

# The Old Hickory Chronicle

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## QM COMPANY ON THE RHINE

*Editor's Note: The following account was printed in the "Quartermaster Journal, Vol. 7, No. 23 – 8 June 1945." It was written by Maj. Robert E. Moline, of the Office of Technical Information in the Office of the ETO Chief Quartermaster, and his assistant, S/Sgt. Jay C. Stilley. Photographs were taken by 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Frank S. Beautrow, Signal Corps.*

*They have traced what was said and done by officers and men of the 30<sup>th</sup> Division QM Company during the Ninth Army's crossing of the Rhine. It was recorded on the scene. The time covered is from H-minus-7 to H-plus-62. The crossing, between Wesel and Duisburg, began at 0200, 24 March 1945.*

**It's 23 March**, and something big is in the wind. Logic points to a crossing of the Rhine; that is unmistakable. The thing you cannot learn is *when*.

At Sevelen, a German farm village some 10 miles west of the river, the 30<sup>th</sup> Division waits. The Ninth Army has crossed the Roer, fought its way across this plain, and drawn up along the west bank of the Rhine. Holding the west bank, ahead of the 30<sup>th</sup>, is the 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

The 30<sup>th</sup> quietly, secretly has taken up its position. All day, RAF and AAF heavy bombers have been thick in the sky, shuttling across the river.

**Time . . . Time.** In the front yard of the farmhouse that is their CP, men of the 30<sup>th</sup> QM Company while away the time. They're doing the hardest job in the Army – waiting.

Many of them joined the 30<sup>th</sup> when it was activated as a National Guard unit in 1940. They went through maneuvers and came overseas over a year ago. The advance QM party landed in Normandy on D-plus-9. They fought through Normandy, the breakthrough at St. Lo, the brutal German winter counter-offensive, the recent crossing of the Roer.

Now, some play baseball—others just sit and bat the breeze. They talk over a new rumor—that Patton has crossed the Rhine. In a nearby field, two .50's point at the sky. In spite of the quiet, this is hostile Germany.

**"Our Farm."** In the twilight, the men discuss "our farm," and "our cows." In the prosperous-looking barn, three mares are ready to foal. One of the men suggests forming a commit-

tee of ex-farmers to preside at the blessed events.

"Good idea," someone says. "But, hell—will we be around?" He expects no answer, and none comes.

At 2200 brilliant flashes light the sky and the drone of the bombers increases. "They're starting to soften them up across the river," says T/Sgt. E. M. McCord. Up to now, no one has mentioned the coming offensive.

An hour later, most of the men have turned in. There is expectancy in the air, but no excitement. These men are used to being poised for "one more jump-off."

Soon after midnight the boon of big guns increases. The air throbs with their concussion. It's up to the Infantry now, and the guns and the armor. The QM has equipped them for the assault.

### 24 MARCH

"Three battalions of our assault troops and three battalions of the 75<sup>th</sup> jumped off at 0200 this morning," is the news that greets Lt. Col. Thomas P. Van Noppen, 30<sup>th</sup> Division QM, when he climbs out of bed. Having had a part in the planning, he's not surprised.

Van Noppen is about 35 years old, lean and reserved. He looks like the late Brig. Gen. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr. His home is Madison, N.C. At breakfast, he sums up what has been done to prepare the division for the crossing:

**Class I.** Using tail-gate distribution, QM trucks have supplied the assault group with two reserve ration units. Two more reserve rations are loaded on the company's trucks and are ready to move up.

"All of the units have plenty of rations with them for two days," Van Noppen says. "By the time they need more, we can get them to the units—either across the bridge (which the Engineers were to build) or by ducks."

"We issued enough D bars for three days' operations—one bar per man per day—which went to assault troops only. If they're in a tight spot, they'll have something to fall back on," he points out.

**Class II.** Clothing and equipment needs have been filled. C&E is expected to be adequate during the assault. The assault troops have already left their excess stuff in their regimental service trains and won't be needing more until the bridgehead

is established.

**Class III.** Division trucks are crossing the river with full tanks and two extra gas cans tied on—so are tanks and half-tracks. Fifteen ducks, loaded with 200 jerricans (1,000 gallons apiece), form a mobile gasoline reserve at the QM CP. The 30<sup>th</sup> has 19,000 gallons in reserve, instead of the usual 4,000, Van Noppen says. When some unit needs more gas, G-4 will pass the word along.

Ordinarily, gasoline requisitions up to 500 gallons are drawn from DQM and larger requests are filled at a Ninth Army dump.

“In an operation of this kind,” Van Noppen says, “we probably won’t burn more than about 5,000 gallons a day in the whole division. Once the armored and infantry troops break through and begin to move fast, supply lines will lengthen and a lot more gasoline will be used—perhaps as much as 30, 000 gallons a day.”

**Procurement.** Capt. T.K. Robinson, Rockaway, N. J., is transportation officer, “but I also take care of a little procurement work for the outfit,” he says. He tells how he paid civilians who ran the baths at Spa, Belgium, after the famous baths there were requisitioned for use of the troops.

“We had to furnish four tons of coal a day and got that from the First Army coal point. We were with the First Army then . . . We used to bathe as many as 740 men in a day there . . . At times I have bought a lot of miscellaneous things we needed for the division, such as stencils, barber clippers, and some things for the rest center. I have only spent \$4,836.56 since the division came to the continent, so the bookkeeping hasn’t been too bad.”

**Duck Battalion.** Ninth Army has attached a duck battalion—the Seventh QM mobile—for the Rhine operation and one company has joined the 30<sup>th</sup> Division, under control of

DQM. The ducks have been farmed out to the combat elements to save time that would be consumed by a central-dispatching system. One infantry regiment got eight ducks, six apiece went to the two others, four apiece to two tank battalions, four to a tank destroyer battalion, and two each to the two attached engineer companies. A lieutenant from each of the duck companies is across the river with each combat team to reconnoiter for landing points.

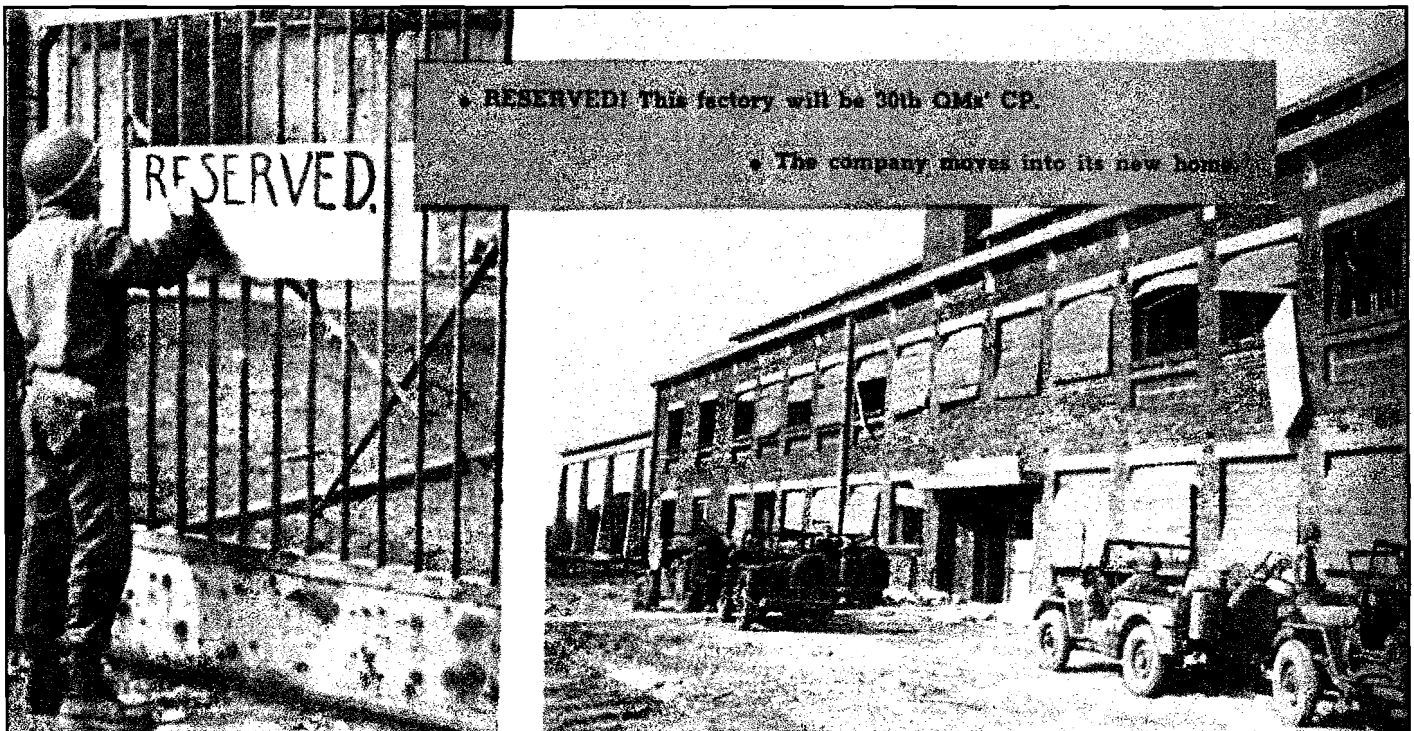
Says Van Noppen, “We may not have to use the ducks at all if everything goes all right and there isn’t enough opposition to keep the Engineers from getting the bridge in on schedule. Of course, the bridge will be the most effective way of getting the supplies across, but we have the ducks ready for an emergency. Down at the river they’re using a lot of alligators, LCM’s, and weasels to get across the tanks, artillery, personnel, and ammunition, and to return the wounded.”

Division plans call for three or four bridges. If they’re slow in getting across the river, ducks and alligators (the division has 60) are ready. Two extra truck companies have been attached and are also farmed out to the units.

**Background.** The QM Company, which is commanded by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Chisholm, has stayed unusually far back in the division area, since congestion is pretty heavy up near the river. Now the company is back where all units can get what they want without snarling traffic. Ordinarily, however, the company sets up as near the forward division CP as possible.

The 30<sup>th</sup> crossed the Roer farther south and then was brought up to its present position for the amphibious Rhine operation. Security measures included the planting of dummy signs farther south to throw off enemy agents.

Van Noppen expects forward combat elements to send their trucks back across the river to draw supplies while the division is still compressed into a narrow bridgehead.



“The whole idea is to keep a lot of firepower in that bridgehead and keep the congestion down so that they can move around,” he says.

**First To Go.** Graves registration people will be the first QM’s to cross, when G-4 gives the okay. With the medics, two GRS sections will set up two collecting points, near the bridges and at opposite ends of the bridgehead. They’ll wait, however, until the Infantry has moved far enough ahead so that the dead can be collected.

The forward units will bring their own casualties to the collecting points. The points must be ready in time to receive the dead and send them across the river, as soon as bridges or landing craft are available. There’s a corps collecting point on the U.S. bank.

At 0830, Van Noppen puts on his helmet and sends for his driver. “I’m going up forward to look around,” he tells the others.

“I usually try to get around and talk over the situation with the other people,” he explains as the jeep carries him toward the Rhine. “That is the best way of keeping posted.” Periodic reports from G-2 and G-3 fill in the gaps in information, and since reserves have been built up in advance, things are fairly quiet for DQM during the initial phases of an operation like this.

**Meets G-4.** On the road, Van Noppen meets Lt. Col. Walter L. Franklin, division G-4, and gets permission to establish his two GRS points on the far shore tomorrow. Smoke generators have been shrouding the operations and Franklin reveals that they had to be cut a little. “We were afraid the smoke would interfere with the airborne landings north of here,” the G-4 says.

At the division clearing station, set up in a shattered schoolhouse overlooking the Rhine, Van Noppen finds a few casualties have begun to come in, evacuated by amphibious vehicles.

At 1000 an unending stream of C-47’s appears, many of them towing gliders. They unload their burdens across the river, wheel about, and return over the building. Some are now trailing free glider ropes. The sky is so filled with low-hanging smoke from the generators that it is impossible to see the actual dropping of the paratroopers or to see the gliders sail down.

**May Need Ducks.** There’s been difficulty in getting some of the landing craft into the water and the ducks may be needed soon, Maj. William Sconyers, assistant G-4, reveals. Van Noppen advises Col. Franklin, who turns up again near the shore, that alligators would be better than ducks for getting jeeps across the river, since the alligators have landing ramps. However, the bridge is expected to be in operation first thing in the morning, several hours ahead of schedule.

Alligators are returning from the far side loaded with prisoners—so many, in fact, that QM trucks will be needed to evacuate them. Capt. Oliver W. Franklin, commander of the 119<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Service Company, is supervising a transportation pool behind the dike that parallels the shore 200

yards away. At the pool, which has been churned into mud, alligators are swarming in and out. Fully loaded, they crawl up and over the dike, move down to the river, nose into the water, and swim across at an angle against the current. Farther down the friendly shore they clamber up on the bank and return across the dike to the pool for reloading.

Capt. Franklin’s job is to ferry his regiment’s supplies and equipment across the river when the commander calls for them. Not all the regimental transportation is at the pool, however. The vehicles come in from a marshalling area down the road when they’re needed.

“That saves confusion,” he explains, “and gives us a little dispersion in case the Germans zero us in with artillery.” Heavy German guns have begun to lob shells across the Rhine. Overhead, the C-47’s are still streaming through the sky. They have been dropping airborne troops for three hours.

**Ducks Start Out.** Capt. Franklin gets a call for ducks and, since the bridge isn’t finished, decides to try them out.

The first duck roars into gear, crawls up the slope, hesitates, and starts down the other side, across a green field, and toward the water. It carries several officers and men, 70 cases of K rations, 50 cans of diesel oil, and boxes of ammunition.

Pfc. Frank Simmons, the driver, eases the duck over the treacherous, muddy approach to the river and down the steep slope into the water. But the mud is too deep and the slope of the riverbed too gradual to float the front end. The front wheels sink deep into the mud and the duck bogs down.

A crew works frantically for an hour, but it won’t budge. Alligators try to free the duck, but they can’t get enough traction. From the land side, another alligator attempts to drag the duck out, but the cable snaps.

“These vehicles were wonderful at the Normandy beaches,” a lieutenant says, “but they just won’t take mud like this.”

More proof that they never will be able to build an all-purpose vehicle,” Van Noppen adds.

But ducks of another regiment (the 117<sup>th</sup>) have gotten across, and materiel is crossing the Rhine steadily on rafts pushed by power boats, assault boats, and alligators. By this time, the first bridge is almost ready for traffic, and the bogged-down ducks (there are more now) won’t be needed, anyway.

**Like Normandy.** At the 117<sup>th</sup> Regimental crossing area, the scene resembles the Normandy beaches just after D-Day: the flat shores are covered with roaring, sputtering vehicles, the water full of them.

“If we had it to do again,” Van Noppen says, “I believe we ought to keep all of the ducks in one place and wait until the outfits call G-4 for them. The way, we could be sure they go where they’re needed. The 119<sup>th</sup> couldn’t use them, and the 117<sup>th</sup> could have those ducks busy.”

By now, it’s nearly suppertime, and Van Noppen returns to his CP. There, he learns that only one casualty, a tank man killed by machine gun fire, has come through GRS during the afternoon.

Some salvage also was brought in, segregated, and trucked



**CAPT. W. C. BARFIELD and SGT. VINCENT DELUCIA check records at a collecting point.**



• **T/5 JESS HENLEY puts up a sign directing the way to the post of the 605th GRS Co.**

away.

That night, the men see a movie. The company has its own projector, and Special Service furnishes the film. During the night a solitary German plane strafes the road in front of the CP and a few anti-personnel bombs are dropped nearby. But nobody gets up and nobody is very excited about it. Tomorrow is a tough day.

## 25 March

At 0730, Col. Van Noppen leaves for the division CP. There, he learns that it's time to scout for a position across the Rhine. The bridge is in, and G-4 wants to save trucks the trouble of crossing the river for supplies. The division CP will be moving, too.

Col. Franklin tells him, "It might be a good idea, too, to look for some coal mines on the other side. They always have good showers and we could take them over and use them if you could get them going for us."

As Van Noppen accompanied by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Albert Pearsall of the 30<sup>th</sup> Company, sets off for the crossing, artillery and aircraft still fill the air with sound. The sky is dotted with silver barrage balloons. A mile upstream the second bridge is in; two-way traffic is now possible.

**Over The Rhine.** Thick smoke covers the eastbound bridge—the first one built—as the jeep thumps across. The bridge is a ponderous affair, made of heavy steel sections mounted on huge rubber pontoons.

On the east side of the river, all is confusion. The countryside has been laid waste by artillery fire and the houses are shell-torn. Clumps of prisoners wait to be transferred across the bridge. Along the narrow country road, there is only one dead American soldier still lying in a field. Van Noppen drives upstream about half a mile to an RJ near the westbound bridge.

S/Sgt. Albert Ahumada, who will be in charge on this side of the river, puts up a DQM sign there. In the yard of a ruined house, about 200 yards away, Van Noppen meets doughs of the 75<sup>th</sup> Division, who are getting ready to move out, and arranges to use the house.

About two miles further on, a farmhouse is selected to serve

as a GRS point. There Van Noppen talks a group of artillery officers, including a BG, into letting him use the house. The artillerymen will move on. One of the division G-4 officers meets the party as it continues its reconnaissance and directs Van Noppen to a bombed-out factory that might be useable.

The factory looks like its German owners left in a hurry. Inside there are a few stunned-looking persons of uncertain nationality. They are in an enclosure used by the Germans for their slave labor. Some of the "displaced persons" are still laying there, for want of a better place to live, although the gates are wide open—and freedom is theirs for the taking.

**Bombed Out.** Not a single window remains in the factory. Twisted girders and railroad tracks, torn walls, and ripped roofs attest to the accuracy of the bombings. The crash of our artillery is still very close. An ordnance captain approaches.

"We've already scouted the place and plan to move in," he says, "but there is plenty of room left."

He and Van Noppen work out sleeping arrangements for their men and agree to help each other clean out the debris. Now it's 1230, and the QM's start back for the river. Suddenly, they hear the sharp pffft-WHAM of 88 shells. The jeep skids to a stop and the men dive for cover—but there isn't any, not even a ditch. So there's nothing to do but flatten against the ground, while the 88's lob in close—75, then 50 yards away. There are 10 terrifying rounds, then all is quiet. The party starts out again.

**One Issue.** Across the westbound bridge, Van Noppen talks to Col. William Goe, Ninth Army QM, who says he's "scouting around."

"We want to get our supplies moved up so that if there is a sudden breakthrough, the forward elements won't be way ahead of us," Col. Goe says.

Van Noppen tells him that tomorrow's ration will be the last issued on the west bank of the Rhine.

"Be sure we issue rations every day because we don't want these people to start eating their reserves," the Ninth Army QM says.

At 1830, during supper, Van Noppen tells his officers of

tomorrow's move. Lt. Chisholm says the 30<sup>th</sup> QM's are "now ready to move on an hour's notice."

Afterwards, the DQM learns at XVI Corps CP that he can move at any time without formal clearance. Everything is arranged.

## 26 MARCH

The men have packed and moved so often that they take this one more move quietly. There is no confusion and although the packing is not orderly, it's done without wasted motion, without excitement.

At 1215, the QM trucks start forming a convoy on the dusty road in front of the CP. The day is cloudy. At 1230 the convoy pulls out.

It is made up of two serials, a half-hour apart. The first serial includes 25 vehicles. The roads are pretty fair, and speed is set at about 20 miles per hour. Trucks are about 30 yards apart, since there is no danger of air attack.

Near the bridge, the convoy settles down to a crawl, with short bursts of speed. The smoke generators are on the other side of the river now. Over a crushed rock road the convoy lurches across the dike and onto the bridge.



• PFC. JACK CALLAHAN has a shell-shocked rabbit on fender.

**Krauts Cross.** Halfway across, about 300 German PW's, heavily guarded, pass by at a dog trot, on their way to enclosures on the west side of the river. They don't look like boys or old men—there are no Volksturm among them. They look a little ragged and weary, but they also look like hard, fighting men.

Lt. Chisholm leads his convoy along the dirt roads, torn by traffic and chewed up by tank treads. Now the speed is down to 10 mph, and on either side of the road, as far as the eye can see, stretch single files of 75<sup>th</sup> doughboys, moving up. They're carrying bazookas, BAR's, and machine guns. They're all

packed for action.

They're dusty and tired and their pace is slow and dogged. The battle-wise are grim and uncomplaining, but the newer ones look wonderingly at the smouldering ruins and tramp on.

At 1445 the convoy pulls into the factory area, which is jarred every few minutes by the concussion of American artillery in a nearby woods. Everybody piles out.

Pfc. Jack Callahan attracts a small group around his truck. He has a stunned jack-rabbit crouched on the fender. "Found him in a bomb crater on the way," he explains.

Van Noppen walks out of the factory and greets the company commander. "How do you like our new establishment?" he asks.

"Any place is home—even this," says Chisholm.

"Well, you people go ahead and get settled," Van Noppen says. "But don't get settled for the duration. We're probably going to push out of here pretty soon."

Trucks scatter and the orderly confusion of moving in begins. Again the men have time to bat the breeze.

"How's your Russian?" one of the drivers asks another, who is groping around under the hood of his vehicle.

"Not so hot."

"Well you'd better start learning."

Inside the factory, men are sweeping out their new headquarters.

"Say," somebody says, "those three mares back on our farm at Sevelen—they never did foal, did they?"

By now, Sevelen, the mares, the farm—all are on the wrong side of the Rhine and a world away.



# UNIT NEWS

## A Message from the Editor:

Lately there has been a lot of discussion, mostly on the Listbot, saying that the OHA is only interested in doing displays and reunions. Some former members have quit saying they were off to find a *real* reenactment group.

If you look at the OHA's newsletter you do see a lot of articles about veterans, history of the 30th ID, articles about upcoming displays and reunions, and an occasional, yes I said occasional, article about reenactments. Why is there only an occasional article about reenactments you ask? I print what is submitted to me.

I have never refused to print an article. If the membership wants to see more about reenactments then someone needs to be submitting articles to me for publication. Talk to your tactical committee. That is one of the reasons they exist. Contacts for the committee are listed in the back of every newsletter, as are the contacts for all aspects of the OHA.

After some events I see after action reports, reviews and photos of reenactments posted on the Listbot. That is all well and good for the people on the list but what about the other 50% of the membership. I do not take things off the listbot as I feel that after members see something there they do not want to see it again in a newsletter.

This Association has worked hard for seven years now to allow its membership to enjoy all the different venues of this hobby. If you have a strong interest in a particular area, write something about it and send it to me, and we will get it into the newsletter.

- Don Shupe, Newsletter Editor

## Butner Shoot, March 23/25, 2001

You should all have received a separate mailing announcing this event. If someone didn't receive one and would like to attend, you must contact Don Shupe by Friday March 16th.

If some of our new members want to attend but don't feel you have the required gear or weapon, contact me. We have plenty of gear that can be loaned.

Weapons will be secured in the orderly room so make sure you know your weapons serial number.

Remember, weapons for the qualification are to be service grade only.

If anyone needs ammo, see info in following piece.

## Ammo Purchase

The price has gone up to \$60 a can of 280 rounds of 30-06 in Garand clips. If interested contact FJ Hale at (919) 787-4965 or email: [Foxtrot7@mindspring.com](mailto:Foxtrot7@mindspring.com)

## Tennessee Event

A reenactment in September 2001 has been designated as a maximum effort event for the OHA. Details are incomplete at this time. Watch future newsletters for information.

## Authenticity Committee

The OHA Board of Directors has agreed that an Authenticity Committee should be formed to monitor authenticity and period accuracy at all events. The committee will comprise a representative from the other committees, as a minimum. The committee will then formulate minimum authenticity requirements and provide for monitors to be assigned to every event officially sanctioned by the OHA. More details will be published in the future.

## U.S.S. North Carolina June 8-10, 2001

The OHA has been asked to coordinate a display/Living History at the battleship site to coincide with the Naval Detachment Living History weekend.

We will most likely do an MP impression. Since the majority of our members that help do our displays also do the Naval Detachment our ranks will woefully thin. So far I have heard from: Thomas Amato, Mike Owens, Walt Sowinski, and Kevin Wescott.

Anyone that is interested in helping us out please contact Don Shupe. Further information will be in future newsletters.

## Adopt a Vet!

We have received a large number of requests from 30th ID veterans to receive copies of our newsletter, which is quite an honor. Unfortunately it is also quite a strain on our limited finances, and although we have received some cash donations from some of the 30th vets we can't cover them all. If any of our members would like to contribute \$5, \$10, or \$15 to help offset this cost it would be greatly appreciated.

## New Recruits Procedure

If anyone has someone interested in joining the OHA they should contact David Stieghan or Clint Yarbrough. Contact information is on the last page of each newsletter. They will in turn contact that person and conduct an interview with them. If they feel they would be a good addition to the group they will send them an information sheet and an application which will be completed by the new recruit and mailed with their dues to Don Shupe.

## **MVPA International Convention 2001 July 19 - 21. UPDATE.**

Brett Bondurant and Don Shupe joined Dave Curtin and MVPA President Lee Holland for another work party on the Ike van in January. The exterior and undercarriage painting was completed. This pretty much finishes up our part of the work until we take it over in July for the display.

There was an article in the Ft. Lee newspaper about the restoration and an article was in the last issue of the MVPA's Supply Line. We received credit for our work on this project. Supply Line is an international publication that goes out to over 8,000 members of the MVPA.

The MVPA has thrown us a little twist for the convention. Originally we had planned to set up a field HQ to go with the Ike van and Patton HQ and run a living history scenerio. During our last work party however, they requested that we change over to a static display. We will be set up directly across the street from the QM's museum and we will be one of the first displays seen by all the visitors coming to the convention.

The base commander, after hearing of the types of displays we can do, has ordered that all 500 members of an incoming class will attend our display.

The QM museum is giving us storage space so we can stage our display materials before the event and not have to try to get it all there in one shot.

**I have heard from the following members saying they will help out with the display: Brett Bondurant, Mark Burfete, Dave Curtin, Anthony Dawkins, Mike Fox, Mike Owens, and Walt Sowinski.**

We will be on a military base and all their rules must be followed. Safety inspections of each living history encampment will be made by representatives of the MVPA and Ft. Lee Military Police prior to opening displays to the public and periodically during the event.

1- Whenever possible, deactivated, dummy or replica weapons should be used instead of functioning weapons. If this is not possible, weapons must be rendered incapable of being easily put to their original purpose. Firing pins or bolts should be removed. **ATF Forms address is: Fort Lee, VA, 23801**

2- No powder or pyrotechnics or live or blank cartridges of any kind will be brought on the installation. All dummy ammunition and examples of explosive ordnance or pyrotechnics for display must be clearly inert and empty.

3- Although there will be extensive MP presence on a 24 hour basis, all units and their individual members will be responsible for physical security of weapons and other items at all times.

4- Vehicles that are part of your display must be secured in a way that will ensure they cannot be easily started or moved. Use wheel chocks and disconnect batteries.

We plan on discussing this event at the Butner Shoot.

Set up will begin on Wednesday July 18th and must be

completed no later than noon on the 19th. Break down will be Sunday morning the 22nd. More information will be in the next newsletter. Ft. Lee is approximately two and half hours from Raleigh and this is the closest this event has ever been to us. I would strongly encourage our members to attend. If interested contact Don Shupe at (919) 467-3119 or shupeda@msn.com.

### **Display Committee Meeting**

The display committee would like to start meeting on a regular basis to discuss display improvements. Who is on the display committee? Anyone in the OHA that is willing to work to make our display the best they can be. Topics we want to discuss will be:

- Improving Participation
- Improving the quality of events
  - Quality of Audience, Presentation, and authenticity
- Method of presentation
- Improve Knowledge of OHA participants
  - World War II history
  - display materials.

Our first meeting will be at the Butner shoot in March.

### **April Reenactment**

Here is info on a Italian Front event being held April 27-29 at Kevin Dawsons farm in Hurt, VA, about 35 miles north of Danville. As you know, Kevins events tend to be small, a good way to kill a Saturday afternoon! They are also fairly local events. As they would like for units to portray units that fought in that theater, it might be a good time to dust off that 3rd Inf. Div. impression of buckle boots and winter combat jackets!

Go to the Historical Reenactments Of Virginia website at [www.hrov.homestead.com](http://www.hrov.homestead.com) for more information.

### **OHA Items for sale**

Anyone interested in purchasing OHA clothing items should contact Brett Bondurant, 1304 Westover Drive, Danville, VA. 24541, (804) 791-2155, bondo@gamewood.net

Grey Tee Shirts w/ OHA logo - S-XL \$10, XXL \$12.50

Grey Sweatshirts w/ OHA logo - S-XL \$18, XXL \$20.00

Ball Caps, Grey body w/ Blue bill, w/ logo - \$11.00

Golf Shirts, white or grey, w/ logo - S-XL \$22.50, XXL \$25.

Patches, repro 30th ID, \$2/patch.

S&H extra.

# Marketplace

**For Sale:** Uniforms, equipment, weapons, etc., mostly American military. Call or write: Stieghan Consulting, 2046 Powell Dr., Culleoka, TN 38451, (931) 987-0965 (central), or dstieghan@aol.com

**For Sale:** If anyone needs Navy items contact Greg Bondurant (757) 631-4697

## Reproduction Items:

World War 2 Reproduction Rations Complete reproduction of WW2 K ration, C ration, and D bars, as well as other accessories such as Foot Powder, Charms, PK gum, fuel tablets, batteries, and more. Catalog Available.

www.angelfire.com/nc/stug

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## Coming Events

### March 23/25, 2001

Butner Shoot,  
Butner, NC

### April 27/29, 2001

Reenactment  
Hurt, VA

### April 28-29, 2001

Military Collectors Show  
Cobb County Civic Center  
Marietta, GA

### May 25 -26, 2001

Memorial Day - TBD

### June 2-3, 2001

Military Collectors Show  
North Carolina State Fairgrounds  
Raleigh, NC

### June 4 - 8, 2001

30th ID National Convention  
Cape May, NJ

### June 8 - 10, 2001

Battleship North Carolina  
Wilmington, NC

### July 4, 2001

4th Celebration - TBD

### July 14-15, 2001

Military Collectors Show  
Elks Lodge  
Wilmington, NC

### July 19 -22, 2001

MVPA International Convention  
Ft. Lee, VA

### Maximum Effort

### September ?, 2001

Reenactment  
Tennessee

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### September 29-30, 2001

Militaria Show  
Greensboro Coliseum  
Greensboro, NC

### October 5/7, 2001

Butner Shoot  
Camp Butner, NC

### October 19 -21, 2001

reenactment  
Oakridge, VA.

### November 3/4, 2001

Celebrate Freedom  
Owens Field, Columbia, SC

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