been? The BB's first issue of May 1946 noted that 6500 members had enrolled in the 75th Association by September 1946. If any of you have saved very early "BulgeBuster" issues (except for the very first one, a copy of which we already have), we might find within them some clue as to how big the list grew, who was maintaining it, and who might still have access to the original one. It's only a remote possibility, I know. By way of comparison, the March 1999 roster of the Association listed only 1860 members (including associates). By August 2002, membership had dropped to 1596.

TAPS FOR TOM GRIMM - Lucy Grimm

Tom died in Austin, Texas this past March 13. He had been a member of AntiTank's 2nd Platoon, functioning as a sometimes jeep driver and more permanently, as Bob McElroy's radioman. By coincidence, Tom figures in the McElroy memoir printed below. His wife, Lucy, told me that Tom had a variety of stressful ailments that led to his early death, but despite them, he had led a productive and rewarding life, much of it spent as an educator. Amongst his afflictions were heart disease, lung cancer, and emphysema.

Upon his return from the service, Tom graduated as an Architectural Engineer and later became a Registered Professional Engineer. Well known in the architectural engineering field, he concluded his business career as a consultant and teacher at the University of Texas where he had become a professor. Surviving him are his wife, Elide Lucy, a daughter, Rose Marie Davidson, and a granddaughter, Laura Catherine Davidson. Though a native of New York City, Lucy says she plans to stay in Texas for the present but is contemplating a future move to Virginia.

In your behalf, we have extended our sympathy to both her and her family.

THE BRIDGE at FORGE a la PIEZ, BELGIUM

A remembrance in Bob McElroy's own words ---

4 January 1945: Capt. Gillen told me that regiment needed to know if the bridge at Forge a la Piez was capable of supporting tanks and that I was to go and check the bridge. This bridge was southeast of Amonines on the regiment's left flank. The bridge spanned the Aisne River at a point where the river turned to the northwest from its westerly course. Most Americans would call it a creek rather than a river, but then, all rivers start out small. At the time it never occurred to me that the 1st Battalion's front must have been very near to the river. I recall seeing maps indicating that Company B was somewhere in the vicinity

of Amonines, not too far from the bridge and it must have been within sight of their outposts.

After consulting my map I decided that the road through Amonines was the way to go. All officers were under orders to have one man with them at all times to act as a casualty reporter to immediately report to his unit if the officer became a battle casualty. The man was instructed that his job wasn't to attempt to rescue the officer. I took S/Sgt. Paul Graves along to act as my casualty reporter. I also had my initial jeep driver [name unknown] and a radioman, Pvt. Clayford T. Grimm. The four of us headed for Forge a la Piez via Amonines.

There were 4 to 6 inches of snow covering the fields and roads. We drove through Amonines without seeing anyone or any signs of the 1st Battalion. There weren't even visible signs of people's footprints on the surface of the snow. We followed the road towards the river for some distance, watching for some indication of the front-line units that were supposed to be somewhere in the area. It was a heavily overcast day and we were well into the forest when I began to get bad vibes, because the snow-covered road indicated that nothing had passed this way since the last snowfall. When we came across abandoned enemy personal equipment I told the driver to stop. I instructed him to slowly backup and keep the jeep in its original tire tracks until I told him to turn around. We backed up for almost 200 yards before I felt it was safe to turn the jeep around. There might have been mines buried along the side of the road. When I first told the driver to stop the others all exhaled and said that they thought that I was never going to stop. Each man said that he was beginning to feel very uneasy. We were the only ones who had disturbed the surface of the snow on that road.

When we reached Amonines I took a look at my map to see if we could approach the bridge by another route. It became apparent that the only other route was through the area held by the 289th Infantry Regiment on our left flank, but it would be about a 6-mile ride to reach that regiment's right flank to approach the bridge from the opposite side of the river. We traveled to Grandmenil and went south to la Fosse and turned west at the road junction that led to the bridge at Forge a la Piez. At the next junction we took a right turn and about a hundred yards further I told the driver to stop. Not far from where we stopped we had passed two rifle companies well dug in. In this area the snow on the road surface was well packed down and had all the appearance of many vehicles having passed over the road. I told the driver to pull to the left side of the road and park.

Sgt. Graves and I dismounted from the jeep and proceeded along the road in the direction of the bridge. The road curved to the left as we advanced. There was a ditch on left side of the road and a 3-foot embankment to our right. There were low thick bushes in the left ditch for a considerable distance. We had a good view over the fields on both sides of the road. We could see several black spots in the snow in the field to our left made by exploding artillery shells.

Suddenly out of the left corner of my eye I detected a movement in the ditch among the bushes. When I turned my head I was looking down the barrel of a rifle not more than 15 feet from me. As I shouted a warning to Sgt. Graves, it seemed like I was enveloped in the

flame from the rifle when the enemy fired at me. Sgt. Graves immediately came forward from his position, maybe about 10 feet to my rear. I dropped to the road and pointed to where the enemy was in his foxhole. I raised my head in order to get a better look at him and he fired at me again. I called to Sgt. Graves to toss a hand grenade into the ditch, but for some reason neither of us was carrying any grenades, which was very unusual. The German rose up with what we called a potato masher grenade, ready to toss it at us, when Sgt. Graves fired his M-1 rifle and cut the handle off the grenade. The grenade fell onto the road about 10 feet from us, so we just hunkered down until it exploded. Fortunately neither of us was hurt.

It was time for us to get the heck out of there. The sergeant asked for orders, so I told him to back down the road about 20 yards while I fired at the enemy to make him stay down. The sergeant was then to fire while I backed out of there. We followed this routine until we felt that we were far enough away for it to be safe to rise to our feet and get back to the jeep.

The poor driver and the radioman didn't know whether to leave or come to our aid. They were quite flustered and relieved to see us. Now I realized that there was no way that we would be able to get to that bridge. The sergeant and I were explaining to the driver and radioman what happened when a lieutenant colonel came over to us and asked what had happened. I explained what we ran into and why we were there. The colonel asked if I had been told that his battalion was going to attack across that road the following day. As the colonel and I were talking together the jeep driver let out a yell. From where we were and due to the curve in the road we were able to see to the rear of the German's position. The driver saw an enemy soldier crawling out of the brush alongside of the road in the rear of his position. The sergeant and I immediately reacted and fired at the enemy. The sergeant's first round hit and bounced off of the enemy soldier. Infantry squad leaders were supposed to load one tracer round in each clip so he could direct his squad where to shoot. You could always rely on Sgt. Graves to do the right thing. I was armed with an M-1 carbine, which held 15 rounds in a clip while the sergeant's M-1 rifle used 8 round clips. We were both firing round after round and when the sergeant was reloading I was still firing. The enemy was yelling his head off; I guess we were hitting him. He was trying to get to his feet when I fired and he went down. We were getting into the jeep when the driver called out again. When we looked, another German jumped out of the bushes and quickly pulled his companion out of sight. We figured that there was at least a squad of enemy soldiers dug in along that road. We must have run into their right flank.

As we drove away we began to realize how lucky we were to get out of there alive. The date is unforgettable to me because it was my brother's birthday, 4 January 1945. I was extremely annoyed because our regiment apparently had a poor grasp of what the real situation was. When I reported to the regimental CP, I was furious and sounded off about their failure to know what the front line situation really was. Unknown to me, the colonel was standing right behind me while I was spouting off about their lack of ability to run a regiment properly. He didn't say anything but I soon learned which list he put me on.

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Note:

Bold, non-italic print reflects a client's valid subscription through September 2003.
Some italicized entries may have become outdated due to lack of communications.

* Indicates a paid contribution despite a survivor's qualification for a complimentary subscription.

AT-290 KIA/WIA AND TAPS

KIA

Francis T. DeVault	4th Plt 2nd Sqd	17 Jan '45 near Burtonville, Be.
William P. Hulsey	3rd Plt 2nd Sqd	after 25 Dec '44, near Soy, Be.
Wilbur A. Isaacs	1st Plt Tech Sgt	date unknown, in Korea
Carl Sieg	1st Plt 1st Sqd	25 Dec '44 friendly fire, Ny, Be.
Lino Silvani	2nd Plt	Aug '44 (M Co, 39th IR Ste Lo, Fr.

WIA (probably did not return to AT-290 by war's end)

Russell Hedberg	Hdq Plt Recon Sgt	details unknown
(?) Holtzhauser	unk Plt unk Sqd	Shrapnel in thigh or arm at Rhine
Fred Marsh	1st Plt 1st Sqd	Easter 1945 - Land mine
Alexander Moir	1st Plt 1st Sqd	Shrapnel, left arm - evac
Bud(?) Scheidt	3rd Plt jeep drv	Shrapnel, arm, mine - Colmar Fr.
Niklos Uremovich	1st Plt 1st Sqd	25 Dec '44 Friendly fire
Donald Yack	4th Plt 2nd Sqd	Feb. '45 at Colmar, Fr.

Post-War Deceased

John F. Benfield	4 th Plt Sergeant	17 Apr 1988 - Seattle WA
Lennie Dale Bell	Hdq Plt Mail Clrk	2 Nov 1994 - Lebanon, KS
Bill(y) B. Black	4 th Plt 2 nd Sqd Sgt	18 Jun 1998 in WV, of an aneurism
Charles Blake	3 rd Plt Ldr	1995 (reported BB Jan 96)
Robert C. Coldwell	3 rd Plt	1986
Paul W. Costinett	AT CO, pre-Europe	1987 Los Angeles, CA
Woodrow W. Fisher	AT EO 1 st Lt.	1960
Lawrence R. (Rudy) Gillen	AT CO in Europe	22 Sep 2000: Maryland-heart
Clayford T. (Tom) Grimm	2 nd Plt, 2 nd Sqd	13 Mar 2003 - Austin, TX
Lawrence H. Groover	1 st Plt 3 rd Sqd	Oct 1984 - Smyrna, GA
William F. Groves	Hdq Supply S/Sgt	1999 - Muncie, IN
Charles Grose	Hdq Recon, 2 nd Lt.	unknown
Russell Hedberg	Hdq Plt Recon Sgt	unknown
John Heiterer	Hdq Plt Clerk Sgt	12 Jul 1994
Justice Horton	3 rd Plt driver	1995
Frank T. Kysar	4 th Plt 3 rd Sqd Sgt	1992
John D. Lauland, Jr.	3 rd Plt 3 rd Sqd PFC	18 Sep 1995-Westwego, LA - cancer
Joe Lassiter	unknown	1977
Michael Malinak	1 st Plt 1 st Sqd PFC	unknown
Fred Marsh	1 st Plt 1 st Sqd PFC	1967
Alexander Moir	1 st Plt 1 st Sqd Sgt	1 Oct 1984-Cleveland, OH
Edward K. Norfleet	1 st Plt 3 rd Sqd Cpl	13 Aug 1989-Venita, OK
Orland H. Parsons	Hdq Plt First/Sgt	12 Oct 1997-Cincinnati, OH
Lee A. Premazzi	Hdq Plt driver T5	6 Jan 1997-Portland, OR
Ben G. Premo	4 th Plt 1 st Sqd	unknown
Dalton D. Raze	1 st Plt Ldr 2 nd Lt	28 Dec 1997-Springfield, VA
William J. Rogers	1 st Plt driver	3 June 1999-Springfield, IL-heart
Carol C. Smith	? Plt S/Sgt-2 nd Lt	1960
Edward S. Stewart	Hdq Plt Comm Sgt	1991
Willard S. Strawn	4 th Plt 2 nd Sqd	circa 1988
James B. Vosters	4 th Plt Ldr 2 nd Lt	3 Feb 1997-Miami FL
John P. Webster	Hdq Plt Sgt/2 nd Lt	1970

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Brief Unofficial Minutes of the NEC meeting of May 8-10, 2003 - by Rob Smith

Rob and Caroline Smith, members of the AT Newsletter's publishing staff, customarily attend NEC meetings in the capacity of observers. As a convenience to interested ATers and others, Rob has agreed to compose unofficial Minutes for inclusion as information in this and future issues, as such meetings occur. Though perhaps redundant, inasmuch as we've printed the text of the proposed amendment at issue, his report is quoted below in its entirety: Explanatory notes have been enclosed in brackets [] by the Editor.

"Most of the NEC was devoted to routine matters such as sites and dates of future meetings. President Davies was in favor of Al's [Roxburgh's] motion which probably didn't sit too well with JW (who was silent on the subject). W. [Jim Warmouth] may have other thoughts when it is put to a vote at Nashville.

"Dr. Charles Bare was appointed Chaplain replacing Rev. DuVall. This will be in addition to his [Bare's] duties as First V.P. and he is still in line as next president. Rev. Bare handled the arrangements for the group attending the WW2 memorial groundbreaking ceremonies and did a fine job. He will now host an NEC meeting in Washington D.C. in May 2004 in conjunction with the Memorial dedication. He formerly headed his own church in the D.C. area and I think he still has some clout in making such arrangements in that area.

"Member Phil Bradley stopped by one day at the hospitality room but was absent on the day of the NEC business meeting. We will have to see if he has any comments about the motion [the proposed constitutional amendment dealing with the Association's dissolution] at Nashville if he attends.

"That was it for the most part. JW [as the NEC's Secretary] will probably publish his [official] version in the next BB. Oh yes, it was proposed to publish the BB every two months instead of 10 times yearly as an economy measure."

That's it for this time, folks.

Ray Smith, Editor

Rob Smith, Treasurer and Publisher

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
DISSOLUTION OF THE 75TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

Be it resolved that the orderly dissolution of this Association is to be accomplished by the following stipulations:

- A. These provisions for dissolution shall in no way precipitate or delay dissolution.
- B. At the time of any annual reunion and the attendance by members of the Association is thirty-five (35) or less, a motion to dissolve will be presented to those present by the president or any other presiding member of the Association. A simple majority vote concurring, the Association shall be dissolved at the reunion. A quorum shall be a majority of the elective officers and National Executive Committee members present.
- C. Should it be voted that action to not dissolve in accordance with B above, the Association shall continue until such time that it has been elected to dissolve in accordance with this Article.
- D. When the attendance at an annual membership reunion is fifteen (15) or less members, it is mandatory that the Association be dissolved at that meeting. Such dissolution applies to the legally chartered organization. The then remaining members are encouraged to continue group meetings as they may elect preferably at the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge annual Reunions.
- E. When the motion to dissolve is actived [sic] the herein prescribed action to dissolve the Association the President, Treasurer and the Secretary shall:
 - 1. Contract for an audit to be completed within 60 days.
 - 2. Contact the State Tax Agency of the State where the Association funds are deposited for instructions to implement the dissolution of the Association. .
 - 3. Contact the District Internal Revenue Service office for instruction to implement the dissolution of the Association.
 - 4. Pay outstanding bills.
 - 5. Final funds of the Association are to be donated to one or more of the following as judged appropriate by vote of members present at the time this dissolution motion is approved:
 - a. The 75th Infantry Division Gazebo at the Freedom Foundation, PA.
 - b. The 75th Infantry Division Association's Archive/Museum repository of its records and artifacts, Houston, TX. ,
 - c. A veteran's hospital in Missouri the birth place of the Division.
 - d. An organization whose principal purpose is to perpetuate the history of the 75th Infantry Division.
 - 6. Identify and ship prepaid all property (including records) and effects of the Association to the 75th Infantry Division Association's Museum/Archive Memorial, 1850 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77054-2025, for preservation, storage, research and display.
- F. After completing the arrangements to comply with the foregoing, the chaplain or a member acting as the Association chaplain shall lead a prayer to God in behalf of the men of the 75th and ask that this final action be of value to their widows, sons and daughters and their sons and daughters and so on.
- G. The President and Secretary shall send to each member in a final edition of the Bulgebusters a record of the above final Association action, copy of this Dissolution with a letter of transmittal signed by the President and Secretary.
- H. This amendment can only be changed by a vote of ninety eight percent, (98%), of the members of the 75th Division Veterans Association voting for the change. Each member shall mark a printed ballot and return this ballot with a Post Office registered return receipt sent to the President for the appropriate action. The National Executive Committee must approve the ballot for change.
- I. The above is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Constitution.

(This Dissolution had been approved by the 1999 NEC at Houston and published in the October 1999 Bulgebusters. It was tabled at Peoria pending an irrevocable Dissolution statement. This has been done. See item H. above).

Editor's note: *The above is quoted from the text presented and approved at the Cleveland meeting of the NEC on 10 May 2003, informally reported upon by Rob Smith for your benefit (see page 7). It may be acted upon by the General Assembly as early as September 3-7, 2003 at its Nashville meeting.*