



MG DAVID L. EVANS

Commander, 80th Training Command (TASS) 2005-2008

MG (R) DAVID L. EVANS of Wartrace, TN, passed away Wednesday, Nov 7, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family and friends. He was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on February 26th, 2019.

MG Evans began his military career in the US Marine Corps (4 years) then the US Army (36 years). He commanded at all levels up to his final assignment as the Commanding General of the 80th Training Command (TASS) in Richmond, Virginia. He was a member of the following organizations: VFW, American Legion, DAV, Marine Corps League, ROA, Military Officers Association, Association of the Century and Blue Ridge Association. He was a faithful member of the Horse Mountain Church of Christ.

From 1988-1991, then CPT/MAJ Evans was deployed to the Middle East as S-3 Operations Officer in support



of Operation Desert Storm assigned to the 401st Military Police Camp (EPW). In 1996, then LTC Evans deployed to Bosnia and Croatia as Operations Officer for Operation Joint Endeavor and later as Commander of Task Force Sava assigned to the 1st Armored Division. Upon his return from deployment, LTC Evans was selected for resident attendance to the US Army War College.

From 2002-2005, then BG Evans served as Assistant Division Commander-Operations for the 100th Division (IT).

MG Evans' final assignment was Commanding General, 80th Training Command (TASS) from 2005-2008. His military career spanned 40 years. His distinguished service reflects professional competence, high standards and mission accomplishment.

MG Evans believed in taking care of soldiers and insisted his peers and subordinates do the same.



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SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!! I am so ready for warmer weather with flowers blooming and green grass.

Along with the flowers and grass comes yard work that so many of us grumble about but we really enjoy the beauty of God's creation when we clean our yards up. Be on the lookout for sneaky snake and other creatures as you are cleaning out flower beds and moving things around. I have heard some say they have already seen undesirables lurking in the shadows!

I hope everyone survived the storms that hit all over the US in the last several weeks. It was so unpredictable as to how "bad" it would be. Prayers go out to anyone that suffered personal loss and/or damage to property. I was lucky in that I only have a couple of limbs waiting to fall down. They are hung up on another limb and will eventually fall.

Thank you to those that attended the interment service for MG(R) David Evans at Arlington. Pat and the family ap-

preciate your prayers and kind thoughts.

It's time to make plans to attend the 100th Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association which will be conducted in Richmond, VA Aug 1-4, 2019. Reunion Coordinator, PNC Bill Black, has worked hard on putting together a Reunion to be remembered. Information regarding the reunion is provided in this edition of the magazine you are currently reading. We are looking forward to ALL of you attending!

Continue to send me your stories and stories of your service member. Regardless of when you served we want to hear about your career. By sharing we are keeping the 80th remembered throughout the world.

As always send me any updates to your information so you don't miss out on any editions of the magazine.

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

100 Years! *Greetings to the 80th Division Veterans Association & Happy Centennial Birthday!*

WHEN WE GATHER in Richmond, Virginia, August 1-4, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Veterans Association. That is a monumental milestone and accomplishment. I try to think back at what the reunions must've been like back in the 30s, 50s, 60s and into the new millennium. My dad (SSgt William Black, 319th IR, Co. G) used to pack his suitcase and head out to the reunions back in the 60s and 70s. He would head to destinations like Pittsburgh, Erie, Latrobe, Cleveland, Nashville and so on. I was just a kid, but I vividly remember his hard-shell suitcase, his hat and pipe and off he would go... many times by train or bus. The stories these soldiers had to tell when they got together... wouldn't you like to be a fly on the wall? I sure would.

So, we honor all of these men and women on August 1-4, 2019 at the newly renovated Doubletree by Hilton Airport hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Make your plans to attend now! There's only one 100th Anniversary and if you've always said, "maybe next year," well, this is next year! Let's get every able body veteran to Richmond.

We are planning a fantastic reunion this year. We will be visiting Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown, and our Memorial Service will be held at the Virginia War Memorial, following a tour, and lunch of the newly reconstructed Memorial. Following the service, we are working with the memorial to provide a private showing of their 24th film, entitled, "Battle of the Bulge."

One thing to remember, the reunion is one day shorter this year. We will be arriving on Thursday for the Com-

mander's Reception and departing, as usual, on Sunday morning. Currently, we're planning for the Executive Council to meet Thursday afternoon prior to the reception, and the Business Meeting on Friday morning. We will depart for Colonial Williamsburg following the Business meeting.

On Friday night, during our Family "dugout" party, we will have Ernie Kohn and Tom Scholtes from the CEBA organization in Luxembourg, to share stories of the 80th Division's heroic role in the liberation of the Grand Duchy. We will cap off the reunion with a Commander's "Dining Out" dinner on Saturday night, hosted by MG Bruce Hackett, Commander of the 80th Training Command. It will be night to remember with a very special speaker. Bring your Sunday best for this event.

Registration forms for this year's reunion can be found on the 80th Division website: www.80thdivision.com. Just click on the link "registration information" and print off the forms and mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

Finally, you can reserve rooms by calling the Doubletree by Hilton Richmond Airport directly at 804-236-1111. Let them know you're with the 80th Division Veterans Association. Your room rate will be \$94 (no breakfast), or \$104 (breakfast buffet for 2) plus tax per night. For those flying into Richmond, the hotel provides a 24-hour shuttle service to/from the airport.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in August! If you have any questions, please send me an email at williamrblack@gmail.com.

See you in Richmond!

Commander's Message



Brian Faulconer National Commander 2018-2019

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM the great state of North Carolina. At the time of this writing spring has sprung, flowers are blooming, grass needs mowing and of course the pine pollen covers the cars in seconds after you wash them! This is the earliest I have seen our dogwoods bloom in many years. The winter was mild and rainy which was not so lucky for the colder states who were pummeled with snow. I hope everyone managed well. Currently all the attention is on college basketball and people always ask if I am a Tar heels or Blue Devils fan. My response is that I am a NC state dad as they have access to my checking account. Just know that you can never go wrong with a Carolina team in your bracket!

I am very honored and proud to be the National commander during such momentous occasions for our association. Last year we recognized and paid tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. This year marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the battle of the bulge. Our association's 100th centennial reunion will be hosted in Richmond, VA .How fitting to be close to Fort Lee. Bill Black is putting together a fantastic reunion agenda with participation from the 80th training command and very special guests attending. We will be trying a new digital registration process but will keep quarterly newsletters for those that prefer post. I am collecting pictures from past reunions for an anniversary video so if you have some that you would like to share, email me at bfaulconer@me.com . Please include the veteran or family member names and the reunion year taken. These will be used to recognize all that have attended in the past.

The association desperately needs your help if we are to continue to be a viable organization. Only a small number of members are actively involved in its operations. The reunions typically are where the association business is conducted but relatively few beyond the attendees are fully aware of our situation. Unless we can find the next generation of members to carry the torch, we stand to lose our sustainability. According to the department of veterans affairs, of the 16 million who served in World War II, around 496 thousand veterans are still alive today. We lose on average, 348 of these precious veterans every day, my father recently being one of them. Please help by encouraging others to join and attend our functions. All 80th division military and their families are eligible for membership.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Richmond this year. The 80th only moves forward.

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In civilian life, MG Evans retired as the Director, Joint Management Office for the Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability (Joint Staff J7)

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Reserve Com-

ponents Achievement Medal (with silver and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Medal (with Service Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass and M2 Device), Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Govt. of Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Govt. of Kuwait), Army Meritorious Unit Award and Army Superior Unit Award.

Floyd Virgil Sprinkle (Co G, 319th)

A Monumental Veteran Restoring a Monument for an 80th Division WWII Soldier

By Mark A. Smith, Carroll County, Indiana

UPON EXITING MY wife's family reunion a year or so ago, I chanced to glance over at two stones resting in the gravel of the parking lot. One was worded "John E. Snoeberger" on the bottom, and the top was worded Floyd Virgil Sprinkle (sic). Researching Mr. Sprinkle I discovered that he was a WWII veteran who was the namesake of the Rockfield baseball diamond.

With that in mind I sought to restore not only the monument itself but the honor of Floyd and his contribution to the county, state, and nation. Depicted here is the "before" of the monument. This was accomplished by presenting documentation to Trustee Don Leisure who presented the matter to his board.

Floyd Virgil Sprinkle was born on October 28, 1918 in Rock Creek Township, Indiana, the son of Elmadore Sprinkle and Ethel Nipple Sprinkle. He was a graduate of Rockfield High School. His marriage in 1936 in Jeffersonville, Indiana was to Mary E. Guthrie with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasson as witnesses with George Groher as officiator.

Life was very kind to the young couple as Floyd pursued a career as a carpenter, and Mary as a teacher in the Rockfield School.

This was all destined to come to a screeching halt on December 7th, 1941, when, as Janet Gobel recounts "they were sitting at the kitchen table when news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor came on the radio and Floyd said he would be called up to war."

His enlistment was at Fort Benjamin Harrison on March 16th, 1943 and at the time he was not assigned any branch of service and was enrolled as a Private under the terms of enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President, or otherwise according to law.

His status rapidly changed as he became a part of the 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, Third Army under General George S. Patton.

According to morning reports of the regiment via regimental historian Andy Adkins, Sprinkle was promoted to Corporal on 15 September of 1944; to Sergeant on 28 September of 1944, and reported as MIA on 10 October 1944; the unit was near Atton, France at Abaucourt, France. On 25 January of 1945 his status was changed from MIA to KIA. On the date which he was reported as MIA, reports showed "a counter attack by enemy tank and infantry at 1000. Company withdrew to woods in rear of hill and went into defensive position and were subjected to artillery fire. Lost 24 men." This supports the recollections of Jim Ferrier as told by his father Robert of his death by tank/artillery fire.



The added sadness of his story lies in a letter to his wife dated October 4th, 1944. The letter was postmarked October 16th, 1944. Mary received the letter after Floyd was killed in action. In the letter Floyd states: "Dear Mary: How are you? I am O.K. and still able to get around. How is everything around home? Suppose you are still busy teaching school. Well, I suppose you notice the heading of Sergeant. I have been going up the ladder so fast the last few days, that I don't know what rating I do hold. Ha. So I am now Sergeant and have charge of a squad of men. Sgt. Dus was transferred to another Company so I was put in charge of the squad. I am still in Sgt. Price's platoon."

Mary later received a Purple Heart notification from Roland Walsh, Brigadier General of the United States Army. Another accolade granted Sprinkle was the Combat Infantry Badge. He was laid to rest in the American Cemetery at Luxembourg.

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Labor Day, September 1, 1947, a Rockfield version of the "Field of Dreams" was dedicated in honor of our veteran with a full day's schedule including a 2:00 ball game between the Rockfield Girls and Rockfield Knotholes; 5:00, a basket lunch; 7:00, a program of dedication featuring Rev. John Barkley of Flora as speaker, and at 8:30 another softball game between the Rockfield Rockies versus the Hauske Harlem of Peru (Delphi Citizen, August 28th of 1947). Guess what? The home team carried away a victory, 6-3, thanks to "Hank Nipple's homer in the last inning (Flora Hoosier Democrat, September 4th, 1947). Other Rockfield contributors to the victory were Little, Coble, and G. Nipple.

The aforementioned Delphi Citizen article of August 28th of 1947 also touted the cohesiveness of the Rockfield citizenry and the manner in which the entire community joined forces to assemble the bleachers and other accoutrements and not one particular citizen was accented in the process.

The names underneath our featured veteran on the monument are those of Ernest Flora, (12-15-1911-12-26-1983) husband of Margaret Helen Snoeberger Flora; Lewis J. Deel, (12-1-1899-7-4-1970) who served the Rockfield area for forty years as a merchant and who was married to Mabel Eva Ray on 6-15-1921); and John E. Snoeberger (2-4-1910-2-2-1993), brother of Margaret Helen who was a Rockfield entrepreneur in his own right as a farmer, owner of the "Centennial Farm, and Snoeberger Hatchery. Additional activity of John E. involved serving as school bus driver for the Delphi Community School System for 20 years. John E. was married to Mable Martin on 10-6-1931 and upon her death was married to Estelle Smith Humphreys.

According to Jim Ferrier, the Floyd Sprinkle Field Monument was at the softball diamond just north of the Rockfield Community Center. Upon the closing of the school and the reversion of the softball field to farm ground, the Monument was transferred to the barn of Jim and Janet's parents. After the Community Center was built, it was returned to that location and recently restored.

So, who are the Ferriers to whom I referred? They are the children of Robert Ferrier (1912-2003) and his second marriage was to Mary Guthrie Sprinkle in 1947, who passed away on February 3rd, 1980. I thank both of them for their personal vignettes which added a human touch to this entire drama.

POST SCRIPT: We all owe an immense debt of gratitude to Trustee Don Leisure and his wife Pat, as well as Rock Creek Advisory Board Members Larry Leach, Carroll County Veterans' Service Office, and Al and Sandy Brown for readily accepting this challenge without fail, as well as the Caldwell Monument Works at Logansport, Indiana.

Anecdotal Story of **SGT. FRANKLIN HAGIST, 317th Infantry, Moselle River, 13 Sept., 1944**

By: MAJ(R) Gary Schreckengost

I VOLUNTEER AT THE Berks County Military Museum, which is a growing affair, most Saturdays from 1100-1300. When I first started, I was pleasantly surprised to see a full 80th Division WWI uniform (I added a helmet) and WWII uniform of Capt. James Swope, 317th Infantry, 80th Division. Capt. Swope's son, Jim, is one of the founders of the museum. Anyway, another volunteer also had a father who served in the 317th Infantry: Sgt. Franklin Hagist. Apparently, on 13 Sept, while the 317th Infantry was having a helluva time maintaining its presence on the east bank of the Moselle, Sgt. Hagist, who was just appointed company 1SGT, was captured by members of the 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division as he sought out orders. Jim Swope, the son of Capt. Swope, said that some members of Hagist's company saw their new 1SGT disappear over the hill near Atton and into Fôret de Facq (across river from Pont à Mousson), where the 3rd P.G.s were ensconced.

Interesting anecdote but it's what happened next that really drew my interest.

Hagist was quickly moved to an open air camp in a German railyard where, after a few days without food or shelter, he was loaded aboard a train and sent to a Kriegsfangenlager in POLAND.

That's right! No STALAG 17 for Hagist.

Anyway, the War Department contacted his mother in Norwood, Pa on Nov. 2 (enclosed) that he was "M.I.A." A few weeks later, they reported him "K.I.A." Around Christmas, his mother then received a letter from him from the Kriegsfangenlager stating that he was alive and well.

Long story short—Hagist was freed by the Soviets in spring 1945 and in their wake, without any formal support, he made his way back to American lines in June, 1945.

ALTHOUGH EDWARD LENGEL'S *To Conquer Hell: The Meuse-Argonne, 1918* is the most popular book on America's biggest battle, I'm not a big fan of it. It's magisterial, that's true. And writing about so many units in such a big conflict is a difficult task. But how he portrayed the 80th Division was incorrect and given how well-read his work is, and how little ours are, I'm afraid that the 80th Division will continue to remain marginalized (I'm trying to ameliorate that by converting my historical novel into a scholarly work that will hopefully enable future historians not to make the same mistakes). On p. 74 of Lengel's book, for example, he said, "the untested 80th Division." He said it quite a lot, actually. In reality, by the time the Blue Ridge Division marched up to its L.D. in the Meuse-Argonne in late-Sept., 1918, it had participated in several attacks with the British near Albert, suffering several casualties, and the 320th Infantry came in behind a French corps during St. Mihiel. Was it as bloodied as other American divisions? No. Was it "untested?" Certainly not. But what really matters is the proof in the pudding: unlike other divisions, Cronkhite's did well during the first week of the offensive, due in large part to how the division, its brigades, its regiments, battalions, companies, and platoons were deployed and how they worked well with their supporting arms.

Another example is found on pp. 92-93 (and this one got my goat): "The division's commander, Maj. Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, a short, swarthy regular army officer with a gremlinlike face, was known for bullying recruits and sympathizing with blacks in the military. Bot made him unpopular among his soldiers." Npopular with his soldiers!? Says who? When one sees Lengel's source to his supposed unpopularity, it doesn't exist. All there is, is a quote he made about black soldiers. Where did Lengel get the idea that Cronkhite was unpopular? The fact is that Cronkhite, and the commander of the 160th Inf. Bde., Lloyd Brett, were extremely popular. Look no further than *The Service Magazine*, the official publication of the 80th Division Association during the 1920s. In several issues, there are stories about how division men displayed their respect and adoration for Cronkhite. He same holds true for General Lloyd Brett, commander of the 160th Inf. Bde. (319th and 320th Infantry). A great example of this is found in Maj. Jennings Wise's "General Brett and the Fighting '80." *The Service Magazine*, Aug., 1922. Wise writes how, during the early phase of the Third Drive, on Nov. 1-2, when Joe Dickman was the I Corps commander and Hunter Liggett was the First Army commander, Brett and Cronkhite were "tactically perfect." He writes: "In the American Army there were few tactical leaders possessed of sufficient experience to act upon their own initiative. Initiative only discovers itself where there is confidence, while confidence ordinarily is only born of experience. As a general rule our tactical

leaders had not yet progressed beyond the rigidly lineal method of progress which was commonly enforced upon them from above by the lineal tactics employed in our general offensives, and since the general plan contemplated that the line of the First Army was to pivot on the Meuse in a half wheel to the right, it would have been only natural had additional pressure on the retarded left been exerted in support of the general plan." He also writes: "Perceiving instantly the importance of the action of the 80th Division, [Liggett] hastened to the battlefield in person to commend Gen. Cronkhite and his division, only to learn from the lips of this fine, generous soldier of the part which his veteran subordinate had played. It was ever thus with Gen. Cronkhite. Those who followed him loved him, and gave him the best that was in them because he took nothing at their expense, seeking only as he did to erect his fame upon their success, and by that very characteristic manifesting one of the most indisputable evidences of large capacity for leadership. But in spite of Gen. Cronkhite's generosity, and Gen. Brett's undoubted merit, while according the latter his full meed of praise, we must not forget that the superior, being responsible for the failures is also entitled to credit for the successes of his subordinates." Note the quote, "Those who followed him loved him, and gave him the best that was in them because he took nothing at their expense, seeking only as he did to erect his fame upon their success."

Quote that, Lengel.

The situation at hand occurred on Nov. 1, Liggett's first major attack as First Army commander, when the 320th Infantry, attacking in conjunction with the 319th Infantry, got hosed and pinned in Ravine aux Pierres (Peter's Ravine), which was in the center of Dickman's I Corps axis of advance. During the fight, Major Emory, commander of 3/320th Inf., in trying to "unpin" his battalion, rose from cover only to get killed by Hun M.G. fire. Faced with this problem, Cronkhite and Brett moved quickly, and the next day, they brought up the 317th Infantry to assume the 319th Infantry's place in the line and at dawn, ordered the 319th Infantry to "attack to the left," much like Liggett had ordered the 28th and 82nd Divisions in order to help relieve the "Lost Battalion" in the Argonne Forest. In conducting this movement, the 320th Infantry was unpinned and after that, the 317th and 319th Infantry Regiments, reinforced by divisional M.G. units and accompanying artillery batteries, continued the attack north and breached FREYA, the last defensive belt of the vaunted HINDENBURG Line near Buzancy.

All of this, of course, is also left out of Lengel's book, as well as most of the other things the 80th did in the Meuse-Argonne, as it was simply a marginalized after-thought.

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“All quiet on the Western Front.” Now that we have duly on or about 11 November 2018 paid homage to our brave Doughboys and related service personnel, all of which are now departed, we turn our attention to that period in which the guns were silenced on the Western Front until the survivors of the “Great War” returned home in the May-June time frame.

Two important concepts helped form the life of the Doughboy postwar. First, there was concern that the German army would not recognize the ceasefire, and would restart open warfare against the Allies. Secondly, a bitterly cold Winter, with a worldwide outbreak of influenza, contributed to the hardships and casualty count of our troops. The result of these two factors was to have to keep an Army in readiness for immediate combat, while the troops were struggling to survive the elements and the accompanying “flu.”

In addition to these considerations, there were still deaths in the hospitals, where wounded soldiers succumbed to their wounds. Nevertheless, the nation rejoiced to see the “Victory Parades” in which our troops were so appropriately honored.

Now, “fast-forwarding”, we have been so fortunate to have personnel who have kept alive the concept of “God and Country” during the second World War, the Cold War, and “Global War on Terrorism/Gulf Wars” in order to preserve our nation and way of life. We must convey this story to all of our citizens and descendants!

Recently, we have been informed about a souvenir Nazi flag which was autographed by a number of the 30th Medical. Andy Adkins is pursuing this project; perhaps we can display this flag with our artifacts at the next Association meeting.

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My next article will revolve around this statement made by Hunter Liggett after the war: “Our First Corps, as I have said, was ordered to threaten furiously, but not to fight the first day, except to protect the Fifth Corps’ left flank, but our men were so eager that part of the corps got out of hand and the demonstration developed into a real attack on Champigneulle. It was magnificent but it was not war, for it played into the enemy’s hands and led to deplorable waste of life.”

Cronkite certainly didn’t see the attack of Nov. 1 as a mere demonstration, and the casualty figures of the 320th Infantry can attest to that.

Maj. Gary Schreckengost (ret.)

319th Regiment, 4-1 M.T.T., 2005-06.

I was very pleased recently to be invited to provide a short listing which has been entered into “People of the Meuse-Argonne” at Meuse-Argonne (<https://meuse-argonne.com/>).

We have recently lost two friends; Dr Lucien Houllimar of Chatel-Chehery, and MG(R) David Evans. Dr Lucien and his wife Annick owned the Sgt Alvin York battlefield adjacent to Chatel-Chehery and have spearheaded the memorial recognitions; trail, etc. there. MG Evans, former Commanding General of the 80th and a Christian gentleman, was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on 26 February 2019. Representatives of the 80th Division and Veterans Association were in attendance.

We now begin to look forward to the next annual meeting of the Association. Follow the info on our website!

80th Division WWII Veterans – Video Interviews and Archival Footage (WWI & WWII)

By Andy Adkins

DURING THE 2001 80TH Division Veterans Association Annual Meeting in Hampton, VA (August 24-25, 2001), COL(ret) Grant Porter sat down with several 80th Division WWII Veterans and recorded their stories. This project was carried through by MG(ret) John P. McLaren and COL(ret) Brydon Jackson. These extraordinary interviews of the men who fought with the 80th Division during WWII will never be forgotten.

Hear first-hand from 80th Veterans: Angelo Barone, Lloyd Bowes, Ed Bredbenner, Bob Burrows, Don Davis, Lou Engelke, Frank Gerone, Bill Lainge, Renaldo Martin Bob Murrell, Gerald Virgil Meyers, Dempsey Pappas, Eric Reilinger, Robert Smith, Jerry Spellman, and Paul Wiedorfer. All of these video interviews are on the 80th Division website: www.80thdivision.com.

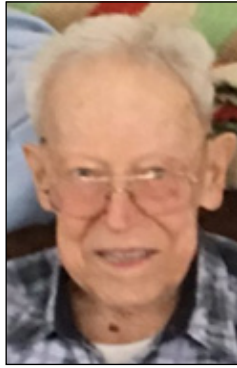
In addition, COL(ret) Porter captured several different 80th Division archived tapes onto video, which include both WWI and WWII archival footage. These are both on-line as well.

Last, but not least, MG Douglas Dollar provides an overview of the 80th Division Training Command.

Thanks to all who were a part of capturing this amazing video Oral History Project.

FRANCIS RAJNICEK

May 12, 1925 – February 28, 2019



FRANCIS RAJNICEK was born on May 12, 1925 in Cleveland and passed away on February 28, 2019. He was a lifelong area resident. After graduating from West Technical High School, he entered the United States Army, where he fought in WWII's Battle of the Bulge.

As a proud veteran, he received and held the honor of National Commander of the 80th Division Infantry for one year. When returning home from the Army, Fran joined the Members of Stephen's Club. This was a club created by St. Stephen's Catholic Church for veterans returning home to meet other young members. It was in this group that Fran met his wife, Catherine, and on February 18, 2019 they celebrated 69 wonderful years together. Upon completion of an apprenticeship through Thompson Products, he began a lifelong career in mechanical engineering. He worked several years for the company, until moving to Ford Motor Company, to which he retired from after 25 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, scuba diving, and reading National Geographic's. He also loved traveling, whether it was with his family from coast to coast, or to Australia, New Zealand and Europe, you could find him eager to explore. Fran was a very meticulous and organized man, who could tell you anything and everything about any topic. He will be dearly missed.

Francis was the beloved husband for 69 years of Catherine (nee Gerber); loving father of Christine Posner (husband Stuart), Joan Churchwell (husband Ron), Kathleen Plautz (husband William), Susan Watson (husband Victor), and the late Mark; devoted grandfather of Tamara, Scot, Mark, Trevor, and Taylor and great-grandfather of 2; dearest brother of Irene Pogras, and the late Albert and Stephen; dear uncle and great-uncle of many. U.S. Army Veteran.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in memory of Francis to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.



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TAPS

Humphreys, LTC(R) Neil, Farmville, VA
DOD: Apr 14, 2019, Rptd by: Richmond Times Dispatch

Kowalski, Walter 905th FA Bn
51154 Midlothian Ct, Grangr, IN 46530
DOD: Dec 12, 2018, Rptd by: Connie Harmon, Daughter

Monaghan, COL(R) James 317-Cannon Co
Birmingham, AL, DOD: Apr 6, 2019
Rptd by: CW5(R) Tom Travis

Rajnicek, PNC Francis H-317
4895 Karen Isle Dr, Richmond Heights, OH 44143
DOD: Feb 28, 2019, Rptd by: Kay Rajnicek, Wife

Taylor, COL(R) Dan 80th Div IG
Campobello, SC
DOD: Dec 21, 2018, Rptd by: Sue Echols

ANNUAL MEMBERS

The last date I have entered a name is April 30, 2019

CSM(R) William Payne – 3-318th

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- Dr Bernard Davis – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319
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- Lindy Inge – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319 – RIP Hero
- Burt Marsh – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319 – Fellow Doughboy & Great Friend
- COL(R) Clarence Martin, Jr – In Memory of MG(R) David Evans – Cdr 80th Div
- Medical Affairs Team at Dynavax – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319
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- Susan Nutting – In Memory of Harry Nutting I-317
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- COL Mike Rauhut – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319
- Jeffrey Staley – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319
- William Sutler – In Memory of Charles Faulconer A-319
- Albert Velasquez – In Memory of PVT Albert Velasquez D-317

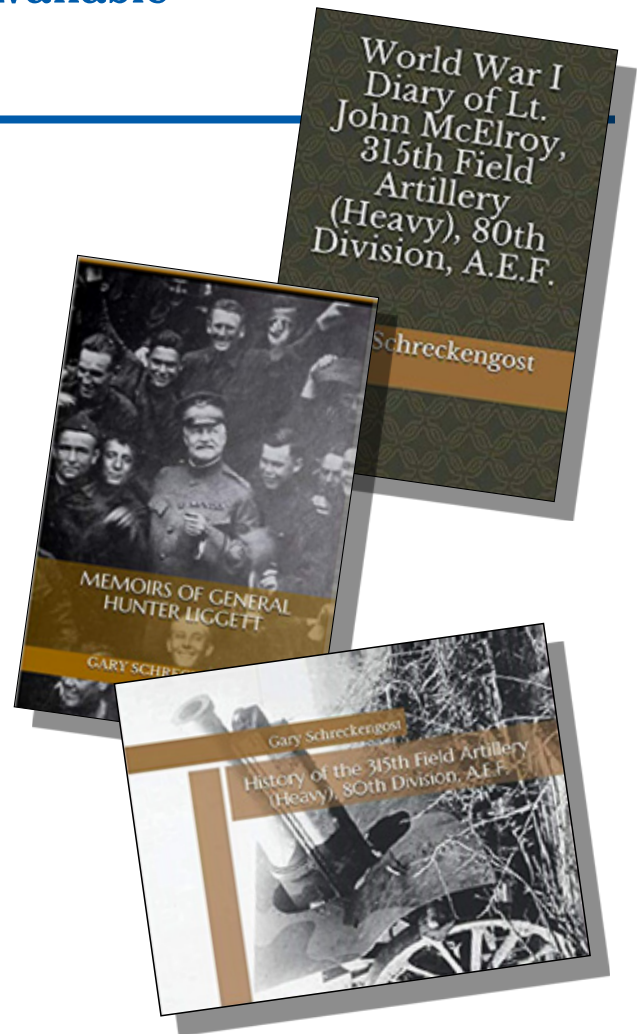
History of the 80th Division Books Available

By: MAJ(R) Gary Schreckengost

STILL THINKING THAT the division hasn't gotten its due for its exploits during the Great War (1917-18), I have endeavored to convert my historical fiction of the 80th Division in WWI into a scholarly three-volume non-fiction, drawing from all known sources, including the articles in *The Service Magazine*, the new photos provided to the Association, diaries, official records, the Stultz book, etc.

These volumes, entitled *Always Move Forward! The 80th Division in WWI*, should be ready for publication next year, all proceeds, as usual, going to the Association. That said, I've converted three rare, out-of-print books that may be of interest: *The History of the 315th Artillery (Heavy)*, \$9.99; the *World War I Diary of Lt. John McElroy, 315th Artillery (Heavy), 80th Division, A.E.F.*, \$6.99; and *The Memoirs of Hunter Liggett*, \$9.99. The 313th Arty (L) has been re-published by Forgotten Books and it's fantastic and the 314th Arty has also been reprinted, although its only strength is its daily "Combat Diary."

Forgotten Books has also just re-published Liggett's *Commanding an American Army*, which is one of the books I reproduced in *Memoirs*. It sells for \$12. Forgotten Books also has a website that offers thousands of books on PDF for a small fee and I was able to grab at least 50 period books for use in "Always Move Forward," including several Army manuals, books on Infantry and M.G. tactics, etc. What I've learned is how eclectic our forbearers were and how utterly complicated and interesting (as well as tragic and bloody) the campaigns were. They just weren't "charge this trench, etc."



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Children of The Greatest Generation

By: Roger Connor, Member of AWON (American War Orphans)

- ◆ Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age cohort. We are the Silent Generation.
- ◆ We are the smallest number of children born since the early 1900s. We are the “last ones.”
- ◆ We are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years
- ◆ We are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.
- ◆ We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans.
- ◆ We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.
- ◆ We can remember milk being delivered to our house early in the morning and placed in the milk box on the porch.
- ◆ We are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War.
- ◆ We saw the ‘boys’ home from the war, build their little houses.
- ◆ We are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, we imagined what we heard on the radio.
- ◆ As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood “playing outside.”
- ◆ We did play outside, and we did play on our own.
- ◆ There was no little league.
- ◆ There was no city playground for kids.
- ◆ The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like.
- ◆ On Saturday afternoons, the movies, gave us newsreels of the war sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.
- ◆ Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party Lines)and hung on the wall.
- ◆ Computers were called calculators, they only added and were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon.
- ◆ The internet and GOOGLE were words that did not exist.
- ◆ Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on our table radio in the evening by Gabriel Heatter.
- ◆ We are the last group who had to find out for ourselves.
- ◆ As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth.
- ◆ The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow.
- ◆ VA loans fanned a housing boom.
- ◆ Pent-up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work.
- ◆ New highways would bring jobs and mobility.
- ◆ The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.
- ◆ The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands of stations.
- ◆ Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.
- ◆ We weren't neglected, but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus.
- ◆ They were glad we played by ourselves until the street lights came on.
- ◆ They were busy discovering the post war world.
- ◆ We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed.
- ◆ We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future.
- ◆ Depression poverty was deep rooted.
- ◆ Polio was still a crippler.
- ◆ The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks for Air-Raid training.
- ◆ Russia built the Iron Curtain and China became Red China.
- ◆ Eisenhower sent the first ‘advisers’ to Vietnam.
- ◆ Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.
- ◆ We are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland.
- ◆ We came of age in the 40s and 50s The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming , and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.
- ◆ Only our generation can remember both a time of great war, and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty We have lived through both.
- ◆ We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better. not worse.
- ◆ We are the Silent Generation. “The Last Ones.”
- ◆ More than 99% of us are either retired or deceased, and we feel privileged to have “lived in the best of times”!



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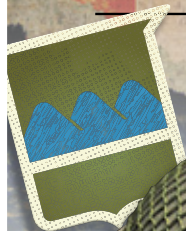
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