



30th Division / Brigade Monument Dedicated at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia

FORT BENNING, GA- The 30th Infantry Division / Armored Brigade Combat Team Monument was dedicated at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, GA on Sunday morning 2 June, 2013. The Monument pays tribute to the sacrifices made by members of the 30th past and present, while preserving the legacy of the unit for future generations. Soldiers from World War II and the modern day 30th ABCT took part in the ceremony that was designed to honor the Old Hickory Division for its service.

The monument dedication ceremony was preceded with a Saturday evening dinner which was well attended by family, friends, National Guard dignitaries and featured three World War II 30th veterans who proudly represented all of the 30th Infantry Division as well as all of the members 30th Infantry Division Associations. The honored veterans were Roger Casey, of the



119th Infantry Regiment, Jack Kraus of the 119th Infantry Regiment and Ed Middleton, of the 730th Ordinance. The Armored Brigade Combat Team was represented by COL Cliff Wilkins, COL Randy Powell, LTC Wes Morrison, LTC Norm Walls, MAJ Craig Jones, MAJ Melissa Culbreth, 1st LT Sean Daily, SFC John Setera, the Special Assistant to the Commanding General - Army National Guard (Fort Benning - Maneuver Center of Excellence), COL Steve McCorkle, the Infantry Branch Historian - Maneuver Center of Excellence, David Stieghan, as well as many other key leaders of the North Carolina National Guard and their families. Our good and longtime friend, Dave Stieghan, who attended both the dinner and the dedication ceremony provided Jay Callahan and Ken Hyatt with comfortable accommodations, outfitted Ken with a WWI uniform complete with a SMLE rifle to be used in the Sunday morning Honor Guard and helped with us with numerous other incidentals to make the ceremony a complete success.

On Sunday, 2 June, the 30th Infantry Division Association convened to unveil the memorial at the National Infantry Museum grounds at Fort Benning, Georgia. Attending OHA members providing the ceremony's Honor Guard were Jay Callahan, Neil Trivette, Ken Hyatt, Dan Jutson and Walt Sowinski...SFC John Setera carried the national colors and represented 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team. The specially designed monument which honors the famed "Old Hickory" Division of WWI, WWII as well as the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team of Operation Iraqi Freedom was dedicated on a beautiful, warm, sunny Georgia morning. All funding for this monument was raised by or donated to the 30th Infantry Division Association by its members and supporters of the 30th.



LTC Wes Morrison was the master of ceremonies and MAJ Melissa Culbreth kicked off the ceremony with an opening prayer. LTC Morrison then read a short history of the 30th and spoke to why this monument is so important. He said, "Future 30th soldiers will see their brigade recognized here on the Memorial Walk of Honor. Additionally, as other 30th soldiers return to Fort Benning to continue their military education, they will see the legacy of 30th recognized here." His comments were followed by short addresses from the current President of the 30th Infantry Division Association, COL Cliff Wilkins, Current Commander of the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, COL Randy Powell, Roger Casey and



closing remarks by LTC Wes Morrison. MAJ Melissa Culbreth closed the ceremony with a final prayer. LTC Morrison then requested that the Colors be retired after which the attendees could then begin to take photographs of their loved ones standing by or next to the newly unveiled monument. All in all, it was a great day for "Old Hickory." Photos provided by Army 1st Lt. Sean Daily, North Carolina National Guard Public Affairs Office



The End of the Trail for King Tiger #222

In preparation for the German offensive in the Ardennes which jumped off 16 December 1944, the 501st SS Heavy Tank Battalion, equipped with Tiger II's (aka King Tigers), was attached to the 1st SS Panzer Division (Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler) and further attached to the Kampfgruppe commanded by SS Lieutenant Colonel Jochen Peiper. One of these Tigers was Number 222.

Thanks to the pictures taken by German camera men, reproduced in the book titled "Battle of the Bulge: Then and Now, by Jean Paul Pallud," we can trace the tank's route in several points before and after its journey ended. Shown here at the right of the page is our King Tiger 222 as it passes through Tondorf.



It is next seen in the village of Dienenberg, Belgium, some 11 kilometers southeast of Malmedy. In an obviously posed picture, nine or ten paratroopers are sitting on the turret ... a paratroop regiment had been attached to Peiper for a time. Next, old number 222 appears at a road junction called Kaiserbaracke, a little closer to Malmedy, this time with four paratroopers perched on the turret. A little farther on, outside of Ligneuville, a rear view shot shows eight paratroopers on the back deck, grinning happily as they pass around a pack of cigarettes, American, no doubt. A bit later, the same soldiers are sharing their cigarettes with Waffen SS motorcyclist who had pulled up to the rear of the tank.



At this time, Ret. Colonel Tom Raney from the 823rd picks up the story. The scene now shifts to Stavelot, which was being cleared and defended by the 1st Battalion, 117th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, reinforced by the 1st Platoon, Company "C", 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. These units had fought their way into Stavelot on 18 December and secured that

part of the town north of the Amblève River, except for several blocks still held by the SS at the western edge. With a Reconnaissance Platoon of the 823rd, I joined the 1st Platoon of Company "C" on 19 December 1944. The M10 platoon leader was 1st Lieutenant Ellis W. (Mac) McInnis, a courageous soldier and a good friend.



Sometime on the 19th of December, Mac and I were in an observation post on the second floor of a building. From a window to our front we could see the Amblève River and the bridge leading into Stavelot from the east at about 150 yards from us. To our left was a window through which we could look down on one of Mac's M10s, commanded by Sgt. Ray Dudley. He was covering the bridge and the road leading to it from the southeast. This road, which descended a long hill into the Amblève valley at an angle to our location, was lined

with buildings except for the last 100 yards or so before the bridge. I have forgotten whether we had a warning that a tank was coming down that road but at any rate, we saw the long tube of Tiger 222's 88mm gun emerge from behind the last building. The M10 gunner must have been tracking the tank with his telescope sight, for as soon as the Tiger had cleared the building, the M-10 fired one round of armor piercing shot which penetrated the armor on the right side above the track, about 14 inches under the turret and some four to five feet to the rear of the front glacis plate. The tank stopped dead in its tracks. The round probably struck the gunner and the loader. The hole made by the three inch round can be seen in the picture on page 161 of the book referred to earlier. Surprisingly the tank did not burn. Neither did we see any of the crewmembers bail out, but they must have exited through an escape hatch in the rear of the turret. This time, there were no paratroopers aboard ... too bad because they missed a thrilling experience. No sooner had the M-10 fired than a hail of small arms fire was directed at the M-10 from across the river. This resulted in a fire breaking out in the .50 caliber machine gun's ammunition box that was situated on the turret of the M10. Immediately an asbestos-gloved hand, probably Sgt. Dudley's, came out of the turret and beat the fire out. To the best of my knowledge, that was the last enemy tank that attempted to cross the bridge at Stavelot." *Written by Lt Thomas L. RANEY*



Shown above, this is what King Tiger #222 probably looked like in its better days and before it met up with the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion!

OHA Marches In The Thomasville Parade

27 May – The Thomasville Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville, NC



It is the largest in North Carolina and one of the largest in the Southeast. This year's OHA POC was Jay Callaham and he was able to pull together one of the largest group of OHA attendees than has been true for many moons! We had thirteen (13) OHA GI's marching in this 2013 parade and that august number was augmented by another eight (8) Big Red One guys and a few "lost" paratroopers. We assembled at the "Big Chair" at 09:30 as the parade was scheduled to start rolling at 11:00. Due to the Federal Governments current Sequestration Policy, US Military Active Duty , Reserve, and National Guard units and vehicles were not be available, so the parade was made up entirely and dependent upon civilian units, civilian owned vehicles and reenactor troops to make a good showing to honor our vets. Re-enactors were permitted to carry their rifles although we did have to have the triggers tied down to make them "safe.". The parade director, Mike Long and his staff, did a great job securing many floats, antique vehicles, vintage military vehicles and motorcyclists to fill out the parade lineup.



Old Hickory Association members marching in this year's parade were: Don Shupe, Kent Triplett, Aaron Clark, Matt Koonts, Mike Owens, Ashley Parker, FJ Hale, Robbie Lamb, Ken Hyatt, Ron Crawley and Walt Sowinski as WWII GI's and Jay Callaham, Dan Jutson, Greg Jones (from the 318th Inf, 80th Div, AEF) for providing us with a respectable Great War detachment as well. This contingent really made for a very sharp looking WWI & WWII representation of US GI's.



As Jay Callaham noted in an earlier email, "The real fun was visiting with several of the WWII Vets that were there, including a long-time personal friend of mine from Charlotte, Micky Dorsey, who lead a Cavalry unit that was the first into one of the major concentration camps in Europe. Micky later lost part of his hand to a German grenade. I also enjoyed chatting with a friend of his - MG (ret) George Patton Waters - - grandson of THE General Patton and son of Patton's son in law - John K. Waters, captured in Tunisia - who was the objective of the abortive "Task Force Baum" Hammelburg Raid. I even got to chat with a WWII Navy veteran who was a fellow bugler. All in all, it was a great affair with very enthusiastic hosts in



the town of Thomasville. I thank all you who were able to show up." *Pictures provided by Ashley Parker*



Old Hickory Pin Up

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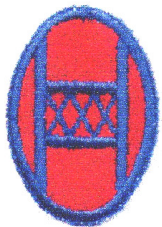
OHA Assists At The Fort Bragg Change of Command Ceremony



FORT BRAGG, N.C. Soldiers gathered from across the state to honor their former commander and their new one at the North Carolina National Guard's 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team change of command ceremony here June 15. Outgoing Brigade Commander, Army Col. Randy Powell and the new commander, Army Col. Vernon Simpson, addressed the Soldiers later in the ceremony. Simpson said, "I am humbled (to lead the unit), we are the land of the free because of the brave." Powell said, "thank you, I am so proud to have served with you." The OHA had been contacted by Captain Hinton with little or no time to plan for a militaria display like we had done for the Lusk – Powell change of command ceremony.

Mike Owens took the lead to fulfill Captain Hinton's request and through his efforts the OHA was able to tell Captain Hinton that the OHA would be able to provide the ceremony with two rifle escorts. Consequently, the OHA was proudly represented by Dan Jutson and Mike Owens. Both men stated that they were honored to be part of Col Powell change of command ceremony 3 years ago in Clinton NC and were again honored to be able to support the transition of command from Col Powell to Col Simpson. As Mike said, "We look forward to our continued to support of the Brigade. When they call ... We haul!" Well said and well done gentlemen. Your unselfish efforts have once again helped the OHA to retain our reputation as a first class unit.





**30th Infantry Division Association Reunion
Registration Form - 21-25, August, 2013
Ramada Inn Blue Ridge, Raleigh, NC**



Registration Package	Cost per person	Number Attending	Total
Reunion Registration Fee	\$35.00	_____	\$_____
Wednesday: Reception Dinner	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Thursday: Thursday Dinner	\$24.00*	_____	\$_____
<i>*Select Choice - Pork Chops or Grilled Chicken Breast</i>			
Friday: - Light Lunch Buffett	\$19.00	_____	\$_____
Friday NC Style Pig Pickin' Dinner	\$22.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday: Banquet Dinner	\$25.00*	_____	\$_____
<i>*Select Choice- Roast Beef or Grilled Chicken</i>			

If attending all events the cost is: \$145.00 per person \$_____

Breakfast buffet is included with your room cost.

Make checks payable to 30th IDA

Pls. return completed form with payment to Kevin Hinton by 01, August 2013

Mail to: Kevin Hinton
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Garner, NC 27529

Please print name

First _____ Last _____

Regiment _____ Company _____

Spouse (if attending) or Guest _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone Number (_____) _____

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WWII GERMAN MINES

During World War II, the anti-personnel and anti-tank mines evolved into a highly effective weapons and combat multipliers. Mines provided great utility at low cost to the defender. The Germans led the way in mine quality, quantity produced and in their employed and battlefield innovation. The text below describes the mines which are in the image of an American training tool. It contains examples of German mines and was used to help combat engineers identify German anti-personnel and anti-tank mines of World War II.



ANTIPERSONNEL

MINES: AP Mines came into broad-spread use for the first time during the war. Two types of which were commonly employed against the Allies: bounding mines and fragmenting-mines.

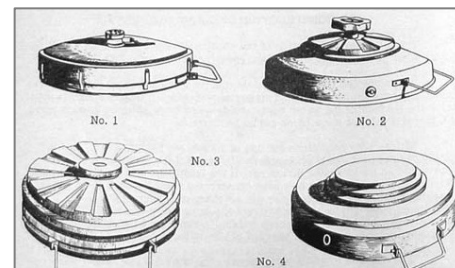
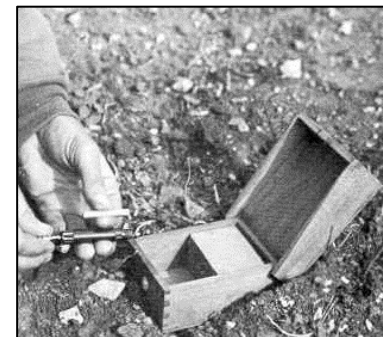
BOUNDING AP MINES:

Modern bounding mines made their combat debut early in World War II. French patrols on the Siegfried Line in 1939 and 1940 took unexplained casualties. These casualties were later attributed to a jumping mine the French called "the silent soldier" which was the German "S" Mine. "S" mines are about the size of a tin can. They jump up about 2- 3 feet when stepped on and blast a 12 foot radius with ball-bearing shrapnel. This mine is commonly called the "Bouncing Betty" by the GIs. The British soldiers called them by a different name, the "debollockers".

FRAGMENTING AP MINES: The Schu or Shu-Mine was a small wood box fragmentation mine. It measured six-inch by six-inch and contains a detonator and a solid charge. Another name or spelling of this mine is "Shoe Mine" or "Shoe Box" mine. The "Shoe Box" was a favorite among the Germans. Small in size and constructed primary of wood, the Schu is next to impossible to discover with a normal metal mine detector. It seldom kills instead the sinister device mutilates the unfortunate victim. The Americans first encountered the Schu mine during the failed attempt to cross the Rappido.

The Topfmine ("pot mine"), is the Topf-Mi. 4531, a completely metal-free mine. The first Topfmines were uncovered by 44th Infantry Division's [63rd Engineer Combat Battalion](#) in the Vosges Mountains in the southwest section of France in November 1944. The casing material was made of a sawdust - tar combination, the fuse utilized glass parts and it proved to be almost undetectable..

ANTI-TANK MINES: The standard anti-tank mine used by the Germans was the "Tellermine." The Teller is big and powerful and packs a nasty punch from its one pound of TNT. This mine will rip off the tracks from any tank. The Tellermine 42, the T.Mi.42, was triggered at 350 pounds pressure; the weapon weighed 22 pounds. The Tellermine 43 is the T.Mi.43 Pilz ("Mushroom"), a simplified version of the construction of the T.Mi.42, replacing the spring-loaded top lid fuse for a simple extendable shaft construction. When the protruding pin was pushed into the mine, it detonated.



The Panzerhandminen were anti-tank mines using the "Haft Hohlladung" which was the same charge used in the German "panzerfaust". This feared weapon was the anti-tank equivalent to the American bazooka. The Haft Hohlladung III had a shaped charge of over 3 pounds with penetrating power of over 5 inches of World War II armor. This mine was called the "magnetic hollow charge mine" in the mine training manuals.



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June is the time to pay your OHA dues guys. So let's get with it pronto. Jim Higgins says we need the cash. Here's the current rates: A Renewal of a Regular Membership is \$20.00 per year ... A New Regular Membership is \$30.00 for the first year only. An Associate Membership is always \$30.00 per year, is a non-voting membership but its members will receive the OHA newsletter. Make your checks payable to OHA and send to:

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Upcoming Events

July 4, 2013

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Faith, NC,
Contact: Don Shupe

July 27, 2013

Francis Currey Day
10th Anniversary Parade
Hurleyville, NY
Contact: Don Shupe

Aug. 21 - 24, 2013

30th IDA Reunion

Ramada Inn
Raleigh, NC
Contact: Ron Crawley

Aug. 31, 2013

Matthews Alive Parade
Matthews, NC
Contact: Jay Callaham

**Aw right troop, it's time to
make plans to attend the
30th IDA Reunion which is
scheduled for August 21-25.
The registration form is
included in this newsletter
so get off your butt and
sign up now!**