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By Ken Hamill

The Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South on Kenmore Ave in Alexandria was better than the old Hampton Inn. They had a parking garage 50 yards from the hotel. The rooms were nice. The free breakfast was excellent. They charged $109 per night and gave us the $19 daily parking fee, free of charge. Mark and Karen Mest made the hospitality room arrangements and maintained the room, snacks, drinks, desserts and the like. Our registration fees paid for the hospitality room items. Charlie and Sandy Wagner did attend and were selling lots of 82nd association sales items. Some of us wore the association uniform – Blazer, 82 tie, grey trousers each of the three days of wreath presentations 9, 10 & 11 November. On the morning of the 9th, I made sure our 508 wreath was placed in one of the three vans rented for the occasion. We drove to Arlington National Cemetery near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. I went to the basement area of the Tomb to get permission from the guards to use the photography area reserved for this purpose. An 82nd wreath was presented at the Tomb of the Unknowns. As always, the tomb guards were impeccable as they guided our 82 Assn representatives while conducting the ceremony. The U.S. Army Band Bugler was also perfect as he played Taps. That sad and heart rending tune that gets to me just thinking about it. I took photos from the assigned area. When the Tomb ceremony finished, I moved quickly to our 508 P.I.R. memorial site located about 50 yards down the sidewalk. I gave a 5 minute talk about the 508 P.I.R. then gave a signal to the Color Guard NCOIC, they presented arms and the 82nd Bugler gave an excellent rendition of Taps. We then presented wreaths at 1SG Funk, General Robinson, General Ridgway and Major Queen's gravesites plus the 82nd & 11th Airborne Divisions, 555 P.I.B., and the Women in…

…the Military Service memorials. A free lunch at the fancy Sequoia Restaurant was provided. We all ate too much, but it was a great buffet. Some of our group went to a local restaurant that offered free dinner to veterans, but I hung out at the hospitality room shooting the bull. On 10 November we laid wreaths at the 551 P.I.B., 504 P.I.R., 505 R.C.T., 17th & 13th Airborne Divisions, 173d Airborne Brigade, 325 G.I.R., Golden Brigade, 187 A.R.C.T. and Team 162 memorials plus Frank Varelli's gravesite. A free lunch at the fancy Sequoia Restaurant was again provided. On 11 November we presented wreaths at the World War II, World War I, Korean War and Vietnam Wall memorials. A highlight of this year's ceremonies was the Color Guard provided by the 82nd Airborne Division. They were the best ever. SFC Jackson had his four color guards well drilled. All movements were sharp. They came to shoulder arms, sling arms, present arms, cased and uncased the colors in full view of the crowds. When the 82nd color guard executed anything, all eyes were upon them. Mr. Walter Rauscher of the Ark and Sequoia Restaurants was very generous to us. He invited us for lunch at the Sequoia Restaurant on 9 and 10 November. Walter joined us for lunch each day. The restaurant had dozens of customers on the 9th for their great buffet. The place was closed to the public on the 10th, but our group ate like kings. Walter Rauscher had served with the 505 in combat at Dom Rep. He joined us at the wreath laying on the 10th. He wore his old fatigue jacket that displayed PFC stripes and his name tag – Rauscher. Walter Rauscher had a great time. They made us all feel very comfortable. Our color guard loved every minute of these chow down visits. They will have lifetime memories. Walter made sure the active duty paratroopers were enjoying themselves. Once again, great events had ended, but strong memories remained. Call me to perform the 508 PIR honors in 2015. Hoooaah!!!



82nd Group - SFC Jackson, James Kiser, Gary Rezabek, Bert Vaughan & Tomb NCOIC salute as TAPS is played by U.S. Army Band Bugler



Ken Hamill speaks at the 508th Memorial Site with Association President Harold Schroder on right



Stephen Couchman speaks at the 1SG Funk MOH gravesite with Pierre Thibault on his left



Harold Schroeder thanks BG Vaught for speaking at the Women in Military Service Memorial



Our 82nd Airborne Division Color Guard Present's Arms at the World War II Memorial, Arlington



Our host Walter Rauscher wearing fatigue jacket with our group at the Sequoia Restaurant



82 Association Sales Couple
Charlie & Sandy Wagner in the Sales Room



Diana Tubbs of the Washington DC Chapter in the Sales Room



Karen Mest & Karen Sinkovitz at the Hospitality Room in the Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South



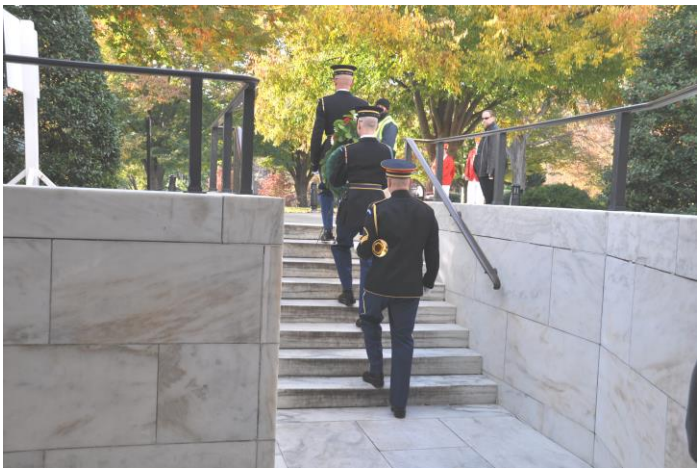
Ogy Sniedze of the 187 ARCT is a Pastor in the Rochester, New York area



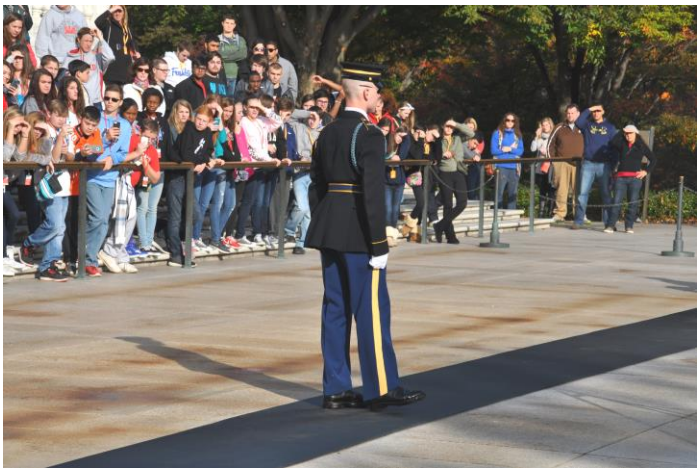
Karin & Pierre Thibault retired from the 22nd Canadian Regiment of Quebec



Edna Schroeder, Vicki Schoppe and Beverly Glancy in the Hospitality Room



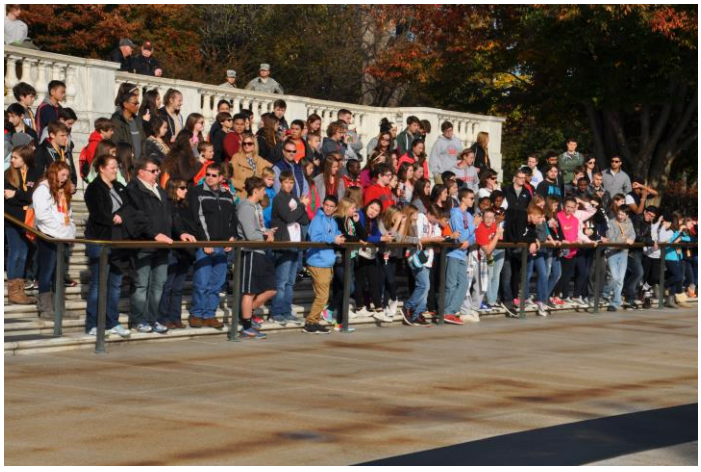
Guards marching to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers from their quarters under the amphitheater



Tomb Guard prepares for presentation of the 82nd Airborne Division Association floral wreath



Our floral wreath is displayed in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers



Some of the spectators at the Tomb or the Unknown Soldiers



SFC Jackson & James Kiser at left while Gary Rezabek & Bert Vaughan assist the Tomb Guard in placing the wreath



The Tomb Guard NCOIC salutes and spectators join him in saluting as the U.S. Army Band Bugler plays Taps



Color Guard L-R SGT Darren Daniels, SGT Kyle Tharpe, SGT Maati Lao, SPC Ryan Hooper



508 P.I.R. Memorial - Ken Hamill, Chapter Chair and Harold Schroeder, National President



Stephen Couchman spoke at the !SG Funk MOH Gravesite



Hollywood Actor PFC Lee Marvin USMC



Harold Schroeder & Allen Schoppe at the 82nd Abn Div Memorial Site



Rich Becker speaks at the General Ridgway Gravesite



555 P.I.B. Association Memorial



James C. Queen Gravesite



Arlington Amphitheater



Ogy Sniedze & Chuffi Giaffo at Korean War Memorial Stone Bench



Rich Becker, Wayne Porter, Chufi Giaffo, Herb Shapiro & Ogy Sniedze at 11th Abn Div Memorial



Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery



James Kiser at Sequoia Restaurant



Peter Kendrick and Jose Perez Ortiz at Sequoia Restaurant



Karin & Pierre Thibault at the Sequoia Restaurant



Allen & Vicki Schoppe at the Sequoia Restaurant



Rich Becker & Mary Darby at the Sequoia Restaurant



Beverly & Randy Glancy at the Sequoia Restaurant



Wayne Porter at the Sequoia Restaurant



Karen Sinkovitz & Nancy Householder at the Sequoia Restaurant



Chufi Giaffo and Annie Gallegos at the Sequoia Restaurant



Louise & Herb Shapiro at the Sequoia Restaurant



Sequoia Restaurant Buffet Serving Area



Sequoia Restaurant exterior and Washington, DC River walk



Walter Rauscher wearing fatigue jacket was our host at the Sequoia Restaurant



Color Guard & Bugler at Sequoia Restaurant L-R SPC Trochesset, SGT Tharpe, SPC Hooper, SFC Jackson, SGT Lao, SGT Daniels



Karen Mest, William Ridley & Mark Mest at Hospitality Room



Blake & Bob Sandri at Hospitality Room



Richard O'Hare & James Kiser at Hospitality Room



George & Frank Fisanich at Hospitality Room



Walter Rauscher, Muna & James Drainer at the 551 P.I.B. Memorial Site



COL Dillard, a 551 veteran speaks at the 551 P.I.B. Memorial Site



Karen Sinkovitz & Frank Fisanich at the 504 Memorial



The Iraq & Afghanistan remembrance Area



Homer Payne, James Drainer, Walter Rauscher, James Kiser, Peter Kendrick & Ed Herlihy at 505 P.I.R. Memorial Site



COL Kormann speaks at the 17th Airborne Division Memorial Site



Harold Schroeder & Stephen Couchman at the 13th Abn Div Memorial Site



The 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Wreath



Peter Kendrick, Richard O'Hare, PFC Blake Sandri & James Kiser at the 3rd Bde 82nd Abn Div Vietnam Memorial Site



The Color Guard at Present Arms while the Bugler plays Taps



The U.S. 82nd Airborne Division and Vietnamese Airborne Color Guards at the Team 162 Red Hats Memorial Site



Team 162 Airborne Advisor veteran Mick Cole on left at the Sequoia Restaurant



Walter Rauscher receives thanks from our Association Executive Director and President



Joseph Baddick lost a son in Iraq. He wrote a book - My Hero, My Son



Our 82nd Airborne Division Association laid a wreath at the World War II Memorial



Our 82nd Airborne Division Association laid a wreath at the World War I Memorial



Ogy Sniedze & Chuffi Giaffo with our 82nd Abn Div Assn wreath laid at the Korean War Memorial



The Veterans Day ceremonies and entertainment would take place here at the Vietnam Wall

PFC Cecil G. Hines
B Company, 508th P.I.R.
An Introduction By
Mark Eckenrode, Chapter Historian

In June of this year I received an email from a Mr. Don Karcher, a retired paratrooper and infantry officer, about his Great-Uncle Cecil G. Hines who served with our Regiment during World War II and who fell in Holland during Operation Market Garden. Mr. Karcher told me the story of how he "found' his great-uncle and the amazing tale of battlefield archeology in doing so.

The first story is by Drew Brooks, Military Editor for the Fayetteville Observer. The second article by Mr. Karcher accompanies the battlefield artifacts found in Holland, which are now on permanent display in the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC.

This year is the 70th anniversary of PFC Hines' sacrifice. In reading these articles you will find that the spirit of PFC Cecil G. Hines dwells within each of us, just like Iron Mike does.

Long journey brings World War II artifacts to Airborne & Special Operations Museum
By Drew Brooks, Military Editor
Reprint from the Fayetteville Observer
August 26, 2014

Earlier this month, Don Karcher hand-delivered a small package to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum.

Inside was a small swatch of silk parachute and a single metal tag with the name Cecil Hines imprinted on it.

Hines is Karcher's great-uncle, an 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper who was killed in the Netherlands during World War II. But the Army-issued dog tag was far from a family heirloom.

Karcher spent decades searching for information on Hines, but it has only been within the past few months that the dog tag came into his hands…

…Now, Karcher has donated the dog tag and the parachute swatch to the museum in downtown Fayetteville, where they will become the centerpiece of an exhibit marking the 70th anniversary of Operation Market Garden, one of the largest airborne operations in history.

Jim Bartlinski, director of the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, said the parachute swatch and dog tag will be displayed in the lobby for the September anniversary. The item then will be incorporated into the museum's permanent Market display.

They are both rare artifacts from the battle in the Netherlands, he said, and the dog tag is made more special because visitors will know the soldier who wore it.

"Pvt. Hines was wearing this dog tag when he was fighting for his country." Bartlinski said, "It makes it that much more important and special."

But the story of how the artifacts came to the museum is just as impressive.

"The wound was a gushing hole in his neck," The soldier wrote in an after-action review of the operation. "He was lying in a furrow to my left and forward of me by a few feet. I could see him and his wound. I felt I should get to him and at least prop his body into a better position so as to prevent a greater loss of blood."

"It would have been in vain, because he died while Frank and I remained in the furrow, unable to get to him."

At the time Karcher lived in Holland, he estimates he was only about two miles from the town of Mook, where Dutch researcher Ben overhand lived and worked.
A few years later, in 1988, Overhand would be given access to one of the drop zones used by the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

There, the man who has spent much of his time reconnecting artifacts to the families of fallen U.S. soldiers would find the small dog tag that was once worn by Hines and, nearby, the swatch of silk parachute of the type used by the 508th…

…But Overhand could not find Hines' family. And Karcher was no longer in Holland. He continued his military career, and Karcher's son began his own.

In 2011, then Capt. John Karcher was serving with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team when he jumped into Nijmegen, Holland, as part of a commemoration.

The younger Karcher carried Hines' Purple Heart with him during the jump and his father, Don, wrote a brief for the Diablo, a newsletter of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association. Earlier this year, Overhand found that brief, but the email address Karcher signed was no longer active.

Instead, Overhand found the younger Karcher and sent a note to the family.

The younger Karcher found the email in his spam folder, Karcher said, and relayed it to his father.

"I don't believe it, " Karcher said. "The chances of this happening are probably one in a million."

Karcher received the dog tag and parachute swatch earlier this year but said he did not want to hide them away in his home.

"These are sacred artifacts," Karcher said. "They belong to the U.S. Army. At the museum, they aren't going to go away. They'll be there for perpetuity.

Military Editor Drew Brooks can be reached at brooksd@fayobserver.com or 486-3567.



Piece of Chute & Cecil G. Hines dogtag found at DZ T

A VESTIGE OF HONOR

Around the time of his twelfth birthday Don Karcher inherited a small leather bag containing 19th century coins along with a posthumously awarded Purple Heart, the back of which is inscribed "Cecil G. Hines." Memorabilia that remains of a "great" uncle who, it was believed, had been killed after parachuting into Normandy. Don remembered his great grandparents talking about their son and he caught bits of anecdotes about Cecil, despite being injured, parachuting during D-Day and that Cecil may have married a girl in Britain.

Commissioned in 1976, Don began to research Cecil's Army history and would display on a number of office walls the 48 star flag that had draped Cecil's casket. In retirement he placed the perpetually lighted flag on the outside wall of his home as a symbol of support for service members involved in the war on terror.

During the mid-80's, while stationed in the Netherlands, Don and his family visited the museum located at Nijmegen. There, they discovered Cecil's name on a monument dedicated to paratroopers killed in action. Cecil had been a member of the 508thn Parachute Infantry regiment jumping into the Netherlands not Normandy. Don photographed the monument, thereby attracting attention of a museum guide. When he informed the Dutch staff that Cecil had been a relative, they put the family in contact with a Catholic Priest located in a rectory just off the Nijmegen drop zone. The priest maintained a catalog of casualties and had published a book about Operation Market Garden.

Don retired from the Army in 1996, and during 2001 his son, Captain John Karcher (stationed in Germany) participated in an anniversary jump into the Netherlands carrying Cecil's Purple Heart. Don authored what would be a fortuitous article about the anniversary event which was published in "Diablo" the 508th Parachute Association Newsletter.

June 2014, now Major John Karcher, received an email from Mr. Ben Overhand of the Netherlands in 1988, Mr. Overland had discovered at what had been "T" drop zone a dog tag belonging to Cecil Hines. He wanted to send the dog tag and a fragment of a parachute (also recovered at the drop zone) to Cecil's relatives. Mr. Overhand attempted to contact Don Karcher but that email address had been negated with Don's retirement from the Department of the Army and so he established a link (in 2014)…

…connecting John's email address through the 2011 Diablo article.

The combat action leading to Cecil's death has been clarified by graphics provided with the relics, and a witness account of the battle places Cecil forward of the line of departure, where he was struck by 20mm fire. The unit had been counter attacking to retake "T" drop zone.

Along with hundreds of other troopers, Cecil was interred initially near the area of operations. Later, he was brought home to Union Cemetery, Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County Washington. This is where his parents would be buried in the 60's.

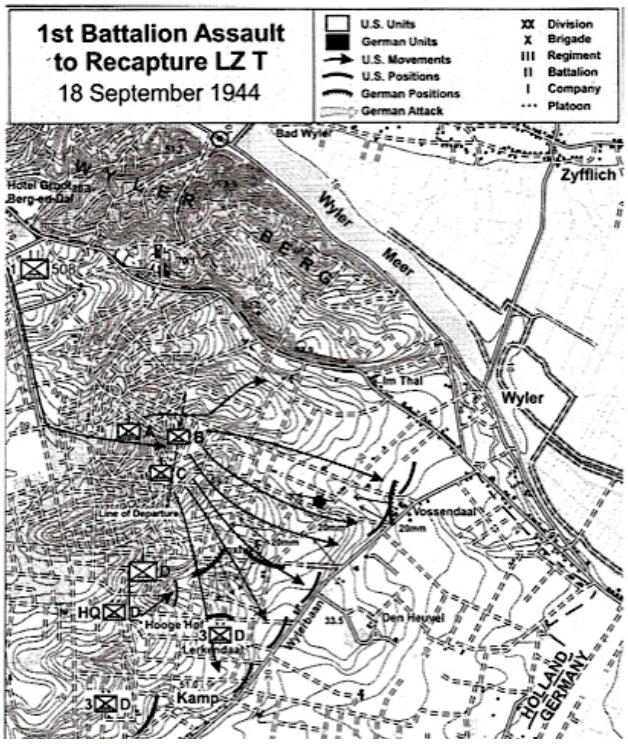
And so, through a series of amazing events the dog tag and parachute remnant are being presented to the Airborne Museum. Mr. Karcher feels that both items remain, in essence part of the Airborne community. Cecil died liberating the Netherlands and Mr. Overhand's dedication in returning these sacred relics to us, is a poignant reminder that we are obligated to remember those who are today selflessly sacrificing for our freedoms.

Chapter Historian's note: The above narrative is on display at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC, describing PFC Cecil G Hines's dog tag and parachute swatch.



PFC Cecil B. Hines B Co. 508 P.I.R.

After Action Report



1st Battalion Assault to Recapture Landing Zone T on 18 September 1944
● = Approximate Place Where Cecil Hines was Killed In Action

Technician Fifth Grade Walter Barrett and two other B Company troopers seemed to be the target of one of the 20mm antiaircraft gun crews. "One of my best friends, (Corporal) Frank Hernandez, another trooper I didn't know by name {Private Cecil G. Hines}, and I were unable to move without the German 20mm gunner opening fire on us. When the 20mm shells hit a sugar beet besides us, the juice sprayed everywhere. The trooper whose name I did not know {Private Hines} was immediately hit. The wound was a gushing hole in his neck. He was lying in a furrow to my left and forward of me by a few feet. I felt I should get to him and at least prop his body into a better position so as to prevent a greater loss of blood. It would have been in vain because he died while Frank and I remained in furrows, unable to get to him."

1. Walter H. Barrett, My Story: Every Soldier Has A Story, Privately Published, 2004, p 67.



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TAPS - 508th PARATROOPERS RECENTLY DECEASED

Albee, Donald W.	Marshalltown, IA
Support Co. 508 ARCT 1955-56	7 Oct 2013
Beaudin, Brian N.	Tampa Bay Chapter
508 PIR Med Det 1943-45	11 Mar 2013
Beebe, James R.	St. Charles, MI
E Co. HQ2-508 ARCT 1955-56	23 Jun 2011
Prigmore, Dieter	Golden Gate Chapter
B Co, 1-508, 82 AD 1968-70	26 Jun 2014
Willoughby, George	Vulcan Chapter
HQ Co, 3-508 PIR WWII	28 Feb 2014
Gooler, Darrel L.	San Antonio, TX
Support Co. 508 ARCT 1954-56	Oct 2014
Locher, Ray	Nashville, TN
B & MP Co. 508 ARCT 1955-56	Unknown

Annual Members …21
Affiliate Members…14
All Americans……..300
Total Members……335

December 2014 Treasurers Report

Printing expense Sep 2014:	**$143.01**
Newsletter Envelopes Dec 2014:	**$31.16**
Chapter Account 8 Dec 2014:	**$1478.45**

50 YEAR REUNION, OPERATION POWER PACK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 1965 see our website or call: John Urbach (410) 282-0844 or Jim Drainer (904)940-9150

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Paul Carey	Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada
C Co, 1-508, 82 AD & Dom Rep,	1964-65
George J. Piasecki, Jr.	Media, PA
F Co, 508 ARCT	1954-56
Warren J. Porter	Richardson, TX
A Co, 1-508, 82 AD	1991-92

The Donor Effort for our 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment Homecoming and the O'Neal Fund has ended. The last of our Afghanistan deployed 1st Battalion, 508 P.I.R. troopers returned to Fort Bragg on 9 December. It has been said that the end of their deployment marked the end of the 13-year war in Afghanistan, the longest war in U.S. history. 1-508 did not celebrate homecoming with a Military Ball. A new C.O. has assumed command of the First Battalion. CSM DeBois of the 1-508 will inform me when his paratroopers need help. We are holding $460.00 for 1-508 thanks to the following donor members:

William F. Adams	**William H. Duncan**
Ken Hamill	**Dennis P. Harris**
Paul D. Henry	**Bobby J. Jackson**
William D. Kelly	**Russell J. Lux**

William T. Coulter of L Company 508 ARCT 1951-53 and Delray Beach, Florida recently informed me to save the cost of sending him our newsletter by the U.S. Mail, he will read our Devils Digest on our website www.red-devils.org Thank you Bill, that will save us about $2.00 a year.

Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter
Mid – Winter Weekend Getaway
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The host hotel for the Getaway
Is the beautiful Marriott Resort Hotel
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Reservations: 888.511.5086
A registration form is located on page 40 of the Summer/Fall 2014 Paraglide

A volunteer is needed to monitor, administer, edit and delete improper messages on our website Guest Book. The Guest Book will be closed without a volunteer. Please email Ken Hamill if you are interested in helping to keep the Guest Book.

A PARATROOPERS MEMORIES #6

By Ed Slocum of HQ3-508 ARCT 1955-56

All American member Edward A. Slocum of Headquarters Company, 3-508 ARCT 1955-56 and Sumter, SC has written his life story. The book is titled Searching for the Yellow Brook Road. Ed would like feedback from us. If we spot an error, pass on the correction so Ed can fix it. Article #6 starts now. **34 Foot Tower:** After ensuring that the harness was properly fitted, I climbed the stairs to the top of the 34 foot tower. Within the fuselage of the simulated aircraft, I was inspected by an airborne cadre. The Cadre attached my harness risers to the cable of the jump tower. After ensuring that all was safe and correct, the cadre would give the command stand in the door. As a student jumper, I pivoted right to stand in the door, left jump boot half out of the door, arms out to the side and my hands gripping the outside of the door. When all was ready the jump master slapped me on the buttocks and said - go. I leaped out of the simulated aircraft and fell about 10 feet before being caught by the cables. I then slid the hundred and fifty feet down to the catch area. At the catch area another soldier disconnected me from the cable and I double timed back to the foot of the 34 foot tower. There I was critiqued about my performance. After doing several of these simulated aircraft jumps from the 34 foot tower and meeting the criteria set out by the school, the jump master certified me as qualified.

Qualification on the 34 foot tower meant that I moved on to the next training device. In this case I was taught how to recover on a windy drop zone if my parachute was dragging me. The Airborne School simulated this with a wind machine, which was a large fan blade driven by a gasoline engine that would create a high wind. As a student jumper, I lay down with my feet toward the fan. The parachute attached to me was held up and inflated much like a boat sail. As the parachute inflated, it dragged me at a high-speed away from the wind machine. It was my job to reach up on one of the risers, pulling it towards me, as hand over hand I spilled the air out of the inflated parachute. Once the air was spilled, the parachute would stop dragging me… …I could then unlock the quick release on my harness by turning it one quarter of a turn clockwise and hitting the quick release button. I dropped my harness and ran back to the starting point for a critique. Once I had mastered this procedure and convinced the instructor, I was ready to move on to the next step, the 250 foot tower.

The 250 foot tower was designed to simulate an actual jump from an aircraft. I was hoisted 250 feet in the air and then released to float freely to the ground. The tower was of structural steel construction. Four cross arms were attached to the top of the tower. These cross arms went out about 50 feet. The reason there were four cross arms was to ensure that the jumper could use a downwind arm and not be blown into the steel of the tower. At the end of each of these 50 foot arms were a pulley device and a cable that ran the 250 feet to the ground. Suspended on the end of the cable was a circular frame for holding a 34 foot parachute skirt in an open position. The apex or center of the parachute has a small opening and was attached to a quick release in the center of this device. I was then hoisted, parachute and all up the 250 foot tower. Five feet from the top of the tower, the jump school cadre stopped the ascent and calling from the ground with a bull horn, asking me if I was ready. When I signaled that I was ready, the instructor told me that I was on the dirty side of the tower and if I did not want the wind to blow me into the steel, I had better slip that parachute away from the tower. I was then raised the next 5 feet, where it was automatically released and I pulled down the riser and floated free of the tower. The greatest danger was a sudden change of wind direction might blow you into the steel girders of the tower. I did not witness anything like this, but I heard stories of it occurring. People get hurt when this happens.

I rode the parachute to the ground and made a good parachute landing fall. I stayed in the position of landing while the jump school cadre would critique my performance. After I made several successful jumps from the 250 foot tower, I was ready to try the real thing.

TO BE CONTINUED

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 508 CHAPTER, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames)_____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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9-DIGIT Zip_____ ASN_____ (or) SSAN (Last 4)_____

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OCCUPATION_____ HOME #: (_____) _____ CELL #: (_____) _____

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____ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR YEAR 2015 $25.00 + Wounded warrior_____ Ed Fund_____ Total Sent_____

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Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR_____ TO MO/YR_____

NEW MEMBERS MUST INCLUDE PROOF OF AIRBORNE QUALIFICATION

MAIL TO: KEN HAMILL; 2207 Coventry Drive; Columbus, GA 31904-5034



Ward G. Rhoads of C-2-508, 82 Abn Div 1982-85 and Lancaster, Kentucky sent this photo depicting 6 C Company members playing volleyball in MOPP gear, minus gloves and boots. Ward recently retired with 29 years of Police Service. Congratulations Ward!

Macular degeneration has limited my email reading to important messages. Please do not send trivia emails to Ken Hamill.

PARAGLIDE SUBSCRIPTION

Last August at the Convention the Board of Directors voted to stop printing the Paraglide because we do not have the resources to pay for it. However everyone knows the importance of the Paraglide as a source of communications with its members. We know many of our membership want a hard bound copy of the Paraglide. Newly elected Board member, Justin Holmes, has found a publisher and put together a program that members may subscribe to the Paraglide. Remember the subscription is voluntary and the Association's membership receives the Paraglide on line. There are a few details to know. To start publishing the Paraglide, we need 1,500 subscriptions at $30 each to get started. The publisher wants the subscriber to subscribe using a credit card on Pay Pal. To buy a Paraglide subscription browse to the association website www.82ndairborneassociation.org Click on the Paraglide Magazine link, read and fill out the Paraglide Subscription Request.

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Registration Form will soon be posted to Atlanta Chapter Website: 82nd-Atl.com